

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Hi-Arts interactive website

Highlands and Islands Arts Ltd (HI~Arts) are now offering a new interactive web service to its users. If you are involved in culture and the arts you can now register with them and they will allow you to upload and update your own information, whether it is to promote yourself or a group you are involved with on their database or to include your details in their events listings. HI-Arts is an independent company limited by guarantee with charitable status, established in 1990 to promote and develop the arts in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. HI-Arts has been promoting Highlands and Islands events online for the last decade and are now offering this chance for organisations to also promote their venue, organisation or arts practice through the HI~Arts website. With over 10,000+ users per day the new, searchable HI~Arts Guide is more than just events listings, and now includes: A Venues Guide including arts centres, galleries, museums, village halls, visitor attractions, and any other Highlands and Islands venue hosting regular events and exhibitions. It also has a Directory of cultural organisations and individuals working in the arts sector of the Highlands and Islands, including bands, festivals, musicians, theatre companies, artists and arts consultants. HI~Arts also supplies events listings information to a range of websites, including CalMac and HIE, which between them receive over 10,000 unique users every day.



HI~ARTS

How to Register For This Service

If you would like to promote your events, venue or cultural group/organisation on the HI-Arts website and partner sites, you will first need to register to use the system.

To add yourself to the Guide or Directory, or to apply for permission to take control of a current entry on the website, you will need to go the following link: <http://www.hi-arts.co.uk/promote> and login to register.

Once registered, you can add events and venues to the Guide and add organisations/groups to the Directory. You can also update any entries that you have entered in the past.

Please note that they only promote cultural events, venues and groups/organisations taking place or working in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Data does not go live until it has been approved which is normally within two days. Users will not be allowed to edit data for third-party organisations.

If you do not require access to edit your data on the system and would prefer to provide HI-Arts with event information by email, you can send it to events@hi-arts.co.uk.

HI-Arts have been working with the KCF for the past four years by posting a PDF version of the KCF Newsletter on their website so that it can be downloaded nationally. The KCF are now registered and can upload the newsletter using this method.

A James MacCorkindale Production

Reviews

GREASE

Grease is everybody's favourite musical, isn't it? It encapsulates all the fun of being young – the music, the dancing, long lost schooldays and the anguish of young love. Everyone can identify with the characters, and everyone loves the songs.

So there was a real buzz of anticipation as the sell-out audience squeezed into their seats for James McCorkindale's production in Campbeltown Grammar School.

James's young dancers set the pace with the opening dance numbers. Various groups of excellent young dancers in beautiful costumes got the production off to a flying start as they bopped their way through songs of the "Grease" era.

We were then ushered in to Rydell High to meet Danny, Sandy, the Pink Ladies and the Thunderbirds – and what a team they were! Danny (Robert Gillies) swaggered and posed and made the girls swoon. Sandy (Barbara McEachran) was suitably demure throughout until the final transformation. (Girls – let's all rush out and buy shiny black leggings! Didn't she look great?) And what a voice!

As for the Pink Ladies: Rizzo (Mhairi Renton) was sharp and sassy, Frenchie (Eilidh Smith) dizzy and fluffy, Marty (Mairi Allibone) worldly – wise and sarcastic and Jan (Helen Gilchrist) was a barrel of laughs – a natural comic!

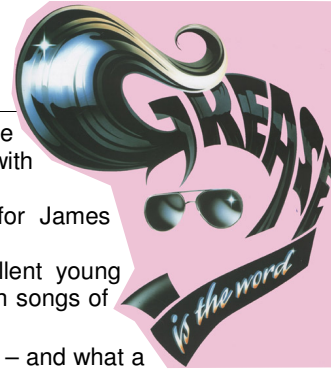
The Thunderbirds were cool dudes, sending themselves up deliciously as they danced and serenaded us in enormous Elvis wigs! Kenickie (Alistair McKay) led the gang with aplomb. Roger (David McCallum) and Doody (David Barbour) couldn't believe their luck when the pink ladies chose them as partners, and Sonny's (Archie Smith) smile as he did the soft shoe shuffle was reminiscent of Benny Hill.

Cha – Cha's (Jo Anne Milligan) dancing was a highlight of the show and Patty (Elise Glendinning) was a very convincing school swot! Miss Lynch (Anne Leith) & Vince Fontain (John Armour) managed to control the crowds at the high school hop, and the Rydell Cheer Leaders added colour and glamour to the occasion!

As the whole cast, and High School Girls belted out the finale, and the audience clapped, stamped their feet and sang along, no-one wanted it to end, and the cast took their bows to thunderous applause.

Well done to everyone.

