

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

JANUARY - APRIL 2024

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS | EXHIBITIONS | MUSIC
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The Harbour Arts Centre is one of North Ayrshire's main venues for arts and cultural services.

Our box office is open
Wednesdays to Saturdays
9.30am - 4.30pm

Contact:
01294 274059
harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Ticketing:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre



Situated in Irvine's Harbourside, the centre has a large main gallery space, two studios and a 115-capacity theatre (with 2 dressing rooms).

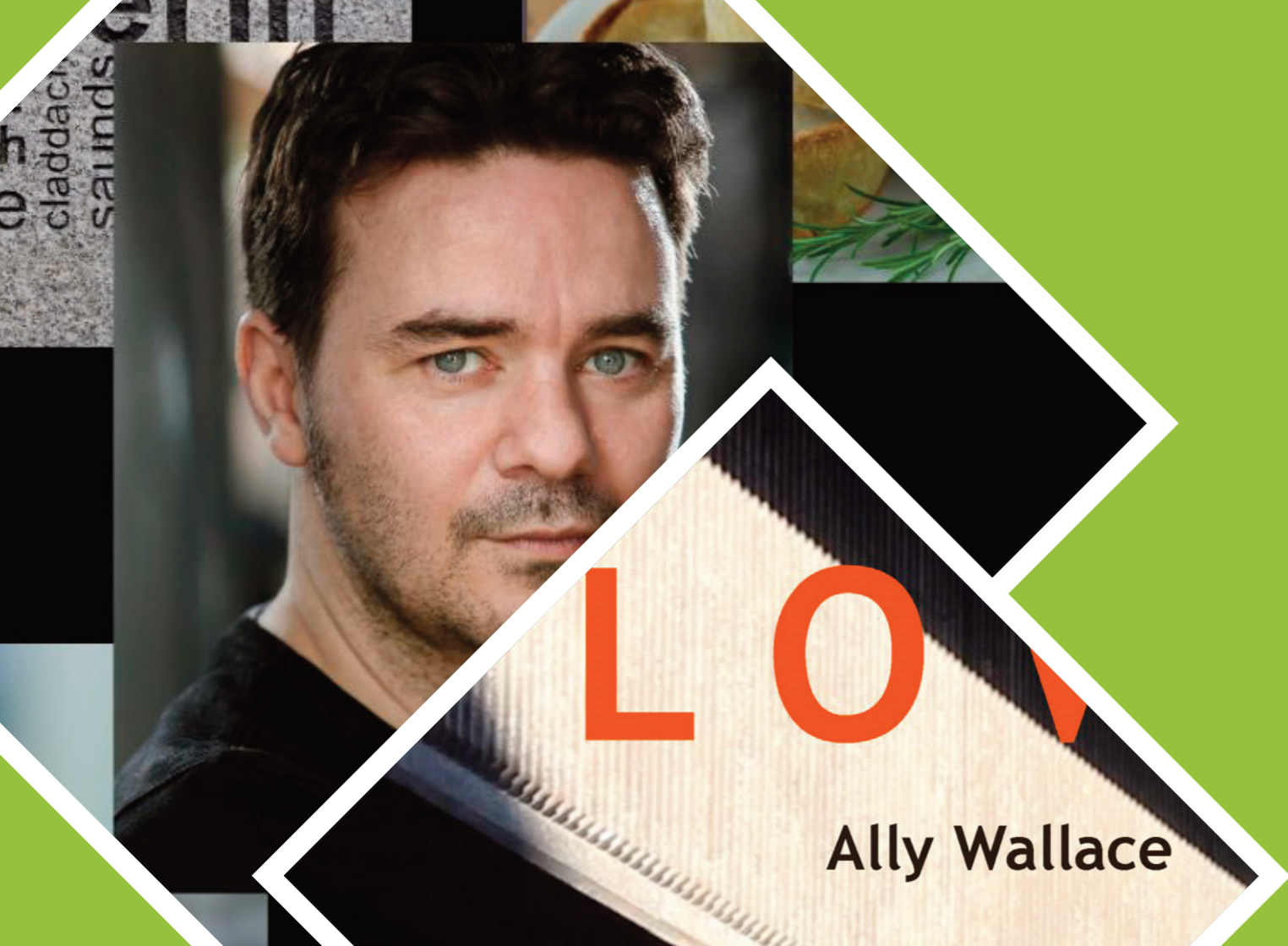


We have an innovative and wide-ranging programme that includes exhibitions, classes, workshops and performances.



The HAC studio spaces are multi-functional and can be configured in various layouts.

MAKE NEW MEMORIES WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WITH THIS GUIDE, YOU ARE ABOUT TO DISCOVER THE MANY EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR ARTS AND CULTURE VENUES ACROSS NORTH AYRSHIRE.



LOW

Ally Wallace

We know the arts we share are just the beginning. the experience you have before, during and after, the stories you tell and the memories you make are everything!

What's happening
January

Flow: An exhibition inspired by the architecture of Irvine New Town by Ally Wallace

