

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Time Banking in Kintyre

The Kintyre Cultural Forum is a member of the time bank in Kintyre, as well as being registered on the Argyll & Bute Volunteer Centre's database for voluntary groups looking for volunteers. As a result the KCF has recruited new, enthusiastic volunteers to the committee and accessed a bank of volunteers when needed, e.g to help with the audit.

What is time bank? Time banking is a free neighbourhood scheme that individuals, organisations and businesses can join as a member. Each member identifies what they are happy to offer other members – dog walking, tutoring computer skills, use of rooms, etc – and then the member can ask

members when needed. Just as someone might ask a neighbour to help them and be willing to help when asked. The exchanges



of time are ad hoc and members can turn down a request if it does not fit their plans. All volunteering exchanges are recorded and are put into a statement of hours similar to a bank statement showing time credited and debited. The ethos is use the resources of the community to help one another whilst addressing practical needs in a cost effective way. This all contributes to the KCF keeping costs down whilst offering a quality service.

To find out more about how time banking can help you, or how to register to get volunteers, or how to volunteer yourself contact the Argyll & Bute Volunteer Centre in Campbeltown on 01586 554774 or pop in to the Longrow office.

NEWS, EVENTS, REVIEWS AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND KINTYRE



THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM



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Date for Arts Cultural Centre Seminar Announced

THE Kintyre Cultural Forum has announced that the Arts / Cultural Centre and Kintyre Cultural Website Seminar will be held on Thursday March 19th in Campbeltown Heritage Centre. The seminar is a follow up to the cultural seminar which was held on Sept 25th 2007, where it was identified that there was a need for further research into the potential for a local Arts / Cultural Centre and a culturally based website.

At the seminar the KCF will report back on the outcomes from the cultural needs audit which has been conducted by its Project Worker, Iain Johnston, over the past six months. The seminar will give people and organisations who are culturally active in the area, and members of the public, an opportunity to feed into the discussions with architects and representatives from across the cultural sector in Scotland. Dr Donald Smith (Director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre and Vice Chair of the Edinburgh Cultural Partnership) has already confirmed that he will attend, as has James Lafferty from the Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS).

In the run up to the seminar the KCF will also be helping to organise fiddle and percussion tuition workshops and concerts in the Heritage Centre and the Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown, with feedback from these being feed into the needs audit. The seminar, although mainly focused on the need for and content of a local Arts / Cultural Centre and culturally based website, will also include workshops and discussions on other cultural issues. There will be a social area provided with free refreshments where attendees and exhibitionist can get a chance to get to know each other and find out more about what they are doing and what they would like to do in the future. If you would like to take an exhibition stand for your organisation or would still like to contribute to the needs audit you can contact the KCF at kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01586 552034. The KCF is still keen to hear from any interested parties as there will be the opportunity to feed views into the discussion at the seminar.

Details are still being firming up at the time of printing but look out for more information in the local press and in on-line notice boards for updates. A full breakdown of the days activities and guests will be included in the March / April KCF Newsletter and programmes for the event will be available shortly beforehand. This will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the potential for the centre and website and we would encourage as many members of the public to come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.



Arts / Cultural Centre Seminar

Are you interested in
MUSIC ART DRAMA CRAFTS
LITERATURE WORKSHOPS
What would you like for the future?
ARTS / CULTURAL CENTRE?
KCF INFORMATION WEB SITE?
Come along and join us on

Date: Thursday March 19th
Time: TBC
Venue: Heritage Centre
Witchburn Road,
Campbeltown
Cost: FREE (All day or drop in)

For more information and to book please contact
Iain Johnston on 01586 552034
Deirdre Henderson on 01586 830 669
email kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk
Please contact us if you need child care or carer expenses

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society Talk
By Eleanor MacDougall

Reviews

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Talk By Brian Baird

William McTaggart: His Place in Gaelic Culture



WILLIAM MCTAGGART

A large and enthusiastic audience were at the Argyll Arms Hotel on November 19th to hear Eleanor MacDougall give an informative and enlightening talk on William McTaggart. He has been called the father of Scottish painting & continues to influence art up to this day. His work shows a strong connection between people, the landscape, Gaelic & religion. Born to crofting parents at Aros farm, near Machrihanish on 25th October 1835 he moved to Campbeltown with his family when he was about five years old. Both his parents were Gaelic speakers and it was Gaelic culture, which influenced his work. It was thought he didn't speak English until he started school.

