

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2010

BALLYMONEY TOWNHALL



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BALLYMONEY
TOWN HALL

ARTS, MUSEUM & TOURIST INFORMATION

WILLIE DRENNAN & NAE GOATS TOES
Friday 10 September, 8pm

Join Willie Drennan and Nae Goats Toes in concert as they celebrate the release of their latest album *Wired Up and Plugged In*.

Tickets £7 available from Ballymoney Town Hall. Promoted by theulsterfolk.com



in the field of Folk Music. Together, they arranged and played music for the sound track of the feature films *Moondance* and *Hear My Song*, based on the life of singer Joseph Locke, in which they also made an appearance. In July 1995 they released their second album, *Causeway* for Tara Music. Nollaig's superb singing was featured for the first time along with nine sets of original tunes.

'The audience was transfixed throughout this concert and two encores were required before the night ended. A performance of this calibre proves that Irish music in the hands of such gifted musicians can develop and absorb international influences without any threat to its own identity.'

Paul Maguire, Ulster Herald

Tickets £9, concessions £7 available from Ballymoney Town Hall.

NOLLAIG CASEY & ARTY McGLYNN
Wednesday 29 September, 8pm

Nollaig Casey and Arty McGlynn are an extraordinary duo with a rich mix of talent and experience. They first met in Dublin in 1979, after which their musical paths crossed again and again at recording sessions, television and radio studios and on stage with Andy Irvine, Planxty, Makem & Clancy and Maura O'Connell.

In 1990 they recorded their first album together. *Lead the Knave* was released to great critical acclaim and was awarded the Belfast Telegraph Entertainment Media and Arts Award for excellence



SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND WITH ANTHONY TONER, PAUL CASEY & EILIDH PATTERSON
Thursday 4 November, 8pm

An evening of songs and stories from three of Northern Ireland's finest songwriting talents. Throughout the evening, Anthony, Paul and Eilidh will perform songs of their own, as well as singing harmony and playing on each other's material.

Eilidh Patterson has been steadily building a strong reputation based on some wonderful songs and superb live performances. Blessed with a clear and immediately likeable voice, she is promoting her debut album, *When the Time Comes*, which contains the radio hits *I'm Still Learning* and *Do I Ever Cross Your Mind*. She has performed throughout the UK as well as in Nashville and Austin, and will be touring later this year as the special guest of Beth Nielsen Chapman, who is one of Eilidh's biggest fans.

Anthony Toner is famed for radio-friendly songs like *Sailortown* and *The Duke of Oklahoma*. He's a fine guitarist and singer who laces his performance with entertaining stories from the road and tales of where the inspiration for the songs came from. His latest album, *The Duke of Oklahoma & Other Stories*, has picked up rave reviews and airplay and he's working on a collection of new material. As well as building a following at home, Anthony is also developing strong links with Nashville and Canada.

Paul Casey has become an audience favourite thanks to shows that have featured his catchy and immediate songs, his soaring voice and his fine acoustic guitar playing – including some gorgeous

slide guitar. His latest album, *Scrapbook*, is packed with pop-influenced tunes that get their hooks into you and don't let go. Recently Paul toured as special guest of Chris Rea, and has been asked to produce the next album by the maestro.

About Eilidh Patterson :

'Eilidh has an easy going charm and commanding stage presence that demands your attention. Her sweet voice never fails to amaze me. Definitely a star of the future.'

Ralph McLean, BBC Radio Ulster

About Anthony Toner :

'Superbly played, literate and melodic songs.'

Irish News

About Paul Casey :

'A talent like this comes along only once in a long while.'

Chris Rea

Tickets £9, concessions £7 available from Ballymoney Town Hall.



The Panto Company present
ALADDIN
 Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 December

The Panto Company are back with another Christmas classic packed with music, dance and traditional panto fun!

Will the evil Abanazer convince Aladdin to enter the Cave of a Thousand Dreams and fetch the lamp? Will Princess Jasmine find the boy of her dreams? And will Widow Twankey finally wear something that doesn't look like an explosion in a paint factory? Wishey Washey and the gang transport the audience to Old Peking for an adventure that has endured for centuries.

