

Larne Arts & Heritage Guide

September 2019-March 2020



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Welcome

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council produces a busy Arts and Heritage programme in the Larne area. There are many performances, events and exhibitions taking place September to March in a number of fantastic venues such as Larne Museum and Arts Centre, the McNeill Theatre and Larne Town Hall.

You can keep up to date with all events taking place right across the Borough by visiting our website, or by following us on social media. With so much to choose from, we look forward to welcoming you soon!

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028 2826 0395

For general event enquiries, tickets, & show times



Roll Up, Roll Up the Showman is Coming

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Thursday 26 September 2019
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £24

THE SHOWMAN IS COMING!
Peter Corry combines the passion of Moulin Rouge, the spectacle of Barnum and the magic of The Greatest Showman in this new show, bringing an eclectic mix of iconic songs from "Somebody to Love", "Your Song", "Rise Like a Phoenix", "The Show Must Go On", "Spanish Train" to "This is the Greatest Show"

With dancers, singers and multi-talented performers, this show brings high-energy entertainment hosted by internationally renowned Peter Corry, Irelands Greatest Showman.

For over 20 years Peter Corry has performed throughout the world featuring in not only internationally celebrated musicals such as Les Miserables in London's West End to the MGM Las Vegas but also in many of his own productions throughout Ireland, the UK and Europe.





Terry McHugh's Mini Strokes of Luck

Larne Town Hall
Thursday 10 October 2019
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £12

Sometimes when bad things happen people say, "We'll look back at this and laugh someday".

North Belfast Comedian and former yoyo Champion Terry McHugh says, "Why wait?" That is why, "Mini Strokes of Luck", his first new show for 2 years, Terry will be taking a very funny and honest look at his experience of suffering two mini strokes and the effects they had on him.

Terry will turn a comedy eye on his strokes, his family, his one posh

friend and the oddities of country living. He might even show off his yo-yo skills.

"Very funny and honest"
 – Irish News

"North Belfast's best known comedian who's not Jake O'Kane or Tim McGarry" – Irish News

Terry will be joined by the hilarious Frazer Robb who has been performing on the Northern Irish Comedy scene for nearly 10 years as a Stand Up and as part of improv group Wonderfrog. To book go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/larnearts

Please Note: Recommended for age 16+ years as some people may find the content offensive.



Foster & Allen in Concert - 'Timeless Memories'

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Tuesday 15 October 2019
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £24

The story of Foster & Allen began back in the seventies when Mick & Tony were playing in country music bands around Ireland and had the idea to form a duo playing 'easy listening music' with a touch of traditional Irish instrumentals in their show. They released their first single 'The Rambles of Spring', which made a good impact on the Irish market, but it was not until their

recording of 'A Bunch of Thyme' went Top 20 in Britain that the boys were on their way to international success.

To date they have released over thirty albums and fourteen videos / DVDs, all of which have gone into the British charts. In total they have sales worldwide in excess of twenty million.

Foster & Allen's style and easy listening sounds remains as fresh and exciting as ever. They really enjoy the business they are in, especially the concerts.

Wireless Mystery Theatre Presents: Irish Gothic

Larne Town Hall
Thursday 17 October 2019
Doors open 7pm
Show starts 7.30pm
Tickets £12

What country has given greater horror to the world than Ireland, where Dracula and Carmilla were first dreamed up?

An evening of Irish Horror is the perfect, cozy scare for when the air gets cold and the night grows dark, with two classic Irish spook stories reanimated in the dark, with live music - two original scores for violin, cello, and guitar.

In Dracula's Guest, the expunged prologue from Bram Stoker's masterpiece, Jonathan Harker finds himself under the watchful

eye of an unknown force, while in an unknown country. This early example of folk-horror uses the strange and estranging customs of an isolated German village to ratchet up the scares, revealing more of the dark powers and reach of the titular antihero.

While in J.S. Le Fanu's classic, Green Tea, a village curate is driven to the brink of madness by terrible visions, but is there something unusual in his mind or in his drink. Le Fanu, the Invisible Prince of Victorian Dublin, invented psychological horror, treading the line between the supernatural and the insane, through implication, suggestion, and blurred outlines that could as easily be ghosts as hallucinations.



