



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

**JANUARY - APRIL 2026**

EXHIBITIONS | MUSIC | COMMUNITY DIARY  
PERFORMANCES | OUTDOORS  
CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS



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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**01294 274059**  
[harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Ticketing:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre)

# 115

capacity theatre



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.



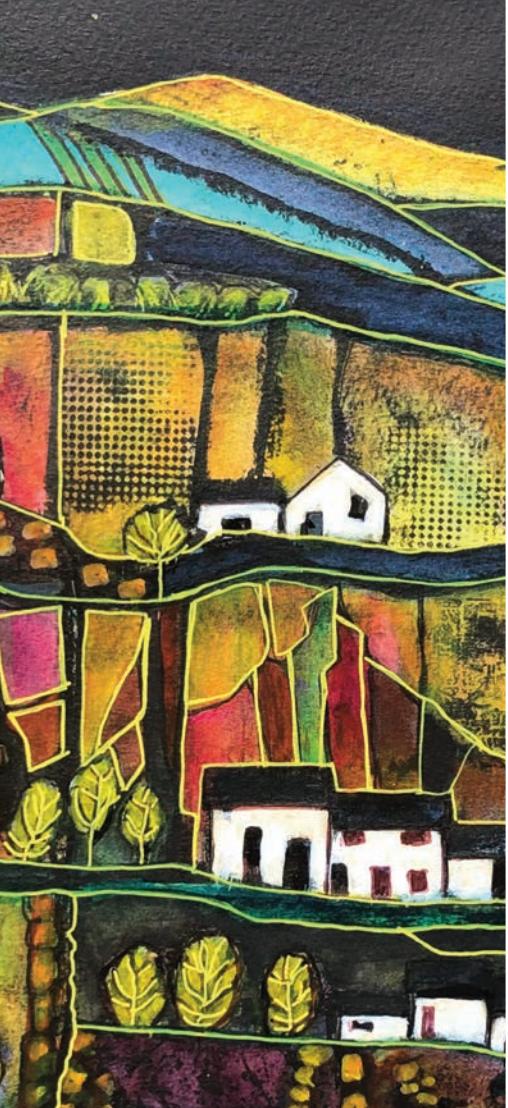
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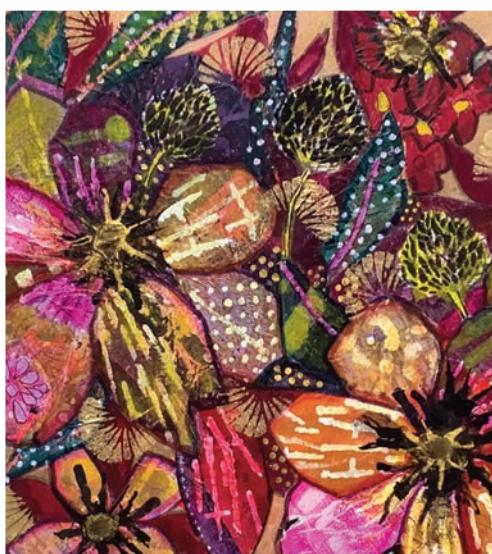
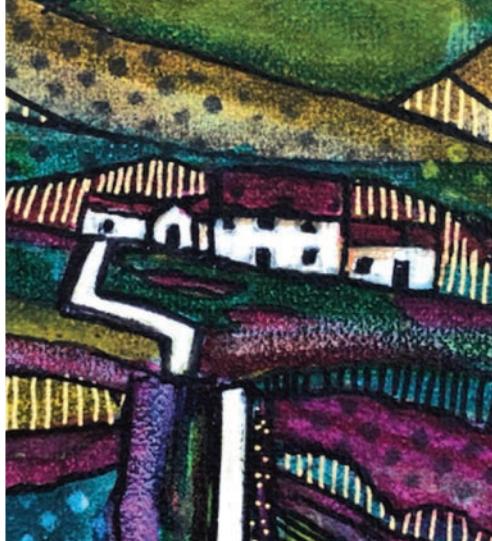


We know the arts we share  
are just the beginning. The  
experience you have  
before, during and after,  
the stories you tell and the  
memories you make are  
everything!

What's  
happening  
**JANUARY**







# Main Galleries Exhibition: 'Shifts'

by Sue Howat

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**24 January - 14 March**

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'Shifts' is mixed media artist Sue Howat's first solo exhibition, opening in the Main Galleries from 24th January.

The show brings together an eclectic mix of landscapes and florals, full of colour, texture, and variety.

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**"With shifts in colour palettes, techniques, materials & approach the result is a diverse collection of affordable artworks in a range of sizes - bright, engaging, and easy to enjoy."**

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Sue aims to create an exhibition full of colour and texture in a fresh, uplifting celebration of artistic experimentation and growth.

A walk and talk tour with Sue about the exhibition will take place on Saturday 7 March. For more information, please contact [harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

## **Arts and Crafts: Mixed Crafts Session (ages 2 - 4)**

**Wednesday 28 January**  
**10am - 11am - £5**

Bring your little one to join our tutor Lynn and take part in some arts and crafts.

**Please note, that all children  
must be accompanied by an  
adult.**



## The Badly-Behaved Poets Society with Lorenzo Novani

**Friday 30 January**  
**7.30pm - £20**

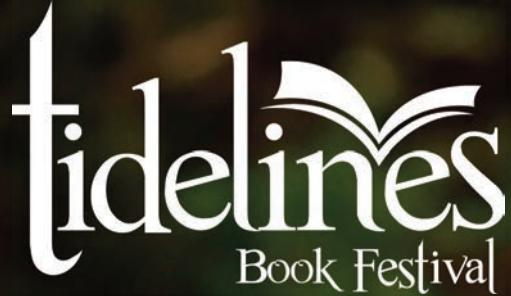
Robert Burns is living the dream: unshackled from earthly constraints, he's spending eternity in a 'dead poets society' jousting with a plethora of poetry A-listers.

But when his Italian counterpart, boozy bachelor poet Giovanni Pascoli comes along, Robbie's (after)life choices are brought into question. With wit, music, and fierce debate, they clash over art, freedom, legacy and even their very destiny.

