

2025

**26th July -
9th August**

WHITEHEAD
SUMMER 2025 FESTIVAL



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Welcome



We are delighted to offer this eclectic Summer Festival Programme of Events for 2025. We are confident there is something to suit all ages and tastes.

Updates to the Summer Festival programming can be found on our website www.whitehead-ni.com, or on our Facebook page.





The 2025 Festival will be supporting **Hope House**, an invaluable resource which provides free respite accommodation to cancer patients and their carers at any time during or on completion of their treatment, for a short time of quiet rest and recuperation.

www.hopehouseireland.org



2025 Programme



Saturday 26th July

Islandmagee Camera Club Competition Launch

All day

There is no specific theme this year- just ensure your photo will stand out from all the rest! Email up to 3 entries per person to wlb@btinternet.com by Saturday 2nd August. £25 prize for the 15 and under category and £25 prize for the over 15's. Include your name and age category with your entry.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

11.30am - 12.30pm:

Whitehead Library

Children aged 0-4, booking required. Tel: 028 93353249

County Antrim Yacht Club 'Waterfest'

From 1pm:

Promenade

Stand up Paddle Boards. Kayak race (Juniors and Adults)- register on the day. BBQ and refreshments. All proceeds will be donated to RNLI Lifeboats. Pre-registration is essential at www.cayc.co.uk

Festival Swimming Race

2.30pm:

County Antrim Yacht Club

Race starts at 3pm (Registration 2.30pm - 2.50pm).

Whitehead History Day

2pm - 5pm:

Community Centre Main Hall

Whitehead History Group, plus many guests, celebrate our past with photos, slide shows, maps and artifacts from the town. Chat with local experts, or tell us your story. Free, but donations to Hope House welcome.

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Daryl McCabe

5-7pm:

Marine Bar

Jet Black Tulips 5 piece

9pm:

Marine Bar

Sunday 27th July

Coastal Rowers Regatta

From 12 noon:

Promenade

Teams from all over Ireland competing in Whitehead Bay. Come and show your support.

**CWA Brass Silver Band
Concert**

3pm - 4pm:

Promenade

A community brass band made up of volunteers from the local area. Based in Carrickfergus, the group performs events throughout Northern Ireland. Music from pop to rock, from tv shows to films and traditional brass band marches along with famous songs that you will all know and love.

**Guided walking tour of
Whitehead Promenade with
Steve Diamond**

7pm:

Blackhead Path Car Park

Which villain was Whitehead's "founder"? How did the beach arrive by train? No booking required. Donations to Hope House. **Repeated 31 July.**

Jam session

7pm:

Marine Bar

Bring your instruments and join in.

2025 Programme



Monday 28th July

Make it Together Group Taster Session

**Monday to Friday
11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm:
Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space**

Textile artist, Tina Enlander, and group will be here to show you what they get up to in their monthly craft and chat evenings. See what crafts you could do!

Glee Club Summer Scheme

**Monday to Saturday
1pm - 5pm:
Community Centre
McGuigan Suite**

Singing, dancing and games.
Design your own band merch.
Write a summer hit song.
Performance on the last day.
Ages 8+ £45. Book:
[lisadawson.mymusicstaff.com/
glee-club](http://lisadawson.mymusicstaff.com/glee-club)

Myths and Mindfulness Walking Tour

2pm: from Whitehead Centre

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
Tel Marianne Mcvey 07803611971.

Tennis Rosebowl

**6.30pm:
Castlevew Tennis Courts**
Open mixed doubles 16+

The Wandering Swallow A talk by local historian George McGrand

**7pm: Whitehead Exhibition
Space**

A story of romance, betrayal and revolution about Josephine Bracken from Ballycarry who became a Philippines icon.

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Tuesday 29th July

Guided walking tour of Blackhead Path with Steve Diamond

9.30am:

Blackhead Path Car Park

The vegan wrestler's dolphin bodyguard. A shark bigger than jaws! Guided walk, including steep flights of steps. 10 places only, **booking required – 075 0176 6081**. Cash donations to Hope House welcome. Repeated 7 August.

Glee Club Summer Scheme

Monday to Saturday

1pm – 5pm:

Community Centre

McGuigan Suite

Glee Club Summer Scheme day 2.

Mini Architects: LEGO Edition

3.00pm – 4.30pm:

Whitehead Library

Build a famous landmark from LEGO bricks and show off your architectural skills. Children 4-11, no booking required.

Adult Pool Competition

7pm:

Rangers Supporters Club

In memory of Gordy McCormick. Entry fee £5, minimum prize fund £100. To enter please add your name on the registration sheet in the club asap.

Cribbage Club

8pm:

Marine Bar

Learn the game and join in every Tuesday.

Wednesday 30th July

Knit and Natter

10.30am – 12 noon:

Whitehead Library

Tea and Newspapers

10.30am – 12 noon:

Whitehead Library

More Wednesday activities on next page >

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Wednesday 30th July

Words in the Wild Workshop

10am - 12 noon

New Mills Country House

In a private woodland, heighten your connection with nature, concoct hedgerow tea and craft some words together that reflect your day.