Hallowe'en at Carnfunnock

Carnfunnock Country Park
Saturday 26 October 2019
2pm–6pm

Fire breathing monsters will come to life while kings and knights of old, fight to rule Carnfunnock this Halloween. Dare to go north of the walled garden on a quest for the throne! The family-friendly afternoon of free entertainment will run from 2pm on Saturday 26 October.

A free park and ride shuttle bus service will be in operation from Caterpillar, Old Glenarm Road and Ballygally.

Car parking within Carnfunnock Country Park is by ticket only. They are available on a first come first served basis. You will need to collect your ticket before the event. Tickets are £5 and limited to 1 per household. A number of free blue badge holder tickets will also be available. Please remember to bring your blue badge with you when claiming your ticket. You can email a copy of your Blue Badge and we can post one out to you. Car parking tickets for Halloween at Carnfunnock will be available from Larne Smiley Buildings, Victoria Road Larne. Please contact 0300 124 5000 and select option two.

Check out www.midandeantrim.gov.uk for full details.

Larne Christmas Switch On

Larne Town Centre
Friday 15 November 2019
5pm–8pm, Free Entry

Help the Mayor of Mid and East Antrim and Santa to switch on the Christmas lights. Entertainment starts at Broadway at 5pm. Please check www.midandeantrim.gov.uk for full details nearer the time.



Sleeping Beauty

Carrickfergus Town Hall
Saturday 7 December 2019
Doors open 1.30 pm & 6.30pm
Show starts 2pm & 7pm
Tickets £6

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Saturday 14 December 2019
Doors open 1.30 pm & 6.30pm
Show starts 2pm & 7pm
Tickets £6

Once upon a time, there was a princess named Rose. Princess Rose was the long-awaited daughter of the king and queen; she was beautiful, happy, and cursed...thus begins our pantomime! Come and join us for the adventurous tale of the Sleeping Beauty. We will take you on a journey through her story, but it may not be quite the way you remember it. With more twists and turns than a magical, thorny forest, this show is sure to delight and entertain audiences of all ages.



Our Jimmy

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Friday 10 January 2020
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £20

Featuring original and new material from the beloved comedy characters of Lily O' Condriac, Billy Hulk, Big Derek, Orange Lil, Willie Simpson, The Ballymena Man and wee Sammy the Schoolboy etc.

This show will delight fans old and new who enjoy good Ulster humour. How is Derek's mammy? Is Emily Beattie still on the scrounge? Has Billy Hulk started any more strikes? Is Willie Simpson ever sober? To find out the answers to these and some of today's most pressing questions join William as he celebrates the comedy legend that was James Young.



Jake O'Kane 'Walking the Line'

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Thursday 30 January 2020
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £22.50

Jake O'Kane's new show, 'Walking The Line', sees Northern Ireland's most popular comic once again cast his caustic eye over the events of the last year. As always, nothing and no-one are beyond attack as Jake continues his sixth year of sell-out tours.

Jake's show is a heady mix of video, photos and general mayhem as he picks apart our dysfunctional society. Once again, Jake will be ably supported by the talented Terry McHugh.

If you've already seen Jake perform, you'll be back for more; if you've yet to catch him live, don't wait too long to book as his shows sell extremely quickly.



Rock'n'Roll Years and Dance Hall Days

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Thursday 6 February 2020
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £22

The happiest show in the country – bigger and even better!

Take a group of seasoned performers add a rich dose of irony and transport them to the music of their youths i.e. the smash hits of the 50's + 60's. With the performer's tongues firmly in their cheeks they pay a loving homage to the biggest stars of the era.



Colin Murphy - Colinzation

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Friday 6 March 2020
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £20

The star of the award winning BBC series The Blame Game is back on tour with a new stand-up show for 2020, Colinzation. Since his last tour he has had a DNA test, become an artist, been to a funeral and built a shed, so the question is; who the hell do you think you are?

Please Note: Recommended for age 16+ years as some people may find the content offensive.



Give My Head Peace Live

McNeill Theatre, Larne
Thursday 19 March 2020
Doors open 7.30pm
Show starts 8pm
Tickets £22.50

The Gang are back! After last year's completely sold out tour Ulster's 2 most dysfunctional families return to the stage with a brand new show. It will have your favourite characters, mad plots, lots of jokes, up-to-the-minute topical satire and superb stand-up comedy from Tim McGarry.

