

**TOWN CENTRE MANAGER - UPDATE**

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**1. TALL SHIPS RACES 2011**

Together with Campbeltown Harbour Master Stephen Scally and the Council's Management Trainee Lisa Hardie, Town Centre Manager Aileen MacLennan attended the Tall Ships Races event in Greenock in July to make a last ditch attempt to convince the ships to visit Campbeltown during the cruise in company leg of the race.

As a result, over 40 Tall Ships of various classes sailed into Campbeltown over a two week period. During their time in Campbeltown, the trainees took part in an activity day in Campbeltown Grammar organised by Active Schools and 141 used the free swim and shower facilities which were made available at Aqualibrium.

**2. ROUND BRITAIN 2012 (RB12)**

Campbeltown has been identified as a venue for next year's RB12 event. This is the biggest multi-faceted event to have been staged in Britain and will see 50 powerboats, 75 high-performance cars and 50 aircraft visiting 10 venues around Britain (see [www.rb12.com](http://www.rb12.com)).

The date for the Campbeltown visit is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012, departing on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Participants pay thousands of pounds to take part and it is anticipated that the event will attract a huge following of spectators, potentially bringing significant economic benefits to the area.

In order to maximise the event to its full potential, a meeting was held in The Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August to discuss what we can do as a local community to support this event and maximise this opportunity.

There was a large turnout and many good ideas were expressed by those in attendance. A further meeting will be held in September. (see attached information).

**3. MARKETING**

Kintyre Agricultural Society

The Town Centre Handyperson painted signs to advertise the event and posters were designed and widely distributed.

## Mull of Kintyre Music Festival

The TCM has also been helping the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival Committee with this year's event. The committee do an outstanding job every year in organising this four day event. Mini Clan Scotland is planning to visit this year to take part in the parade and a trophy has been kindly offered by Phoenix Motors for the winner of a "show and shine" competition. Red Bull has also confirmed its "Wiiings Team" will attend and take part in the parade.

For further information please contact: Aileen MacLennan, Campbeltown Town Centre Manager, on 01586 559048 or 07500 816 100. Alternatively, e-mail [aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## **Cruise in Company Event Programme**

Guest Harbour: Campbeltown



<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of the event</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>	<b>Description – 20 words max</b> (to include: cost, restrictions i.e. age, contact details if necessary.)
<b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011</u></b>	<b>Pipe Band Street performance</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Enjoy a street performance by the former world champions, the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. Cost: Free Venue: Main Street, Campbeltown.
	<b>Tug-of-War</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	Take on Campbeltown's Young Farmers in a tug-of-war. Cost: Free Venue: TBC Pre-booking essential. E-mail: <a href="mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk">aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk</a>
<b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011</u></b>	<b>Tall Ships Activity Day</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Take on your crew mates in a range of activities including badminton and table tennis. Cost: Free. Venue: Campbeltown Grammar School. Pre-booking advisable. E-mail: <a href="mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk">aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Seafarers Spin Class</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	Test your stamina with an energetic spin-cycle class. Cost: Free Venue: Aqualibrium. Pre-booking required. E-mail: <a href="mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk">aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Campbeltown Heritage Trail</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>3pm</b>	Enjoy a historic walk around Campbeltown with our knowledgeable tour guide. Cost: Free Location: Old Quayhead, Campbeltown.
	<b>5-aside football</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Show off your talents in a game of 5-aside football. Cost: Free Venue: Victoria Halls, Campbeltown. Pre-booking required. E-mail: <a href="mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk">aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk</a>
<b><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011</u></b>	<b>Pub Quiz</b>	<b>9pm</b>	<b>10pm</b>	Test your knowledge with a traditional pub quiz. Over 18s only. Cost: Free Venue: The Burnside Bar, Campbeltown.
	<b>Live Music</b>	<b>9pm</b>	<b>1am</b>	Let your hair down and enjoy some live music. Over 18s only. Cost: Free. Venue: The Feathers Bar, Campbeltown.
<b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011</u></b>	<b>RNLI Gala Day and Raft Race</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	A fun filled day with the annual raft race as well as plenty of stalls and entertainment. Cost: Free Venue: Hall Street, Campbeltown.
<b><u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b>Exhilarating fast boat tours</b>	<b>Time on booking</b>		An exhilarating fast boat ride up Campbeltown Loch with Mull of Kintyre Seatours. Keep your eyes peeled for our resident seals and dolphins. Cost: £10 (30 minutes). Venue: Campbeltown Pontoons. To book e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@mull-of-kintyre.co.uk">info@mull-of-kintyre.co.uk</a>
	<b>Free leisure facilities</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>9pm</b>	Free swim, sauna and Internet facilities. Cost: Free Venue: Aqualibrium.

	<b>Distillery Tours</b>	<b>Time on booking</b>		Take a tour of Springbank Distillery and be presented with a unique Tall Ships 2011 miniature. Cost: £6 (including miniature) Venue: Springbank Distillery Pre-booking recommended. E-mail: <a href="mailto:aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk">aileen.maclennan@argyll-bute.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Campbeltown Museum</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Museum of local life and artworks. Cost: Free Venue: The Burnet Building, Campbeltown.
	<b>Surf lessons</b>	<b>Time on booking</b>		Learn to surf on the west coast of Scotland with the International Surfing Association. Cost: £35 (2.5 hours) Venue: Westport Beach To book e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@liveontheedge.co.uk">info@liveontheedge.co.uk</a>
	<b>Machrihanish Dunes Golf</b>	<b>Time on booking</b>		Enjoy a round of golf on one of the top 100 golf courses in the UK, Machrihanish Dunes. Cost: £35 plus £10 club hire. Venue: Machrihanish Dunes To book e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@machdunes.com">info@machdunes.com</a>
	<b>Campbeltown Heritage Centre</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Campbeltown Heritage Centre gives visitors a fascinating insight into the life and times of Campbeltown and the people who lived here.
	<b>Machrihanish Bird Observatory</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>3pm</b>	Visit Machrihanish Bird Observatory for an interesting insight into the West Coast of Scotland's unique seabirds. Cost: Free Venue: Sea Bird Observatory, Machrihanish. For more information telephone 07833133947.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Made in Campbeltown Sea Exhibition</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>9pm</b>	Take a look at the work of some of Campbeltown's finest crafters at this wonderful sea-themed exhibition. Cost: Free Venue: Aqualibrium, Campbeltown.