The Badly-behaved Poets Society is a bold celebration of creativity which illuminates the human side of two literary icons.

12+





# *Scrievin' & Scran*

## **Tidelines Book Festival - Scrievin' & Scran, An Evening of Spoken Word**

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**Saturday 31 January  
7.30pm - £10**

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Chase away those January blues with the return of this hugely popular event, brought to you by Tidelines Book Festival.

A warm evening of spoken word, with a half-time hot pie included in the ticket price, this event will be hosted by trailblazing Scots language performer, writer and Radio Scotland presenter, Len Pennie.

As well as performances from Len herself, there will be featured guest appearances from local writers and a couple of open spots up for grabs, expect an evening of wit, wisdom and the occasional surprise. 'An uplifting night of rare magic with poetry and prose from young and old' (audience feedback, January 2025).

Tickets include a hot pie - please choose the correct meat/veggie/other options when booking.  
For information on open spots for local writers, please email [info@tidelinesbookfestival.com](mailto:info@tidelinesbookfestival.com)



**Len Pennie**  
Radio Scotland presenter.



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

What's happening  
**FEBRUARY**



# FAMILY FILM CLUB

**Friday 6 February**

**11am - Free**

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.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

**FREE**

(BOOKING  
REQUIRED)



## Bring It On Events Presents: Sidesplitters Comedy

Friday 6 February  
8pm - £14

Bring It On Events presents Sidesplitters comedy, a night of uproarious laughter from some of Scotland's finest comedians.  
18+

Get ready for a comedy storm as Sidesplitters brings a stellar lineup, guaranteed to fill the room with unstoppable laughter!

Headlining the night is the wildly entertaining **Karl Porter**, known for his unforgettable physical comedy, big personality and crowd-pleasing chaos.

In the middle spot, the sharp, warm and effortlessly funny **Al Thompson** keeps the momentum rolling with his brilliantly crafted material.

Opening the show is the brilliantly witty **Stephen Buchanan**, bringing smart, engaging stand-up to kick off the night in style.

Guiding the whole evening with charm, cheek and quick-fire banter is your MC, the hilarious **Rob Kane**, making sure the laughs never let up.

An unmissable night of live comedy at the Harbour Arts Centre - grab your tickets and get involved!



Side  
Splitters  
COMEDY

## KARL PORTER





## Feb Weekend Fun: Art Classes

**Sunday 8 February**

11am - 12pm (5 - 7 years)

1pm - 2.30pm (8 - 11 years) - £6

**A fun and creative weekend  
workshop for children.**

Design and make your own shrinkie-dink key-rings, fridge magnets, necklaces, earrings and more. Be inspired by designs supplied by tutor Alison or think up your own shrinking plastic masterpiece!

**All materials supplied.**





# Watercolour & Indian Ink Resist

Sue Howat

**Saturday 21 February**

1pm - 4pm - £45

(Booking details below)

Join us for a creative, hands-on afternoon exploring one of Sue's favourite techniques – featured in many of her own artworks. This workshop is perfect for beginners and for artists looking to add a new skill to their practice.

During the session, you'll create two small landscapes and a bookmark to take home. Suitable for all abilities.

All materials are provided, and places are limited to 12 participants.

## How to Book:

To reserve your place, please email Sue at [suehowat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suehowat@yahoo.co.uk) who'll answer any questions you may have and send you a payment link.

## Freckfest presents: The Pistol Daisys

**Saturday 21 February**  
7.30pm - £15



Pistol Daisys are a fierce and emotionally charged alt-pop trio from Glasgow, Scotland, fronted by co-lead vocalists Belly and Lorna Lynne with drummer-producer Lewis Kelly.

Their sound blends gritty Glaswegian energy with shimmering synths, dancefloor grooves, and confessional storytelling, drawing comparisons to Blondie, The Gossip, and CHVRCHES.

Formed in 2023, the band have already built serious momentum with a run of singles including St. Glasgow, Crying in Marseille, Calling Your Name, and their latest double release I Taste Like Honey / Wolves. Their self-titled debut album will be released in October 2025 on One RPM, followed by a 40-date UK and European tour.

Known for their electric chemistry and fearless stagecraft, Pistol Daisys have played major Scottish festivals including Belladrum and Party at the Palace, supported acts such as Big Country, GUN, and Callum Beattie, and headlined venues across the UK. Internationally, they have already appeared in France at Class EU Rock to an audience of 15,000.

Their appearance at Reeperbahn Festival 2025 came at a pivotal moment—just weeks after the release of their debut mini album—making it the perfect platform to introduce their music to the European industry. With growing support from BBC Introducing, STV, and a rapidly expanding fanbase, Pistol Daisys are ready to take their story from Glasgow to the world and Irvine!"





**Bring It On**  
**Events presents:**  
**Mark Black - Horrible**  
**Family**

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**Friday 27 February**  
**8pm - £18.50**

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Mark Black brings you  
his brand-new stand-up  
comedy and musical show  
Horrible Family.

A finalist in Scottish Comedian of  
the Year and star of BBC's Pity Party,  
Mark has racked up millions of  
views with his dark humour and  
musical sketches.

Following sell-out shows at the SEC  
Armadillo and Pavilion Theatre, he's  
back with a sharp, hilarious and  
heartfelt hour of stand-up and songs.





# TODDLER FILM CLUB

**Saturday 28 February**  
**10am - Free**

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.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**FREE**

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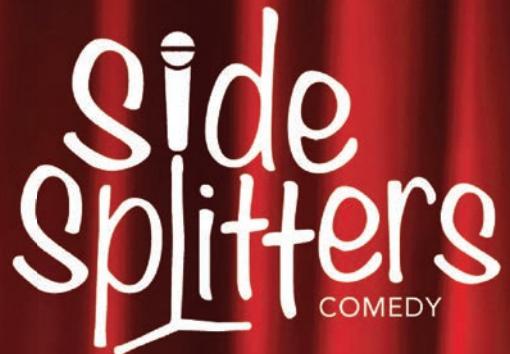






We all come to the arts from different places, at different times and in different ways. We're here to inspire you to new experiences, maybe for the first time.