Give My Head Peace Live is a firm favourite with local audiences. If you haven't been before find out why audiences come back year after year.

Give My Head Peace live. Don't miss it.

Show contains adult references. Responsibility for allowing under 12s to view lies with the accompanying adult.



Paul Kidby, Discworld and Beyond - Touring Exhibition

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Friday 6 September –
Thursday 31 October 2019
10am–4.30pm, Monday – Saturday

Paul Kidby was the 'artist of choice' for the award-winning writer Sir Terry Pratchett. He illustrated Discworld book jackets since 2002 as well as many other Discworld publications. He has over thirty four thousand worldwide fans on Facebook!

This exhibition shows a wonderful collection of Paul's drawings, oil

paintings and watercolours. Here you will find favourite Pratchett characters, book covers and some lesser-known Discworld artwork. There is also a range of Paul's work from his own projects including the recently published book *The Charmed Realm*.

Charmed Realm and Discworld merchandise will be available for sale during the course of the exhibition. The exhibition is open Monday-Saturday, 10.00am-4.30pm.

Larne Art Club Autumn Exhibition

Larne Town Hall

**Saturday 2 November –
Saturday 16 November**
10am-4.00pm, Monday – Saturday
Tickets: Free

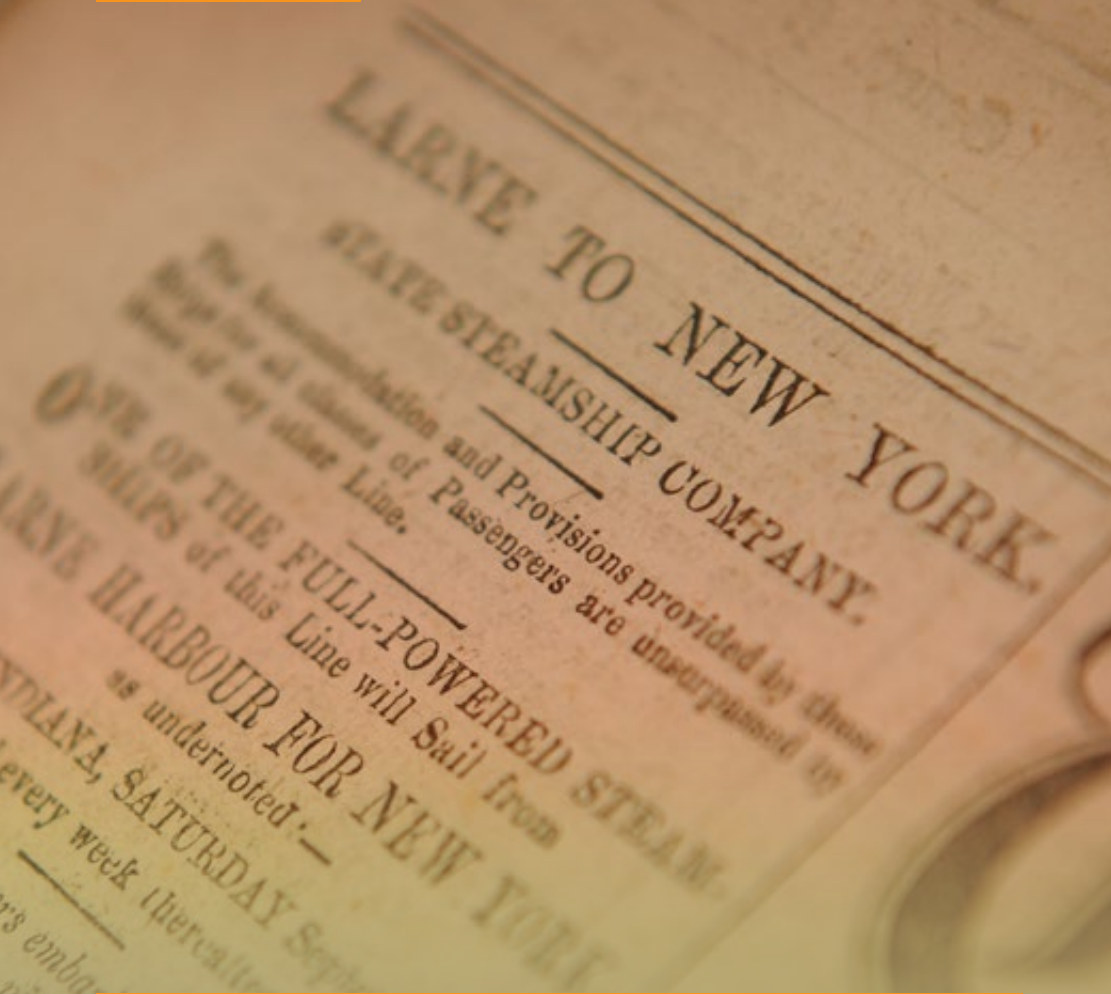
Larne Art Club will be displaying their annual autumn exhibition in the new venue of Larne Town Hall. The show is of original art in a variety of subjects and mediums. The artwork will be available for sale.