Shows for Primary Schools (ages 4 upwards) 10am. Family Shows for all ages 7.30pm. All tickets £5 (reserved seating) available from Ballymoney Town Hall.

10% discount for groups of 10 people and over. For school bookings contact the Cultural Services Officer 028 2766 0230.

www.thepantocompany.com



Tickets for all of these events are available from Ballymoney Town Hall. Doors open half an hour before time of performance.



THE ROUTE BACK HOME
 1 & 2 October

2-Day Family History Conference, Ballymoney Town Hall.

For further details go online to www.visitballymoney.com

Ballymoney Museum is a partner in the Causeway Museum Service which comprises Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady and Moyle Councils.

S Alex Blair continues the series of talks he began in the Springtime by looking at more aspects of the lives of the people in North Antrim down the centuries.

A BIT O' LEARNIN'
 Local History Talk by S Alex Blair
 Tuesday 21 September, 8pm

"A bit o' learnin' is easily carried" was a familiar saying in North Antrim. People valued education and saw it as a way of advancement. Many families were happy to struggle and deny themselves luxuries in order to pay for a son or daughter to go to college.

This talk deals with the interest in learning which has prevailed over so many years and outlines the ways in which this was delivered.



THE DESIRE TO WORSHIP
 Wednesday 3 November, 8pm

From earliest times people have felt the need to worship and this talk will show how this desire has shaped the lives of the people of North Antrim through the generations. It will be a fascinating look at a topic which has achieved great moments of inspiration, brought comfort to generations and has given meaning and purpose to the lives of many over the centuries.



THE WAY WE TALK
 Thursday 9 December, 8pm

The North Antrim speech has given this area a special dimension and has had a big impact on the personality and characteristics of the people. In this talk, Mr Blair will look at how this speech has taken shape over the years and will deal with the main elements in it. Irish Gaelic provides the foundations and to that is added the English brought by the English and Scottish Planters. It all comes together to make a fascinating mixture and there will be plenty of humour as Mr Blair explores 'the way we talk'.



All talks take place in Ballymoney Town Hall at 8pm. Admission £2 includes refreshments.

EXHIBITIONS

CYCLING PAST - THE STORY OF BICYCLE CLUBS IN BALLYMONEY

Thurs 9 September - Sat 30 October

The earliest cycling club in Ballymoney was established over 130 years ago. This exhibition reveals the history of this popular pastime and the success of local cycling champions, such as Vanda McVicker (now McClure), who reached the 1990 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

**24th ANNUAL ART & ULSTER WOODTURNERS EXHIBITION**

Thursday 11 - Saturday 20 November

The excellent combination of art and woodturning ensures that this exhibition is one of the most popular and highly anticipated events in the programme. Featuring the work of local artists and the Ulster Woodturners, there is a great mix of traditional and more contemporary styles and themes, so don't miss the chance to shop for that extra special Christmas present.



*Spring in the Bog,
Inver, Co. Donegal*

HUGH McILFATRICK - RECENT WORKS

Mon 29 November - Tues 21 December

"Painting is like language... once it ceases changing it is dead! It is exciting for an artist being in a constant state of flux and this exhibition will hopefully show that process."

Hugh McIlfratrick

Ballymoney born artist Hugh McIlfratrick presents his second one man show at Ballymoney Museum, the first in 2006 having been a major success.

Admission to all exhibitions is free.

Opening hours: Mon - Thurs & Sat
9am-5pm & Fri 9am-4.30pm.

Additional late night opening hours during the 24th Annual Art & Ulster Woodturners Exhibition Tuesday & Thursdays 7.30-9pm.

Any artist wishing to display work in the 24th Annual Art Exhibition please contact Ballymoney Town Hall on 028 2766 0230 for an application form.

CALLIGRAPHY

10 weeks, 2-4pm
Beginning: Monday 20 September
Maximum No: 12

Tutor: Betty Ward
Cost: £45, concessions £35
Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall

Beautiful handwriting is within your reach! Over the course duration, Betty will cover a range of topics suitable for both beginners and those at a more advanced level. These include first basic strokes through to letter grouping, inscribed stationery for every occasion, page layout, planning verse lines, space fillers and simple borders, different styles (italic, roundhand and gothic) and capital letters.

