



Ards and  
North Down  
Borough Council



# ARTS AND HERITAGE GUIDE

September –  
December 2018



# WELCOME

## Welcome to the Autumn/Winter Heritage Guide for the Borough of Ards and North Down.

North Down Museum has a host of talks, exhibitions and events taking place over the next few months.

Pop in and visit our galleries and view our latest heritage-based exhibitions. While you are here, relax and have a coffee or lunch in the wonderful Coffee Cure café, or perhaps buy a unique gift or memento of your visit in our charming museum shop.

### BOOKING

Tickets can be purchased via Ards Arts Centre and North Down Museum plus any of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Visitor Information Centres or you can book online at [www.northdownmuseum.com](http://www.northdownmuseum.com)

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### MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

**Tuesday – Saturday:** 10am – 4.30pm  
**Sunday:** 12pm – 4.30pm  
Closed on Mondays, except Bank Holidays.  
Accessible for people with disabilities.

The museum will be closed from Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 December and Tuesday 1 January 2019.

Admission is FREE.



We are located in Castle Park and only a stone's throw from the Walled Garden, which is open until Halloween. Spend some time inside and out exploring this lovely part of Bangor.

North Down Museum Team

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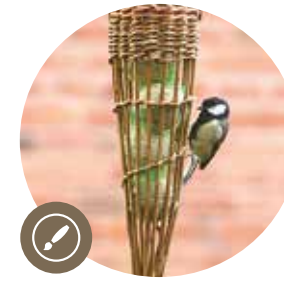
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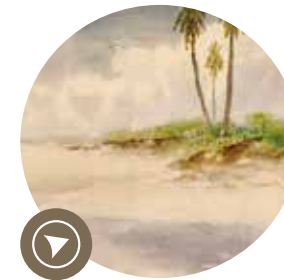
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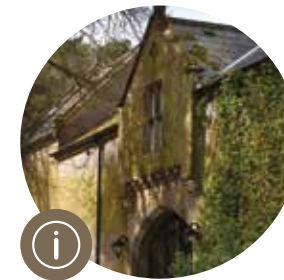
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## EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER / NORTH DOWN MUSEUM AND BANGOR CASTLE / 11AM – 3PM**  
**BANGOR CASTLE TOURS BY THE MAID AT 11AM, 12PM, 1PM AND 2PM**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Bangor Castle, now the Town Hall, dates from 1852. It was built for the Hon. Robert Edward Ward, landlord of much of Bangor. North Down Museum is housed in the former laundry and stables of the main building.

We will have re-enactments, craft demonstrations, storytelling, tours and lots more, telling the interesting story of this elegant building and the surrounding area.

EHOD 2018 will be a highlight of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, an initiative of the European Commission to promote a greater awareness of our shared cultural heritage.



## SURVIVING A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

**SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018 / NORTH DOWN MUSEUM / 8PM – 11PM**  
**£10**

A night of traditional skills, music, drink... and zombies!

Don't worry – we'll have live music and a fully-stocked bar to get you through the night. Strictly over 18s. Zombie-survival dress encouraged.

A world without internet, electricity, heating, coffee shops. Could you survive? The pandemic has begun and the zombie herd is heading towards Bangor. Spend the evening at North Down Museum and learn the traditional skills you'll need to survive.





## CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

**SATURDAY 24 – SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER / NORTH DOWN MUSEUM**

**SATURDAY: 10AM – 4.30PM / SUNDAY: 12PM – 4.30PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

North Down Museum's Christmas market has become a regular in the local shopping calendar. Our Christmas market will have everything you need for those special stocking fillers. Local artists and crafters will provide a range of goods for you to browse.

On Saturday at lunchtime there will be music in Coffee Cure and who knows, Santa may even make an appearance. Keep a look out!



## WEAVE A WILLOW BIRDFEEDER

**SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER**

**NORTH DOWN MUSEUM / 10AM – 4PM**

**£40**

Participants will have the opportunity to make a range of bird feeders during this workshop. Clive Lyttle from Welig Heritage Crafts will lead you through the processes to enable you to weave your own pieces to take home.