Richard Hayward's East Antrim

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
**Friday 15 November –
Thursday 31 December**
10am-4.30pm, Monday – Friday
Tickets: Free

In association with Paul Clements, travel writer, broadcaster and former BBC journalist, this exhibition looks at the life of Richard Hayward (1892-1964). Hayward, a popular actor, singer, writer and broadcaster, was born in Southport but was raised in Larne where he lived at Chelmsford Place.

As a pioneering filmmaker, he appeared in the film *The Luck of the Irish*, filmed in Glynn in 1935. In his travel books, he opened up an unknown Ireland to thousands of people. Part of the fabric of life for many people and known all over Ireland, few writers are more closely associated with Larne and East Antrim than Richard Hayward. The museum will be open on Saturday 16th November and Saturday 14th December for this exhibition.



Larne Family History Society Exhibition

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
Monday 6 January –
Friday 17 January
10am-4.30pm, Monday – Friday
Tickets: Free

Larne Family History Society will mark the 40th anniversary of the North of Ireland Family History Society with a special exhibition.

The exhibition will show life in Larne through newspaper articles dating back to the 1700s. Members of the society will also show family research they have found and will be on hand for visitors to give tips & pointers on doing your own research.



Larne Motor Club 65th Anniversary Exhibition

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
Mid January - end February
10am-4.30pm, Monday – Friday
Tickets: Free

This exhibition will look back over 65 years of Larne Motor Club. The club started in 1954. Their first event took place the following year and their first national event was staged in 1974 at Boyd's Quarry. Many famous people have competed in club events including Barry McGuigan and Kenny McKinsty. The club promotes motorsports at all levels.



Larne Art Club Spring Exhibition

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
March – dates to be confirmed
10am-4.30pm, Monday – Friday
Tickets: Free

Larne Art Club will be displaying their annual spring exhibition at Larne Museum. The show is of original art in of a variety of subjects and mediums. The artwork will be available for sale.



TROLL BRIDGE



Screening of Troll Bridge

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Saturday 7 September 2019
3pm-4pm
Tickets: Free

Discover Discworld through art, film and theatre at Larne Museum & Arts Centre in 2019!