What's happening  
**MARCH**



**Bring It On  
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**Friday 6 March  
8pm - £14**

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## Toddler Storytelling Session: Ruairidh Forde

**Wednesday 11 March**  
**10am - 10.45am - £4 per child**

Join author Ruairidh Forde for a heart-warming and humorous tale of acceptance and friendship.

Gnome likes to be alone. All he wants is peace and quiet, but one day he is interrupted by some noisy insects who want to stay in his garden. Gnome shooes them out and tells them all to 'Go Home!' But will Gnome realise that life is better with friends?

Gnome Says "Go Home!" is the first picture book written by Ruairidh Forde, co-creator of the popular children's theatre company The McDougalls. This interactive and engaging storytelling session is sure to entertain and delight young readers and their grown-ups too!

**Suitable for babies - age 5.**

There will also be an option to take part in a small craft activity and purchase a signed copy of the book!



## The City Sinners

**Friday 20 March**

7.30pm - £15

The City Sinners features some of the top players on the Scottish Country/Americana scene, fronted by critically acclaimed singer songwriters John Hinshelwood and Louise McAtee.

Guitarist Iain Barbour and pedal steel player Malcolm McMaster are both in demand as session players, and can count Jason Ringenberg, Jim Lauderdale and Martin Stephenson among their many collaborators.

Bass player/singer David McKee is a member of The Wynntown Marshals, one of Scotland's premier Americana outfits, and drummer Frank McHugh has recorded and toured extensively with various bands, most notably Big Sur whose debut single 'Please Stay' was a Radio One single of the week.

The show will feature all of the Emmylou Harris album 'Elite Hotel', (celebrating the 50th anniversary of its release), in addition to a selection of songs associated with both Emmylou and Gram Parsons. Emmylou Harris.

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



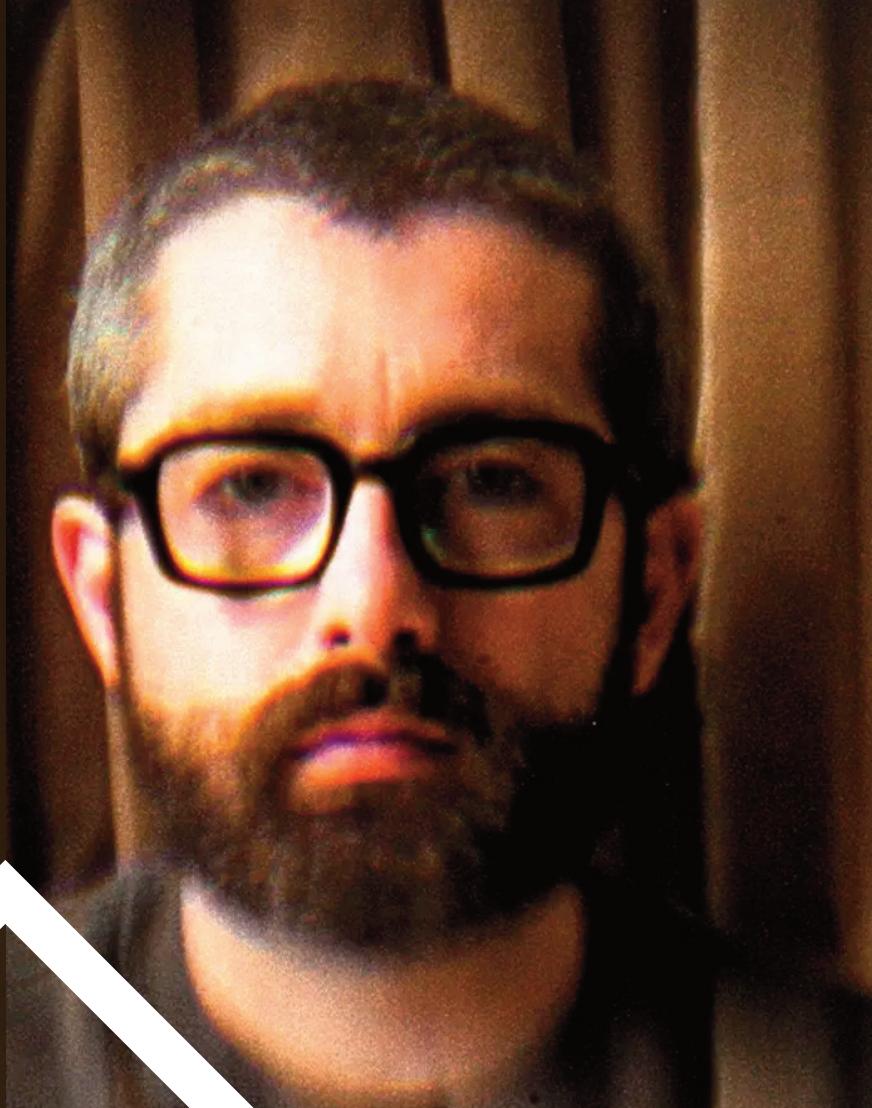


## Freckfest presents: Ross Leighton & Friends

**Saturday 21 March**  
**7.30pm - £22**

Freckfest are delighted to be presenting Ross Leighton at the Harbour Arts Centre. Ross, best known as the frontman of Ayrshire band Fatherson will play the venue following their Making Waves Festival appearance on Irvine Beach Park in 2022.

Freckfest spoke to Ross at the time and asked if he fancied doing a show in the HAC. Well, 4 years later it's finally happening!





# Colours:

## An Exhibition of work

### by Pat Kramek

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**Thursday 26 March - Saturday 9 May**

**Free Entry**

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Pat Kramek has exhibited in various galleries throughout the UK and beyond. Her work is in many corporate and private collections.

"My exhibition is all about colour, texture and light. I studied printed textiles and weaving at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art.

I have always liked painting. My interest in the arts started when I was five years old when my uncle gave me a paintbox for Christmas. My mum was a dressmaker and my Dad was a watchmaker. Both were very creative. Both also argued "where did I get my talent from?" I wonder where?!!?!! I hope that you enjoy the experience of viewing my artwork."

