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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

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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.



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
SEPTEMBER

David Reid

4 September - 25 October

This exhibition features portraits, floral still lifes, and landscapes, developed through a quietly observational approach that hopefully emphasizes clarity and character. In portraiture, likeness is a central aim – I work to reflect both physical accuracy and the sitter's presence.

I'm drawn to the look and feel of paint itself: how brushstrokes carry weight, light, and emotion. The still lifes explore fragile beauty, while the landscapes reflect a sense of place and attachment to memory. Each piece encourages slow looking, inviting viewers to engage not only with the image, but with the expressive potential of paint.



Our Time Productions presents: Two Tribes

Friday 5 September
7.30pm - £20/£18 conc.

Two Tribes is a sharp, funny, and heartfelt comedy-drama set in 1980s Glasgow. It explores family, loyalty and the Old Firm football rivalry.

Written by Alan Brady, Two Tribes follows the McCann family as football fanatic Archie and his wife, Rita, prepare for their daughters' double wedding.

With mounting tensions over wedding plans, money struggles and clashing dreams, the play captures the humour and resilience of working-class life, offering an engaging and nostalgic portrayal of love and tradition.

TWO TRIBES

A comedic clash of tradition and ambition in the heart of Glasgow's East End





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Freckfest presents: The Wee Scottish Big Band

Friday 12 September
7.30pm - £20

The Wee Scottish Big Band is acclaimed as one of the "hottest big bands around".

Based in Glasgow and led by the Bulgarian trumpeter Angel Milev who has lived in Scotland for the last 20 years. The band was formed in 2019 and performs regularly around Scottish theatres, festivals, venues and events.

The Wee Scottish Big Band performs with variety of vocalists - male and female, regularly having guest soloists: Bruce Adams, Ryan Quigley, Paul Towndrow, Konrad Wiszniewski, Fergus Hetherington to name a few.

The repertoire consists of the Swing Era to the very modern arrangements. From Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald to Bubl   and even Bjork, with the golden song selection, Glenn Miller to Maynard Ferguson and even Jools Holland "boogie woogies".

Freckfest presents:
Colin Kennedy -
50 Years in Music

Friday 19 September - **SOLD OUT**
7.30pm - £20

Colin Kennedy celebrates 50 years
making music with this very special
appearance at the Harbour Arts Centre.

After a recent hiatus where he has spent the last 5 years
writing and recording, he has been waiting for the right
time to play this collection of songs live. What better
time than to mark this remarkable milestone.

This will be a cracking night of original music!



Freckfest presents:
**Ed Tudor-Pole - Songs and
Stories from a Punk Rock Icon**

Saturday 20 September - SOLD OUT
7.30pm - £20

If you think that punk music should be like a McDonalds burger, i.e. - utterly predictable and the same every time then your view differs from Tenpole's!

"The spirit of punk has always been there - it's something to do with rebellion, e.g. Jerry Lee Lewis or Keith Richards, just happens that in 1976 they named this spirit 'Punk!' " says Ed.

Tenpole was glad to find out what he was at last, for he'd been playing guitar and trying to write great songs in that spirit since he was a boy, long before 1976 came along.

**"Punk is an attitude not a form of
music, ask Steve Jones!!?"**



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Book Festival

Tidelines Book Festival has firmly established itself as a highlight in North Ayrshire's cultural calendar. Now entering its 12th year, the event is a vibrant celebration of storytelling, creativity and community.

This year's festival opens with the launch of Mat o' Shanter, the new book by talented Ayrshire poet Simon Lamb. A modern-day re-imagining of Tam O'Shanter, the book blends poetry and personal insights, whilst exploring the enduring influence of Robert Burns.



Our headline event sees Nicola Sturgeon recount her journey from working-class Ayrshire roots to the highest political office in the country. Frankly is a personal and revealing memoir from one of Britain's most significant political leaders of recent times.

**Thursday 25 September -
Sunday 28 September**

Other highlights include an evening of crime and whisky with Natalie Jayne Clark and Martin Stewart, as well as the opportunity to discover the secrets of Carina Contini's marvellous family cookbook. Darren McGarvey will examine the stories we tell ourselves about our trauma, and Claudia Esnouf shares her story of resilience and courage in *Walk Like A Girl*.

Elsewhere, there are storytelling sessions for babies and pre-schoolers, literary walks with the Irvine Lasses, a chance to explore The Nature Library and an opportunity to participate in A Dook & A Book workshop. Waterstones Ayr will also create their popular pop-up bookshop in the Harbour Arts Centre, selling books by festival authors and more!