Review by Maureen Johnson



Weekly / Monthly Events

Argyll FM: Broadcasting from Campbeltown 24 hrs a day on 106.5, 107.1 & 107.7 FM to the West Coast of Scotland.
Contact: 01586 551800 argyllradio@hotmail.com

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 & 4th 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.

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NEWS, EVENTS, REVIEWS AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND KINTYRE



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THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM

J.I.G. Events

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KCF Update

The KCF has just completed a feasibility study including a report on the Cultural Seminar held on September 25th. The conclusions from this are, the KCF need to conduct:

- An audit, including a report on the needs of groups and individuals who would use a cultural centre in Campbeltown.
- Research visits to other established cultural centres in Scotland.
- Research into cultural and events listing websites.
- A review into the KCF's constitution to accommodate any new projects.
- A seminar to bring together the information gathered to a public forum with interested parties to develop the projects further.

A recent application to carry out this work which was submitted to the Lottery funded "Investing in Ideas" has been rejected and the committee have now applied to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for this funding. Further updates and information on this will be included in future issues.

Are you the next Harry Potter?

Do you have a budding young male actor at home (must be 16 by Feb) who can play a 14 year old in a new blockbuster film?

Shooting takes place March - June 2008 directed by Alfonso Cuaron (Harry Potter amongst other films).

The new multi million pound blockbuster film is looking for its lead character, a fourteen year old boy who has had a very tough upbringing, must be Scottish and ideally be from a rural area.

The makers are ignoring the acting school look and are instead looking for someone who is fresh and undiscovered.

Anyone interested should send a resume and headshot to:

Lucinda Syson Casting
1st Floor
33 Old Compton Street
London, W1D 5JT
office@lucindasysoncasting.com

Old School Building Update



The Old School in Lorne Street Campbeltown is the last surviving building of a group of four constructed in 1845. This group included two churches, one Gaelic and one English Speaking, plus two school buildings.

Working with the SBPT (Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust), The Kintyre Amenity Trust which owns the building are in the process of carrying out an appraisal of the options for repairing the building and putting it back into use. The appraisal is being funded by CARS (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme), together with a grant from the Architectural Heritage Fund. It is hoped that the appraisal will identify a viable use for the building and sources of funding for repair work required. This should ensure its long term future.

Around 90 questionnaires containing suggestions for potential uses of the building have been received from the public. A public meeting was held in the Heritage Centre on the 11th December to discuss some of these options. The SBPT will now carry out an in-depth analysis of the survey results. It was also agreed that further consultation with local groups would be required and this process will be carried out during the next few months.

Contact details are below:

Sarah MacKinnon, SBPT, 42 Miller Street, Glasgow, G1 1DT
0141 248 4013
sarah.mackinnon@sbpt.org.uk

Argyll & Kintyre Drama Festival

If you've never been, or haven't been for a while, we urge you to come along to the Drama Festival this year, 20th - 22nd February 2008. Long gone are the "lurvies" and the plays chosen to please an adjudicator rather than a paying audience. Rehearsals in a cold and damp village hall need a good page turner to make us want to leave the fire and Coronation Street in the middle of January. The three nights generally consist of modern and traditional comedies, dramas and plays put on by up and coming junior members. While it nice to get a piece of silverware, there's not point in doing a play if the audience fall asleep during it! And of course, there's time for a wee G&T between performances...



Scottish Community Drama Association

The festival comes under the umbrella of the Scottish Community Drama Association, and we come under Argyll Kintyre District. As we are performing, there are teams all over Scotland doing the same thing, in the hope that they will be chosen to represent their District, at the "Divisionals", the next round up, and then the "Scottish". Kintyre has on many occasions got as far as the Scottish Finals, where we compete against the best teams from the other areas rounds. All of the teams that take part have managed to go on to represent Kintyre, some more successfully than others, but some with considerable success.

The Junior Divisional Finals in March. The winning junior teams will all be travelling to Campbeltown to compete. In all the other districts the teams perform in their local authority theatres with professional staging and lighting, and when they come to us and perform in the Grammar School they realise the true spirit of "community drama", but the warm welcome they always receive more than makes up for a plush dressing room.

If you've ever fancied getting involved, but don't want to go on the stage, we are always looking for

people to help at the Festival time, so please get in touch and hopefully we'll get you hooked!

This years adjudicator is Lynda Henderson and the plays will be performed by Accent Players, Accent Juniors, Carradale Drama Club, Lochgilphead Drama Club, Peninver Players and Tarbert Academy Drama Club. Tickets are available from the Argyll Hotel Saturday 9th Feb from 11am – 12 noon and from the Yorkshire Building Society, Longrow Campbeltown after that. See you there.

