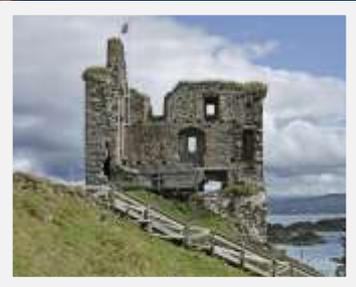


# Argyll and Bute

**DOORS  
OPENDAYS**  
*Get into buildings!*

24-25 September 2016



# Welcome to Doors Open Day in Argyll

Doors Open Day takes place throughout Scotland and is part of European Heritage Days. Information about the national programme can be found at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

This year's programme has been co-ordinated by South Kintyre Development Trust with the support of Argyll and Bute Council. New and interesting venues have opened their doors in 2016. Some open once a year, some just once in a lifetime. This is your chance to visit for free.

## 1 Campbeltown Town Hall 54 Main Street, Campbeltown PA28 6AB

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 11.00—14.00 hrs

SKDT is delighted to announce that the newly refurbished Campbeltown Town Hall will be included in this year's programme.

A true example of community empowerment, SKDT secured the future of this magnificent, B listed building with support from our local community, volunteers and project funders - Big Lottery, Campbeltown THI, Argyll and Bute Council CHORD and Historic Scotland.

Reopened earlier this year, the building now offers a top class venue and has already hosted a range of events, including weddings, public performances and of course, the occasional coffee morning.

For visitors or locals who did not make it to our first Open Day in April – this is not to be missed. Take a tour of the building and modernised facilities and find out more about the Town Hall and SKDT's plans for the future.

Refreshments are available in the Main Hall.

[www.townhallcampbeltown.com](http://www.townhallcampbeltown.com)



### Regeneration Walk

Saturday 24 September

11.00 hrs, departs from Town Hall

Campbeltown town centre has undergone significant repair and transformation recently thanks to investment through the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and local property owners. A regeneration walk, led by Argyll and Bute Council's THI/CARS Officer, showcases some of the 40 improved buildings and highlights the £7m investment that has been delivered.

Maximum group number 20. Please book in advance by calling 01586 559048 or emailing

[james.lafferty@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:james.lafferty@argyll-bute.gov.uk)



**Meet the Vital Spark  
entrepreneurs making a  
difference in  
Campbeltown!!**

# Campbeltown

## 2 The Club 64 Main Street, Campbeltown PA28 6AB

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 13.00—16.00 hrs

Built by a local builder, Robert Weir and Son, designed by Architect Henry Edward Clifford, and commissioned by 33 founding members in the town the Club was opened on 23 March 1887 as a businessmen's social club and reading room.

This red sandstone building has many subtle architectural details, especially the two storey, five-light, semi-octagonal corner tower. Today it operates on a private membership basis, by invitation, to local business people.



## 3 Glen Scotia Distillery 12 High Street, Campbeltown PA28 6DS

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 9.30 – 12.30 hrs

In the Victorian age, Campbeltown was known as the whisky capital of the world – one of the five distinctive malt producing regions of Scotland.

Glen Scotia is a fine example of this historic Campbeltown style, and now, as we introduce an extended range, it is about to be discovered by a new generation.

We offer a range of tours to suit every taste.

[www.glenscotia.com](http://www.glenscotia.com)



# Campbeltown

## 4 St Kiarans Episcopal Church Argyll Street, Campbeltown PA28 6AY



### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September from 10.00– 16.00 hrs

Sunday 25 September 14.00—16.00 hrs

The Sunday Service is at 10.45 hrs— all are welcome.

St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church was built in 1891 and is a category C listed building. It replaced a previous building of the same name, but which had fallen into disrepair. The original plans for the new church were drawn up by the architect of the adjacent Rectory – Henry Edward Clifford, but later modified to a less elaborate design by Mr Ronald Walker, an architect from Stirling.

Refreshments, information leaflets and a display of vestments will be available during these times.

## 5 Campbeltown Backpackers Big Kiln, Campbeltown PA28 6JF

### Open for visiting

Sunday 25 September 12.00—15.00 hrs

Campbeltown Bunkhouse opened in 2012 following the repair and conservation of the Old Schoolhouse, a Grade B listed building.

This THI restoration project was developed and delivered by the Kintyre Amenity Trust in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council and HIE, with additional funding from HS and HLF. Facilities include 16 beds, a kitchen, showers/toilets, drying facilities and a dining area.