This workshop is suitable for beginners and those with some experience.

All tools, materials and full tuition will be supplied.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.



## TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER / LONG GALLERY,**

**NORTH DOWN MUSEUM / 10AM – 1PM**

**£10**

This half-day workshop will be led by Artist Rong-Gen Yin and his assistant Anna Lo. The morning kicks off with a demonstration of the traditional Chinese technique of Shui-mo, which employs a fluid depiction of plants, birds and animals using bold brushstrokes in ink and watercolours.

Then it's your turn to create a beautiful painting for yourself using this ancient technique.

Tea and coffee will be provided.



## BANGOR FOOTBALL CLUB CENTENARY

**WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER  
LONG GALLERY, NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE**

Step back in time and explore 100 years of Bangor Football Club. Learn about the legend behind the club's start in 1918, follow the highs and lows of the club's many seasons and relive the Irish Cup glory in 1993!

This exhibition highlights our local club through a variety of stories, images, playing kits, programmes and paraphernalia. It is a wonderful trip down memory lane for a club who is looking forward to a bright future.

## GOD IS ON LEAVE

**WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019  
LONG GALLERY, NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE**

North Down Museum reflects this Armistice Day with an exhibition which is a tribute to the men who fought in the First World War. Commemorate their sacrifice through this emotive and moving installation by artists Leslie Nicholl and Colin Corkey.

Originally inspired by their relatives who served, the artist's inspiration is to remember them and all the young people from the combatant nations who lost their lives or came back to very different countries and had to live the rest of their lives plagued by nightmares.



## BANGOR ART CLUB

**TUESDAY 21 AUGUST – SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER  
THE COMMUNITY GALLERY,  
NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE**

Bangor Art Club has been on the go since 1952. The members are a mixture of enthusiastic artists of all ages. They use all mediums and exhibit twice a year.

New members are always welcome. They meet at Ballyholme Yacht Club every other Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm.



## 'SUPER SEASIDERS' BY ALAN O'NEILL

**TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER  
THE COMMUNITY GALLERY,  
NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE**

Building on previous exhibitions of work, Alan O'Neill continues to paint portraits of our local folk in a blend of creativity and heritage. In this instance, he has created an exhibition of some Super Seasideers celebrating Bangor Football Club's history.

With great stories of triumphs, trophies and tribulations, each subject has a unique story about the sporting club in the heart of our town. These paintings and videos reflect the character of the subjects and reinforce the love of 'The Seasideers' which unites and drives these gentlemen.



## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN – PRAEGER’S MEMORIALS

**TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER**  
**THE COMMUNITY GALLERY, NORTH DOWN MUSEUM**  
**FREE**

To honour the end of the First World War this Armistice Day, this exhibition explores how families and communities remembered the lives of those who died during the Great War.

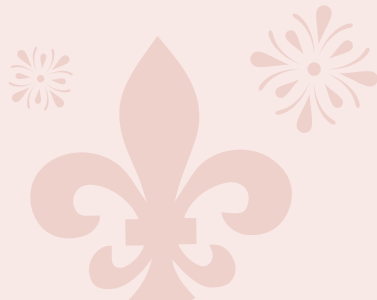
During the 1920s, memorials were erected in towns and villages across Europe and the UK. Local artist Sophia Rosamund Praeger worked on a number of memorials across Northern Ireland, one of a few women who did so at the time. This exhibition is a testament to her and the local men who died.

## OCTUS ART

**TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER**  
**THE COMMUNITY GALLERY, NORTH DOWN MUSEUM**  
**FREE**

Octus Art is a group of artists each of whom has recently completed their Foundation Diploma in Art and Design at SERC in Bangor.

The name Octus Art is derived because the group comprises of eight artists, each with individual approaches, who work independently but also share information and resources – the arms of an octopus each connected to the main body. Using various media and different artistic styles, this is their first exhibition as a collective.