The festival will conclude with national treasure and Scots writer, playwright and poet, Jackie Kay. 'Coorie Doon' is a truly original picture book that celebrates the small, perfect rituals of childhood and how they become a vital part of who we are.

Love your
local book
festival



Irvine, North Ayrshire | tidelinesbookfestival.com



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

What's happening
OCTOBER



The Lonesome West by Martin McDonagh

"This house - isn't it going to be awful lonesome now with yere dad gone?"

Valene and Coleman, two brothers living alone in their father's house after his recent death, find it impossible to co-exist without massive and violent disputes over the most mundane and innocent of topics. Only Father Welsh, the local young priest, is willing to attempt to bring them together before their petty squabbling's spiral into vicious and bloody carnage.

This play takes sibling rivalry to a whole new level.

Brookfield Knights present: Mississippi Songbird Bronwynne Brent (Trio)

Friday 3 October
7.30pm - £15

When you count BBC Radio 2 legend, 'Whispering' Bob Harris as a fan, the rest of the world sits up and pays attention.

Very soon, the UK circuit turned white hot with excitement, Brent won an invitation to appear at Glasgow's Celtic Connections festival, and on her second UK tour she began packing them in. Then Bob invited her into the studio for a live BBC session. Her 2020 tour was to be her most successful yet, with many shows sold out. Then the pandemic struck - in mid-tour - and she was forced to fly home as venues shut up shop and transatlantic flights were withdrawn.

The tour was set up to promote her latest album, *Undercover*, hailed by many reviewers as her best yet. Fans continued ask when she'd be back and, although it's been a while, this will be a by-popular demand and a long-overdue return.



Freckfest presents: Kirsten Adamson and the Tanagers

Friday 10 October
7.30pm - £20

Award-winning singer/songwriter Kirsten Adamson (daughter of rock legend Stuart Adamson (Big Country & Skids) summons the same heart-stopping purity as Sandy Denny, by way of Emmylou Harris and Kate Bush. Since spending summers soaking up the atmosphere in Nashville with her dad and singing on Big Country's 'Driving to Damascus' album, Kirsten has been steadily developing her own voice and songwriting.

Her second solo album *Landing Place* (2023) is a glorious powerhouse of emotionally charged, beautifully delivered songs that bustles and glistens with echoes of folk rock and country gems. It was launched at Glasgow's Celtic Connections, an official showcase at London's UK Americana Music Festival 2023 and a sold-out UK tour in April. Adamson's track *My Father's Songs* has recently been nominated for an Americana UK Award for UK Song of the Year 2024.



The Naked Neds

Saturday 11 October
7.30pm - £15/£13 concession

The Naked Neds' follows a group of Glasgow lads as they navigate the turbulent aftermath of their best friend's suicide. In a world where politicians' expenses seem to matter more than NHS waiting lists, they decide to take matters into their own hands.

After a string of failed fundraising attempts and just when their lives couldn't get any more complicated, one of the boys finds a lump, throwing their plans - and everything else - into a whole new perspective and they realise there's only one thing they can do; take their clothes off!

WARNING: CONTAINS SOME NUDITY



The McDougalls: Halloween Party

Tuesday 14 October
11am & 1pm - £12/£45 family of 4

Everyone's favourite children's theatre company **THE MCDUGALLS** are back with their spook-tacular stage show for all the family – live on stage at the Harbour Arts Centre!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Max and Auntie Aggie (the stars of the show) are dressed to impress for their Halloween Party – and you're invited too! Come wearing your favourite Halloween costume for some fiendish, fang-tastic fun!

Max has been carving the pumpkins and putting up the decorations while Auntie Aggie has been practicing her best Trick or Treat jokes! They've sent out party invitations, but which frightfully funny characters are going to turn up?

Packed with singalong songs and ghoulish games such as The Hokey Kokey, Incy Wincy Spider, and Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, this is a wickedly entertaining day out for the whole family this autumn.



**A MUSICAL SHOW
FOR ALL THE FAMILY -
LIVE ON STAGE!**
The McDougalls: Halloween
Party Show' is filled with tricks
and treats, guaranteed to have
you screaming with laughter!

Pumpkin Painting



Wednesday 15 October

11am - 12pm: 5 - 8 years

1pm - 2pm: 9 - 11 years - £5

Halloween Crafting

Join our tutor Lynn for this trick or treat worthy craft session.

Come along to our pumpkin painting session to create your very own Halloween pumpkin! How will you decorate yours?



Uncle Vincent

Wednesday 15 October
7.30pm - £14

A young man stands in front of us, trying to persuade us to fund a museum to honour his uncle. He is visibly uncomfortable: he wasn't meant to be giving this presentation.