For more information on Pat please visit  
[www.patkramek.com](http://www.patkramek.com)

Freckfest presents:  
The Countess of Fife

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**Saturday 28 March**  
7.30pm - £18

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The Countess of Fife is an acclaimed alt-country outfit led by Fay Fife (known chiefly for her work with The Rezillos).

Fay launched The Countess of Fife as an alt-country project based around her gritty lyrics and soulful melodies. It has grown into an established touring and recording outfit playing shows at The Edinburgh Fringe, Celtic Connections and beyond. Fay's rich and resonant voice is backed by some of Scotland's finest musicians. Expect harmony, groove, songs to break your heart to...!It's as if punk never died - just grew up!

Rocking Magpie

The Countess of Fife's debut album, Star of the Sea was released a couple of years ago loved by critics, it hit UK album charts at # 21 in the UK album charts & # 7 in the Scottish charts. The Countess has recently released a well-received 4 track EP; critics hailing it as a 'scorched earth' song collection with Fay achieving recognition as a 'singer's singer'.





"Fay is now well underway on The Countess of Fife album # 2, 'A Woman of A Certain Wisdom'.  
Fay and the gang bring some fave songs from their acclaimed first album and will preview  
some new material from the upcoming second album to The Harbour Arts Centre.  
- don't miss this!"







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

What's happening  
APRIL

# side splitters

COMEDY

**Bring It On  
Events Presents:  
Sidesplitters Comedy**

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**Saturday 4 April  
8pm - £14**

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**Easter Arts and Crafts  
(4 - 8 years)  
3D Egg Decorating**

In this lively fun class, you will use decoupage and crystals to create your own colourful decorative eggs.

**Tuesday 7 April  
10.30-11.30am - £5**



## Musical Madness: K Pop Demon Hunters

**Wednesday 8th April**  
**10 - 4pm - 7 - 12 years - £18**

**Sing, slay and take the stage as  
a K Pop Demon Hunter for the day!**

Full day event, please bring snack, lunch and plenty of water.



# FAMILY FILM CLUB

Thursday 9 & Thursday 16 April

11am - Free

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.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

**FREE**

(BOOKING  
REQUIRED)





**Friday 10 April**  
10am - 11am - £5

## **Easter Arts and Crafts: Clay Decorations (5 - 7 years)**

Easter Clay Decorations - come along and create your very own Easter clay decoration! Learn techniques for creating 2d and 3d designs with air drying clay.



**Friday 10 April**  
12pm - 1pm - £5

## **Easter Arts and Crafts: Easter Marbling (ages 8 - 11)**

Discover the magic of marbling in this creative workshop. Create your own Easter images using your marbled papers!



**Friday 15 April**  
1pm - 2pm - £5

## Easter Arts and Crafts (8 - 11 years)

Easter animals in pen, watercolour, and gold foils. Come along and create your own cute Easter animal in this fun craft activity.



**Friday 17 April**  
10.30am - 11.30am - £5

## Easter Arts and Crafts (5 - 7 years) 3D Egg Decoration

In this lively fun class, you will use decoupage and crystals to create your own colourful decorative eggs.

# BEATLES

ACOUSTIC TRIO

THREE VOICES • TWO GUITARS • BASS

Friday 17 April  
7.30pm - £16

## Beatles Acoustic Trio

32 iconic legendary songs from 1963 onwards  
totally live in concert:

THREE VOICES | TWO GUITARS | ONE BASS

## UNIQUE AND NOT TO BE MISSED!

The new show from the guys from the Ready Steady 60s Show.



**Saturday 18 April**  
**Early Years Storytelling (4 - 6 yrs)**  
**10AM - £5 - per child**

## Guess how much I love you?

Cherished story of a parent and child's unconditional  
love, now in a beautiful book form.

Interactive storytelling workshop with dance, music and drama!

# You Choose

**Sunday 19 April**  
2pm - £10

## You Choose - Every show is unique!

Based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt Nonsense Room Productions (Shark in the Park and Hairy Maclary Shows) bring you an interactive musical show for all the family. But in this show - **YOU CHOOSE** what happens!

Using the picture book as inspiration and through a series of games and challenges each show will be unique with different characters, locations, costumes and much more every time!

**"It's all as entertainingly random as the book, particularly for those younger people in attendance. The manner in which they go about the choosing is joyous, inviting young volunteers from the audience to pick a character...."**

**David Pollock, The List**

**Suitable for ages 2-7**



# YOU

A boy in a striped shirt and yellow pants walking into the letter Y, an orange cat standing inside the letter O, and a girl in a yellow shirt and blue skirt standing inside the letter U.

# CHOOSE

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Regular classes at  
**The Harbour  
Arts Centre**

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## **TUESDAY: Tuesday Art Classes with Julia Griffin**

**February - April:  
£92 for an 8-week block  
(10am to 12noon or 1pm to 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](mailto:juliagriffinart@outlook.com)

Website: [www.juliagriffinartist.com](http://www.juliagriffinartist.com)



