



The Annual
WHITEHEAD
SUMMER
FESTIVAL
2023



Chairman's Address

I am delighted to be able to offer this Summer Festival programme of events and there is something for everyone in the community. The three-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 2023 Festival we will be supporting Tiny Life, the charity formed to help families here in Northern Ireland with babies that are born too small, too sick & too soon

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.

This year we are asking you to help us develop our vision for the next four years. How do you see your community centre developing and meeting Whitehead's needs in the coming years? Have your say by scanning the QR code below which will take you to a short survey. (https://bit.ly/WCA_survey)

**Whitehead Summer
Festival 2023**
Nominated Charity

**Tiny
Life.**



Programme of Events

Saturday 15 July

Whitehead Summer Festival Flower Show

**10am - 2pm: Community Centre
Main Hall**

10am - 11:30am: Registration

12noon - 1:30pm: Judging

1:45pm: Presentation of prizes

*1:15pm - 2:30pm: Open for public
viewing*

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

ENTER YOUR OWN CREATION!

Photographic Exhibition and Competition launch

**All Day: Whitehead Centre, Kings
Road**

*Islandmagee Camera Club exhibit
their stunning photography and
launch this year's photographic
competition 'Interesting/Beautiful
Whitehead' – email entries to wlb@
btinternet.com by 24th July stating
name and age category (under 12/
over 12). Cash prizes.*

Bowling Taster Session

**10am - 12noon: Whitehead Bowling
Club**

*Register your interest by email at
whitehead.bc@aol.com*

Succulent Terrarium Workshop

**3pm - 4pm: McGuigan Suite,
Community Centre, Balmoral Ave**

*Learn how to make your own
terrarium.*

*£10 - All materials supplied. Booking
essential 02893378077 or wca@
whitehead-ni.com*

Soundbath Experience

**7:30pm: McGuigan Suite,
Community Centre, Balmoral Ave**

*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 event.*

Sunday 16 July

Whiteharbour Open Day

1pm - 4pm: Parking on Quay Lane (Blue badge parking only at Whiteharbour car park)

Visit the atmospheric and historic Whiteharbour, see how it's been restored and immerse yourself in the stunning location. Free event.

Ceilidh Dancing

2pm - 5pm: Community Centre Main Hall

Join members of the Ulster Scots Society, as they talk you through some traditional Scottish Country Dancing. All ages welcome. Free event. Donations welcome.

Festival Clean-up & BBQ

6:30pm: Seafront Carpark

BBQ afterwards at Scout Hut, Beach Road

Gloves, litter-pickers and bags provided – all ages. Supported by Whitehead Scouts and Whitehead Wombles

Monday 17 July

Try an e-bike (electric bicycle)

10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm:
Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Experience riding one of the Community Association's e-bikes for half a day. £15 (half price). Booking essential 02893378077 or wca@whitehead-ni.com Over 18 years only.

Multi Sports

10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm: Playing Fields, Castleview Road

Bring the whole family along for a morning of games including rounders, capture the flag and ultimate frisbee. Book on MEABC website <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/resident/sport-and-leisure/meactive-summer/#community>

The Feuding 'Founder of Whitehead'

A History of Marine Bar - Talk by Steve Diamond

7pm - 9pm: Marine Bar

The Marine was the first and longest lasting hotel here. Hear

how its founder had a lifelong fight with the railway company. Free event. Donations welcome.

Tuesday 18 July

Myths and Mindfulness Walk with Marianne McVey

9:15am - 11:15am: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Take a dander through Whitehead with stops along the way to appreciate the beauty of our town and hear stories that celebrate the natural world. Limited spaces. Booking essential 02893378077 or wca@whitehead-ni.com

Junior Pool Competition

1pm: Rangers Club, Promenade

Registration at 12.45, 10 yrs – 18 yrs, £5 entry. All entry fees go towards prize fund.

Lego Club

3:30pm - 4:30pm: Whitehead Library

Come along and create your own Lego stadium and take part in our penalty shoot-out competition. Prizes to be won. Age 6yrs – 10yrs. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Pool Competition – Cash Prize

6:30pm: Rangers Club, Promenade

Registration 6.15pm £5 entry. All entry fees go towards prize fund.

Words and Music: Singers and Literary Connections from the past - David Hume Talk

7pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Hear about the local music and songs of bygone years and the social history they highlight. Free event. Donations welcome.

Wednesday 19 July

WCA Thrift Sale and BBQ

10am - 4pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

New and nearly new ladies and gents clothing and footwear. Come and browse to find a real bargain. Light refreshments and lunchtime BBQ available.

Tea and Newspapers OR Knit & Natter

10:30am - 12noon: Whitehead Library

Take the opportunity to meet new people and discuss local and national affairs OR enjoy a natter over your needlecraft. Complementary tea, coffee & biscuits. Free events.

Rhythm & Rhyme

11am - 11:30am: Whitehead Library

Toddlers can have lots of fun developing reading, listening and language skills. 0-4yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

“Game on” Board Game Club

2pm - 4pm: Whitehead Library

Join us for some friendly competition. Free event

Mollie Coppock Festival Quiz

7pm: 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.