It was supposed to be Jo, his mother. I didn't ask to be born amongst all those paintings, but like it or not, I had to deal with the collection.

When Vincent van Gogh dies at the age of 37, shortly followed by his brother Theo, it is left to Theo's widow Jo to carry on his legacy. Thanks to Jo and her son Vincent, Willem, the painter of Sunflowers is one of the most beloved artists in the world.

Through the words of the artist, his brother, his sister-in-law and nephew, discover the genius that the world almost forgot...





HAC 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.



Pumpkin Party

Celebrate all things spooky...
 Session filled with games, glitter tattoos, storytelling & crafts.

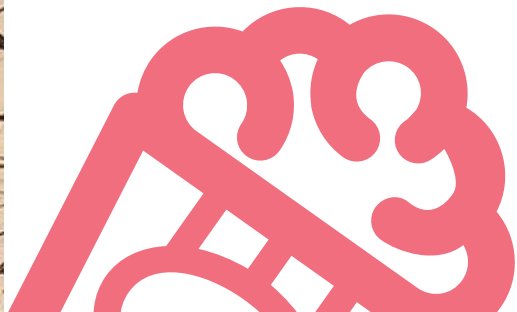
**Early Years Storytelling
 & Drama Workshop**



Zog

"Zog, the biggest, was the keenest one by far. He tried his hardest every day to win a golden star."

Interactive Storytelling workshop with dance, music and drama!



Freckfest presents: The Filthy Tongues

Friday 24 October - **SOLD OUT**
7.30pm - £17.50

Freckfest are delighted to welcome back The Filthy Tongues and claim it to be one of their top 10 gigs out of over 200 produced!

In the late 80's and early 90's Goodbye Mr MacKenzie were on the cusp of big things in the UK and Europe before record company wrangles, and a shift in direction, saw them morph into Angelfish, tour the States extensively and bring the singing talents of Shirley Manson to the fore.

With Manson then moving on and going global with Garbage, Metcalfe & Co returned to the UK and recorded further albums in their former guise before forming Isa & The Filthy Tongues, releasing another two fine bodies of stark and enthralling work, Addiction and Dark Passenger, both of which received five-star reviews.

This could well be their finest material yet!





In a colourful career they've worked and toured with Blondie, The Ramones, Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, Vic Chesnutt, New York Dolls, Big Audio Dynamite, Aztec Camera and many more.

Brookfield Knights presents: CUA

Saturday 25 October
7.30pm - £12.50

Long established as one of the must-see Irish bands, Cua return for their sixth national UK tour having written and recorded a brand-new album, won acclaim much further afield and completed a major European tour of theatre and concert hall dates.

This is a band that's continuing to soar on their epic journey, and it's great to welcome them back to Irvine and have been part of that story.

**"If CUA are not on your radar,
then they should be"** - Folk Radio UK





**Freckfest presents:
Cowboy Mouth**

**Friday 31 October
7.30pm - £20**

Cowboy Mouth release their first new track in 30 years on the Last Night from Glasgow label.

Cowboy Mouth formed in 1994 by Skinner and MacIntyre, releasing two albums in quick succession on the Hamburg-based Marina label. The albums - *Life as a Dog* (1994) and *Love Is Dead* (1995) - were well received prior to the group taking a hiatus. Last Night from Glasgow reissued *Life as a Dog* last year, resulting in some concerts with label mates The Bathers for which Allan and Hannah joined the group.

The chemistry between the four musicians was immediate, resulting in songs being written and an album being recorded. The songs perhaps highlight their interest in Lou Reed's *Berlin* and *Coney Island Baby* albums, with pre-production rehearsals taking place on a farm in rural South Lanarkshire.

Grahame Skinner achieved international success as vocalist with Hipsway, whose debut album and attendant hit single (*The Honeythief*) provided the opportunity to tour the world.





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
NOVEMBER

Bruce Fummey - Scotland Built the World

Saturday 1 November
8pm - £15

Bruce Fummey has spent fifteen years performing stand-up and creating Scottish history-themed shows for festivals around the world. A former teacher, he has been asking YouTube audiences to "Let me tell you a story" in a series of hugely popular videos, amassing an incredible 185k subscribers for his YouTube channel, Scotland History Tours.

Bruce tells a story from Scotland's history: This show will deliver more jokes than you'd get from the YouTube videos, and some might even make you blush, but you'll still leave having learned about Scotland's role in the world while laughing along the way.

A portrait of Bruce Fummey, a man with dreadlocks and a beard, smiling and looking slightly to the side. He is holding a globe in front of his chest. The globe features a large white saltire (Scottish flag) over a map of the world. The background is a large, stylized Scottish flag (saltire) in blue and white.