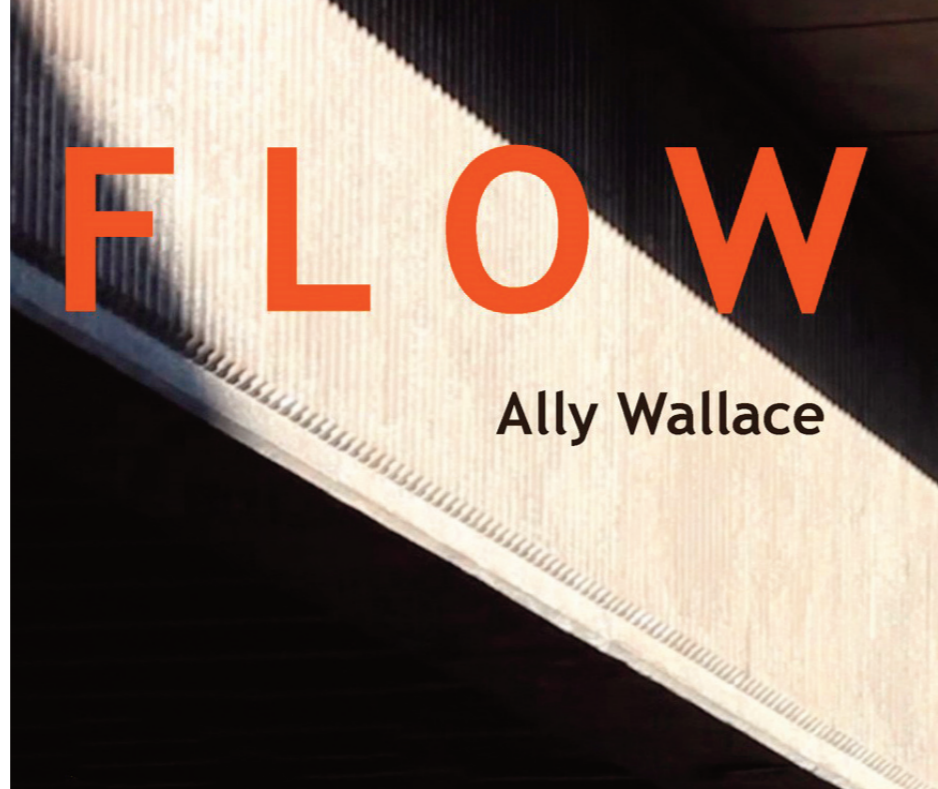
Thursday 18 Jan- Saturday 2 Mar
Harbour Arts Centre, Main Galleries
Free Entry

Glasgow based artist Ally Wallace works across a range of disciplines, including drawing, sculpture and film, to make artworks that reflect his interest in Modernist architecture.

"My exhibition at Harbour Arts Centre features work inspired by trips to Irvine to sketch and film the exterior of the town's indoor shopping centre, Rivergate, which opened in 1975 as part of the construction of Irvine New Town. Originally named the Irvine Centre but always known locally as the Mall, the shopping centre retains much of its original Brutalist exterior and I am particularly interested in the way that the concrete structure forms a bridge over the River Irvine, creating a cavernous, riverine space below.

Exhibition supported by:

SCOTT
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The work in the exhibition is inspired by the time I spent drawing and videoing all around the building but mainly in the strange, quiet space under the bridge".

Tidelines Book Festival Presents: 'Scievin and Scran,' an Evening of Spoken Word

Friday 26 January
Harbour Arts Centre
7.30pm - £10 (includes a hot pie)

Join Tidelines Book Festival for the return of this hugely popular annual event. A warming evening of poetry and prose, with a half-time hot pie included in the ticket price, this is the Tidelines-recommended recipe for warding off those January blues. Scievin & Scran 2024 will be hosted by local professional actor and Director of Poetic Justice Productions, Steven Duffy, with performances from guest local writers and open spots for those brave enough to step up to the mic. Expect an evening of warmth, wit, wisdom, and perhaps few wee surprises.

Tickets include a hot pie provided by our friends at Duncan's Bistro. Please choose the correct meat/veggie/other option when booking (for 'other' please email info@tidelinesbookfestival.com with your name & dietary needs after booking).

For information on open spots for local writers, please email info@tidelinesbookfestival.com. Slots will open in December 2023 and are open to any Ayrshire-based writer aged 14+



"The line-up was brilliant! Pies tasty!"
(audience feedback 2023)

"I've never known poetry could be so much fun!"
(audience feedback 2019)



Treat yourself to a night
of live entertainment at
the Harbour Arts
Centre, Irvine.

What's
happening
February

side splitters

COMEDY

Friday 2nd February
Harbour Arts Centre
8pm (Doors 7.30pm) - £10

Bring It On Events Presents: Sidesplitters Comedy

Sidesplitters Comedy returns to the Harbour Arts Centre!!!

Glasgow comedy circuit regulars Mikey Motion, Paul McDaniel and one of the best story tellers in the business, headliner Scott Agnew. Hosted by Graham Mackie.

A brilliant night in a brilliant venue, Sidesplitters Comedy - brought to you by Bring It On Events - cannot wait to see you there!!!



Saturday 10 February
Harbour Arts Centre
12.30pm - 3.30pm
£55 (all materials provided)

Silver Ring Workshop with Janet Laurie

Make an Open Silver Ring with your own personal touch.

This noisy and exciting workshop will be about learning how to make a silver ring. Learn how to shape, form, texture, stamp with letter punches and turn up a silver ring. Once polished you will have a beautiful, personalised silver ring to take home.

All materials provided. **Ages 16 +**

To book a space contact Janet by email
jlauriedesign18@gmail.com

The McDougalls in Toyland

Saturday 10 February
Harbour Arts Centre - 11am, 1pm & 3pm
£10/£38 for a family of 4

All aboard the toy land train! Join everyone's favourite children's theatre company in a spectacular stage show for all the family.

Have you ever lost a favourite toy? They'll be living in TOYLAND! A magical land over the rainbow full of talking teddies, jolly jigsaws, and dancing dollies!

Join Max, Auntie Aggie and Morag the Rabbit as they go travelling on the Toyland Train and help return the missing toys to their rightful owners back home. Packed with singalong songs such as Miss Polly Had a Dolly and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, this five-star family show is the perfect day out with the kids - filled with musical mayhem and bucket loads of audience participation.

DON'T FORGET -
bring YOUR teddy
bear along to the
show!



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Magpie Journals: Journal Making Workshop

Saturday 17 February, Saturday 24 February, Saturday 2 March and Saturday 9 March
12.30pm - 4pm
£45 for each workshop or all 4 for £160

Join Karen Borland of Magpie Journals and learn how to make beautiful hand bound journals, decorative pockets, envelopes, notebooks and lots more, all created from recycled and vintage materials.

There are 4 different workshops available, each one covers a specific variety of skills and techniques. Everything produced will be rich with creativity, reflecting your own ideas and experimentation.