McTaggart was apprenticed to an apothecary Dr. Buchanan in Campbeltown and it was he who first recognised and encouraged the 12-year-old boy's talent for drawing. His parents were very religious people and were concerned for his welfare when at age 16 he wanted to move to Glasgow to study art and it was Dr Buchanan who persuaded McTaggart's parents to let him leave. It would be 4 years before he returned to Kintyre.

In Glasgow he was introduced to the artist Sir Daniel McNeer who advised him to enrol at the Trustees' Academy in Edinburgh, where he received free formal training. Earning money for food and lodgings by painting portraits he was able to send money home to the family, at the same time receiving a number of prizes at Trustees' Academy. Living most of his working life in Edinburgh and later in Lasswade, he returned nearly every summer to Kintyre, where the landscape along with his Gaelic roots inspired him with religion also influencing his work, he said the Bible was his favourite book and often quoted from it.

His early work depicted people, often children, whilst in his later works the landscape began to dominate and he is best remembered as a painter of Scottish land and seascapes.

Eleanor was able to demonstrate the phases of McTaggart paintings and had some wonderful slides of his work, she was warmly thanked for her splendid talk.



Eleanor MacDougall

Bats in Argyll

Once again the Kintyre Antiquarians were treated to a splendid talk, this time from Brian Baird, his knowledge of Bats amazed the audience who went away much more informed.

There are 1000 species worldwide, five species can be found in Argyll and contrary to popular opinion bats are not blind and can see as well as humans in low level light but as they are predominately nocturnal, they rely on their specially adapted echo-location abilities. This helps them find their food; they can eat up to 3,500 midges a night and also helps them to fly in the dark and communicate. It is only since the discovery of radar that knowledge of bats has increased. They require warm summer roosts but in the winter they can hibernate for months and need somewhere cool and damp.

Although the population of bats in Argyll is unknown there is evidence that there is an overall decline in population. Bats do not always mate every year and are a rare and very vulnerable species. Bats are protected by law, under, the Wildlife and Country Act 1981. Anyone found disturbing bats could be fined up to £5000 per bat effected.

Special licences are needed to handle bats, and no one without a licence can even examine a bat box in their own garden. Brian advised no one to handle a bat without protecting their hands.

Brian illustrated his talk with slides of various species of bats and made a very enjoyable evening.

Reviews by E Hemmings

Weekly / Monthly Events

Kintyre Writers' Circle: Meet 1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of every month, usually in Campbeltown Library

Argyll FM: Broadcasting from Campbeltown 24 hrs a day on 106.5, 107.1 & 107.7 FM to the West Coast of Scotland.

Templar Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert: Craft Fair every third Saturday of the month, 10am - 4.00pm

Campbeltown Picture House: Showing starts at 8pm, doors open 7.30pm every evening except Friday: Tel 01586 553899.

Tarbert Film Club: Films shown on the 2nd Saturday's of every month at 8pm Sept - June.

Contact: Lisa Tuttle: 01880 820 063 or email: lisatutt@googlemail.com

Campbeltown Heritage Centre: Open Mon - Friday 11.30 am - 4.30 pm and Sunday 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm.

Prices £2.00 per adult, £1.50 concession & children under school age free. Contact: 07733 485 387.

Carradale Network Centre and Tearoom: Opening hours (winter) 11 am - 4 pm closed on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Kintyre Cultural Forum Management Committee: Chair Deirdre Henderson, Secretary Elaine Hemmings & Treasurer Iris Kerr.
Available on-line at www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk

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Argyll & Kintyre Drama Festival



Scottish Community Drama Association

In February 2009, the Kintyre Drama Festival celebrates its 60th anniversary. We are delighted that in these times of instant access movies and music, we can still draw in an audience on a cold February night. The Drama Festival forms part of the Scottish Community Drama Association competition and every year the winning team represents Kintyre ably at the subsequent rounds.

The plays that the teams perform vary from old fashioned comedies to high dramas, but all are done by the teams with the main aim to entertain. Teams start rehearsing in the autumn of the previous year, usually in a cold church hall with coats and scarves on! We also have two junior teams who are well on their way to becoming the future of the Festival, some of the members already have got the stage bug and are attending weekend theatre schools in Glasgow.

Come along if you've never been before or haven't been for a while to Campbeltown Grammar School on Thursday 19th February – Saturday 21st February. Teas and coffee or a wee G&T are available at each interval, and as its our 60th anniversary there will be a get together and buffet after the performances on the Saturday night.

If you would like any more information about any aspect of the Festival, to take part in front of or behind the scenes, or to come along please give me a call.