[www.campbeltownbackpackers.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownbackpackers.co.uk)



Photo ©Campbeltown CARS

# Campbeltown

## 6 Springbank Distillery 85 Longrow Campbeltown PA28 6EX

### Open for visiting

Sunday 25 September. Tours start at 13.00 and 15.00 hrs

Springbank Distillery was established in 1828 and is the oldest independently owned distillery in Scotland – currently in the hands of the great, great grandson of the original owner.

It is unique among Scotland's distilleries as it's the only one to undertake 100% of the process on the one site, with human involvement at every stage of the process.



## 7 Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden Auchinlee Care Home, High Askomil, Campbeltown, PA28 6EN

### Open for visiting

Sunday 25 September. 14.00-16.00 hrs

Refreshments, volunteering opportunities and children's activity. Access by car from Bellfield Lane.



## 8 Old Gaol and Police Station, Castlehill, Campbeltown, PA28 6AN

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 10.00—12.00 hrs

The building was constructed as a Prison and completed in 1847. The south-facing side contained the cells on both floors, and the Jailer and his family used the accommodation on the north side. There was a cage on the ground level at the eastern end where violent prisoners and those who were strangers to Campbeltown were kept during the day.

The former Police Station was added to the



northern side in the early 20th Century and remained in use until in 2009 when the police moved to a modern building at Hazelburn.

# Kintyre

## 9 An Ceardach Garden Peninver, Campbeltown PA28 6QP



### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September, 10.00—16.00 hrs

A beautiful, private, five-acre garden with a vast collection of rhododendrons, camellias, shrubs, herbaceous, ponds and wildflower meadows.

It has many innovative features including fountain sculptures and analemma.

Tea and coffee available in aid of The Cinema.

## 10 Torrisdale Castle Carradale, PA28 6QT

### Open for visiting

Sunday 25 September, tours from 12.00—16.00 hrs. Booking essential—20 people per tour.

Email: [torrisdale@googlemail.com](mailto:torrisdale@googlemail.com)

Phone: 01583 431233

In 1815 General Keith Macalister began the construction of Torrisdale Castle. He employed the services of James Gillespie Graham, one of Scotland's most famous architects.

In 1872 the castle was rented by local businessman Peter Hall, brother of James Macalister Hall of Killean and Tangy who gifted the Burnett Building to Campbeltown. Both brothers were business associates of Sir William Mackinnon of Balinakill, and helped found the British India Steam Navigation Company, which was eventually subsumed into the larger P&O.



William Macalister Hall, Peter's son, purchased the estate and extended the castle in 1903 and 1908 respectively, utilising the services of architect Henry Clifford. The estate remains in the ownership of the Macalister Hall family.

[www.torrisdalecastle.com](http://www.torrisdalecastle.com)

# Kintyre

## 11 Dunaverty Hall and Post Office Southend PA28 6RW



### Open to visit

Sunday 25 September 14.00—16.00 hrs

Dunaverty Hall was opened in April 106 in the heart of Southend village to provide a facility for sport, a Post Office and a variety of events for everyone. It has a Ground Source Heat System which provides heat, hot water and an income for stored energy.

The hall is an emergency hub, created after the week long power cut in 2013, and has its own generator to support this.

## 12 Royal Castle of Tarbert PA29 6UB

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September

Guided tours at 11.00 hrs

Please park in the village and meet at Castle Steps, behind Fish Quay.

From the 13<sup>th</sup> century or earlier, the fortification guarded the anchorage below in the bay and controlled the land link between East and West Lochs.

In 1392 it was certainly a Royal Castle being among those granted to John Balliol by Edward I of England.

In 1325 Robert the Bruce enlarged and fortified the Castle.

Only a ruin remains but it is accessible and interpreted for visitors.



The tour takes about half an hour and offers splendid views. There is a community woodland and sculpture walk, to be enjoyed, next to the castle.

You are advised to wear outdoor clothing.

# Inveraray

## 13 Argyll Archives Argyll Estates, Cherry Park, Inveraray PA32 8XE

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 14.00—16.00 hrs

Guided tours 1.00pm & 2.30pm - max 12 per tour

Booking essential - contact Alison Diamond by email ([archives@inveraray-castle.com](mailto:archives@inveraray-castle.com)) or telephone 01499 302698. Alternatively telephone Argyll Estates Office (01499 302203). Please state when phoning that you are making a DOD booking.