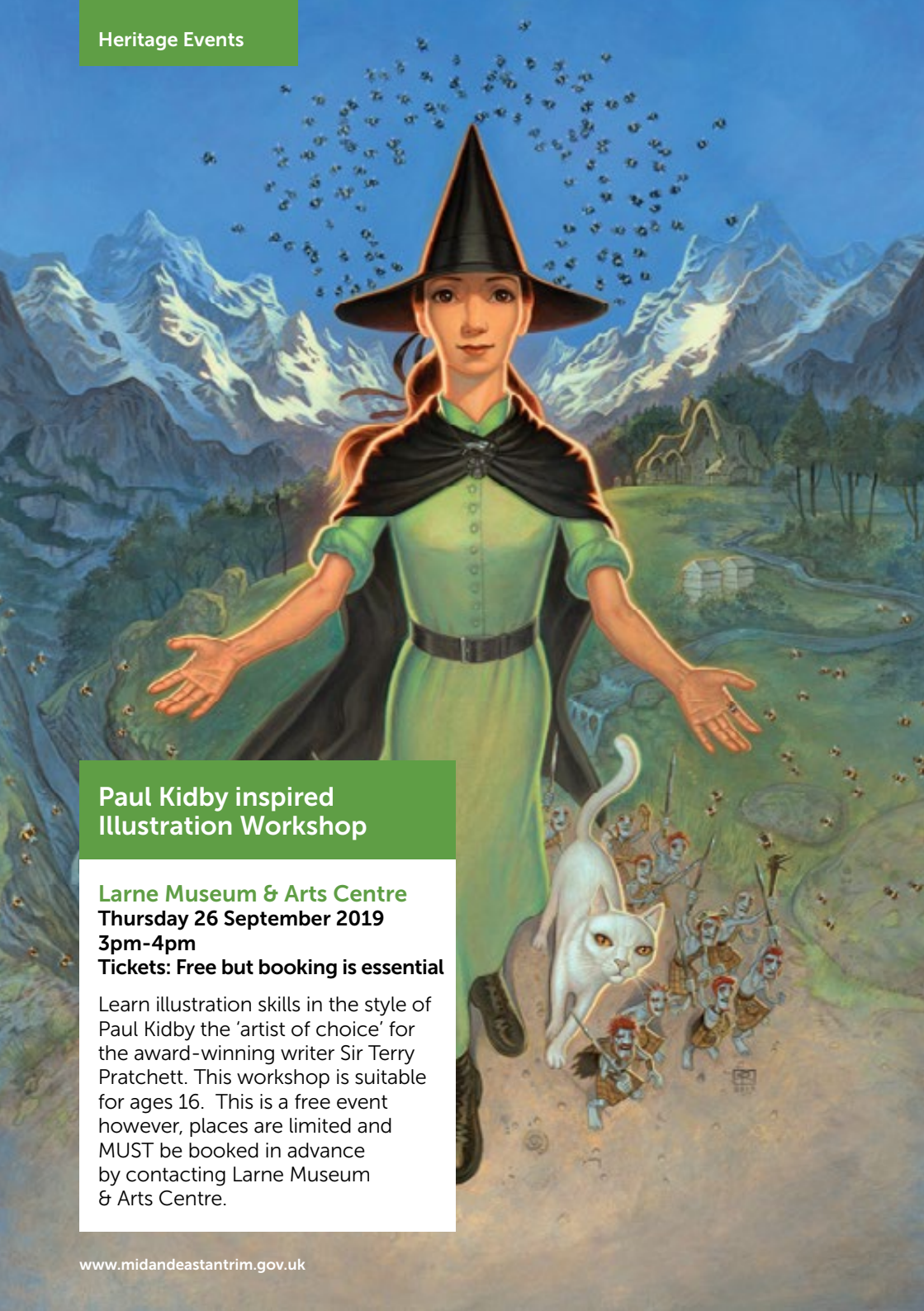
Larne Museum is very pleased to announce a screening of the short film 'Troll Bridge' by Snowgum Films. The film will be making its Irish premiere at WorldCon in Dublin during August.

Troll Bridge is a live action/hand animated hybrid, a fifteen-year filmmaking odyssey, and a love letter to the author Terry Pratchett. It is

lovingly crafted from the Discworld fairy tale originally published in 'After the King', and now available in 'A Blink of the Screen'. Find out more here <http://www.trollbridge.film/>.

This screening is part of our programme for the touring exhibition 'Paul Kidby, Discworld and Beyond'. The exhibition will be on display from Friday 6th September until Thursday 31st October.

This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.



Paul Kidby inspired Illustration Workshop

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Thursday 26 September 2019
3pm-4pm
Tickets: Free but booking is essential

Learn illustration skills in the style of Paul Kidby the 'artist of choice' for the award-winning writer Sir Terry Pratchett. This workshop is suitable for ages 16. This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre.



Paul Kidby inspired Art Workshop for Children

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Saturday 28 September 2019
11am-12noon
Tickets: Free but booking is essential

Create some Paul Kidby inspired art with artist Kim Montgomery. Suitable for ages 8 - 11. Paul Kidby was the 'artist of choice' for the award-winning writer Sir Terry Pratchett. This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre.

Wyrd Sisters presented by Larne Drama Circle

Larne Museum & Arts Centre

Thursday 31 October 2019

7.30pm

Tickets: Free

Why not spend Halloween with Larne Drama Circle listening to a reading of Terry Pratchett's 'Wyrd Sisters'!