RETURNS TO IRVINE

**Freckfest presents:
Nick Heyward**

Sunday 2 November - SOLD OUT
7.30pm - £20

Critically acclaimed singer-songwriter, Nick Heyward, returns to Scotland this autumn for an intimate acoustic tour.

It offers a rare chance to experience Heyward's songs focusing on the words, the music and the melodies. Hear songs from his highly anticipated new solo album, as well as some career highlights like Whistle Down the Wind, Take That Situation, Blue Hat for a Blue Day, Kite, and Fantastic Day.

Nick brings a sound that's unmistakably his - jangly guitars, sharp melodies and brilliant musicianship.



Dave Arcari 'Still Friends' Tour

Friday 7 November
7.30pm - £15

Slide guitarist and songwriter Dave Arcari's sound owes as much to trash country, punk and rockability as it does to pre-war Delta Blues.

To mark the release of his eighth album 'Still Friends', he embarks on a series of live dates including the HAC Irvine.

In addition to his own albums, Arcari has previously had his music featured in numerous BBC TV programmes as well as popular USA series Deadliest Catch. The ultimate validation for Arcari's music and performance came in 2019 when National Reso-Phonic Guitars launched the 'Dave Arcari signature model' guitar.





Ready Steady 60s Show

Saturday 8 November
7.30pm - £22

The Best of the Mod 60s and the British Beat

Step back in time with this four-piece live band, dedicated to bringing the energy and excitement of the iconic 60s music scene to life! With stunning vocals and high-energy performances, they recreate the magic of this unforgettable era, delivering a fantastic two-hour show you won't want to miss.

**READY
STEADY
60's
SHOW**



Brookfield Knights presents: Geraint Watkins & The Mosquitoes

Sunday 9 November
7.30pm - £15

His love of vintage R&B and effortless ability to re-create it makes Geraint Watkins one of the most in-demand all-rounders in the business.

Geraint has fronted many great bands as well from The Dominators in the late '70s to The Balham Alligators. Watkins is also a songwriter who is admired by others, having had his material covered by Don McLean, Pokey LaFarge and Dave Edmunds. His band, hand-picked hot shots who are all in the same groove, is for many, as good as it ever gets.



Four framed artworks are displayed on a green wall. From left to right: a small square print in a light wood frame, a rectangular print in a light wood frame, another small square print in a light wood frame, and a larger rectangular print in a dark blue frame. The prints depict various scenes, including what appears to be a street scene and a landscape.

Main Galleries Exhibition - Euan Tait

6 November - 10 January

Rendered Realities is a solo exhibition by emerging Ayrshire artist Euan Tait, exploring the space between traditional and digital art processes.

The show features new etchings of street scenes and landscapes from around the west of Scotland, alongside a bold series of digital collage prints that blur the line between reality and imagination and lots more. Combining techniques like traditional print with modern digital processes, Euan's work creates a rich dialogue between the history of printmaking and its evolving future.

Website: www.euantaitart.com



Woodcut Relief Printing Workshop with Ayrshire Artist Evan Tait

Saturday 15 November - 2pm

Cost: £50- Suitable for all abilities

Join us for a hands-on workshop exploring the expressive art of woodcut relief printing perfect for beginners or those wanting to expand their printmaking skills.

In this engaging session, you'll learn how to carve a hand-drawn design into the wooden block using traditional tools and create bold, graphic prints to take home. Evan will demonstrate how to simplify images into strong shapes, use patterns for tone, and add detail with lines.

All tools and materials are provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their sketches or photos for inspiration. Spaces are limited. For further information:

evantait.02@gmail.com



"Murder a Search for the Truth" on Tour with David Swindle this Autumn

Saturday 15 November - SOLD OUT
7.30pm - £19.50

David Swindle is one of the UK's most respected former detectives with over three decades in policing. His work on the Peter Tobin case and creation of Operation Anagram changed the way serial killers and cold cases are investigated in Britain.

Following his one-man UK tour at 172 venues seen by 168,00 people he is returning to the stage this autumn with Heather Suttie and the brand-new show "Murder a Search for The Truth", to share what really goes on behind the scenes of a murder investigation.



An Evening with Barbara Dickson

Thursday 20 November - SOLD OUT
7.30pm - £25

Barbara Dickson had a string of hits in the British charts and is widely held to be one of the greatest folk/pop female singers this country has ever produced.

Come and enjoy her In Conversation with Graham Spiers, in which Barbara reflects on her career, on her work with the likes of Gerry Rafferty, and hear a couple of songs too!