These workshops are designed to inspire, bringing together a blend of traditional techniques with experimental mixed media and collage. They are packed full of fun ideas, practical sessions, and instructions. All equipment and materials are provided, no previous experience is necessary. These workshops are best suited to adults.

For more information or to book a space, please contact Karen at magpie.journals06@gmail.com



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Toddler Film Club

Thursday 29 February
10am - Free (booking required)

With soft lighting levels, lowered film volume, a dedicated pram and buggy area and unrestricted movement around the theatre, these films are suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their parents and carers.

Pre-booking is required.



TODDLER FILM CLUB

BABIES, TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL
SOFT LIGHTING
LOWERED VOLUME
PRAM & BUGGY PARK
UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT IN
THEATRE

FREE
(BOOKING
REQUIRED)





We all come to the arts from different places, at different times and in different ways. We're here to inspire you to new experiences, maybe for the first time.

What's happening
March



Friday 1 March
7.30pm (Doors 7pm) £20

The Boyds Music Presents: Ready, Steady 60s Show

Harbour Arts Centre regular Gus Boyd from Ready Steady 60's Show and Edinburgh Fringe Award Winning Show "Acoustic McCartney and Sting," returns with his new touring project. In this exciting show you are in charge! The audience get to choose the songs performed by Gus from a 100-song set list of fantastic 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's+ classics.

Almost like a human jukebox! One guitar with one talented voice performing interpretations of iconic and well-loved songs from across the decades



Saturday 2 March
8pm (Doors 7.30pm) £10

Bring It On Events Presents: Sidesplitters Comedy

Featuring hilarious movie-buff Chris Thorburn and our very special headliner Chris Forbes (as seen on ScotSquad and Andy Murray's unknown other brother Duncan, with Judy Murray) and more TBC!!

A brilliant night in a brilliant venue, Sidesplitters Comedy - brought to you by Bring It On Events - cannot wait to see you there!!!



"like a celtic
Ronnie Spector"
**** Scotsman

"great songs with real drive and energy"
Fife Today

'almost a country style Cramps feel...
showcasing how powerful and rich a
voice Fay possesses'
The Ginger Quiff

Countess Of Fife

Friday 8 March
730pm (Doors 7pm) - £17/£14

Insurgent alt country outfit led by legendary Rezillos' frontwoman Fay Fife. Think of the Cramps meeting Johnny Cash.

Urban grit combined with a touch of punk and soulful, tender melodies, taking the genre to the warped frontiers of a previously unheard terrain. Fay's authentic, original lyrics, mellifluous vocals and out-there stage presence combine in an unholy alchemy of alt country, punk and a touch of gospel.

Songs about life, sadness and badness, as well as hope and spirituality.



5 piece band
including special guest
Kirsten Adamson.



Thursday 14 Mar - Saturday 27 Apr
Main Galleries - Free Entry

Arran Open Studios

Arran Open Studios has been running since 2012 and this exhibition will celebrate the first time that they have come together to bring a selection of their work over to the mainland.

Harbour Arts will be hosting this wonderfully diverse collection of work which will include jewellery, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, woodwork and paintings from over 25 Arran artists and makers. Arran Open Studios event will be taking place island-wide from 9th - 12th August 2024.

www.arranopenstudios.org



"If Cua are not on your radar,
then they should be."

Folk Radio UK

Sunday 17 March
7.30pm (Doors 7pm) - £15

Brookfield Knights Presents: CUA

Firmly established as one of the most rewarding musical experiences, following seven years of touring, writing and recording, this trio continues to impress.

Following four visits to these shores from their base in Co. Laois, Ireland, the positive reviews continue to flow as the fan base grows. Respected UK music writer, Marc Higgins told readers they had been "spellbinding!" "It was my second time for this band - three wonderful musicians who manage to sound like a six piece. Their tight three-part vocal harmonies are a complete joy," he said.

When the band played Glasgow's Celtic Connections festival, their show was the first one to become a sold-out event on the entire programme. Don't miss their return to the Harbour Arts Centre this Spring.



Freckfest Presents: BMX Bandits

Saturday 23 March
7.30pm (Doors 7pm) - £17.50

BMX Bandits are an institution in Scottish music. Led by the enigmatic and quirky Douglas T Stewart, the group has essentially been a form of music university over the years.

The Soup Dragons, Teenage Fanclub and The Pearlfishers are just three of this country's greatest acts who are BMX Bandits alumni. Nirvana's Kurt Cobain was a fan of the group, and both Pulp's Jarvis Cocker and The Charlatans' Tim Burgess are huge admirers of the Bandits' ability to meld heartbreak and humour within the same song.

Now has never been a better time to acquaint yourself with this most individual of bands.



Saturday 30 March
11am - 3pm - Free

HAC Easter Eggstravaganza - Drop In

Drop into the HAC anytime between 11am and 3pm for our Easter Egg Hunt, Arts and Crafts and facepainting. No need to book, simply drop in. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied at all times.



Every audience is different, even within the same venue. you just have to make that audience your audience

What's happening
April



Wednesday 3 April
10am - 11am - £5

Arts and Crafts: Easter Marbling (Ages 5 - 8)

Join our tutor Lynn and make your very own Easter themed card using marbling ink. Messy fun!



Wednesday 3 April
12pm - 1.30pm - £7

Arts and Crafts: Painted Cookie Jars (Ages 7 - 11)

Join our tutor Lynn and paint your very own design on a cookie jar. Take it home and fill with your Easter treats, yum!



Thurs 4 & 1.Wed 10 April
11am- Free

Family Film Club

Sit back, relax and entertain the kids for an hour or two with our family films. Films suitable for children and their families in a relaxed environment.

Pre-booking required.



Saturday 6 April
10am - Free

Toddler Film Club

With soft lighting levels, lowered film volume, a dedicated pram and buggy area and unrestricted movement around the theatre, these films are suitable for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their parents and carers.

Pre-booking is required.