The Argyll Papers is the family and estate archive of the Campbell family, dukes of Argyll. One of the most important private archives in Britain, it is a rich resource for Scottish and British history from the 13th to the 21st centuries, and attracts researchers from all over the world. A small selection of the archives' treasures will be on display, themed around innovation, architecture and design.



The archive is housed in Cherry Park, an elegant 18th century Palladian style farm steading, designed for the 5th Duke of Argyll by John Adam and Robert Mylne, with some early 19th century alterations by Joseph Bonomi.

## 14 Nichol Hall Inveraray PA32 8TT

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September, 11.00—15.00 hrs

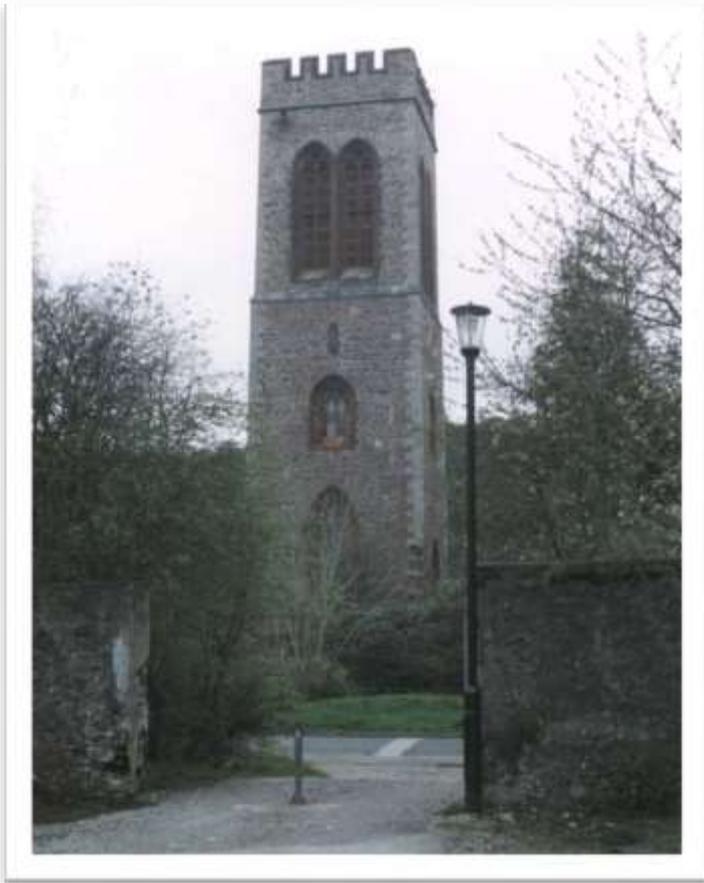
Fifteen months ago the Edinburgh firm of Simpson and Brown were asked to look at the site of the old Community Hall and design a centre fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that the people of Inveraray would be proud to own. The design is now available for viewing and residents of Inveraray are invited to look at the option and choose what they would like to do within the centre.



Refreshments will be available.

# Inveraray

**15 Inveraray Bell Tower** All Saints' Church, The Avenue, Inveraray PA32 8YX



## Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September 14.00—16.00 hrs

Conducted tours every 20 minutes

The tower was built as a war memorial by the Tenth Duke of Argyll, Niall Diarmid Campbell, to mark the huge loss of life in the Great War and especially those members of Clan Campbell who came from the local towns and villages.

The Duke conceived the idea of building a tower and installing a set of bells at the end of the War in 1918. The bells were actually cast first and delivered in 1921 before work on the tower began. Meanwhile the Duke commissioned architects Hoare and Wheeler of London to design the tower, the final decision being accepted in 1926. Eventually in 1930, the tower, at 39m(128ft) high, was finished and the bells weighing nearly eight tonnes were installed by Christmas 1931.

[www.inveraraybelltower.co.uk](http://www.inveraraybelltower.co.uk)

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For up to date information please check the national website [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

# Bute

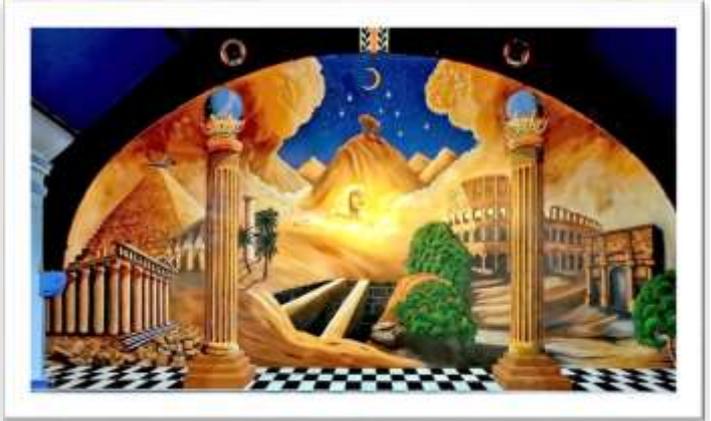
## 16 Lodge Rothesay St. John No. 292 Chapelhill Road, Rothesay PA20 0BJ