## A CELEBRATION OF OUR MINORITY COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

**SEPTEMBER 2018 – JUNE 2019**  
**FREE**

The Nerve Centre and Ards and North Down Borough Council are partnering in a unique creative community project to celebrate the Borough's cultural diversity.

Why not get involved and...

- Get hands-on with museum objects and collections.
- Learn new skills and try the latest digital technologies, including 3D scanning and printing.
- Enjoy heritage site visits, workshops and creative sessions.
- Help develop an exhibition, an interactive screen and multi-cultural festival.

The project explores North Down Museum's Sir John Newell Jordan collection, including many significant Chinese, Korean and Japanese artefacts.

No experience of local history or using technology required! We're looking for enthusiastic people aged 18+ to commit to the programme.

To sign up contact Helena Hamilton: [h.hamilton@nervecentre.org](mailto:h.hamilton@nervecentre.org) or call 028 7126 0562.





## THE ESSENCE

**TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER –  
SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019**  
THE COMMUNITY GALLERY,  
NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE

The exhibition will capture glimpses of local scenery, history, poems and tales of the local area within Co. Down. The artists have created work that dips into the history of buildings, tales and scenery using various mediums which complement the gallery area.

Each artist specialises in print, ceramics and felting, using colours and textures which grasp the essence of nature and create a sense of ambiance of the local area.

## THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

**WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER –  
SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019**  
CAFÉ, NORTH DOWN MUSEUM  
FREE

With close to 20 million dead, half of which were military deaths, the war to end all wars was entering its final moments. Operations such as the Central Power's Spring Offensive and the Entente's Hundred Days Offensive were the deadliest assaults of the final phase of the war that exhausted the Central Powers into eventually seeking peace. This exhibition explores the campaigns and battles which finally led to the end of the First World War.

Wherever possible, North Down Museum exhibitions travel to libraries and visitor information centres across the Borough. So in case you missed it, this autumn, three exhibitions will be out and about. They are:



## ICEBERGS AND PALM TREES

**SEPTEMBER, NEWTOWNARDS LIBRARY  
OCTOBER, BANGOR LIBRARY  
NOVEMBER, COMBER LIBRARY  
DECEMBER, PORTAFERRY LIBRARY**

Percy French is well known for his songs about Ireland, most famously the Mountains of Mourne. This exhibition, which marks the 164th anniversary of his birth, celebrates the entertainer's travels from 1910 to 1914.



## 'SUPER SEASIDERS' BY ALAN O'NEILL

**BANGOR LIBRARY / 5 NOVEMBER –  
1 DECEMBER**

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## BANGOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY HISTORY TALKS

SECOND THURSDAY EACH MONTH  
NORTH DOWN MUSEUM CAFÉ  
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM, TALKS BEGIN 8PM  
£3 / NO BOOKING IS REQUIRED

Bangor Historical Society was founded in November 1976 to encourage the study of and to promote public interest in local history. Over the years, the Society has published several journals, postcards, photographic calendars and brief historical details of 'Old Bangor'.

They meet in the comfort of the North Down Museum café on the second Thursday of each month. Come along for a fascinating evening with good company and even a cup of tea.

- 13 September:** Norman Weatherall: Where we used to shop in Belfast
- 11 October:** Laura Spence: The Rhyming Weavers and W.F. Marshall
- 8 November:** Maciek Bator: Polish Airmen in Northern Ireland during the Second World War
- 13 December:** Roger Dixon: The big houses of Ulster

[www.bangorhistoricalsocietyni.org](http://www.bangorhistoricalsocietyni.org)

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES ACROSS THE BOROUGH


The museum works closely with many historical societies across the Borough. Why not check out what is on offer through their Facebook pages or websites?

