



*The Annual*  
**WHITEHEAD**  
**SUMMER**  
**FESTIVAL**  
*2022*





# Chairman's Address

I am delighted to be able to offer this Summer Festival programme of events as we continue to carefully expand our community engagement. There is something for everyone in the community whether you want to develop your creativity, improve your local knowledge, increase your fitness or entertain all ages. The two-week listing includes long-standing favourites and some new events – take a close look to find the occasions that suit you and your family.

For the 2022 Festival we will be supporting Autism NI, the partnership led organisation formed to promote positive collaboration between parents, professionals and autistic individuals and address the need for appropriate services.

An event of this size requires a great deal of effort, not only by our Committee, volunteers and staff, but by the whole town. We at the Whitehead Community Association would like to thank the many businesses and residents of the town who help make the Festival a great community-wide event for this and, we hope, many more years to come.

## Whitehead Summer Festival 2022 Nominated Charity



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# Programme of Events

**Friday 22 July**

## **Festival Clean-up & BBQ**

Seafront Carpark 6.30pm and the BBQ afterwards at Scout Hut, Beach Road

*(Gloves, Litter Pickers and Bags Provided) – All Ages. Supported by Whitehead Scouts and Wombles and featuring an appearance by The Lough Mess Monster.*

**Saturday 23 July**

## **Wee Gamers Open Games Session**

10 am – 4 pm: Main Hall, Whitehead Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue

*Board games galore for all the family - come along and give it a go.*

## **Autism NI Charity Tea Cosy competition**

Apply at Lighthouse Yarns, 12A Edward Road

*Knit, crochet, macrame, felt – any medium you like, only limited by your imagination. Use your*

*creative talents to make your own unique tea cosy.*

*Closing date: 22 August, with cosies displayed and judged at Whitehead Centre Exhibition space 29 – 31 August. Entry fee: £2 per cosy. Entry forms available at Whitehead Centre or Lighthouse Yarns.*

## **Tides of Time: a coastal history of East Antrim – talk by Dr David Hume MBE, renowned local author, broadcaster, journalist and historian**

11 am: Whitehead Library, Edward Road

*The history of the local area is intricately connected to the sea, through leisure or livelihood. This talk looks at the seafaring history of the area, including lighthouses, shipbuilding, historic events at sea, individual family stories and more.*





## RPSI Steam Train Rides

12 noon – 4 pm: Whitehead  
Excursion Station, Castlevue Road

*Have a cuppa at Platform 3 café  
and hop aboard the steam train  
for a wee jaunt.*

## Far from the green fields of Erin: stories of Ulster emigration around the world - talk by Dr David Hume MBE

2 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward  
Road

*This talk explores Ulster emigration  
to places such as Australia, North  
America and even Argentina. We  
examine why people emigrated,  
how they got to their new land,  
and what life awaited them there  
... includes lots of local examples  
from the East Antrim area.*

## Sound Bath Experience

7.30 pm: McGuigan Suite,  
Whitehead Community Centre,  
Balmoral Avenue

*Come and be treated to a  
relaxing sound bath, with benefits  
for health and wellbeing. This  
unique event will be facilitated  
by Catherine McClintock who  
promises a deeply peaceful and*

*calming experience. Bring a mat,  
warm blanket and cushion. Chairs  
available if preferred. Free of  
charge.*

## Monday 25 July

### Wild Weaving

10 am: Garden shed, Beach Road  
Nature Reserve and Dye Garden

*Join local weaving expert, Tina  
Enlander, to craft a natural art  
piece, using branches, grasses and  
flowers to be left in the reserve to  
naturally biodegrade.*

### Big Family Games Afternoon

2 pm – 4 pm: Playing Fields,  
Castlevue Road

*Bring the whole family along for  
an afternoon of games including  
rounders, capture the flag and  
ultimate frisbee.*

### Tennis Club Rose Bowl competition

6.30 pm: Whitehead Tennis Courts,  
Castlevue Road

*Mixed doubles, age 16 and over.*





## Tuesday 26 July

### Try an e-bike (electric bicycle)

9.30 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

*Experience riding one of the Community Association's e-bikes for half an hour, cycling through town and down to the shore and back.*