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September, tours available from 1200 – 1600 hrs

Generally regarded as one of the finest Masonic premises anywhere in Scotland, “292” as it is popularly known opened in late 1909, although the roots of Freemasonry in Rothesay can be dated back to 1792.

The major feature of the current building is the outstanding decoration, notably the murals on the north south and west walls. The north and south wall murals depict various scenes from the Bible, while the West wall is entirely given over to a magnificent mural depicting the history of architecture from earliest man to the Egyptian, Greek and Roman eras.



The murals were completed in 1940 as part of a major refurbishment programme, and a further mural added on the south wall in 2000 to mark the Millennium. Two murals on the north wall had to be completely replaced in the early 1990s due to building issues, and the new murals are exact replicas of the originals, created by a Lodge member.

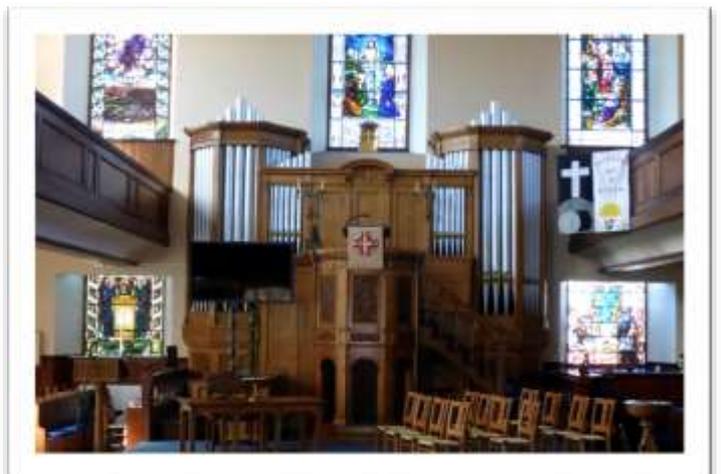
## 17 The United Church of Bute Townhead, Rothesay PA20 9JH

### Open for visiting

Saturday 24 September, tours available from 1200 – 1600 hrs

Sunday 25 September, worship at 1100 hrs

The present building was completed in 1796, and extensively altered in 1906. The sanctuary with pitch pine dado, now runs east to west, with painted Corinthian columns supporting a U-plan timber panelled gallery. At the west end there is a stair to a raised half-octagonal oak pulpit, flanked by polygonal organ casings and stained glass windows. A two-tiered copper chandelier (circa 1800), believed to be of Dutch origin, is centred beneath a foliate ceiling rose. The Church is situated within a graveyard which also contains St Mary’s Church, the early