**Comber Historical Society**  
[www.comberhistory.com](http://www.comberhistory.com)

**Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn**  
[www.bayburn.com](http://www.bayburn.com)

**Hollywood U3A**  
[www.u3asites.org.uk/hollywood/events](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/hollywood/events)

**Ballywalter**  
 Ballywalter Community Action Group

**Bangor**  
 Family History in North Down and Ards Group

**Donaghadee**  
 Donaghadee Historical Society News

**Portaferry**  
 Upper Ards Historical Society



## ARDS AND NORTH DOWN HERITAGE FUNDING

The Heritage Project Grant is now available to assist heritage events, projects or activities which take place in the Ards and North Down Borough. Non-profit making organisations and constituted groups that are located in or projects that are of benefit to residents within the borough are eligible. Grants of up to £500 are available.

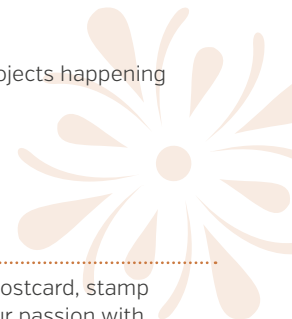
Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 21 September at 12 noon for projects happening between December 2018 and March 2019.

## EXHIBITING IN THE MUSEUM – DISPLAY YOUR TREASURES

Do you have your own collection you would like to show? Perhaps a vinyl, postcard, stamp or even a teapot collection? If you collect it, we want to display it! Share your passion with our visitors in cases in our café!

## DONATIONS

The museum is always on the lookout for items that help us to tell local stories. If you have anything you think would be of interest either give us a ring or pop in for a chat.





## ADDITIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES



### AUDIO TOURS

Take a free audio tour of the museum. Just ask at reception.

### BUDDY CARD SCHEME

Ards and North Down Borough Council wants to encourage those with a disability to attend arts and heritage events. If you have a disability and require assistance to attend events, then you can apply for a Buddy Card that allows your 'Buddy' to attend for free. You can pick up an application form for a Buddy Card at Ards Arts Centre, North Down Museum or any of Ards and North Down Borough Council's Visitor Information Centres.

### BOOKING

All additional services must be pre-booked with the exception of audio tours.



### SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

Our schools' programme covers various topics that tie in with the curriculum and are available to book throughout the school year. Sessions are aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils. Choose from Early Bangor, the Vikings and World War I and II. Let us bring history to life and let pupils learn through experience.

### HANDLING BOXES

Borrow one of our boxes for your school or community group to bring local history to life. Our themes include World War I and II, Early Christian Heritage, Victorian Times and the 1950s.

### RESEARCH

Research appointments are available Monday to Friday.

### TOURS

We offer free guided tours for groups Monday to Friday, during opening hours.

### TALKS

We provide free talks to community groups on a variety of topics pertaining to the local area.

## VENUE INFORMATION

### CONTACT

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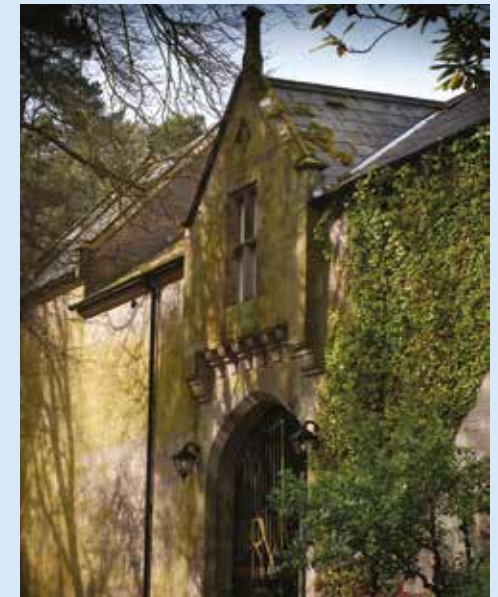


### COFFEE CURE @ THE MUSEUM

The Museum Café and tranquil courtyard offers freshly made Fairtrade coffee and tea, lunch and snacks for visitors. The Café is also available to hire for private events. For further information, call 028 9127 8050.

### MUSEUM SHOP

Our Museum Shop offers a range of family learning activities, games, toys and souvenirs as well as a selection of books on local and historical topics. Tickets for Ards and North Down arts events may also be purchased from the Museum Shop, or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardsandnorthdown](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardsandnorthdown)



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