An evening to enjoy and will sell fast!





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Freckfest present: Kris Drever

Friday 28 November
7.30pm - £20

Kris Drever originally comes from Hrossey in the Orkney Islands.

Over the years, he has taught himself to be a songwriter, guitarist and singer of note (and sometimes many notes).

As well as creating award-winning original songs and instrumental pieces with the trio Lau, he has had a fruitful solo career exploring the cracks between classic and modern songwriting and the traditional music that he comes from.

Drever's sound is rooted in the earthy and hypnotic rhythms of much older music, but there's a sophistication to both the lyricism and the instrumentalism which places him skilfully in the present. He has an extensive collection of BBCR2 Folk awards, plus awards for everything from best album, best singer and best live act to best original song.







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

What's happening
DECEMBER



Freckfest presents: The Bluebells

Friday 5 December - SOLD OUT
7.30pm - £30

The Bluebells are one of Scotland's most enduring and iconic bands. The band enjoyed huge success in the 80's with a string of chart-topping hits, including 'Young at Heart', 'I'm Falling' & 'Cath'.

The band split up in the mid-80s but enjoyed a revival in 1993 when 'Young at Heart' was re-issued as a single after appearing in a TV advert, staying at No.1 for four weeks and led to the band reforming temporarily to perform the song on Top of the Pops.





The band reformed again in late 2008, with original members Ken & David McCluskey and Bobby Bluebell, to support Edwyn Collins and have found a whole new generation of fans that has seen them perform across Europe at festivals, and a triumphant sold-out hometown show at the Barrowland Ballroom in January 2025.

This is their first visit to the Harbour Arts Centre, and it will be a full band show.

Brookfield Knights present Bluegrass Sensations, Taff Rapids

Sunday 7 December
7.30pm - £12.50

As the name might suggest, there are strong links between Wales and North America, for the band, Taff Rapids

Fast becoming one of the most talked about bands both at home and abroad, they have a Canadian up front on vocals/banjo (and writing), are Cardiff-based, and have a Scot on fiddle. They have been taking the US Bluegrass scene by storm with their blistering style. In the home of the genre, even the diehards of tradition love them so much that they want the four-piece to head back over there - and make it quick!

Taff Rapids were invited to take part in the prestigious World of Bluegrass event last year; the band completed a successful tour over there and headed home with "come back soon" requests ringing in their ears. This year, they released their new album after returning from a triumphant second American tour, and BBC Radio 6's Cerys Matthews instantly declared herself a fan and told listeners they'd delivered an "interesting curveball" that deserved a lot of attention.



La Dolce Vita Swing Collective – Christmas Cool Yule Show

Saturday 13 December
£16/£14 concession

La Dolce Vita Swing Collective with their Christmas Show featuring the best of the golden age of Las Vegas at Christmas.

Get ready to be whisked away to a Winter Wonderland as they bring you swinging dinging Christmas crackers: Let it Snow, Sleigh Ride, Jingle Bells and a whole lot more!!! But that's not all, La Dolce Vita holiday soiree wouldn't be complete without a sprinkling of fairy dust and the tipping of fedoras to the legendary Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and a whole host of their iconic buddies!

Expect smooth vocals, swinging rhythms, and a night of pure festive nostalgia. Whether you're a lover of jazz, a fan of the Rat Pack or just looking to get into the Christmas spirit, this is a night not to be missed making it an evening of magical Cool Yule Festive fun!!



FAMILY FILM CLUB

AT THE HARBOUR ARTS
CENTRE

FILMS SUITABLE FOR KIDS AND THEIR
FAMILIES

FREE
(BOOKING
REQUIRED)

Saturday 20 December
11am - Free

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9.30am - 4.30pm

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TUESDAY: Tuesday Art Classes with Julia Griffin

21 October - 9 December
(10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm)

The Tuesday art classes are perfect for beginners and improvers who want the freedom to explore different mediums and techniques.

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 environment with an emphasis on enjoying the process & building confidence.