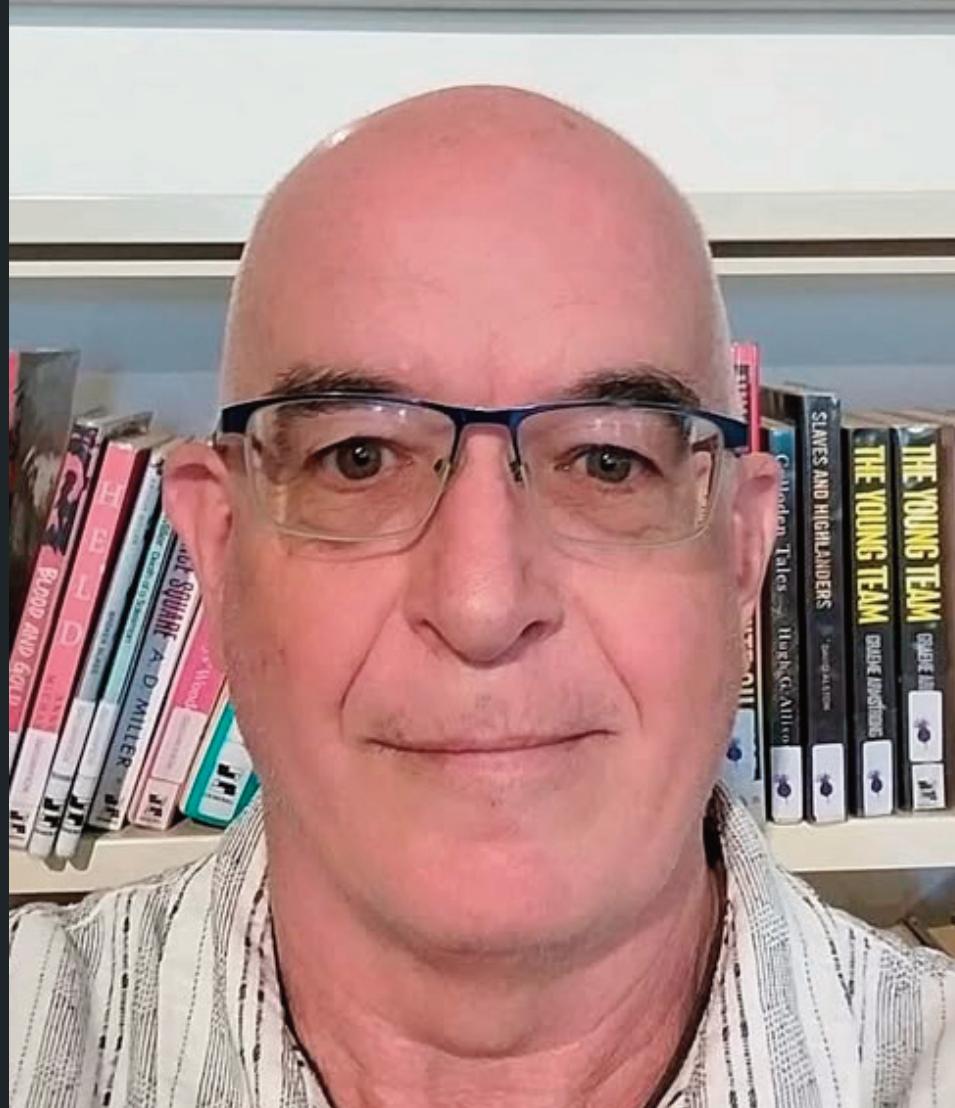
## WEDNESDAY: Writers Group with David McLaughlan

**10am - 12pm**  
**Block of workshops**

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](mailto:davidwordworker@gmail.com)**



**WEDNESDAY:**  
**Children and Young Person**  
**Drama Sessions with Showworks**

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**4.30pm - 5.15pm (P1- 3)**

**5.15pm - 6.00pm (P4 -7)**

**6.00pm - 7.00pm (S1 - 4)**

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**LEARN SKILLS, BUILD  
CONFIDENCE,  
AND MAKE FRIENDS.**

These 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!

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.

For more information and booking please contact  
[Showworkstheatre.com](http://Showworkstheatre.com)



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THEATRE**

**SPARKING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES**



## FRIDAY: Art Classes with Michelle Winslow

Contact: [winslowcreativity@gmail.com](mailto:winslowcreativity@gmail.com)

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## 10am-12noon

A great way to start the weekend with an art class perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike, this class offers a supportive space to explore techniques, build skills, and create expressive art across multiple mediums.

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## 1pm - 3pm

Beginner-friendly. Whether you're completely new to painting or looking to refresh your technique, this course offers a supportive and enjoyable introduction to the magic of watercolour. Materials provided and step by step tuition. Feel free to bring your own artwork projects and materials too.

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## SATURDAY: Saturday Art Classes with Julia Griffin

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**February - April:  
£70 for a 7-week block  
(11 to 18yrs)- 10am to 11.30am**

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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 to perfect their drawing and painting skills.

To book please contact: [juliagriffinart@outlook.com](mailto:juliagriffinart@outlook.com)

Website: [www.juliagriffinartist.com](http://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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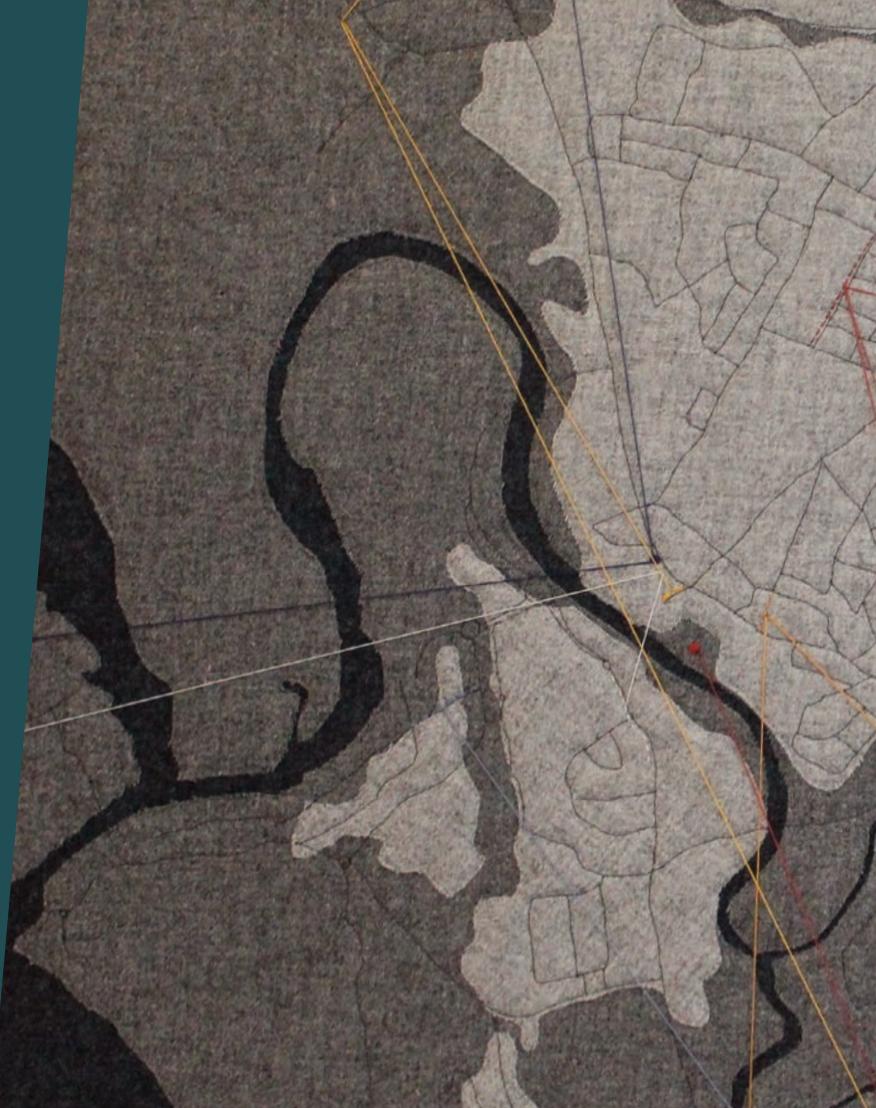
Tel: 01294 464174