Jackie Westerman,
Organising Secretary
01586 810 356

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB

PROGRAMME OF CONCERTS

JANUARY 22ND ABCT CHRISTINA LAWRIE
(PIANO)

FEBRUARY 26TH GJORDJE GAJIC ACCORDION
(CLASSICAL & TRADITIONAL)

MARCH 18TH ABCT GLIONDAR ENSEMBLE
(WIND QUINTET)

APRIL 15TH AGM

ENTRANCE TO CONCERTS

MEMBERS £5.00 NON MEMBERS £7.00 STUDENTS FREE

CONTACT J KERR 01586 552500

THE KINTYRE CULTURAL FORUM EVENTS DIARY

Kintyre Music Club

Christina Lawrie won the admiration and the hearts of the Kintyre Music Club in 2004 as a concert pianist who had won prizes in Sicily, Madrid and London. Described in the Observer "as a young pianist of formidable intellect and boundless technique". You can hear her again on Tuesday 22nd January as part of an Argyll Tour. Djordje Garjic graduated from the Russian Academy of Music in 1993, has performed with the Russian State Orchestra and given solo performances throughout Europe. Come and be amazed by the extraordinary pyrotechniques of a master playing the Russian Accordion. His programme, 26th February, draws from the classical repertoire of organ and piano together with the fiery excitement of the Gypsy tradition. In March 18th Gliondar Wind Ensemble return. They have a Celtic consistency, two Irish and three Scots including Fergus Kerr from Campbeltown. *J Kerr*

Variety Performance in Clachan

Clachan Village hall plays host to a variety performance night of all-round entertainment on Feb 8th at 7.30pm. There will be a licensed bar with admission set at £5 each. The acts performing should include:- "Monstrous Vet Sketch", "Fynesiders Barbershop Chorus" "Gaelic Songs" by Neil McDonald and Katie Evamy The night will have music, songs and dances in a variety of styles with a number of acts in each category, with comedy provided by Margaret Henderson. On going to press, programming is still at an early stage but look out for posters and adverts closer to the event for the detailed programme. Anyone wishing further information see contact in Diary.

Skipness Family Dance

Popular ceilidh band Skipnish will entertain you at the Skipness Family Dance on February 15th at the village hall. Tickets for adults are £6 and £3 for children, contact details in the Diary.

Kintyre Piping Society Recital

Pipe Major Gordon Walker will play at the KPS Piping Recital on Feb 2nd in the Argyll Arms Hotel.

News Years Party at Peninver

Music for the Peninver New Years Party on the evening of January 1st will be provided by Jamie Girvan's disco.

Flower Club Dinner and Demonstration


The Flower Club will be busy over the next two months. They hold their Annual Flower Club Dinner in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown on Jan 15th and also a demonstration and class on 'Ikebana', Japanese flower arrangement on Feb 15th. The demonstration and class will be held by Pauline Simson in the Red Cross Hall (the venue may change look out for more information closer to the event). More details in Diary.

JAN & FEB EVENTS LISTING

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
Jan 1st	New Years Party	Peninver Village Hall		
Jan - end Feb	Exhibition of Art by Ronald Togneri & John Leckie	Gigha Gallery		01583 505 101
Jan 2nd 9pm - 1am	New Year Ceilidh-Dance	Whitehouse Village Hall	£6,£3& £15	C Inglis 01880 820255
Jan 15th	Annual Flower Club Dinner	Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown	TBA	J Milligan 01586 830 687
Jan 18th 7pm	Stronvaar Bowling Green Burns Supper	Stronvaar Bowling Green		01586 553193
Jan 19th 7.30pm	Burns Supper (Now fully booked)	Whitehouse Village Hall	NA	
Jan 19th	Kintyre Piping Society Burns Supper			W McCallum 01586 552508
Jan 22nd 7.30pm	KMC Concert: Christina Lawrie Piano Soloist	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500
Jan 25th 6pm - late	Caledonia Restaurant Burns Night	Caledonia Restaurant	TBA	01586 552123
Jan 25th	Skipness Burns Supper	Skipness Village Hall	£8.00	01880 760 246
Jan 28th 10am - 4pm	Protection of Vulnerable Groups 2007 Consultation	White Hart Hotel	NA	01786 849777
Feb 2nd	Kintyre Piping Society Piping Recital	Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown		W McCallum 01586 552508
Feb 8th 7.30pm	Variety Performance Show	Clachan Village Hall	£5	01880 740 255
Feb 15th	Flower Club Demonstration and Class: 'Ikebana' Japanese flower arrangement	Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown (TBC)	Free	J Milligan 01586 830 687
Feb 15th 8.30pm	Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	£6 & £3	J Hunt 01880 820 272
Feb 16th 6pm - late	Valentines at Caledonia Restaurant	Caledonia Restaurant	TBA	01586 552123
Feb 16th	Rotary Sale of the Centaury	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	Free	
Feb 20th - 22nd	Kintyre District Drama Festival	Campbeltown Grammar School		J Westerman 01586 810356
Feb 26th 7.30pm	KMC Concert: Gjordje Gajic accordion	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	£7 & £5	J Kerr 01586 552500