To book please contact:
juliagriffinart@outlook.com

Website: www.juliagriffinartist.com



WEDNESDAY: Writers Group with David McLaughlan

20 August - 9 October and
29 October - 17 December.
10am to 12pm.

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 davidwordworker@gmail.com



**FRIDAY:
Art Classes with
Michelle Winslow**

**22 August to 10 October /
31 October to 12 December**

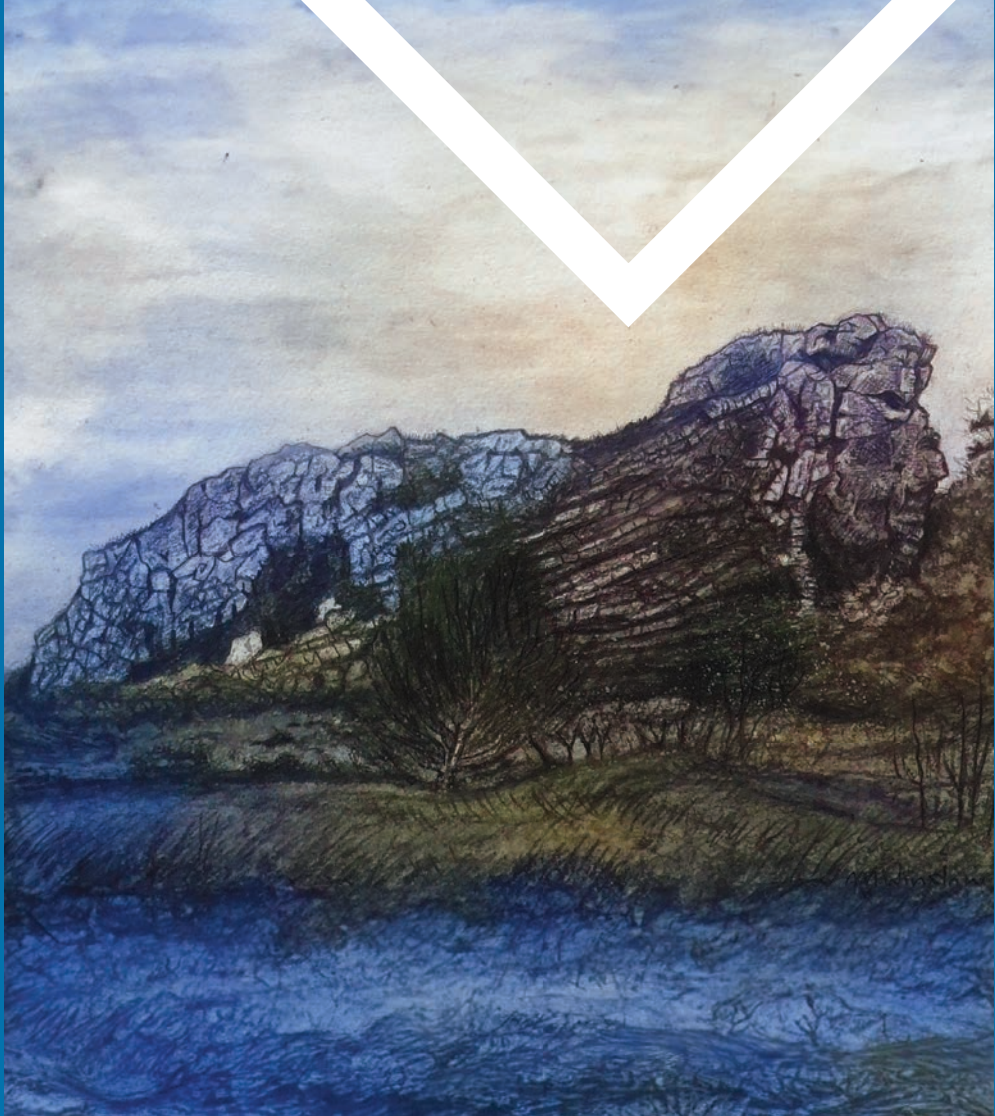
**Beginners Acrylics -
10am to 12pm**

(you will require your own board and
acrylic paints spare materials are
available to borrow)

**Beginners' watercolours -
1pm to 3pm**

(materials included or
bring along your own)

**To book please contact Michelle direct at:
winslowcreativity@gmail.com**



SATURDAY : Young Adult Art Class with Julia Griffin - (11 - 18yrs)

**1 November - 13 December
10am - 11.30am**

The Saturday art class is perfect for young people with a talent for art, who want to expand on their skills.

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, with a passion for art, to perfect their drawing and painting skills.

To book please contact: juliagriffinart@outlook.com
Website: www.juliagriffinartist.com



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
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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

The Fabric of North Ayrshire

September to December 2025

Every textile tells a story, and we're delighted to illustrate those stories for you using costume and textiles from our collections.

Come and see some lovely examples of Ayrshire Whitework and find out more about its history. See uniforms worn by Captain Berchem, who is part of the story of the ghost ship, Baychimo.

From entertainers to crochet, banners and aprons, tapestry, dresses and more, there's something for every textile or local history enthusiast (or just those who appreciate lovely things!) at North Ayrshire Heritage Centre this autumn.