*Booking essential with a £20 fully refundable deposit:*

*Call: 028 9337 8077 or email: wca@whitehead-ni.com*

### Summer Reading Challenge, Storytime and Craft

11.30 am – 12.30 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward Road

*4 - 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

*Booking essential on 028 9335 3249.*

### Summer Reading Challenge, Lego Challenge

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward Road

*4 - 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

*Booking essential on 028 9335 3249.*

## Wednesday 27 July

### Whitehead Summer Festival Flower Show

Main Hall, Whitehead Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue

10 am – 11.30 am: Registration

12 noon – 1.30 pm: Judging

1.45 pm: Presentation of prizes

1.15 pm – 2.30 pm: Open for public viewing

*Categories include Floral Art, Horticulture, Home Baking and Kids Section. Full list of categories available in local shops and at Whitehead Centre.*

**ENTER YOUR OWN CREATION!**

### Tea and Newspapers at the Library

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## **Scrabble Club**

2 pm – 4 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward Road

*Friendly competition and lots of laughter. Everyone welcome. Booking advisable at 028 9335 3249.*

## **Tots that Bop – give it a go**

2.30 pm: McGuigan Suite, Whitehead Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue

*Movement to music for toddlers – walking to 3 yrs. Parent participation essential.*

## **Performing Stars Dance Class for 5 – 11 yrs**

3.30pm: McGuigan Suite, Whitehead Community Centre, Balmoral Avenue

*Come and try out a dance session of fun and lively routines.*

## **Family Tennis Coaching for children and adults**


6.30 pm: Tennis Courts, Castlevue Road

*Phone Paul McCrum on 07871784633 to register your interest.*

## **Try Rowing with Coastal Rowers**

7 pm: Boat Park, Blackhead Path Car Park

*Aged 11 and over. Limited places and weather dependent.*





## Mollie Coppock Festival Quiz

7 pm: Whitecliff Inn, Chester Avenue

*One of the highlights of the festival. Come and test your general knowledge at this entertaining evening. £5 per person. Max 6 persons per team.*

## Guided Walking Tour with Steve Diamond

3 pm – 5 pm: Start at Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

*Tour guide Steve Diamond presents some historic and humorous stories from around the heart of Whitehead.*

## Thursday 28 July

### Try an e-bike (electric bicycle)

9.30 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

*Experience riding one of the Community Association's e-bikes for half an hour, cycling through town and down to the shore and back.*