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Five-a-side Football Competition with Whitehead Junior Eagles

7pm: Castleview Football Pitch

Open to all girls or boys with the birth year 2014, 2015 or 2016. Register your child by sending their name to Whitehead Eagles Junior Academy on Facebook/Messenger or contact Heather on 07800544625. Bring water, sunscreen and boots.

Shindig - Live music

9pm: Marine Bar

Great evening of entertainment and craic.

Friday 21 July

St Brigid's Cross Making

10am - 12noon: Jubilee Wood

Learn how to make a traditional St Brigid's Cross. Join us to gather reeds in Jubilee Wood and master a skill passed on through generations. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Appropriate footwear required. Free event. Booking essential 02893378077 or at wca@whitehead-ni.com

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Children's Cinema Screening Finding Dory

2pm: Community Centre Main Hall

A special opportunity to enjoy a film in Whitehead's old cinema. These screenings are part of the Strand Arts Centre's NI-wide project, The Lasting Picture House,

made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. This is a free event. Refreshments available.

Adult Cinema Screening Jaws







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Ahoy all hands on Deck - Open Deck Night

8pm: Marine Bar

Bring along your favourite vinyl and have a go at playing a mini four track DJ set!

	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 Marine Bar |
| 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 | Rangers Club, Marine Parade |



Saturday 22 July

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County Antrim Yacht Club "Waterfest"

From 1pm: Sponsored by Wright's Spar, Whitehead.

SUP and kayak races (junior and adult), slipway sea dip and DIY Raft Races. Pre-registration essential at www.cayc.co.uk. BBQ and refreshments. All registration fees will be donated to RNLI Lifeboats.

Festival Swimming Race

1:30pm: County Antrim Yacht Club, Marine Parade

Race starts at 2 pm (Registration 1.30 – 1.50 pm)

Whiteharbour Tour and Talk

2pm: Whiteharbour

A special addition to this year's festival. An opportunity to experience the breathtaking location of Whiteharbour. Enjoy a tour of this private spot, and see the treasures that uncovered the history of the harbour. Followed by a talk by Dr David Hume 'Coming Down The Line: Local Railway Tales'. Limited spaces. £20 (includes sparkling wine). Tickets from Whitehead Centre, Kings Road.

RPSI Cluedo Murder Mystery

7pm - 10pm: RPSI Museum, Castleview

A murder mystery evening on board authentic steam train carriages at the Museum's station platform. Enjoy a sumptuous cold buffet with savoury and sweet treats. For the cleverest sleuths, there will certainly be something worth winning! Dress code is smart/casual but if you do fancy getting into the spirit of the event, please feel free to be plum, scarlet or mustard! £45

Reggae Night (Live Music) with Pa Mele Dee Dee

Evening: Marine Bar

A great evening of live entertainment

Sunday 23 July

Plein-Air Competition

9:30am: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Bring your blank canvas of choice to be registered at Whitehead Centre, Kings Road. Let your creativity flow around the many sights of Whitehead. Completed artwork must be returned by 4pm. Junior and Adult categories. Judged by Cynthia Waddell, and winners displayed at The Gallery, Whitehead. Free event.

Wee Gamers & Bunker Club Drop-In

11am - late: McGuigan Suite, Community Centre, Balmoral Ave

Members of Whitehead's own table-top gaming club will be on hand to share the ever-growing modern world of board and table top games. Pop along to see if modern gaming is for you.

When Whiteheaders Fought Rusty Railings and More Stories by the Sea: A Guided Seafront Walking Tour with Steve Diamond

2pm: Blackhead Car Park

Wheelchair friendly.

Free event. Donations welcome

Ceroc (Modern Jive) Tea Dance

3pm - 5pm: Community Centre
Main Hall

Welcoming Ceroc Ignite for an afternoon of dancing for all! Beginners' 'taster' class and open dancing. Ceroc is one of the easiest dance styles to learn for new or existing dancers, borrowing moves from dances such as Swing, Salsa, Jive, Latin American and many more. Bring a partner or come on your own. All ages from 14+.

Monday 24 July

Golf Club Junior Summer Camp

9am - 12noon: Whitehead Golf Club, McCrae's Brae

Ages 8-17yrs. £12 per daily session or £30 for three days. Beginners and intermediates welcome. Call 02893370820 to book

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Glee Club Summer School with Lisa Dawson

1:30pm - 4:30pm: McGuigan Suite, Community Centre, Balmoral Ave

Day 1 of a week of singing, dancing, games and performing. Music will include musical hits, pop and classic songs with an exciting performance at the Food & Folk Festival on 29 July. £30 Per child for

the whole week. Age 8+. To book email lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com

Primary Sources: Eyewitnesses to history David Hume Talk

7pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Telling the stories of local historic events through letters, documents and eyewitness accounts of those who were there. Free event.