What's on at the Museum of the Cumbraes

**Garrison House, the heart of the
Cumbrae community.**

Garrison House is a stunning example of early 19th century gothic battlement architecture and to this day remains an integral hub of the local community.

Monday	9am - 5pm
Tuesday	9am - 6pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 3pm
Sunday	9am - 3pm

Garrison House,

Millport

Isle of Cumbrae

KA28 0DJ

T 01294 464174

Email: naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk



September to October 2025

The Ringing Singing Rocks of Cumbrae

Explore the art and music inspired by the islands famous rocks. Michelle uses paint hand made from the islands' sedimentary rocks, embracing sustainable techniques to celebrate the island's iconic formations

Opening Event: Sunday September 21st from 12pm - 4pm
Free Interactive Event from 2pm to 3pm

Learn about sustainable paint-making and try your hand at creating your own art using rock paint from the island.



Alan Cawley Exhibition

November & December 2025

During November and December, local island photographer Alan Cawley will be exhibiting at the Garrison.

"As a local photographer, I capture the serene beauty of the Isle of Cumbrae, offering a unique collection of framed prints showcasing breathtaking local landmarks and landscapes."

For information on Alan:

<https://millport.org/directory/alan-cawley-photography/>

Facebook – Alan Cawley Photography Millport

The Story of Cumbrae Women's Royal Institute

August to September 2025

Come along to Garrison House and learn about the rich history of Cumbrae WRI.

The group was founded in 1951 and has worked hard for the community over many years. An interesting and diverse display of objects, photographs and films illustrates the group's past as well as their future plans showing how over the years the Cumbrae WI has progressed with the times.

Information on how to join this modern-day, fun, dynamic and community minded group will be available too. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Linda Orr at LBOrr@btinternet.com.







What's happening at

eglington countrypark

Volunteering

Monday 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and keep active. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at Eglinton Community Gardens and the park. If you have time to spare and are interested in heritage, visitor management or gardening we would love to hear from you!

For more information please contact:
eglingtoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
or call 01294 551776.



Tuesday
9.30am until 12.30pm.

Park Path Stewards Group

Park Path Stewards Group help make the core pathways accessible for all.

This is a facilitated group and the group is self-led during the activity.



Thursday
9.30am until 12.30pm.

Breaking Ground Horticulture Group

Breaking Ground Horticulture Group is a gentle gardening group at Eglinton Community Gardens for people to come together, make friends, learn about growing whilst being active in the outdoors and reap the benefits of connecting to nature.

Led by a trained Horticultural practitioner.



Friday
9.30am until 12.30pm.

Ground Force Gardening Group

Ground Force Gardening Group at Eglinton Community Gardens is an active and fun gardening group focussing on friendship, physical activity and growing.



Friday
9.30am until 12.30pm.

Friday Volunteers Group

Friday Volunteers Group includes a varied range of tasks focussed on biodiversity & conservation tasks e.g invasive species control and wildlife surveying, visitor management and gardening.



Corporate Volunteering Opportunities

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If your business is looking for a way to boost team morale, give back to the community and improve employee wellbeing, Corporate Volunteering with us does all that and more!

Whether you opt for a full day of activities or a half day we aim to:

Strengthen team bonds through
meaningful shared experiences

Boost employee physical, mental
and emotional wellbeing

Contribute towards improving the park
for nature and the local community

Develop leadership, collaboration
and communication skills

Get in touch to start planning a corporate volunteer day with us!

For more information or to register your interest in any of our opportunities please contact:
eglingtoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or call 01294 551776.



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.

www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries

Facebook: North Ayrshire Libraries
Twitter: @NACLlibraries

What's happening in The Community



LARGS:

Largs Film Society

Now in its 19th year, the film society launches its new programme for its 2025-26 season. Screenings take place at Vikingar Valhalladrome, beginning on 12th September.

Our programme offers a wide range of films which run every three weeks from September to May. Films range from older classics to contemporary titles, drama to comedy and everything in between. This season opens with *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, in tribute to legendary actor, Maggie Smith.

Largs Film Society is a membership-based organisation and, with an annual subscription of £50, we believe the variety and range of 12 screenings is very good value for all film lovers.

The full programme and membership application can be obtained from the Membership Secretary:
largsfilmsociety@outlook.com

You can also find out more from our website:
www.largsfilmsociety.co.uk



IRVINE:

The Nature Library

Every Sunday 11am - 5pm

122B Montgomery St, Irvine KA12 8PW

Free - All ages

The Nature Library is a library of land, sky and sea nestled in an old shipyard worker's flat at Irvine harbourside, where each book takes an imaginative look at the natural world at a time when it needs our attention the most.