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## Live music with Shindig



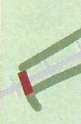



8 pm Marine Bar

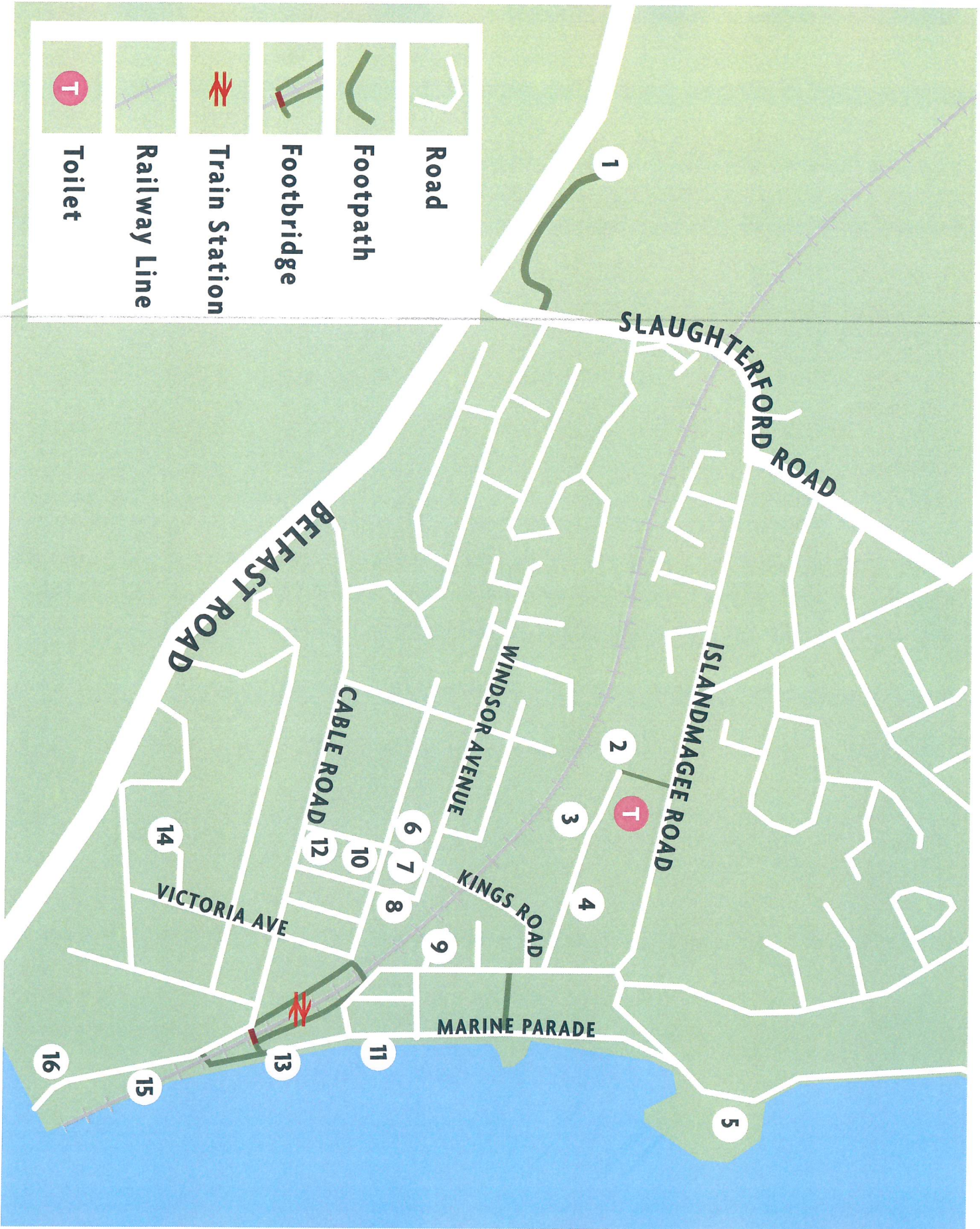
## Autism NI Charity Coffee Morning

10.30 am: Lighthouse Yarns, 12a Edward Road

*In aid of our Festival Charity, Autism NI.*



	Road
	Footpath
	Footbridge
	Train Station
	Railway Line
	Toilet





# Map of Events

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|---|--|----|--|
| 1 | Diamond Jubilee Wood                     | 9  | The Whitecliff Inn                       |
| 2 | RPSI Excursion Station                   | 10 | Lighthouse Yarns, 12A Edward Road        |
| 3 | Playing Fields                           | 11 | The Promenade, Marine Parade             |
| 4 | Tennis Courts                            | 12 | The former Old Tea House, 1A King's Road |
| 5 | Blackhead Car Park                       | 13 | County Antrim Yacht Club                 |
| 6 | Whitehead Library                        | 14 | Lourdes Pastoral Centre                  |
| 7 | The Whitehead Centre, King's Road        | 15 | Scout Hut, Beach Road                    |
| 8 | Whitehead Community Centre, Balmoral Ave | 16 | Beach Road Garden Shed                   |





**Friday 29 July**

**Amazing Ulster Folk – talk by  
Dr David Hume MBE**

11 am: Whitehead Library, Edward  
Road

*A talk which looks at some  
amazing people from our past.  
Limited numbers – book at 028  
9335 3249.*

**Teddy Bears' Picnic**

12 noon: Lourdes Pastoral Centre,  
Victoria Avenue

*Bring your Teddy and your picnic.  
Tea, coffee and juice provided.  
(Children to be accompanied by  
responsible adult)*

**Ulster's American regiment:  
the story of the US Rangers -  
talk by Dr David Hume MBE**

2 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward  
Road

*Trace the roots of this unique  
regiment and its story during the  
Second World War.  
Limited numbers – book at 028  
9335 3249.*

**Guided Stand Up  
Paddleboard tour**

2.30 pm: County Antrim Yacht Club,  
Marine Parade

5 pm: 2 course meal at Lighthouse  
Bistro, Marine Avenue

*Give stand up paddleboarding a go  
and follow it up with a two-course  
meal.*

*Go to [islandmageesup.com](http://islandmageesup.com) for  
costs and booking.*

**Mabel Glass: Whitehead  
Spitfire pilot – talk by local  
historian, Steve Diamond**

7 pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

*The remarkable story of a woman  
who flew across continents and  
loved air races. When WWII ended  
all that, she flew for her country.*



## Saturday 30 July

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### Islandmagee Camera Club exhibition and competition

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

*Display of members' photographs. Come along and see what the camera club gets up to.*

*Exciting photo competition category – Family Pet. Cash prizes.*

*Email your pet pictures to [wlb@btinternet.com](mailto:wlb@btinternet.com)*

### RPSI Steam Train Rides

12 noon – 4 pm: Whitehead Excursion Station, Castlevue Road

*Have a cuppa at Platform 3 café and hop aboard the steam train for a wee jaunt.*