Jackie Westerman
Organising Secretary
01586 810356

Big Lottery No More

Charities and voluntary groups in Scotland are facing a 70% cut in Lottery funding from next April as funds are sucked away to feed the vast £10bn cost of the 2012 London Olympics. According to the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) – which distributes most of the cash available from the weekly national draw – will feel the effects the hardest.

In Scotland, they claim that BLF funding will fall from £257m between 2006-09 to just £90m between 2009-12. The SCVO says that many groups will not be able to keep going because the cuts will last right up until 2012. However, even then, SCVO officials say it will be 2015 before funding returns to current levels. Alison Magee, BLF Scotland's chairwoman, confirmed: "We will have less money available in the years leading up to 2012 due to the Olympic diversion."

The Lottery has now launched a public ten question consultation on how future funds should be spent called 'Big Thinking'. It was launched on 17 November 2008 and will run until 27 February 2009. See links below.

www.scvo.org.uk





Jerry Holland Concert & Workshops

The Kintyre Music & Arts Tuition Group and the Kintyre Fiddlers have confirmed that Cape Breton fiddle icon Jerry Holland will tutor two fiddle workshops and perform a concert at night on Friday January 16th in the Heritage Centre, Campbeltown. Jerry who is in the country to perform at the Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow will travel down to Campbeltown to tutor an intermediate workshop at 4.30pm and an experienced workshop at 5.30pm. At 8pm he will perform in a specially arranged concert, which will feature many guest performers including Ross Kennedy and Archie McAllister.

The organisers who intend to run a series of workshops and concerts throughout the year were delighted when Jerry who headlined the MOK Fest in 1998 stated his wish to perform again in Campbeltown. Tickets costing £6 are available from A.P. Taylors Main Street and the Volunteer Centre, Longrow, Campbeltown

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Clachan Calamities Snow White Performances

Clachan Calamities will perform Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs by Ron Hall on Feb 6 & 7th in Clachan Village Hall. Performing their 19th production, the Calamities cast includes Clachan residents from the youngest to the oldest, also featuring Margaret Henderson, Jim Innes & many more from around Kintyre and Lochgilphead. The organisers stress that seats are restricted to 100 a night. Tickets at £6 per adult & £4 per child are available from Clachan Filling Station and John Hunt's Electricals in Tarbert. A performance is also planned for Tarbert Village Hall with a provisional date set for Feb 28th, you can find out more information on both performances through the contact in the Diary below or by emailing lesleykean@aol.com.

Kintyre Music Club

Look out for two great KMC concerts in the Lorne & Lowland Church Hall from the Sutherland Trio - Violin & Piano on Jan 20th and Canto Vivo - Soprano & Guitar. More details in the Diary.

Fiddle and Percussion Workshops

The third in a series of fiddle workshops will be held in the Kirk St Hall, Campbeltown on February 19th. This will also be the first percussion workshop which is being run as a joint collaboration between the Kintyre Fiddlers, Kintyre Music Tuition Group, KADAS and the Kintyre Cultural Forum. The fiddle workshops will be tutored by Rebecca Brown from Islay and the percussion workshops will be tutored by local musician Jamie Kennedy.

The three fiddle workshops will start at 4.15pm for beginners, 5.15pm for intermediate and 6.15pm for experienced players. The two percussion workshops will start at 4.15pm for beginners with the second aimed at the more experienced player.

The workshops are free and can be pre-booked through the contact in the Diary. It is the intention of the organisers to continue monthly workshops throughout the year and they encourage organisations wanting to run workshops for other instruments to contact them.

Kintyre Antiquarians & Natural History Society Talks

The Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society continue their winter programme of talks in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown. On Jan 14th you can listen to Shaun Stevens on "Big Cats in Argyll" and on Feb 18th David Mayo will talk on "Harbouring the Nemesis - Kintyre and the Royal Navy, World War II. A small fee of £2.50 will be charged on entry, more details in Diary.

Skipness Christmas Family Dance

Skipness Village Hall's first family dance of the year is on either Feb 13th or 14th, with West coast ceilidh band Skipinnish providing the music. Please contact J Hunt to confirm the date. Tickets for adults are £6 and £3 for children.

Whitehouse New Year Dance

Whitehouse New Year Ceilidh Dance is on January 2nd. Music for the dance will be provided by the Archie John MacVicar Band. Tickets for adults are £6 and £3 for under 16s. Please note the Burns Supper on January 24th is now sold out.

Kintyre Piping Society Burns Night Ceilidh & Road Show

The KPS Burns Ceilidh on Jan 24th in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown will feature various local performers. The McCallum Bagpipes Road Show will be held in the Masonic Hall, Campbeltown on Feb 28th. More details in Diary.