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Website: [www.naheritage.co.uk](http://www.naheritage.co.uk)

Facebook: North Ayrshire Heritage and Cultural Services

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

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**January to April 2026**

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We're delighted to be extending and reinventing our Fabric of North Ayrshire exhibition for the New Year.

Our exhibition is a celebration of artwork, costume and textiles from our museums collections and we're focussing on uniforms, fancy hats, crafts and so much more.

Learn a little about the history of British Rail, and of the British Red Cross. We have fancy ladies' hats and hatpins galore, and smart sophisticated top hats and trilbies!

Our fabulous fabric exhibition sits alongside our permanent local history display, including the Ardrossan Sarcophagus and the amazing Eglinton Trophy.







# What's happening at Museum of the Cumbraes

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Alongside our permanent Museum of the Cumbraes display, our foyer display shows some different aspects of Cumbrae's rich history.

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The small display packs in a lot of history including the Glasgow-Cumbrae Benevolent Society, who helped so many people in their times of need, lots of different types of maps relating to the island, some artefacts from the Women's Lifeboat Guild and the fascinating military history of the 1st Argyll & Bute Volunteers.

**Garrison House, Millport**

**Open 7 days 10am to 4pm**

**Tel 01294 464174 Email: [naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:naheritage@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)**

**Website <https://naheritage.co.uk/>**

## A Road Well Travelled: An Exhibition by Jack Rigg

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**Friday 9 January - Thursday 26 February**

**Exhibition Launch: Saturday 24 January 1pm - 3pm**

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Artist and former art teacher Jack Rigg presents a collection of oil landscapes that capture the historic journey between Mossgiel near Mauchline and Ellisland near Dumfries, a route famously travelled by Robert Burns.

Each painting blends technical precision with storytelling, inviting viewers to imagine the narratives within. Central to a book called "A Road Well Travelled," the story is about the journeys on that road made in the late 18th century by Robert Burns and others from more recent times.

There are many artists who have painted pictures of places associated with Robert Burns; indeed, many include imagined images of him and his associates in Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire settings.

These pictures however are contemporary scenes, pictured from spots where Burns or other 18th century travellers could have stood. Although much will have changed, they are scenes that he and his contemporaries would, for the most part, recognise.

Jack was born in Edinburgh in 1945 but has spent most of his life in Ayrshire. Educated at Kilmarnock Academy, Jack is proud to have been a pupil there in an outstanding art and design department, indeed of his senior class seven subsequently attended the Glasgow School of Art.





On leaving GSA Jack had a brief flirtation with the airline business before continuing his studies at Jordanhill College of Education. Thereafter Jack taught in Ayrshire for 41 years before retiring.

Throughout his career Jack continued to paint and exhibit and take private commissions. He has work in private collections in the USA, Canada and in the UK.

Jack makes no secret of the fact that his work tends towards the traditional and representational; in short, he strives to make his pictures look like the location or person.

## An Exhibition of Work by Stephen Jordan

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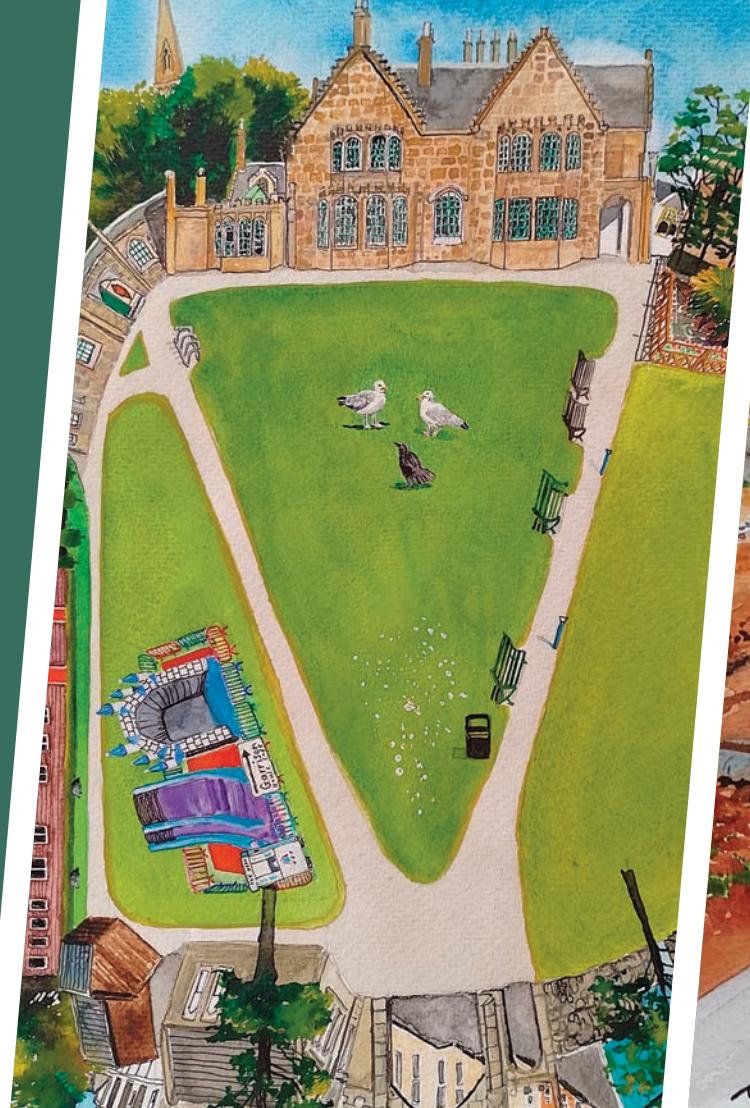
**March - May**