### CAYC Water Fest – Swim, Raft and Kayak racing

1 pm: County Antrim Yacht Club, Marine Parade

*A Festival favourite and a must for all the family. Starts with the swim at 1pm (registration 12.30pm – 12.50pm followed by raft, coastal rowing, kayak, stand up paddle board races and demonstrations. Please bring your own rafts.*

### Promenade Walking Tour with Steve Diamond

3 pm: Blackhead Path Car Park

*Wheelchair friendly walk takes you on a fascinating journey of discovery. Learn curious things about Whitehead's most iconic seafront.*

### Family Tennis Coaching for children and adults

3 pm: Tennis Courts, Castlevue Road

*Phone Paul McCrum on 07871784633 to register your interest.*



## Sunday 31 July

### Guided Seafront Walking Tour with Steve Diamond

3 pm – 5 pm: Blackhead Car Park

*Explore 400 years of the history of Whitehead with tour guide Steve Diamond. Wheelchair friendly.*

## Monday 1 August

### Linen Works exhibition - Stephanie Tanney

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

*This exhibition explores the history of Irish linen, paying particular attention to the mill workers - drop in to chat and share stories.*

### Biodiversity University: Wild Survival Skills

11 am – 1 pm: Diamond Jubilee  
Woods, Slaughterford Road (5-10  
mins walk from Bentra car park)

*Could you survive in the wild?  
Learn how to build a shelter and  
forage for food.*

### Youth Choir/Glee Club Summer School

2 pm – 5 pm: McGuigan Suite,  
Whitehead Community Centre,  
Balmoral Avenue

*Day 1 of a week of singing, dancing,  
games and performing. Music  
will include musical hits, pop and  
classic songs with an exciting  
performance on Saturday 6th at  
the Food and Folk Festival.*

*Cost: £20 per child (for the  
whole week). To book email  
Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com*

## Tuesday 2 August

### Linen Works exhibition - Stephanie Tanney

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

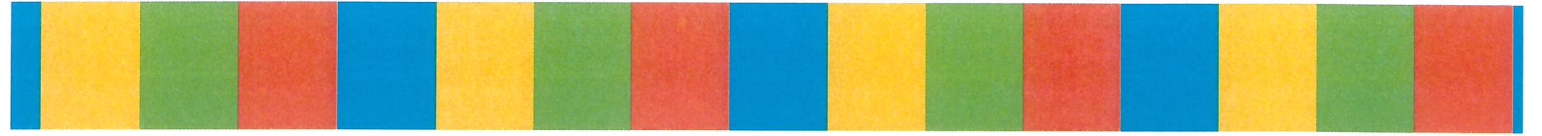
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### Biodiversity University: Bird Spotting & Feeding

11 am – 1 pm: Diamond Jubilee  
Woods, Slaughterford Road (5-10  
mins walk from Bentra car park)

*Using binoculars count how many  
different species you can spot.*





*Feed our feathered friends by making tasty treats using natural and recycled materials.*

## **Youth Choir/Glee Club Summer School**

2 pm – 5 pm: McGuigan Suite,  
Whitehead Community Centre,  
Balmoral Avenue

*Day 2 of a week of singing, dancing, games and performing. Music will include musical hits, pop and classic songs with an exciting performance on Saturday 6th at the Food and Folk Festival. Cost: £20 per child (for the whole week). To book email Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com*

## **Slide Show and Talk: Public Artworks of Whitehead**

7 pm – 7.45 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

*We have murals, mosaics, statues and woven willow wonders. Artist Steve Diaond gives his personal view of the artworks you can find around Whitehead.*

## **Wednesday 3 August**

### **Linen Works exhibition - Stephanie Tanney**

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

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### **Biodiversity University: Potty Pottery – Natural Art**

11 am – 1 pm: Diamond Jubilee  
Woods, Slaughterford Road (5-10  
mins walk from Bentra car park)

*Guided tour of the woodland to collect natural materials to make your own unique piece of art! Be creative with leaves, twigs and petals to make pictures, pieces of jewellery or models.*

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*Day 3 of a week of singing, dancing, games and performing. Music will include musical hits, pop and classic songs with an exciting performance on Saturday 6th at*

*the Food and Folk Festival.*

*Cost: £20 per child (for the whole week). To book email [Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com)*

## **Thursday 4 August**

### **Biodiversity University: Bug's Life**

11 am – 1 pm: Diamond Jubilee Woods, Slaughterford Road (5-10 mins walk from Bentra car park)

*Find out what lives in the grass, between the trees and in the ground. Catch them in nets and watch them up close with magnifying glasses and learn their names.*