Saturday 6 April
8pm (Doors 7.30pm) - £10

Bring It On Events Presents: Sidesplitters Comedy

Featuring Kyle Samuel and headliner, the comedic genius well-known for his social media posts, Joe Heenan, and more TBC! Hosted by Viv Gee. A brilliant night in a brilliant venue, Sidesplitters Comedy - brought to you by Bring It On Events - cannot wait to see you there!!!



Wednesday 13 April
Saturday 13 April £8 - 11am

Act About presents The Hare & The Tortoise

Join Act About for their brand new, high energy, interactive, family production of The Hare & The Tortoise!

Meet a very cheeky and highly energetic hare and a super sweet and velocity challenged tortoise- surely it's obvious who will win in a race between them - well that's what the hare thinks anyway!

Join this unlikely pair along with other wacky woodland creatures for fun, games and a whole lot of silliness and help them train for the race of a life time. Get your running shoes on, and get your tickets today!



Thursday 11 April

10.30am - 12pm (Ages 5 - 7)

1.30pm - 3pm (Ages 8 - 12)

£6

Easter Rabbit Fun with Ayrshire Art Classes

Make your own Easter bunny portraits using recycled materials and various papers and fabrics. Lots of painting, sticking and creative fun! Take home a framed hanging portrait to hang on your wall! The workshop will be adjusted to suit the capabilities of both age groups.



Friday 12 April

7.30pm (Doors 7pm) - £14/£12

Lorenzo Novani: Cracked Tiles

'Cracked Tiles' is a one-man drama which follows a young man one year after the death of his father as he is preparing to sell his inheritance, the family's crumbling empire; a run-down chip shop in Glasgow's rough east end. The drama in 'Cracked Tiles' is fuelled by the protagonist's discovery that the business his Scots-Italian family has been so proud of, hasn't made any profit for almost a decade and is literally crumbling to pieces. Why did his father persist with it for so long? And why did he allow the family's legacy to crumble to pieces?

In 'Cracked Tiles' the protagonist excavates the past to find answers but finds that he can't dig into the past without navigating hurtful memories and asking difficult questions of his father.

Suitable for age 14 +

Freckfest Presents: Kirsten Adamson

Saturday 20 April

7.30pm - £15

Kirsten Adamson is the daughter of the late, great Stuart Adamson, Big Country's heroic, anthemic focal point. Taking her cue from her father's soulful spirit, Kirsten channels the best of Sandy Denny, Emmylou Harris and Kate Bush to create her own unique version of the singer/songwriter.

Folkish in places, countryish in others - that'll be the upbringing in Nashville - Kirsten Adamson is one of Scotland's brightest hidden talents. For the Harbour Arts Centre show, Kirsten will be joined by her band The Tanagers.

Expect pin-drop crystal clear vocals underpinned with close-knit harmonies and skilful Americana.

Not to be missed.



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Thursday 25 April
8pm (Doors 7.30pm) - £13countess

THE MUSIC OF GRAM PARSONS AND EMMYLOU HARRIS

THE CITY SINNERS, featuring some of the top players on the Scottish country/Americana music scene, have reformed to mark the 50th anniversary of the release of "Grievous Angel", the first official collaboration between Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris.

The show will feature most of this album, in addition to other songs associated with both Gram and Emmylou.



**100
SONGS
100
MINUTES**

Friday 26 April
7.30pm - £15

The Boyds: 100 Songs in 100 Mins

Join us for the very best of the Mod 60s and the British Beat Boom! One four-piece live band with stunning vocals and performing with high energy and recreating this iconic era!

A 100-minute show with video clips, footage and voice overs...
Rated as the top UK authentic sounding 60s show.

It's going to be a great night!

This Is Where We Get Off by Ingram Noble and Heather Spiden

Saturday 27 April
7.30pm (Doors 7pm) - £10/£8

'This Is Where We Get Off' follows the Moffatt family through some of the most difficult days of their lives. Yvonne is seven months pregnant, her husband Phillip is constantly disappearing and leaving dodgy phone bills behind.

Their eighteen-year-old son Lip is debating joining the army and trying to navigate his love life, and their dog-breeding, adult toy-selling neighbour Ronnie is still doing his weekly shop in their kitchen.

How will they cope with the unexpected arrival of an estranged family member?

★★★★★
GLASGOW TIMES

★★★★★
BINGE FRINGE

THIS IS WHERE WE GET OFF

BY INGRAM NOBLE AND HEATHER SPIDEN

"The writing is better than some programmes broadcast today!"

- Lisa In The Theatre



"This Is Where We Get Off is a reminder of how theatre can, and perhaps more often should, be done!"

Binge Fringe Magazine.



10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm
Starts Tuesday 6th February



10am - 11.30am
Starts Saturday 10th February



10am - 12pm
Starts Thursday 1st February



10am - 12pm
Starts early February



Wednesday 17th January - 27th March
Various times after school

TUESDAY ART WITH JULIA GRIFFIN

The Tuesday Art Class has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and is suitable for all level of artistic ability, particularly beginner and intermediate. There are no set lessons so you can go at your own pace and receive one-to-one coaching tailored to suit your needs. It is a friendly and informal class environment with an emphasis on enjoying the process & building confidence.

To book please contact Julia direct at juliagriffinart@outlook.com

SATURDAY ART CLASS (for 11 - 18yrs) WITH JULIA GRIFFIN

The Saturday art class is perfect for young people with a flair for art, who want to expand on their natural abilities. There are no set lessons so they will have the freedom to explore subjects that interest them while receiving one-to-one coaching. It is the ideal environment for young artists to perfect their drawing and painting skills.

To book one or two blocks please contact: juliagriffinart@outlook.com

THURSDAY ART WITH DAVID REID

This class should cater for all, from the very beginner to the improver. The class is geared towards the individual and their special interests. There are occasional group works to challenge the students in specific aspects of art, perhaps highlighting a famous artist or style.

To book please contact David direct at davidreid95b@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY WRITERS GROUP

Take a walk through the creative writing experience, from putting those first thoughts/descriptions/emotions down on paper, to various types of publication. The group has a variety of interests and abilities, so we cover as many aspects of writing as possible.