Tuesday 25 July

Myths and Mindfulness Walk with Marianne McVey

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From Kitchener Ave to Cableroad Street: Tales from the Heart of Whitehead. Guided Walking Tour with Steve Diamond

7pm - 8:30pm: Starts at Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

Free event. Donations welcome.

Wednesday 26 July

Golf Club Junior Summer Camp

9am - 12noon: Whitehead Golf Club, McCrae's Brae

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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 at the Food & Folk Festival on 29 July. £30 Per child for the whole week. Age 8+. To book email lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com

Thursday 27 July

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Tennis Rose Bowl

6:30pm: Tennis Courts, Castlevue
Mixed doubles. Age 16+

Pop Up Pub Singalong

8:30pm: Marine Bar

Pay-as-you-fee - in support of Women's Aid ABCLN. Enjoy singing? Then this is for you! No other qualification needed. Come and learn a MYSTERY song together. Led by Lisa Dawson with Marine musicians. Followed by live music from Shindig.

Cocktails with Belfast Artisan Gin

Lighthouse Bistro, Marine Ave

Contact Lighthouse Bistro for details.

Friday 28 July

Tea and Newspapers OR Knit & Natter

10:30 - 12noon: Whitehead Library

Take the opportunity to meet new people and discuss local and national affairs OR enjoy a natter over your needlecraft.

Complementary tea, coffee & biscuits. Free events.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

12noon: Lourdes Pastoral Centre

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

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1:30pm - 4:30pm: McGuigan Suite, Community Centre, Balmoral Ave

Day 5 of a week of singing, dancing, games and performing. Music will include musical hits, pop and

classic songs with an exciting performance at the Food & Folk Festival on 29 July. £30 Per child for the whole week. Age 8+. To book email lisadawsonmusic@gmail.com

Summer Jazz

7pm: Whitehead Excursion Station, RPSI Museum

While away a summer evening listening to jazz on our station platform, with music performed by The Crescent City New Orleans Jazz Band Quintet. BYO. £30 (includes buffet) £15 (jazz only).

Noel and Gillian's Quiz for Dummies

8pm: Whitecliff Inn, Chester Avenue

The alternative quiz of the entertainments and the trivial. £5 per person. Tickets available from the Whitecliff Inn.

Ping Pong Tournament

9pm: Marine Bar

Wiff your waff!

Saturday 29 July

RPSI – Steam Train Rides

11am - 3pm: Whitehead Excursion
Station, RPSI Museum

Suitable for children (and adults) of all ages!

Trains every 30 minutes from 11am until 3pm, but tickets need to be booked in advance to get your preferred time slot.

Food and Folk Fest

12 noon until evening: Recreation
Grounds, Castlevue Road

Fun, food, music, bar and lots of family activities including: Bouncy Castles, Youth Choir/Glee Club Flash mob performances, Bells Traditional fun fair.

Photographic Competition

9am: WCA Exhibition Space

Islandmagee Camera Club Competition entries display and awarding of prizes

Music with Ersatz Disko – Joe Lindsay, Nick Hanley, Larry Vegas

Marine Bar

A great night of musical entertainment and craic

Sunday 30 July

Ulster's American Connections

2pm: Whitehead Centre, Kings Road

David Hume talk focusing on local links to the USA. From Presidents to authors and entertainers to musicians.

Monday 31 July

Biodiversity Summer School - Den Building

11am - 1pm: Jubilee Woods

Could you survive in the wild? Leave behind your warm house with the kitchen and cosy sofas and learn how to build a shelter and forage for food. Find natural resources to protect you from the wind and rain and enjoy tasting a variety of plants found in your natural surroundings. Try the special recipe of 'herbal' tea or make your own flavour!

Tuesday 1 August

Biodiversity Summer School - Firecraft

11am - 1pm: Jubilee Woods

Creating fire today is easy but what did we use before the match? In this session we will learn how to site, build and light a successful campfire using flint and steel. We will learn about kindling tinder and ignition as well as how to clear away our fire safely to leave no trace or impact on nature!

Wednesday 2 August

Biodiversity Summer School – Wild Art

11am - 1pm: Jubilee Woods

Art and Nature are linked together. On this session we will find and create our own art tools. Then we will let our minds free to create masterpieces on either paper or crafting using the nature itself. There is no limit only your imagination!

Thursday 3 August

Biodiversity Summer School - Tremendous Trees

11am - 1pm: Jubilee Woods

How well do you know your plants? Interactive tree ID and foraging our woodlands and hedgerows. Learn about wildflowers and make your own fabric art through the ancient Japanese practice of 'Hapa Zome', meaning leaf dye.

Friday 4 August

Biodiversity Summer School - Foraging

11am - 1pm: Jubilee Woods

What can nature provide us for food, medicine or usefulness! On our foraging session we will find, identify and use the plants and trees around us! A good memory or a piece of paper to make notes is a good idea on this session! You will be surprised how much food is around us!

Friday 11 August

Fishing Competition – for adults and juniors

Promenade

Pre-registration from 6.30 pm. Starts at 7 pm. Please bring your own bait. All proceeds to Action Cancer.



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