Wear sensible footwear and a waterproof coat. Limited spaces - free of charge.

Tel Nuala 07809215392.

Glee Club Summer Scheme

Monday to Saturday

1pm - 5pm:

Community Centre

McGuigan Suite

Glee Club Summer Scheme day 3.

Lizards, Birds & Blossoms

2pm - 4pm:

**Starting at Blackhead Path
Carpark**

Join local wildlife expert, Ian Enlander on a casual walk and talk about the lizards, birds and blossoms that can be found on our coastal walkway.

Mollie Coppock Quiz

7.30pm

Whitecliff Inn

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

Thursday 31st July

Glee Club Summer Scheme

Monday to Saturday

1pm - 5pm:

Community Centre

McGuigan Suite

Glee Club Summer Scheme day 4

2025 Programme



**Guided Walking Tour of
Whitehead Promenade with
Steve Diamond**

3pm:

Blackhead Path Carpark

Repeat of Sunday 27th July walk.
No booking required. Donations to
Hope House.

Line Dancing Taster Session

7pm

Community Centre Main Hall

All ages and abilities welcome,
comfortable shoes required.
Free session.

Shindig Trad

9pm

Marine Bar

Music favourites.

Friday 1st August

Glee Club Summer Scheme

Monday to Saturday

1pm - 5pm:

Community Centre

McGuigan Suite

Glee Club Summer Scheme day 5

Junior Pool Competition

2pm:

Rangers Supporters Club

Entry free with a prize trophy. To
enter please put your name on
the entry sheet in the club asap.

**Supper Club with Whitehead
Ladies Choir & Friends**

7.30pm:

Community Centre Main Hall

Join us for a fun evening of
beautiful music and a light
supper with the Whitehead Ladies
Choir at our Supper Club event!
Bring your own bottle. Booking
essential: **visit eventbrite and
search Whitehead Supper Club.**

**Larry Vegas Festival Quiz
and Larrys Juke Box**

9pm:

Marine Bar

Live Music: Diva Dolls

9pm:

Whitecliff Inn

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Saturday 2nd August

Indoor Car Boot Sale

9am – 1pm:

Community Centre Main Hall

Book at table for only £5 with Whitehead Centre on **028 93378077** or **wca@whitehead-ni.com**. Find some treasures for great prices.

‘By the Coast’ Felting Workshop

10am – 1pm

Methodist Church Hall

£48 including all materials
Tea, cake and refreshments provided. Book via Lighthouse Yarns, 12a Edward Road. Contact **028 93372888**.
lighthouseyarns@yahoo.com

CAYC Regatta

All day

Yacht Club, Promenade

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.

RPSI Steam Train Rides

11am – 3pm

RPSI Station, Castlevew

If you go down to the train today, you’re sure of a big surprise! Explore, then complete our treasure hunt to find Harvey, our special railway bear, having his own picnic. To book:
www.steamtrainsireland.com

What Revolting People: Ulster and the American Revolution

12 noon:

Whitehead Centre Ex. Space

A talk with local historian and author, David Hume. Approaching the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence, we look at the story of the American Revolution and most particularly the role Ulstermen and women played in it.

Dear Future Me: A Time Capsule Workshop

3pm – 4pm

Whitehead Library

Create a personalised time capsule to capture memories and open in the future. Children 4- 11, no booking required.

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Fat and Funky Reunion

8pm:

Marine Bar

With Lisa Lavell- Radio legend
Mark Boyd (London Innit) &
Dr Woodbine

Live Music: Major Bros

9pm

Whitecliff Inn

Sunday 3rd August

One day Art Competition

10.30am - 4pm:

Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space

Bring your blank canvas or paper
to be registered at The
Whitehead Centre from 10.30am.
Paint or draw your artwork and
return it before 4pm. Entries will
be displayed in the Gallery
Whitehead. Senior winner can
claim the prize- a frame for their
artwork, compliments of local
framer Aaron Martin Framing and
Photography.

Granny Square Gathering 2025

2pm - 4pm:

Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space

Come along and make squares
with other knitters and
crocheters. Squares will be made
in to a Christmas Tree displayed
over The Victorian Street Fair.

Jordan Dance Ceili

2pm - 4pm

Community Centre Main Hall

Adults £5 Concession £2.50. In aid
of funding new dance mats.

Jam session

7pm

Marine bar

Live Music: Keni B

8pm

Whitecliff Inn

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Monday 4th August

Whitehead Wonders

10am - 11.30am:

**Community Centre
McGuigan Suite**

Free taster session. Come along to our baby group and meet other families in the area. Music, crafts, activities and snacks. No booking required.

Decoupage Workshop

10am - 2pm:

**Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space**

Free event. Join us for a morning of decoupage on painted bottles and jars. Beginner friendly.

Fishing Competition

6.30pm:

Promenade

Registration at 6.30pm for 7pm start. BYO bait!

Tuesday 5th August

Poetry of Whitehead

11am - 12 noon:

**Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space**

Come and hear poetry about our town or written by Whitehead people. Donations to Hope House.