To book please contact David direct at davidworker@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON DRAMA SESSIONS WITH SHOWWORKS

Learn skills, build confidence, and make friends. Our fun and dynamic weekly sessions focus on acting, singing, dance, imagination, and teamwork.

A great way to build confidence, make friends and learn skills FOR LIFE! Weekly group classes are split by age with regular performance opportunities and the chance to gain awards and qualifications for the ultimate confidence boost!

Taught by industry professionals combining experience of the arts and education.

More information and booking can be found on Showworkstheatre.com



What's happening in North Ayrshire Libraries

Our libraries have a range of activities to suit all ages.

Each library hosts regular Bookbug sessions for the under 5s as well as special activities such as Messy Play or Sensory Play to keep learning fun.



We have regular groups for primary aged children, for example Lego and during the school holidays each library will have an activity programme with themed arts and crafts, games and sessions with specialists, such as musical activities.

Some libraries have Book Groups for adults as well as author visits and craft groups where you can learn a new skill.

Our libraries are filled with lots of exciting books from board books for babies, story books for children, fiction books for young adults and bestsellers for adults as well as wide selection of biographies, cookbooks and books to support hobbies.



We have computer pc access in most libraries along with Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi printing where you can print from your own device.

We have an eBook, eAudiobook and Digital Magazine service - perfect to download if you are travelling. Please ask if you need any assistance with this.

Find out more by visiting your local library or following us on social media. You can also scan the QR codes for our website and library catalogue.

www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries

Facebook: North Ayrshire Libraries
Twitter: @NACLlibraries





Health and Wellbeing Workshops

Workshops are being held in libraries to support health and wellbeing.

Mind/body connection/Bio-hacking

an interactive talk on the effects of our thoughts and feelings on our physical and mental health. How to use our thoughts to change our perceptions, along with practical exercises to naturally change the levels of certain chemicals in the blood to alter our emotional state and improve our experience of life.

Gratitude and Kindness

An interactive session looking at the many health benefits of gratitude and detailing the health and social benefits of kindness, including a craft activity and meditation.

Venues and Date:

Saltcoats Library

Tuesday 23rd January
1030am-1130am and 1145am - 1245pm

Irvine Library

Thursday 25th January
2pm-3pm and 315pm-415pm

Largs Library

Friday 26th January
1030am-1130am and 1145am-1245pm

Kilwinning Library

Tuesday 30th January
1030am-1130am and 1145am-1245pm



What's happening at The Heritage Centre

Home to North Ayrshire Council's museum collection and features a varied programme of temporary exhibitions

North Ayrshire Heritage Centre
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Saltcoats
KA21 5HB
Tel: 01294 464174
Email: naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Website: www.naheritage.co.uk
Facebook: North Ayrshire Heritage and Cultural Services
Twitter: @NACHeritage

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and last Saturday
of the month: 9.30am - 1.00pm, 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Free entry



**New and Unusual
(and a Few of Our Favourite Things)**

January to April 2024

North Ayrshire's Heritage Team are delighted to display a mix of artwork, objects, and archives from their own collections. Highlights for January include a display of our Robert Bryden, George Houston and Graham McKean artworks relating to Robert Burns, from the recognised Burns Scotland collection. Our temporary exhibitions sit alongside a permanent display of some of the larger objects from the collections, including the Ardrossan Sarcophagus and the Kilwinning Cross.

**the
heritage
centre**



What's happening with NORTH AYRSHIRE RANGER SERVICE



Friday 26th January to Friday 29th March
9:30am - 12:30pm - Free

Friday Conservation Volunteers

Come along on a Friday and help the Ranger Service to manage and maintain some of its varied habitats.

Learn new skills and meet likeminded people whilst improving the Park for nature. All tools and training provided. Wear wet weather appropriate clothing and sturdy boots, tea and coffee will be provided.

Contact:
eglingtoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
for further information and if you are considering joining the group.



Monday 29th January to Monday 25th March
9:30am - 12:30pm - Free

Path Stewardship Group

This group works to manage and maintain the core paths around Eglinton Country Park. Learn new skills and meet likeminded people whilst improving the Park for access.

All tools and training provided. Wear weather appropriate clothing and sturdy boots. Come along on a Monday morning and work with the independent, Path Stewardship Group, with support from the Ranger Service.

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What's happening in The Community

Dalgarnen Mill Museum of Ayrshire Country Life and Costume

Dalgarnen
Kilwinning KA13 6PL
Tel - 01294 552448

Admin@dalgarnenmill.org.uk
www.dalgarnenmill.org.uk
]Facebook - Dalgarnen Mill
Museum of Country Life and
Costume
X - @DalgarnenMill



Sew 'n' Sews Quilts

Our biennial exhibition of quilts and textiles produced by Kilbirnie's own Sew 'n' Sews patchwork group. The technical skills and artistic talent displayed in the colourful range of quilts on show in our main gallery will astound and delight you. On display until the end of February.

OPENING HOURS:
Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm,
Sunday 11am to 4pm (last entry 3pm)
Adult: £7.50 Child under 16: £5.00
Child under 5: Free
Family £25.00
(2 adults and up to 4 children under 16)



The Little Black Dress

Since its instigation by Coco Chanel in the 1920s, the simple Little Black Dress has become the epitome of good taste and elegance. This beautiful exhibition explores the LBD through the decades. Runs until the end of February.

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Treasures from the East

This is a stunning collection of Imperial silk embroidered robes, dating back to the late eighteenth century. These were donated by descendants of missionaries who were in China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion and who rescued these incredible costumes from certain destruction. On display from April.

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Crinolines

Popular since the mid 19th century, this hooped petticoat dress came in many colours in satin, silk and brocade. The exhibition also features capes, shawls, coats, boots and bonnets from the Victorian era. On display from April.