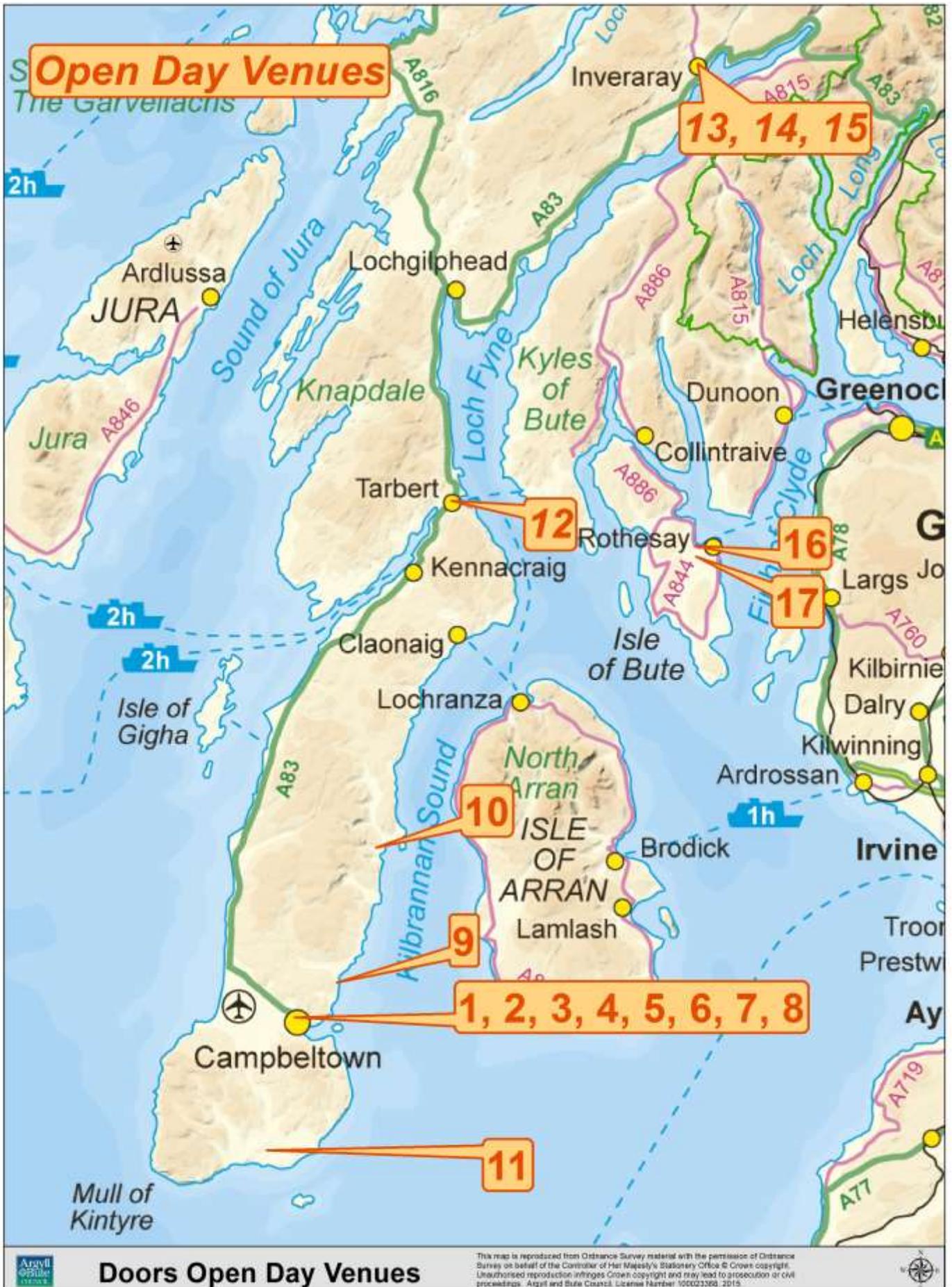


18th century Bute Mausoleum and several graves of interest, including a relative of Napoleon Bonaparte.

A new Church Centre connected to the north side of the existing building was completed in 2009.

[www.unitedchurchofbute.org.uk](http://www.unitedchurchofbute.org.uk)

# Venues



# What else is on?

## Artists open doors

Cowal Open Studios Artists will open their studios to the public from 23- 26 September this year.

We have 40 venues and over 50 artists to have a blether with and see how they create their work.

Cowal is a truly beautiful area of stunning lochs and hills and wee villages, plus the central town of Dunoon.

We are an hour's drive from Glasgow so pretty accessible.

Choose from a wide range of disciplines: stained glass, pottery, jewellery, wood carving, textiles, basketry, metal work, sculpture, classical guitars, painters and printers. A warm welcome awaits you.

visit [www.cowalopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.cowalopenstudios.co.uk) to see a range of work from each artist.

## Jura Music Festival

23-26 September 2016

[www.juramusicfestival.com](http://www.juramusicfestival.com)

## Tee in the Port, Isle of Bute

24 September 2016

[www.facebook.com/TeelInThePort](http://www.facebook.com/TeelInThePort)

## World Stone Skimming Championship, Easdale

25 September 2016

[www.stoneskimming.com](http://www.stoneskimming.com)

## Mid Argyll Triathlon

25 September 2016

[www.entrycentral.com/festival/143](http://www.entrycentral.com/festival/143)

## Autumn Concert Ardinglas

25 September 2016

[www.exploreargyll.co.uk/event/908/autumn-concert-arkinglas](http://www.exploreargyll.co.uk/event/908/autumn-concert-arkinglas)

## Campbeltown Highland Games

Saturday 24 September

Meadows Playing Field

11.00—17.00

Highland Games fun for all the family featuring athletics, heavy events, pipe band and highland dancing.