ADVANCED CREATIVE WRITING

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm
Beginning: Monday 20 September
Maximum No: 10

Tutor: Teresa Godfrey
Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall

This 10-week course is aimed at developing the skills of writers already engaged in writing short stories, poems, script writing etc. Students will work on their own projects and receive peer-led feedback and support under the guidance of the facilitator.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE TECHNIQUES OF CREATIVE WRITING

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm
Beginning: Tuesday 21 September
Maximum No: 10

Tutor: Teresa Godfrey
Cost: £45, concessions £35
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This 10-week course will teach students the basics of: Short Story Writing, including how to properly structure a story, how to

create and develop characters, plot and setting and how to write good dialogue. Poetry, including how to craft a poem using rhythm, imagery and metaphor. The course is aimed at writers with little or no experience of the craft of writing creatively. Class exercises and homework tasks will help students develop their skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

BEGINNERS PAINTING 1

10 weeks, 10.30am-12.30pm
Beginning: Wednesday 22 September
Maximum No: 14

Tutor: Freda McKeown
Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall
Cost: £45, concessions £35

BEGINNERS PAINTING 2

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm
Beginning: Wednesday 22 September
Maximum No: 14

Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall
Tutor: Freda McKeown
Cost: £45, concessions £35

Both these Beginners Painting classes offer participants the opportunity to try out various mediums in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Advice on materials to bring is available from Freda.

HOBBY PATCHWORK

20 weeks (10 weeks before Christmas & 10 weeks after Christmas), 7-9pm
Beginning: Tuesday 21 September
Maximum No: 16

Tutor: Sue Taylor
Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall
Cost: £90, concessions £70

A continuation of this popular hobby patchwork class where students work on their own projects or are guided by the tutor to try new techniques or ideas.

DRAMA & DANCE COURSE 8-11 YEAR OLDS

10 weeks, 4.00pm-5.30pm
Beginning: Monday 20 September
Maximum No: 15

Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall
Tutor: Eimear Hughes
Cost: £30

DRAMA & DANCE COURSE 5-7 YEAR OLDS

10 weeks, 4.00pm-5.30pm
Beginning: Tuesday 21 September
Maximum No: 15

Venue: Ballymoney Town Hall
Tutor: Eimear Hughes
Cost: £30

A great opportunity to learn about acting and dancing in a fun environment with Ballymoney actress and dancer, Eimear Hughes, who will teach a combination of hip hop and street dance alongside fun sketches and short plays. No experience necessary!



ENROLMENT

Enrolment for all classes takes place on Tuesday 7 September from 7-9pm in Ballymoney Town Hall and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Bookings cannot be taken before that date and all places must be paid for prior to attendance at the first class. Postal and telephone bookings from Wednesday 8 September. If a class does not attract enough students it will not run and refunds will be made.

MATERIALS

Participants should bring their own materials. If you need assistance or recommendations of what and where to purchase items, the tutor will advise you at the first class.

LOCAL GROUPS

Many local community and cultural groups meet in Ballymoney Town Hall on a regular basis. New members are always welcome.

North Antrim Horticultural Society
Meets the last Monday in the month. For further details contact Kenneth Bacon, Hon Secretary 028 2766 6925.

Ballymoney Photographic Society
Fortnightly meetings on Mondays. For further details contact Leonard Ferguson 028 7083 6943 or Zillah McCaughan 028 2074 1233.

Ballymoney Women's Institute
Meets second Thursday in the month. For further details contact Audrey Shiels 028 2766 7022.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
Weekly drama classes on Wednesdays. For further details contact Lisa Semple (Principal) 028 9146 4337.
ni@helenogrady.co.uk, helenogrady.com

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TOURIST INFORMATION

Ballymoney Tourist Information Centre is located in Ballymoney Town Hall and provides an excellent source of information both for tourists and the local community.