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Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
10.30am -12.30pm and 2.00pm- 4.00pm
 Free entry

The History of Portencross and Hunterston

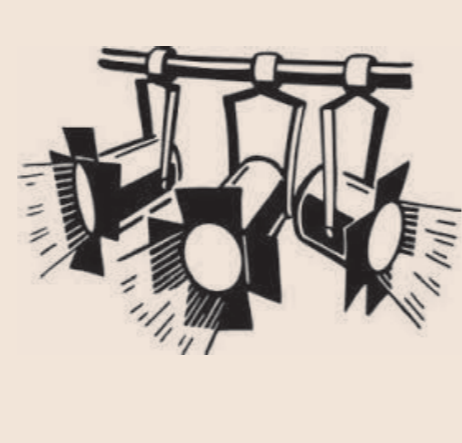
This iconic and lighthearted presentation tells the history of the village of Portencross and the Hunterston estate and gives an insight into what life would have been like living there. The Museum reopens on Saturday 24th January and this exhibition runs until the end of February.

Influence of I.C.I. in West Kilbride

The Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) was the largest chemical manufacturer in the UK, founded in 1926 following the merger of other companies including Alfred Nobel's Nobel Enterprises at Ardeer, Stevenston.

West Kilbride Museum
1st floor, West Kilbride Village Hall,
Arthur Street, West Kilbride KA23 9EN

Tel: 01294 823284
www.westkilbridemuseum.org.uk
 (Accessible via stairlift if required)



Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th
February 2024, from 7pm
 Tickets available at the door

Arran One Act Drama Festival

Arran Community Theatre,
 KA Campus, Lamlash KA27 8NB

Further details on Social Media Link:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064531012813>

Performing Arts on Arran (visitarran.com)



Open all year Tuesday - Saturday 10am-5pm
 Check online for Sunday Opening

Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, Brodick, Isle of Arran KA27 8DE

Exhibition of Local artists work throughout the year - check local press & social media for details.

January 23rd - March 30th
 Small works (unframed)

April 2nd - June 30th
 'The High Life'
 mountains & cliffs

July 2nd - September 29th
 Island vibes & Salty tides

October 1st - December 21st
 'Sentinels' lighthouses
 & sea stacks



Friday 26 April
 7.30pm - £15

Irvine and Dreghorn Brass Band

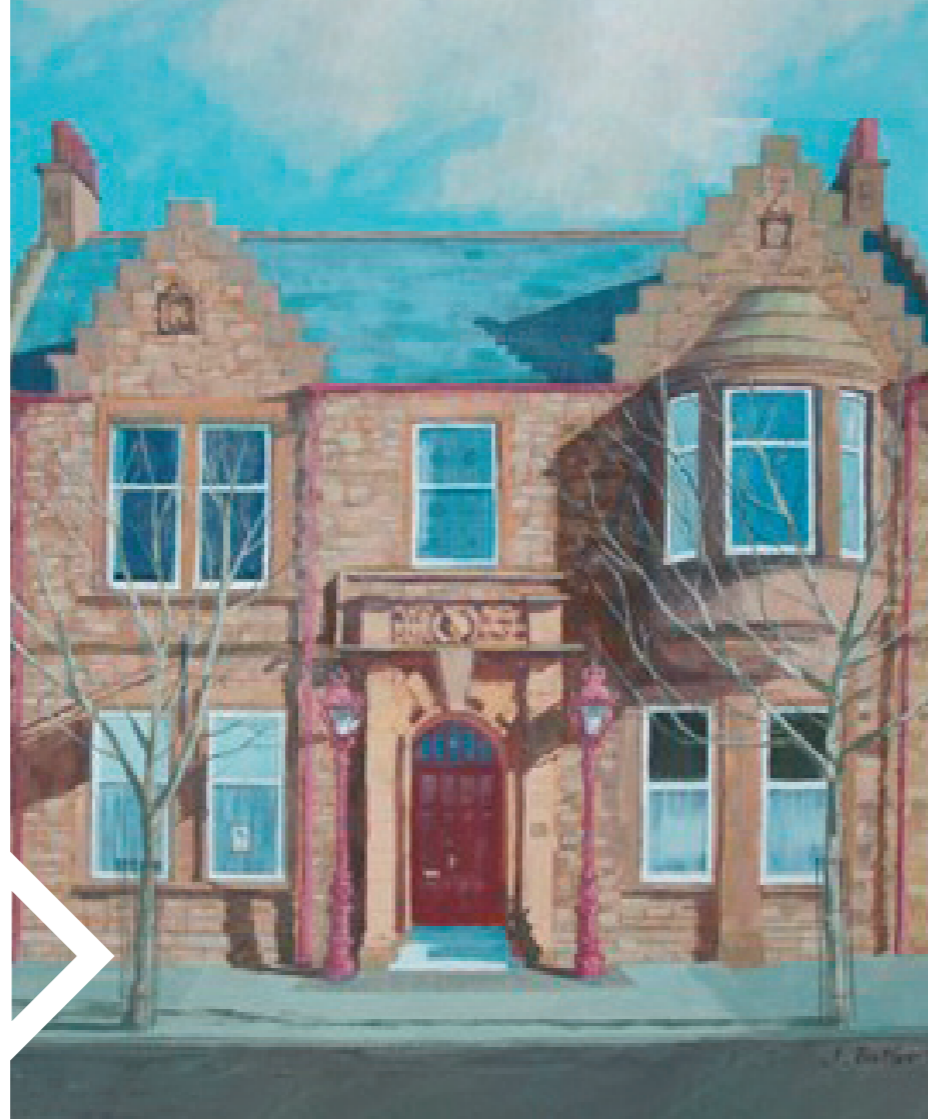
We love to see new faces and all players are welcome! If you are interested in joining the competing band, community band, youth band or brasslets, please contact us for more information, either using contact@idbrass.com or by sending a message to Derek Leitch on 07855 062478

Wellwood Burns Centre & Museum

January until March open
on Saturdays from 2.30pm.
Admission is free.
For groups of 8 or more, email
visits@irvineburnsclub.org.

Visit the Wellwood Burns Centre & Museum, the home of Irvine Burns Club (est.1826). Wellwood offers a unique visitor experience.