Dungeons and Dragons: One-Shot Adventure for Kids

2pm - 5pm:

Whitehead Library

Join a beginner- friendly fantasy quest! Perfect for young heroes ready to explore dungeons, solve puzzles, and battle monsters. Aged - 12, booking required.

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**Forgotten Ulster Folk
Talk by George McGrand**

7pm:

**Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space**

Many of our ancestors left these shores to be forgotten, or are they? Did you know a Tyrone man born and bred was to meet President Lincoln for a duel? Much of this talk is having a laugh at ourselves. If you think we are nuts today, just wait till you hear about these guys!

Free event.

**Sid Vicious Cribbage
Memorial Cup**

Time 8pm:

Marine Bar

Cribbage Tournament.

Wednesday 6th August

Knit and Natter

10.30am - 12 noon:

Whitehead Library

Tea and Newspapers

10.30am - 12 noon:

Whitehead Library

Scientific Sue

11am - 12noon

Community Centre

McGuigan Suite

Embark on a scientific journey with Scientific Sue and delve into the mesmerizing world of bubbles! Explore the magic behind their shapes, floating mysteries, and more. Perfect for inquisitive minds. Free event

2025 Programme



Thursday 7th August

**Guided walking tour of
Blackhead Path with Steve
Diamond**

2pm:

Blackhead Path Carpark

Repeat of Tuesday 29 July walk.
Free but donations to Hope House
welcome.

Haunted NI Talk

7pm – 8pm:

**Meeting at Whitehead
Centre, Kings Road**

Join with Haunted Tours NI for an
hours walking tour, where you'll
be regaled with stories of the
history and hauntings of
Whitehead...if you're brave
enough. To book visit
hauntedtoursni.co.uk

Page, Poetry and Pro's.

7pm-9pm

Marine Bar

Readings from local poets Patrick
Ramsey, Matt Rice and Guest.

Shindig Trad

9pm:

Marine Bar

**Suntree Productions
Presents 'My Sweetheart and
Me' Stage Musical Comedy**

7.30pm

Community Centre Main Hall

A production appearing in the
2025 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.
Set in 1969 in the Suntree bar, "My
Sweetheart and Me" is a light-
hearted romantic comedy stage
musical that follows three
couples navigating love,
heartbreak and hilarity in the
fictional sleepy town of
Cheerysville, Northern Ireland.

**No booking necessary – tickets
sold on entry.**

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Friday 8th August

Sonal Sportz for kids

10am – 3pm:

Community Centre Main Hall

A session filled with fun activities, games and sports. Primary 1- 3, 10am to 12 noon. Primary 4- 7, 1pm to 3pm. Book: **028 93378077** or

wca@whitehead-ni.com

Free event. Limited spaces.

Sponsored by Whitehead's Easter Road Race.

Noel and Gillian's

Entertainment Quiz Night

7.30pm:

Marine

Try your trivia and entertainment knowledge at this Festival hero.

Christmas in August

10am – 1pm, 1.30pm – 5pm:

Whitehead Library

Celebrate early with Christmas songs, crafts, stories and festive fun- don your Christmas t-shirt! Children 4-11.

Jackie Rainey Eclectic

Favourites

9:00pm:

Marine Bar

Live Music: Willy Magill

9:00pm:

Whitecliff Inn

Saturday 9th August

Islandmagee Photographic Club Prize Giving and Display

From 10am:

**Whitehead Centre Exhibition
Space**

See the winning photographs of this years competition.

More Saturday activities on next page >

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**Stained Glass Panel
Workshop by Wendy Hough,
glass artist.**

10am- 4pm:

Methodist Church Hall

Learn traditional stained glass techniques used for centuries. £75 including all materials. Tea, cake and refreshments provided. Please bring your own packed lunch. **Book via Lighthouse Yarns, 12a Edward Road. 028 93372888. lighthouseyarns@yahoo.com**

Steam Train Rides RPSI

11am - 3pm

**RPSI Excursion Station,
Castleview**

Food & Folk Festival Day
Whitehead's annual event will be taking place adjacent to our Museum - food, music, stalls and entertainment for an afternoon of family fun.

Food and Folk Fest After party

5-7pm:

Marine Bar

Gavin Corey, with the fabulous Freedom 35s & Dr Woodbine

Live Music: Cherry Sun

9pm

Whitecliff Inn

Food & Folk Fest

12 noon - 6pm:

**Recreation grounds,
Castleview**

A Festival highlight - food, music, stalls and entertainment guarantees an afternoon of family fun.



WHITEHEAD'S

**FOOD
& FOLK
FEST**

FOOD • DRINK
MUSIC • FAMILY FUN

SAT 9TH AUGUST

12 NOON
RECREATION
GROUNDS

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Did you know...The staff at the Whitehead Centre organise 3 major events in the town throughout the year. These include the **Easter Road Race, The Summer Festival and The Victorian Street Fair**. We also run the **Community Closet** charity shop right next door, which helps to support these events. Be sure to pop in for a browse!

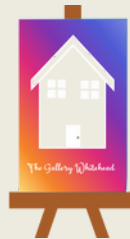
We couldn't do it without the help of our volunteers, so we'd like to extend a massive thank you to you all!

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