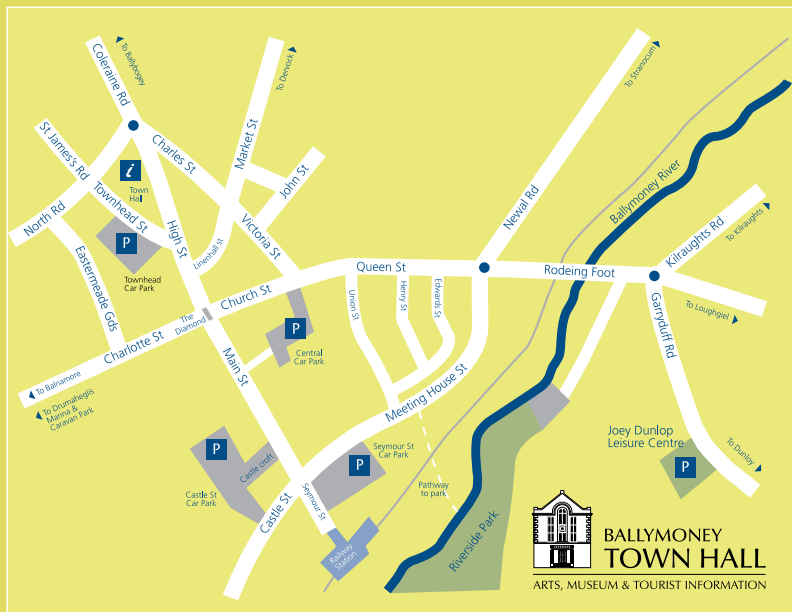
We are pleased to provide the following services:

- Local and national tourist information
- All-Ireland accommodation booking service
- Ticket sales for bus tours etc
- Souvenir gifts, local crafts, maps, books, etc
- Box Office for Town Hall events
- Photocopying & laminating service

Opening Hours:
Monday-Thursday & Saturday: 9am-5pm
Friday: 9am-4.30pm

Tourist Information Centre
Ballymoney Town Hall
1 Townhead Street
Ballymoney BT53 6BE

T: 028 2766 0230
E: touristinfo@ballymoney.gov.uk
www.visitballymoney.com
www.ballymoney.gov.uk
www.ballymoneyancestry.com



GENERAL INFORMATION

TICKET SALES

Tickets can be purchased from Ballymoney Town Hall either in person or by telephone.

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Monday-Thurs & Sat 9am-5pm
Fri 9am-4.30pm, Tel 028 2766 0230

PAYMENT METHOD

Tickets can be purchased using cash, cheque (guarantee card required), and any major credit card/debit card. There will be no credit card surcharge on telephone ticket purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Ballymoney Town Hall facilities include disabled lifts, accessible toilets and an Induction Loop System for those with hearing impairments. The ground floor, galleries and auditorium are accessible for wheelchair users. Wheelchair spaces are available in the Auditorium - please advise staff when booking your ticket.

LATECOMERS

Latecomers are admitted at the discretion of the Front of House staff and will not be seated until a suitable break in the performance.

GROUP BOOKINGS

A discount of 10% is offered for group bookings of 10 people and over. Seats can be reserved for groups of this size.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tickets are non-refundable.

CAR PARKING

There is a free car park on Townhead Street opposite the entrance to the Town Hall.

ROOMS FOR HIRE

Ballymoney Town Hall houses a multi-purpose auditorium and a number of meeting rooms of varying sizes which are available for hire.

For details on hiring a room and a list of current charges, please contact Borough Services Directorate 028 2766 0227.

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH ARTS COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

Ballymoney Borough Arts Committee operate a small grants scheme to support local organisations and individuals in the development and promotion of the arts. Further details and application forms are available from Ballymoney Town Hall.

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FREE MAILING LIST

If you would like to receive information about forthcoming events from us on a regular basis, please contact Ballymoney Town Hall 028 2766 0230 and we will add your details to our database. There is no charge for this service.

Arts Mailing List

Please complete using block capitals

Name:

Address:

Postcode:



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For further information contact:

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Ballymoney Town Hall has access facilities for the disabled.

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