EVENTS LATER IN THE YEAR

EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
Kintyre Piping Society Recital	Argyll Arms Hotel	March 1st
Kintyre Forum on Community Care Conference /Exhibition	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	March 6th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 7th
Kintyre Schools Pipe Band Concert & Ceilidh	Campbeltown Grammar School	March 8th
KMC Concert: Gliondar Wind Quintet (Fergus Kerr on Horn)	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	March 18th
Skipness Village Hall Family Dance	Skipness Village Hall	March 29th
Kintyre Civic Society AGM	Ardshiel Hotel	April 9th 7.30pm
Kintyre Music Club AGM	Lorne & Lowland Church Hall	April 15th
Kintyre Piping Society Junior Piping Championship	Argyll Arms Hotel	April 19th
Kintyre Way Relay	Tarbert to Campbeltown	May 10th starts 6.00am
Kintyre Way Relay Ceilidh Dance	Tayinloan Village Hall	May 10th
Mull of Kintyre Pipe Band Championships	Campbeltown	May 17th
Bell-Lawrie Scottish Sailing Series	Tarbert	May 23rd - 26th
Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon & 10k Run	Campbeltown	May 25th
MOK 1/2 Marathon & Run Ceilidh / Dance	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	May 25th
Tartan Army Sevens Dance	Victoria Hall, Campbeltown	June 14th
Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	June (11th - 14th)
Tarbert Seafood Festival	Tarbert Harbour	July 5th - 6th (TBC)
South Kintyre Art Group Annual Exhibition	Town Hall Council Chambers, Campbeltown	July 18th - 26th (TBC)
Tarbert Fair	Around Tarbert	July 31st - Aug 2nd
Mull of Kintyre Music Festival	Campbeltown	Aug 21st - 24th
Connect Music Festival	Inveraray	August 29th - 31st
Gigha Music Festival	Around Gigha	Sept 5th - 6th (TBC)
Tarbert Music Festival	Around Tarbert	Sept 19th - 21st



CAMPBELTOWN POTTERY
34 Union Street, Campbeltown
Tel: 01586 553550

Anyone wishing to take out an advert, have their event included in the Events Diary or to submit an article for inclusion in the Newsletter please contact:
Iain Johnston at 01586 552034 or
kintyreculturalforum@hotmail.co.uk

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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Skipness Burns Supper

Skipness Primary School hosts a Burns Supper each year. The pupils have always had some input, but in recent years were delighted to be asked to form the top table. In addition to the Immortal Memory, Toast / Reply to the Lassies and the Selkirk Grace they continue to add something different to the night. Last year they acted out "To a Louse". Mr Bill Murdoch is the Master of Ceremonies, and he usually addresses the haggis

Whitehouse Activities

Whitehouse Village Hall committee invite you to dance the night away to the music of Archie John MacVicar and Ryan McGlynn on Wednesday 2nd January at the New Year Ceilidh Dance. Tickets to this licensed event are £6 per adult, £3 for children and £15 for a family with supper included in the cost. Contact Christine Inglis 01880 820255. The Burns Supper on January 19th is now fully booked.

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA ASSOCIATION ARGYLL KINTYRE DISTRICT



DRAMA FESTIVAL

WED 20TH, THUR 21ST AND FRIDAY 22ND FEB 2008

IN

CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ADJUDICATOR: LYNDA HENDERSON

PLAYS FROM:

ACCENT PLAYERS

ACCENT JUNIORS

CARRADALE DRAMA CLUB

LOCHGILPHEAD DRAMA CLUB

PENINVER PLAYERS

TARBERT ACADEMY DRAMA CLUB

LOCAL BUS WILL STOP AT THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL EACH NIGHT.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ARGYLL HOTEL SAT 9TH FEB 11 - 12NOON THEN THE YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY, LONGROW, CAMPBELTOWN

TICKETS: £5 PER NIGHT, SEASON TICKET £12.

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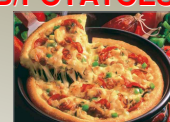
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