Enjoy a guided tour around a Burns Centre displaying a wide range of items, including the chair in which Burns sat while in Irvine in 1781.



Coffee Cadenzas

Saturday 20 April
7.30pm - £15

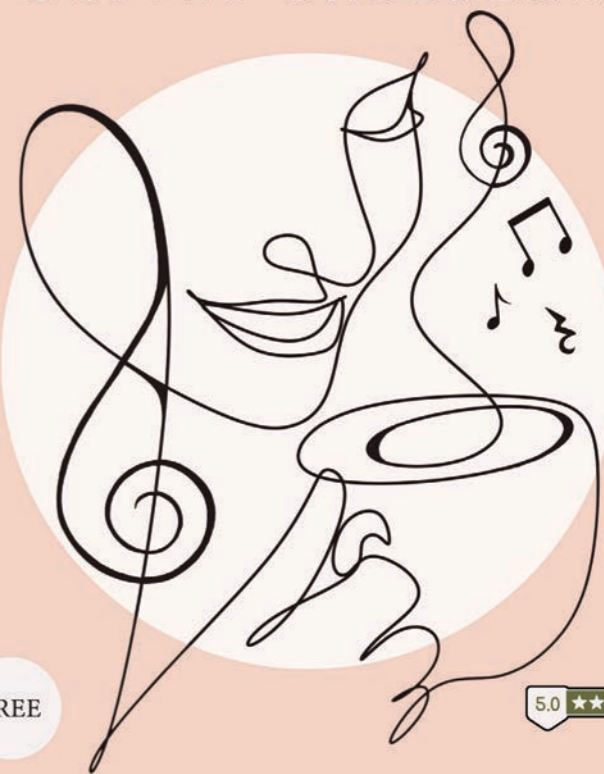
'Coffee Cadenzas' is a community project with the aim to bring members of the community together through the joy of art and music.

Our artists are students/graduates of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and other music specialising higher institutions. Music will range from Baroque style (1700's) to performers' compositions created this year. A truly special event that members of the public do not have so easily accessible, let alone on their doorstep in North Ayrshire.

We want to break the restrictions of classical traditions and offer members of the public the choice of how they want to experience the event. This will be freedom of movement, providing areas where participants can talk, solely listen to the music, or find a quiet corner to reflect.

Check out the following links to keep updated:
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Coffee-Cadenzas/61550277674456/>
Website:
kickstartopera.com/coffeecadenzas

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A concert series presented by Kickstart Opera and musician's of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Every Saturday Morning.

Barony Centre, West Kilbride.



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At a Glance



January

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
18 JAN	IRVINE NEW TOWN EXHIBITION	(Jan to March)	HAC
23 JAN	HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP - Saltcoats Library	VARIOUS	LIBRARY
25 JAN	HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP - Irvine Library	VARIOUS	LIBRARY
26 JAN	HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP - Largs Library	VARIOUS	LIBRARY
26 JAN	FRIDAY CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS	930-1230PM	EGL.PARK
26 JAN	TIDELINES - SCRIEVIN' AND SCRAN	730PM	HAC
29 JAN	PATH STEWARDRSHIP GROUP	930-1230PM	EGL.PARK
30 JAN	HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKSHOP - Kilwinning Library	VARIOUS	LIBRARY

February

2 FEB	SIDEPLITTERS COMEDY	8PM	HAC
10 FEB	JEWELLERY WORKSHOP	1230-330PM	HAC
10 FEB	MCDUGALLS IN TOYLAND	1PM	HAC
17 FEB	JOURNAL MAKING WORKSHOP	1230-4PM	HAC
24 FEB	JOURNAL MAKING WORKSHOP	1230-4PM	HAC
29 FEB	TODDLER FILM	10AM	HAC

March

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
1 MAR	READY STEADY 60S SHOW	730PM	HAC
2 MAR	JOURNAL MAKING WORKSHOP	1230-4PM	HAC
2 MAR	SIDESPLITTERS COMEDY	8PM	HAC
8 MAR	COUNTESS OF FIFE	730PM	HAC
9 MAR	JOURNAL MAKING WORKSHOP	1230-4PM	HAC
14 MAR	ARRAN OPEN STUDIOS EXHIBITION	(Mar-Apr)	HAC
17 MAR	BROOKFIELD KNIGHTS - CUA	730PM	HAC
23 MAR	FRECKFEST PRESENTS BMX BANDITS	730PM	HAC
30 MAR	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANSA	11-3PM	HAC

April

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
3 APR	PAINTED COOKIE JARS WORKSHOP (AGE 7-11)	12-130PM	HAC
4 APR	FAMILY FILM CLUB	11AM	HAC
6 APR	TODDLER FILM CLUB	10AM	HAC
6 APR	SIDESPLITTERS COMEDY	8PM	HAC
10 APR	FAMILY FILM CLUB	11AM	HAC
11 APR	EASTER RABBIT FUN (AGES 5-7)	1030-12PM	HAC
11 APR	EASTER RABBIT FUN (AGES 8-12)	130-3PM	HAC
12 APR	LORENZO NOVANI : CRACKED TILES	730PM	HAC
20 APR	FRECKFEST PRESENTS KIRSTEN ADAMSON	730PM	HAC
25 APR	THE CITY SINNERS - MUSIC	8PM	HAC
26 APR	100 SONG IN 100 MINUTES	730PM	HAC
27 APR	THIS IS WHERE WE GET OFF	730PM	HAC



Venue Information

Harbour Arts Centre

114-116 Harbour Street
Irvine, North Ayrshire KA12 8PZ
Tel: 01294 274059
Email: harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Website: thehac.co.uk

Opening hours

Wednesday - Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm
Closed - Sunday Monday Tuesday
Facebook: Harbour Arts Centre
Twitter: @HACIrvine
YouTube: Harbour Arts Centre



Find Us From Glasgow: Follow signs for A77/Kilmarnock/Prestwick Airport then take the A71 towards Irvine. Follow the tourist route brown road signs to the Harbourside. You will see 'The Hac' on your right-hand side in a row of buildings opposite the river.