Find classic and contemporary fiction, memoir, field guides, art, poetry, children's books and lots of pebbles, shells and bird nests in between.

For up to date news and event information, follow
[@thenaturelib](#) or visit
www.thenaturelibrary.com.



Wellwood Burns Centre & Museum

Wednesday 24 September

7.30pm - Booking not required

£10 - (pay at the door)

Wellwood welcomes back Welsh Baritone Phil and his wife and accompanist Claire.

The duo has performed extensively within the UK, in venues such as Millennium Centre, Cardiff and the Usher Hall, Edinburgh and performed in Switzerland, Italy, and France. Their repertoire includes everything from musical theatre to opera.

When not working together, Claire performs with Clarinet and Piano Trios, and is a much sought after accompanist, while Phil works with several opera companies, including Scottish Opera, Opera North and Opra Cymru.





Strathclyde University Chamber Choir in Concert under their Conductor Alan Tavener

Wednesday 29 October

**7.30pm - Booking not required
£10 - (pay at the door)**

**Music@Wellwood welcomes back – for
the third time - the Strathclyde University
Chamber Choir**

Tavener, the Choir is one of very few chamber choirs in the West of Scotland. The Choir has toured widely in the UK and overseas and has recorded for BBC Radio 2, 3 and 4.

**Come and enjoy their performance
of a wide range of music.**



Christmas at Wellwood

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December

11am - 4pm each day

Booking not required- free entry

**Enjoy some retail book therapy and learn
more about Robert Burns' stay in Irvine at
the same time.**

Books make great Christmas presents and Irvine Burns Club has teamed up with local book distributor Timberbooks of West Kilbride who will have a wide range of books available for purchase in Wellwood including children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction, and books on Burns.

Irvine Burns Club's audio/visual presentation, 'Burns in Irvine', will be available for viewing from 11 am to 4 pm each day.

Enjoy complimentary Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies while you browse the books on display and view the presentation.

STEVENSTON:

Terrifying Tales from the Three Towns

Monday 1st - Friday 17 October
Ardeer Community Centre, KA20 3NB
10am-4pm - Ages 8 to 14 years
£50 - cost includes lunch and all workshops

Vampires invading Saltcoats, ghoulish goings on around Ardeer Beach, Enchanted Saddles in Ardrossan and witches dancing in the woods.

Come join us this October Holidays as we let our imagination take over and explore the spookier and darker side of the Three Towns.

What lies down that dark alley?
What was that shadow in the mist?

Through drama and storytelling, we will create some terrifying tales that will send chills down the spines of your parents and friends.

During the week participants will have fun playing games, making new friends and developing their drama and performance skills whilst using their imagination to create a spooktacular performance at the end of the week.



WEST KILBRIDE:

Simply Create

Mondays 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Barony Centre , 50 Main St, West Kilbride KA23 9AR

**No charge - free to attend/refreshments
free/activities free (all ages welcome)**

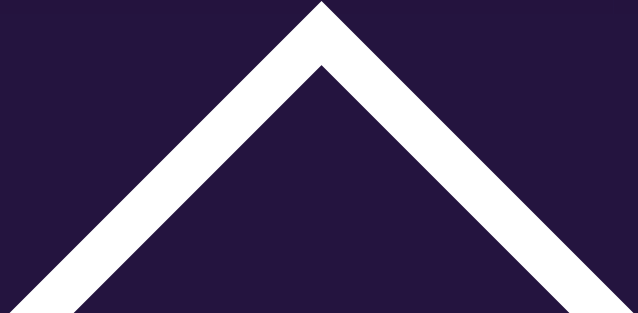
Simply Create is a community creative hub (like a craft café) at the Barony Centre and is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

It is a social creative community group for all ages, and it gives an opportunity and space for people to continue their own creative work whether they are already established in their art/craft or want to share and learn new creative skills.

The sessions are drop in, so people do not have to commit to coming each week, allowing flexibility for your routines. As part of the weekly sessions, people will be encouraged to recycle and reuse things which they have within their own homes or swap/reuse materials with other members of the group.

Contact Karen Teal - adoreadorntextiles@gmail.com

**SIMPLY
CREATE**
a community
creative hub





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

Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and the last Saturday of the month 9.30am - 1.00pm, 2.00pm - 4.30pm.

Eglinton Country Park

Irvine
KA12 8TA
01294 551776
eglingtoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Facebook - Eglinton Country Park
Twitter: @EglintonPark

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Garrison House

Millport
KA28 0AZ
01475 531381
Email: jan.willkie@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 930am – 430pm

Booking and

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.

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

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.