JAN & FEB EVENTS LISTING

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
Jan 1st 2009	New Years Party	Peninver Village Hall		
Jan 2nd 8.30pm	New Year Ceilidh-Dance	Whitehouse Village Hall	£6 & £3	01880 820440 or 01880 820255
Jan 14th 7.30pm	Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society Talk: "Big Cats in Argyll"	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	£2.50	A Martin 01586 552605
Jan 16th 4.30 & 5.30	Fiddle Workshops with Jerry Holland	Heritage Centre, Campbeltown	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
Jan 16th 8.00pm	Jerry Holland and Friends in Concert	Heritage Centre, Campbeltown	£6	I Johnston 01586 552034
Jan 17th	Burns Supper	Carradale Village Hall		P Davie 01583 431 444
Jan 20th 7.30pm	KMC : Sutherland Trio - Violin & Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Jan 24th 8.00pm	KPS Burns Night Ceilidh	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	£3 & £1	W McCallum 01586 552508
Jan 24th - 25th	Burns Weekend Menu (free dram per meal)	Muneroy Tearoom & Restaurant		F Hill 01586 830 221
Jan 25th	Skipness Burns Supper	Skipness Village Hall	£10	
Jan 31st 8.30pm	Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Feb 6th & 7th 7.30pm	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	Clachan Village Hall	£6 & £4	01880 740 203
Feb 13th or 14th	Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	£6 & £3	J Hunt 01880 820 272
Feb 14th	Valentines Day Menu (Free btl of wine with meal)	Caledonia Restaurant		01586 552123
Feb 17th 7.30pm	KMC: Canto Vivo - Soprano & Guitar	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Feb 18th 7.30pm	Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society Talk: "Harbouring the Nemesis"	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	£2.50	A Martin 01586 552605
Feb 19th 4.15 - 7.15	Fiddle workshops with Rebecca Brown	Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
Feb 19th 4.15 on	Percussion Workshops with Jamie Kennedy	Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown	Free	I Johnston 01586 552034
Feb 19th - 21st	Kintyre District Drama Festival	Campbeltown Grammar School		J Westerman 01586 810356
Feb 21st 8.30pm	Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	£2.50	A Robertson 01586 553206
Feb 28th 8.00pm	KPS McCallum Bagpipes Road Show	Masonic Hall, Campbeltown	£3 & Free	W McCallum 01586 552508
Feb 28th (TBC)	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	Tarbert Village Hall	&6 & &4	01880 820440 or 01880 820255

EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society Talk: "A History of Sanda"	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	March 11th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 13th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert & Ceilidh	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 14th
KMC Concert: Woodlark - Soprano, Clarinet, Oboe & Piano	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	March 17th
The Kintyre Cultural Forum Seminar	Campbeltown Heritage Centre	March 19th
Fiddle Workshops with night time entertainment	Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown	March 26th (TBC)
Kintyre Piping Society Recital with Iain Speirs	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	March 28th
Charity Dance	Stronvaar Bowling Club	March 28th
KPS Junior Piping and Drumming Championships	Castlehill School, Campbeltown	April 25th
Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society AGM	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	April 29th
Kintyre Way Relay + Ceilidh (Tayinloan)	Tarbert to Campbeltown	May 2nd
Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championships	Campbeltown	May 2nd
Brewin Dolphin Scottish Sailing Series	Tarbert	May 22nd - 25th (TBC)
Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon & 10k Run with Ceilidh Dance	Campbeltown	May 24th
Kintyre Songwriters Festival	Campbeltown	May 29th & 30th (TBC)
Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	June (Mid TBC)
Gigha Music Festival	Gigha	June 26th - 28th
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert	July 4th & 5th
South Kintyre Art Group Annual Exhibition	Town Hall Council Chambers, Campbeltown	July 17th - 25th (TBC)
Tarbert Fair	Around Tarbert	July 30th - August 1st
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	Aug 20th - 23rd
Hydro Connect Festival	Inveraray	Aug 28th - 30th
Kintyre Piping Society Springbank Invitational	Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown	Sept 12th
Tarbert Music Festival	Around Tarbert	Sept 25th - 27th (TBC)

CAMPBELTOWN POTTERY
34 Union Street, Campbeltown
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Anyone wishing to take out an advert, use our poster / publicity distribution service or have their event included in the Events Diary in the Newsletter, please contact:
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To the best of our knowledge, all details are correct at the time of going to print. The Kintyre Cultural Forum cannot be held responsible for cancellations.

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