### **Summer Sports Camp**

10 am - 12 noon & 1 pm – 3 pm: Recreation Grounds, Castlevue Road

*Sporting fun for 5 – 12 yrs. Pre-registration is essential. Cost: £4 per session. Book on-line at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/resident/sport-and-leisure/meactive-summer>*





## **Linen Works exhibition - Stephanie Tanney**

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

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## **Youth Choir/Glee Club Summer School**

2 pm – 5 pm: McGuigan Suite,  
Whitehead Community Centre,  
Balmoral Avenue

*Day 4 of a week of singing, dancing, games and performing. Music will include musical hits, pop and classic songs with an exciting performance on Saturday 6th at the Food and Folk Festival. Cost: £20 per child (for the whole week). To book email [Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com)*

## **Try Rowing with Coastal Rowers**

7 pm: Boat Park, Blackhead Path Car  
Park

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and weather dependent.*

## **Live music with Shindig**

8 pm Marine Bar

## **Friday 5 August**

## **Linen Works exhibition - Stephanie Tanney**

10 am – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

*This exhibition explores the history of Irish linen, paying particular attention to the mill workers - drop in to chat and share stories.*

## **Biodiversity University: Nature's Nooks**

11 am – 1 pm: Diamond Jubilee  
Woods, Slaughterford Road (5-10  
mins walk from Bentra car park)

*Learn new carpentry skills to make a home for wildlife. Make your own bird box, bat box or mini bee hotel to take home.*

## **Hands on History – touching the past: talk by Dr David Hume MBE**

2 pm: Whitehead Library, Edward  
Road

*A talk based on artefacts  
telling the story of events and  
people through old photos and*



documents. This talk allows the audience the opportunity to get up close and literally get in touch with history.

Limited numbers – book at 028 9335 3249.

### **Youth Choir/Glee Club Summer School**

2 pm – 5 pm: McGuigan Suite,  
Whitehead Community Centre,  
Balmoral Avenue

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### **History of 1a Kings Road – talk by Steve Diamond**

7 pm – 8.15 pm: The Old Tea House,  
1a Kings Road

From the turmoil at the start of the 20th century, through two world wars, to today; this corner of the town has witnessed twelve decades of Whitehead's history.

### **Noel and Gillian's Entertainments Quiz**

8 pm: Whitecliff Inn, Chester  
Avenue

The alternative quiz to test your music, film and tv knowledge. £5 per person. Tickets available from the Whitecliff Inn.

## **Saturday 6 August**

### **Food and Folk Fest**

12 noon until evening: Recreation  
Grounds, Castleview Road

Fabulous family fun, fine foods and the best of the best of live music from local artists, Daryl McCabe, Shindig and Mike Wilgar's Blues Band. Youth Choir/Glee Club. Fantastic family event for everyone.

### **CAYC Regatta**

All day: CAYC, Marine Parade

Sponsored by Tweed Fuels, check out this maritime spectacle from the Yacht Club where 50+ boats of all shapes and sizes will be racing in the morning and afternoon just offshore. Live music too.





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for a wee jaunt.*

## Linen Works exhibition – ceramics workshop using textiles as inspiration

2 pm – 4 pm: Whitehead Centre,  
Kings Road

*Stephanie Tanney will host a  
workshop making a wall hanging  
from plaster. You will make a clay  
cast out of textured papers, linens  
and plants, then cast them in  
plaster to produce a piece of art to  
hang on the wall.*

*There are 8 places available on this  
2hr workshop – cost: £30, booking  
essential at [stephtanney@gmail.com](mailto:stephtanney@gmail.com)*

## Joe Lindsay BBC Radio Ulster Vinyl Sessions

8pm Marine Bar

## Monday 8 August

### Fishing Competition

Marine Parade


6.30 pm: Registration

7 pm: Casting off

10 pm: Finish

*For young and old – proceeds  
supporting Action Cancer.*

*Sponsored by Beattie's of  
Ballycarry. Blast frozen bait  
available from their Ballycarry  
shop.*

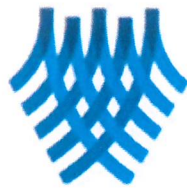




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Belfast Road and Milestone

A poster for Whitehead's Food & Folk Fest. The background is dark blue with white line-art illustrations of various food items: a pizza, a burger, a drink with a lime wedge, a chili pepper, a hot dog, a taco, and various herbs and vegetables. The text is centered and reads: "WHITEHEAD'S" in white, "FOOD & FOLK FEST" in large red, grey, and purple letters, "SAT 6 AUGUST" in red, "12NOON" in white with red arrows, "RECREATION GROUNDS" in red, and "FAMILY FUN, FOOD, & LIVE MUSIC" in white.

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