From Ayr: Follow the A77/A78 north, continue to Ayr Road/A737 and continue as above.

Buses from Ayr/Ardrossan (585), Kilwinning (38), Ardrossan/Kilmarnock (11), Kilmarnock/Crosshouse (21), Troon (14A) Glasgow and the Garnock Valley (X34) all have convenient stops nearby.

Trains depart from Glasgow Central and Ayr every half hour. Irvine is on the main Glasgow-Ayr line. The HAC is a 10-minute walk along the harbour from the railway station. There is ample free street parking immediately surrounding the venue.

Heritage Centre

13 Kirkgate
Saltcoats
KA23 9QJ
Tel 01294 464174
naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Website: naheritage.co.uk
Facebook - North Ayrshire Heritage and Cultural Services
Twitter - @NACHeritage

Opening Hours

Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
9.30am-1pm and 2pm - 4.30pm

Eglinton Country Park

Irvine
KA12 8TA
01294 551776
eglintoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
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North Ayrshire Libraries

www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries
Check local branches for opening hours
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Garrison House

Millport
KA28 0AZ
01475 531381
Email: jan.wilkie@garrisonhousecumbrae.org.uk
Opening Times (free admission):
Monday 9am - 5pm
Tuesday 9am - 6pm
Wednesday Thursday Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm (open until 5pm from 1st April)
Sunday 9am - 4pm (open until 5pm from 2nd April)

Booking & Venue information:

Buy your tickets:

Online:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre
In person: at Harbour Arts Centre Box Office

Phone: 01294 274059

Email: harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Website: thehac.co.uk

Box Office Opening Hours:
Wed - Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm
Closed for lunch 1-1.45pm

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Transaction Fees:

Tickets bought online incur a booking fee of 0.75%, if bought in person a booking fee does not apply.

Methods of Payment:

We accept Visa, Mastercard and Cash.

Refunds:

Only in the event of a cancellation, postponement, or majorly altered performance, customers would be entitled to a refund of their original tickets - including booking fee.

Accessibility Advice:

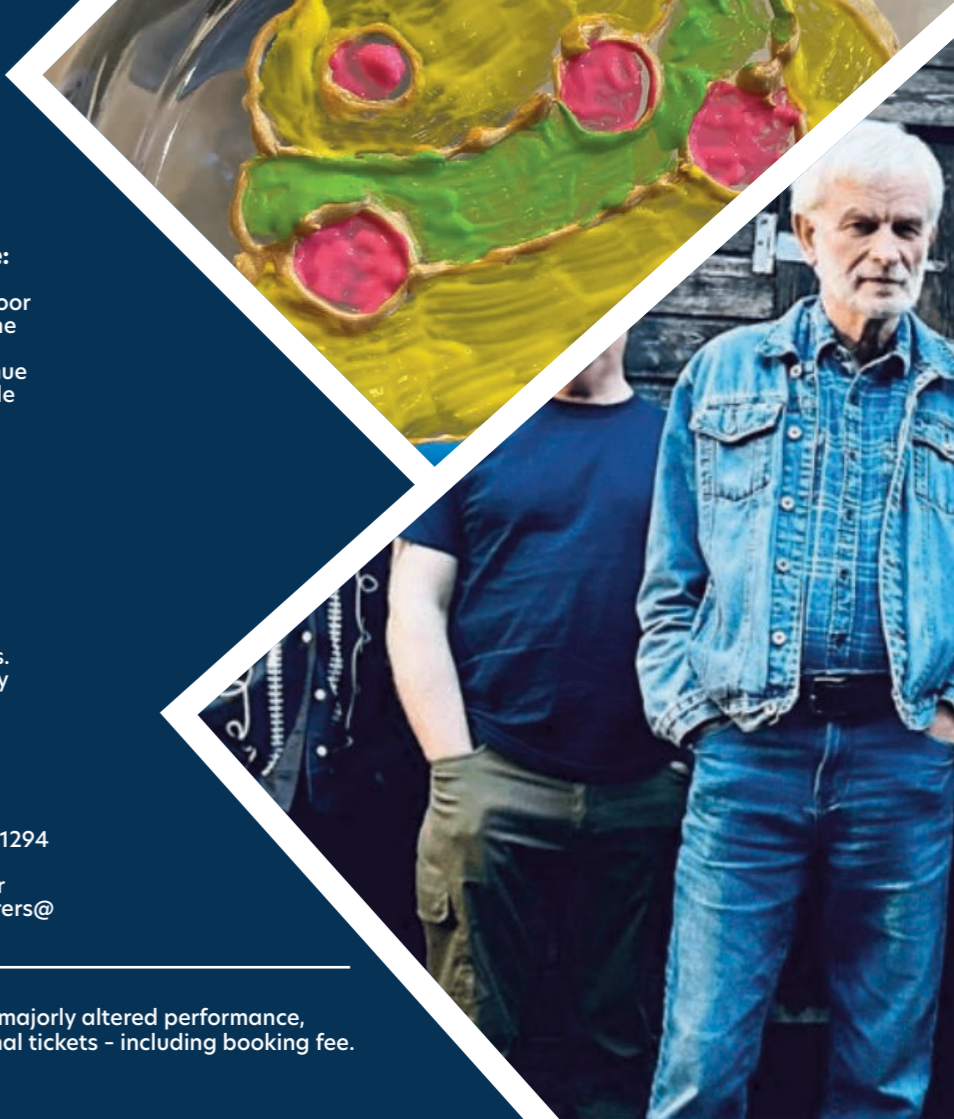
Our centre is fully accessible. We have floor access seating, and one disabled access toilet. Please contact the venue if you require accessible seating at the time of booking.

Carers Appreciation Card:

North Ayrshire Carers Appreciation card entitles unpaid carers of all ages to offers and concessions. Proof of carer eligibility required for ticketing benefits.

Contact:

North Ayrshire Carers Centre,
174 High Street,
Irvine KA12 8AN, call 01294 311333
(Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm) or
emailnorthayrshire.carers@unity-enterprise.com



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