Terry Pratchett takes Shakespeare's Macbeth and then turns it up 'till the knob comes off. It is all there – a wicked duke and duchess, the ghost of the murdered king, dim soldiers, strolling players, and a land in peril. Who stands between the Kingdom and destruction? Three witches. Granny Weatherwax (intolerant, self-opinionated, powerful), Nanny Ogg (down-to-earth, vulgar) and Magrat Garlick (naïve, fond of occult jewellery and bunnies).

Terry Pratchett's 'Wyrd Sisters' was adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs. Stephen Briggs has been

involved in amateur dramatics for over 25 years and he assures us that the play can be staged without needing the budget of Industrial Light and Magic. Not only that, but the cast should still be able to be in the pub by 10 o'clock!

Oh, and a word of advice omitted from the play.
LEARN THE WORDS
Havelock, Lord Vetinari

This event is part of the programme for the 'Paul Kidby, Discworld and Beyond - Touring Exhibition'. The Exhibition will be on display from Friday 6 September - Thursday 31 October.

This is a free event however, places are limited and MUST be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.



10th Annual Art Competition

Larne Museum and Arts Centre

October 2019

Tickets: Free

Send in a poem, story or picture inspired by the theme "My favourite author or book".

This is an open competition for groups, schools and individuals with prizes for the winner of each category. Entries should be no larger than A3. All entries should be labelled - please include name, age (if under 18), address/school and a contact number.

Entries will be accepted from Friday 18 September. Closing date for entries is 4.00pm on Friday 11 October. The prize giving will be held on Tuesday 22 October at 11.00am.



Larne Workhouse A talk by Simon Gallaher

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
Saturday 14 December
3pm-4pm
Tickets: Free

This talk explores the history of the Poor Law workhouse in Larne during the nineteenth century. The lecture focuses upon children's experiences of this institution and includes advice on how to use workhouse records for family and local history.

This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.

Richard Hayward's East Antrim - A talk by Paul Clements

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Friday 6 December 2019
7.30pm
Tickets: Free

Richard Hayward (1892-1964) was raised and educated in Larne, a place that always held a special affection in his heart. Hayward became one of Ireland's leading cultural figures and in a busy career; he was a writer, singer, actor and film star, as well as a broadcaster, tour guide and folklorist. In his poetry and travel books, his films

and singing, he celebrated the East Antrim coast and was inspired by the landscape, its people and its history. In this talk, Paul Clements will focus on the significance of the area on Richard Hayward's work and how he helped to promote tourism in Co. Antrim in the middle decades of the 20 century. This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.

WORLD
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DAY**

5 MARCH 2020

World Book Day

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
5 March 2020
7.30pm-9pm
Tickets: Free

Why should kids have all the fun! Larne Museum and Arts Centre will host an evening for more mature book lovers giving them the chance to dress up as their favourite character. We will be exploring all things literary in this fun night out! This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.

**Fairy Folk and Horses
Heads: superstition and
folklore in Ulster: A talk
by Dr David Hume**

Larne Museum & Arts Centre
Thursday 26 March 2020
7.30pm-9pm
Tickets: Free

Dr David Hume will discuss popular folklore and belief in the 18th and 19th centuries and in recent times. He will examine the belief in fairies, banshees, the afterlife, and explain how people made sense of the landscape around them with the assistance of the supernatural! While most folklore is of Irish origin, there are Scottish and even Scandinavian superstitions and beliefs within our folk tales. As well as belief in living creatures such as the fairies, there are also beliefs in ghosts and entities from the spirit world, which Dr Hume will discuss in this talk. This is a free event however, places are limited and **MUST** be booked in advance by contacting Larne Museum & Arts Centre. Light refreshments provided.



General Information

Booking Tickets

Tickets can be booked in person, by telephone and now online. It is important that you mention any special requirements to our staff when booking, we will be pleased to assist you in any way we can. Tickets cannot be reserved.

Online Booking

Online booking is now available for some shows. Please visit: www.ticketsource.co.uk/larnearts

Please note there is a 7.5% additional charge for online bookings.

Booking by Phone

Call The Book Nook on:
028 2826 0395

Booking in Person

Box Office at The Book Nook, 96 Main Street Larne is open:

Monday–Friday	6:30am–5:45pm
Saturday	6:30am–5:30pm
Sunday	Closed

Group bookings

We offer group discounts on some performances. Please contact the Box Office for more information.

