

# WHITEHEAD VICTORIAN STREET FAIR

Christmas Lights Switch On Saturday 2 December 2023, from 12noon



John G Fleming, Chemist









# **PROGRAMME**

#### Live Music

| 12.30pm | Loughshore Trad |                        |
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| lpm     | Daryl McCabe    |                        |
| 2pm     | Loughshore Trad | Main Stage, Kings Road |
| 2.30pm  | Cecil Knox      | Main Stage, Kings Koad |
| 4pm     | Robbie McMinn   |                        |
| 4.30pm  | Seas            |                        |

### **Relaxed Musical Performances**

| 12.30pm            | Eden Traditional                          |  |
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| 1.30pm             | Flame N Ukes                              | C. D I Cl. I                           |
| $3.00~\mathrm{pm}$ | Whitehead Ladies Choir                    | St Patricks Church,<br>Victoria Avenue |
| 4.00 pm            | East Antrim Senior Accordion<br>Orchestra |  |

# **All Day and Roaming Attractions**

| Funfair Rides          | Balmoral and Windsor Avenues         |
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| Santa's Grotto         | 1st Floor Whitehead Community Centre |
| Steam Art              | Whitehead Centre Exhibition Space    |
| Pottery Demonstrations | Natasha Swan Art 23 Kings Road       |
| Face in Hole Boards    | Outside Whitehead Centre, Kings Road |
| Keyless Barrell Organ  | Corner Balmoral Ave and Edward Road  |
| Traction Engine        | Kings Road                           |

# **Roaming Entertainment**

| 12 – 5pm          | Bubble Trouble                                |
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| 1 – 3pm           | Stilt Walker                                  |
| 1 – 2pm           | Balloon Seller, Carol Singers, Penny Farthing |
| $1-2~\mathrm{pm}$ | Carol Singers                                 |
| 3–5 pm            | Uplift Performing Arts                        |
| 3 – 5pm           | Fire and Light Performer                      |
| 3 – 4 pm          | Balloon Seller, Carol Singers, Penny Farthing |

## Talks and Walks

1.30pm

Dr David Hume, 'Charlotte Riddell and Victorian Ghost Stories' Whitehead Library



Historian and broadcaster Dr. David Hume looks at Victorian novelist Charlotte Riddell, one of the leading ghost story writers of the 19th century. Born in Carrickfergus as Charlotte Cowan, learn more about her and hear a few extracts from her spooky stories in this event.

1pm and again at 2.30pm

Steve Diamond Walking Tour, 'Horrible Victorian Whitehead' – Leaves from outside, The Whitehead Centre, 19 Kings Road



How many servants does a rich family of ten need? Where could you follow a family tradition of getting killed in the workplace? Which denomination had to worship on the beach? Hear all about the upstairs-downstairs, outside-toilet world of Victorian Whitehead on this guided tour (approx. 1 hour duration)



Dr David Hume, 'Stained Glass Stories' -Whitehead Library



Historian and broadcaster Dr. David Hume will be looking at 'Stained Glass Stories', providing a presentation on some beautiful windows and the history and stories associated with them. With windows from different areas of Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Scotland, this will be a nice reflective talk for the festive season!

#### Stalls

| Whitehead Community<br>Centre – Main Hall and<br>Exhibition Space | A selection of craft stalls, teas and coffees, our famous mulled wine<br>and mince pies, or try a retro Snowball cocktail. White Elephant<br>Stall and Whitehead History Group. |
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| Presbyterian Church –<br>Major and Minor Halls                    | Craft, food, plant and charity stalls, teas and coffees.  |
| Methodist Church  | Nearly new handbags and toys, jewellery, and sweets and novelty chocolate stalls. Take- away hot dogs, bacon rolls, tea and coffee from noon until 2pm.                         |
| Church of Ireland   | Outdoor food and novelty stalls at various locations  |

## **Civic Events**

| 4pm | Civic Carol Service Presbyterian Church , Kings Road   |
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| 5pm | Lantern procession to The Whitehead Centre, festive sing-a-long at the tree and light switch-on. |
| 6pm | Firework Display Promenade   |



- 1. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Carol Service
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL Craft Stalls, Victorian teas, coffees and cakes
- 3. LIBRARY Talks
- 4. METHODIST CHURCH Refreshments, sweets, novelties and nearly new stalls. Bargains galore in the Salvage Yard
- 5. COMMUNITY CENTRE MAIN HALL Art, Craft and food stalls with refreshments, mulled wine and fruit mince pies
- 6. CHURCH OF IRELAND HALL Craft stalls and refreshments
- 7. CHRISTMAS TREE
- 8. COUNTY ANTRIM YACHT CLUB Mulled wine and shortbread from 3pm. All proceeds to RNLI
- 9. RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY Santa, Steam train rides and tours
- 10. TUITION TIME Puppet Show hourly
- 11. CHURCH OF IRELAND (Victoria Avenue Entrance) Whitehead Ladies Choir, Accordian Band, Eden Traditional Music
- 12. DISABLED PARKING



The Victorian Street Fair would not be the great event it is without the many individual volunteers who give so much of their time and energy each year, or without the support of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. We wish to thank our long standing sponsors, Translink and Irish Salt Mining and Exploration and new sponsor, Community Closet run by Whitehead Community Centre and volunteers and Flemings Chemist.



# WHITEHEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Victorian Street Fair is run by Whitehead Community Association, supported by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Founded in 1972, the original aim of the association was to rescue and maintain Whitehead's old 1930s cinema, bequeathed by the building's owners to the town on the proviso of being run for the benefit of the whole community.

As a result, Whitehead Community Association is an independent body of volunteers banding together to promote communal, social and civic life in the town.

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