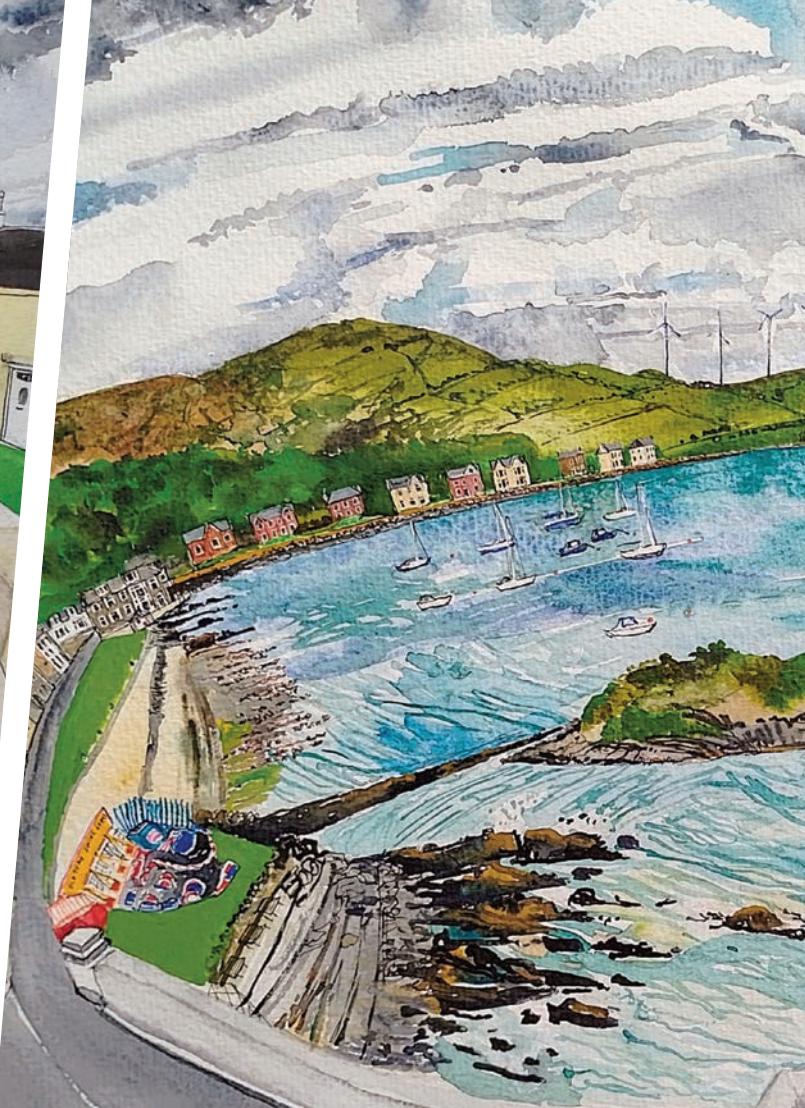
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Stephen Jordan is an Essex based artist whose paintings are all about perspective, changing light, movement of clouds, growth and loss of leaves and changing of the seasons.

Many of his paintings are created outdoors and he sometimes revisits the scene to capture changing weather or a specific event. Stephen took part in the 2020 Landscape Artist of the Year competition where his unique approach to perspective was featured in one of the episodes.

The paintings in this exhibition were all created in June 2025 when Stephen visited, and fell in love with, Millport. Despite having exhibited extensively throughout England, this is Stephen's first exhibition in Scotland.









What's happening at

eglinton  
country park

## Volunteering

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**Monday 9.30am until 12.30pm**

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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:  
[eglintoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:eglintoncountrypark@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)  
or call 01294 551776.



**Monday 12 January**  
10am  
FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

## Toddler Film Club @ the Park

Join us for toddler friendly programmes in a relaxed environment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Sunday 18 January**  
10am - 11.30am  
FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

## Big Garden Birdwatch Prep Event

### Birds, Binoculars & Bird Feeders!

Join North Ayrshire Countryside Rangers as we explore the woods to spot some feathered friends and learn how to identify them. Then make a tasty treat to help our birds thrive through the winter. Perfect preparation for the Big Garden Birdwatch!

**A family event, all children must be accompanied by an adult. We will be going off path onto uneven ground. Weather appropriate clothing and footwear recommended.**



**Friday 6 February**  
1.30pm - 2.30pm  
FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

## Drum In the Park

Come and find your groove while enjoying the joy of spontaneous music-making. Join us for a drum circle hosted in the beautiful surroundings of Eglinton Country Park.

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular or trying it for the first time.

**Drum in the Park is for ages 16 and over. Children are welcome but must be accompanied. - Free**



**Saturday 7 February**  
10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm  
FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

## Birdboxes for Nestbox Week

Join North Ayrshire Countryside Rangers to help our wildlife by providing safe nesting and roosting sites for wild birds.

Learn about the different natural nests, the different boxes we can make, and then take part in making a bird box to take away or leave to be put up in the park. The timing in mid-February is ideal because it's the start of the breeding season for many species. Building bird boxes in readiness for National Bird Nest Box Week.