Concessions

We offer concession rates for some performances to children aged 16 and under, seniors, the unemployed, students and those who are registered disabled. However, this can vary depending on the event. Proof of identification may be needed.

Data Protection

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council will collect and process your personal information to facilitate your booking. We will keep your information secure, accurate and for no longer than is necessary in accordance with data protection laws. Box office staff may ask to take your contact details to add to our customer database. This is for administration and marketing purposes i.e. to keep you informed about shows and events put on by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Our staff will not add your details to the database without your permission. If you wish to find out more about how we control and process personal data and protect your privacy please see www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/privacy-notice

Further Information

Accessibility

Below is a list of the facilities we offer in all our venues:

- Assistance dogs are welcome.
- Easy to read and Braille signage.
- Deaf Loop System.
- Access for wheelchair users.
- Accessible toilets fitted with grab rails, sink lever operated taps, low level mirrors and pull cord alarms.
- Lifts.
- Allocated Wheelchair spaces for all performances. If you require one of these please advise at the timing of booking.
- Free carer seat for customers who need assistance to attend events.
- We ask customers to let us know of their needs when booking.

Theatre Rules

- Every audience member must have a ticket.
- Once purchased, we cannot exchange or refund tickets.
- Switch off your mobile phone or pager during an event.
- Arrive on time. If you are late, you will need to wait until a break in the performance before going into the theatre.
- You cannot use cameras, video, and tape recording equipment in the theatre.
- Adults need to accompany children under the age of 14.
- Some shows have age restrictions. Children under three can only attend shows aimed specifically at children.
- You cannot resell a ticket for profit or commercial gain.
- If you have a problem, let one of our Ushers know at once. They will try to fix the problem.
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council do not allow smoking in their venues.

Venue Information



Larne Museum and Arts Centre

2 Victoria Road, Larne BT40 1RN
028 2826 2443
marian.kelso@midandeantrim.gov.uk

The American millionaire Mr Andrew Carnegie built the Carnegie Free Library in Larne in 1905. The building became Larne Museum and Arts Centre in 2005, following a major renovation. Larne Art Club and Larne Drama Circle are residents of the centre.

Admission free.

Opening Times

Monday–Friday 10am–4.30pm
Saturday 10am–4.30pm*
*Once a month

Car Parking

You can park at Fairhill Car Park on Victoria Road opposite the museum. This is a pay and display car park. If you need special access, there is an extended driveway to the side of the building. Please call in advance if you would like to use this.



McNeill Theatre

28–30 Tower Road, Larne BT40 1AB
028 2826 2497
info@larneleisurecentre.com
www.larneleisurecentre.com

The McNeill Theatre in Larne Leisure Centre seats up to 270 people. The theatre has lighting and sound equipment as well as a deaf loop system. There is easy access to the stage area and two dressing rooms.

Car Parking

Beside the main building, there are car parking facilities including disabled and family parking bays.



Larne Town Hall

Upper Cross Street, Larne BT40 1SZ
028 2826 2455

Larne Town Hall is available to hire for conferences, seminars, exhibitions, concerts, plays, charity events, awards ceremonies, community events, fashion shows, displays, festivals and meetings. The Mayor's Parlour is located at the Town Hall along with several offices for Council functions.

Car Parking

You can park your car at Fairhill Car Park on Victoria Road, or on the street in Upper Cross Street and Main Street.



Larne Market Yard

Station Road, Larne BT40 3AA
028 2826 2455

Larne Market Yard includes an auction house, outdoor covered sheds and a large indoor covered shed. It provides an excellent venue for markets, festivals, displays, meetings and community events. There is a weekly variety market every Wednesday, 8am–1pm.

Car Parking

There are several disabled spaces at the Market Yard. Town centre cars parks are within easy walking distance of the venue.

Box Office

To buy tickets, check times of shows and general enquiries about the events listed in this guide, please call

028 2826 0395

Venue Hire

The venues are available for hire for performances, corporate meetings, conferences, and community events. Larne Town Hall is also available for weddings. For further information and booking enquiries, please contact:

Larne Leisure Centre
028 2826 2497

Larne Museum and Arts Centre
028 2826 2443

Larne Town Hall
028 2826 2455

Larne Market Yard
028 2826 2455

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