

Royal Burgh of Argyll



Inveraray - on the shores of Loch Fyne

cise gallery. It was also well heated and lit by gas, a far cry from the dark and damp original prison building.

The Jail finally closed on the 30th of August 1889. By this time, in comparison with the larger city prisons, the Sheriff Court was moved to Dunoon. The rarely used courthouse and empty prisons gradually fell into disrepair, but fortunately their significance as the finest 19th century county courthouse and prison in Scotland was recognised. An extensive restoration was undertaken and in May 1989, almost a hundred years exactly after the last prisoners departed, Inveraray Jail opened to the public.

Inveraray is not without its claim to fame for authorship. It was the home of well-known Scottish writer Neil Munro who created the Para Handy books and other stories. The illegitimate son of a kitchen maid at the castle, he spent

his early years in the town, using it and Loch Fyne as settings for his works.

As well as hotel and guesthouses in the area you could try the freedom of a caravan holiday. Argyll Caravan Park the longest running Park in Scotland situated near Inveraray. Managed by Jim McCulloch and Family and long term staff for Argyll Estates. The caravan park won VisitScotland's most coveted Award for Customer Care in 2006 with the judges commenting: 'the park appears to be wholly run for the sole purpose of providing a memorable and enjoyable experience for the thousands of families who use it each year'. The warm and friendly service offered by the McCulloch family makes your stay here real value for money as they make every effort to ensure you are comfortable. The holiday homes have all the luxury expected today - smart bathrooms and shower rooms, top-quality, well-planned kitchens to make cooking easy, comfortable beds and quality furnishings everywhere - everything for a

perfect holiday. Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, there are lots to see and do but even if you didn't want to go far the park is an ideal location for just strolling about. Superb wooden sculptures are dotted about the park and the caravans' beautifully kept gardens are a sight to behold.

Garden awards are presented each year by His Grace The Duke of Argyll and hard work is put in to be sure of receiving an award. There are also some wonderful walks as well as boating, pony trekking and golf, and with Inveraray and its attractions as well as the castle, Auchindrain Township museum and the magnificent gardens at Ardkinglass and Crarae all nearby, a stay at the park will be memorable for you.

In 1978, producing oysters from a west coast sea loch was viewed with as much scepticism as setting up a vineyard in Argyll might be viewed today. It took determination, quite a lot of luck and a superb location to make it happen. Today, Loch Fyne Oysters is one of the most successful companies in Scotland and just as committed to sharing the best products from our seas and shores with you - naturally.

Based at the head of one of the most beautiful lochs in Scotland, Loch Fyne Oysters has grown to include the original and lively Oyster Bar, an extensive Farm Shop brimming with Scottish seafood, meat and delicious local food and a personal Home Delivery service bringing the

best of Loch Fyne to your door.

The key element has always been, and will remain the food Loch Fyne Oysters produces and the people who produce it. High quality great tasting food produced using artisanal methods by people who really care about what

they are producing, where it comes from and getting it to the customers in the best condition possible.

Looking forward to 2008 and beyond, we hope to welcome more visitors to our home on Loch Fyne as people discover what this corner of Argyll has to offer. A new room at the Oyster Bar provides facilities for private dining, meetings and conferences and our menu is full of simple fresh food that will delight all.

As an employee run and owned company, we would be delighted for you to join us as we mark our special anniversary. Whether at The Oyster Bar, Farm Shop or online www.lochfyne.com, it has always been a pleasure to share our passion with you.

and shrubs, rhododendrons, herbaceous plants, herbs, heathers and conservatory and indoor plants. You will also find quality gifts, including traditional craft items.

Continued on Page 20



Young dancers with their trophies face the camera during Inveraray Highland Games held each year in July

INVERARAY CASTLE

Home of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll



Open 1st April-31st October 2008

MONDAY-SATURDAY 10am-5.45pm
SUNDAY 12 noon-5.45pm
Last Admissions 5.00pm

GIFT SHOP AND TEAROOM

Tel : 01499 302203

E-Mail : enquiries@inveraray-castle.com

Web Site : www.inveraray-castle.com

Free souvenir guide with this voucher



Fyne Ales Brewery

Welcome visitors to their retail outlet

Tours by appointment

Achadunan, Cairndow, PA26 8BJ
Tel 01499 600 120 www.fyneales.com



Bringing the taste of Scotland to you - naturally

Your Local Shop

Our Home Delivery Service brings the best of Scottish produce direct to your door. From shellfish to venison, stocking your larder is quick and easy.

Call 01499 600470 or visit www.lochfyne.com to bring Loch Fyne home.



www.lochfyne.com



Tree Shop
GARDEN CENTRE
CAIRNDOW, ARGYLL

OPEN ALL YEAR



MORE THAN JUST A GARDEN CENTRE

Specialist Trees and Plants

Outdoor Clothing

Gifts and Toys

Take Away Cafe
Freshly Prepared Food
Scrumptious Homebaking
Fairtrade Tea & Coffee

Picnic Areas

Family Walks

Mail Order Available

t: 01499 600263 e: treeshop@scottishtrees.co.uk

w: www.scottishtrees.co.uk