**Family event, all children must be  
accompanied by an adult.**



**Monday 9 February  
& Monday 13 April - 10am**  
FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED

## Family Film Club @ the Park

Sit back, relax and entertain the kids with programmes suitable for children and their families in a relaxed environment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

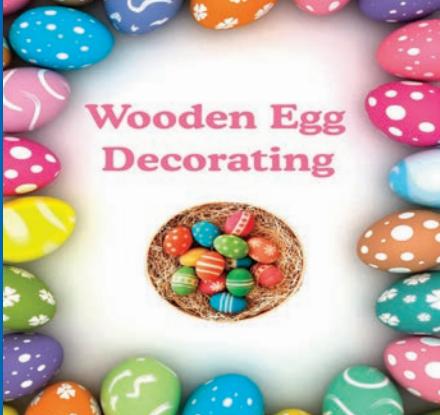


**Sunday 22 March**  
10am - 1pm  
FREE, BUT BOOKABLE

## WeBS Have-A-Go

We're opening up some of our surveys as taster sessions! While aimed at those who are curious about getting more involved, these are very easy-going versions of our surveys; so don't worry, we'll take care of the science and data-crunching!

This session we're taking a look at British Trust for Ornithology's Wetland Bird Survey (or WeBS for short!). Suitable for over 18, booking essential. Sturdy footwear required (These are taster sessions and not formal training).



## Wooden Egg Decorating



**Saturday 4 April**  
11am - 3pm  
**FREE**

## Wooden Egg Decorating - Family Drop in Session

Come along to our crafty easter drop-in session where you can get creative with paint pens and design your very own unique wooden egg, just in time for Easter. You don't need to worry about this one cracking!



**Friday 10 April**  
10.30am - 12noon (5-7 years)  
1.30pm - 3pm (8 -12 years)  
**£5 per child**

## Easter Arts & Crafts: Botanical Gelli printing for children

Come along and take part in this fun Gelli printing class and learn how to create your own unique bookmarks, cards and egg-shaped bunting.



**Wednesday 8 April and  
Wednesday 15 April**  
**5.45am - 7.45am**  
**FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED**

## Dawn Chorus

Spring has sprung, and what better way than to celebrate the Spring's Sensational Soundtrack? Join North Ayrshire Council Ranger Service on a dawn-lit walk, listening to a feathered symphony. Weather-friendly clothing and sturdy, comfy, weatherproof footwear required.

**This walk is suitable for children aged 12 and over, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.**



**Wednesday 8 April**  
**10am - 11.30am**  
**Free, drop in session**

## Courtyard Encounters

North Ayrshire Council Ranger Service will be set up in the Courtyard with an exciting and fascinating topic around wildlife.

We could be marvelling at the magic of moths, pondering the peculiarities of pond life, wondering about wildflowers or unbaffling birdlife!



**Tuesday 14 April**  
**10.30- 12 noon (4 - 8 years)**  
**£5 per child**

## Easter Arts & Crafts: Botanical Gelli printing for children

Sit back, relax and entertain the kids with programmes suitable for children and their families in a relaxed environment.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



**Saturday 18 April**  
**11.00am - 3.00pm**  
**FREE**

## Flowerpot Decorating - Family Drop in Session

Come along to our easter craft drop-in session and create your very own funky flowerpot, plant your own spring flower and watch it grow!

# What's happening in The Community

## Barrmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club

Barrmill Jolly Beggars Burns Club hold their 82nd Annual Burns Supper on Friday 20 February in Beith Bowling Club at 7.30pm.

The toast to the Immortal Memory will be delivered by Iain McPhaill, Past President, Irvine Burns Club. The Toast to the Lasses will be delivered by Alan Timpany of Irvine. Other performers will be members of our Club. Singers and readers will include Dr Gordon Isbister, Jim Naismith, and Iain D Shaw.

The event will be chaired by Councillor Donald L Reid, Hon President of the club, celebrating his 25 years as club secretary and 40 years membership of the club.

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## Ayrshire Art Classes – Alison Thomas Artist

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Lots of fun workshops will be taking place at Ayrshire Art Classes this Spring, including felt making, acrylic and watercolour painting.

Ideal for beginners or anyone wanting to brush up their skills or just try something different! Adults and children aged 10 years+ (accompanied by an adult) welcome.

**To find out more and book in please visit the classes page at: [www.alisonthomasartist.co.uk](http://www.alisonthomasartist.co.uk)**



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## Garnock Valley Disability Group

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Garnock Valley Disability Group are holding a fundraising concert in Beith Parish Church on Sunday 26 April at 2.30pm

They are delighted to welcome the famous Phoenix Choir to Beith. A donation of £10 is asked of attendees. Refreshments will be supplied at the interval.

**Tickets from: Donald L Reid via  
[donaldleesreid@hotmail.com](mailto:donaldleesreid@hotmail.com)**

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## Isle of Arran Heritage Museum Open March to October

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The Isle of Arran Heritage Museum, founded in 1976 (open to the public in 1979) is on the main road, at Rosaburn, just north of Brodick, on the beautiful island of Arran, Scotland.

Originally the site of a small school, the present group of buildings were a croft and smiddy, and include a farmhouse, cottage, bothy, milk house, laundry, stable, coach house and harness room. The exhibits reflect the social history, archaeology and geology of the island. The museum is run by 34 volunteers, who generously give their time to make your visit as enjoyable and interesting as possible.

The new 2026 season begins at Arran Heritage Museum. Come along to see the updates made over the winter season. Please contact ahead of time to ensure availability.

**Rosaburn, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DP  
[www.arranmuseum.co.uk](http://www.arranmuseum.co.uk)**





# Booking & Venue information:

## Buy your tickets:

### Online:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harbour-arts-centre)

In person: at Harbour Arts Centre Box Office

**Phone:** 01294 274059

**Email:** [harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Website:** [thehac.co.uk](http://thehac.co.uk)

**Box Office Opening Hours:**  
Wed - Sat 9.30am - 4pm

## Booking and

## Transaction Fees:

Tickets bought online occur 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](mailto: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.

