

CUSHENDUN BIG ARTS WEEKEND 3-6 MAY 2019

4 DAYS OF MUSIC,
DRAMA, POETRY, ART AND
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS
IN ONE OF THE PRETTIEST
VILLAGES IN THE GLENS
OF ANTRIM

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CUSHENDUN BIG ARTS WEEKEND 2019

Welcome to the Big Arts Weekend 2019!

This is the seventh year of the festival and a very special one for the **Cushendun Building Preservation Trust**. After thirteen long years of campaigning, fundraising, negotiating and sheer perseverance, restoration is nearly complete and **The Old Church Centre** will be open in June. To celebrate, we are thrilled to have some star guests - **The Armagh Rhymers, Eamon Phoenix, Craic Theatre** - along with our many established favourites, such as **Share-a-Poem** and the **Family Funday Sunday**.

For further info, programme updates, and to book online and benefit from early-bird ticket prices, visit www.theoldchurchcentre.com



All Weekend

Art Exhibition Group show by artists from
the Glens of Antrim Painting for Pleasure group.
Saturday, Sunday & Monday 12-5pm, Glenmona House.

Pop-Up-Tea-Shop Homemade cakes in the elegant surroundings of
Glenmona House.
Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 12-4pm, Glenmona House

Extra Time
by Mark Shields

A riotous comedy presented by **Craic Theatre**. In a rural pub, on the evening of the local football team's semi-final victory, a German university student arrives to record the night's proceedings and all hell breaks loose. As the drink flows, it all comes out: secrets, lies, identity, drunken dancing, match commentaries, poetry, sexuality - it's all there, folks!

Saturday 8pm, St Ciaran's Primary School,
132 Layde Road, Knocknacary, BT44 0NJ
£5 in advance, £7 at the door.

Advice to Parents - strong language.



Talk: **Eamon Phoenix**

Acclaimed historian, author and political journalist speaks about the War of Independence in the Glens.

Sunday 3pm, St Ciaran's Primary School,
132 Layde Rd, Knocknacarry, BT44 0NJ
£6 in advance. Booking essential.

Painting Master Class with Michael Sayers

For beginning and more experienced artists. Bring your own materials (oils or watercolours) and a painting you are working on; or start a new work. An experienced teacher and practitioner of art, Michael specialises in oils and ceramics.

Saturday, 11am to 4pm (with an hour's break for lunch)
Glenmona House.
£20. Booking essential.



Painting Master Class with Michael Sayers
Saturday 4 May 11am - 4pm (1hr break)
Glenmona House



Dr James Morrow "50 Years of the Corncrake"

In this talk, Dr James Morrow will discuss John Hewitt's affection for the Glens, his fascination with the people he encountered there, and the poetry he was inspired to write.

Saturday, 11am Glenmona House
£3 in advance £4 at the door

In association with:





Naturally North Coast and Glens Market

Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market will be in Cushendun with an array of hand-crafted goods, delicious foods and local produce.

Monday 12-5pm, Glenmona House

The Armagh Rhymers

One of Ireland's most respected folk theatre ensembles, delighting audiences all over the world, The Armagh Rhymers are coming to Cushendun to celebrate the May Day bank holiday with their unique style of performance, music, storytelling and a Maypole!

Join **Makendoo on Sunday from 12-2pm** to make an array of carnival hats, masks and banners to bring along to the festivities!

Monday, 2:30pm, Glenmona House with a procession around Glenmona grounds.



Drama at Mary's

A regular highlight of the BAW programme. This year Lurig Drama Group will be performing a rehearsed reading from Brian Friel's 'Translations'.

Monday, 8.30pm, Mary McBrides, Early Bird £5, or £6 at the door.



Medicine Dance / Movement Magik

Adults Session: Join Freyja Seren for an introduction to the healing power of Medicine Dance, reconnecting with the present moment and our physical experience in it.

Children's Session: Creative Storytelling through movement - laugh, play and explore worlds created with our imaginations!

Monday, Adults Session 11-11:45am; Children's Session 12-12:30pm, Glenmona House, Free



Cushendun Building Preservation Trust was formed with the intention of saving a lovely old building and keeping it as a community asset. With the greater part of our funding coming from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, it was inevitable that preserving heritage was going to be an important part of our mission: not just restoring the building, but protecting the less tangible aspects of our heritage as well.

Last year CBPT, in partnership with the Education Authority, instigated a film project which resulted in 'Castle Green' and 'Heritage', two films which preserve memories of the legendary dance hall at Castle Green. This was an intergenerational project, with all the interviews conducted by young people who received workshop training in interview technique and filming as part of the process. The short film 'Heritage' was made by them in response to the memories they recorded. We were delighted to learn that 'Heritage' was a category winner of the at the EA Youth Oscars 2019 and congratulate all the young people involved, and Tara McHugh who led the project.

The two films will be screened at Glenmona House on Sunday at 5.30pm.

We have another project on the go: **'Greetings from Cushendun'**. This is a Peace VI funded project, part of the 'Understanding Your Area' initiative.

'Greetings from Cushendun' takes a look at how 200 years of tourism have shaped



Cushendun and the lives of people who live here. We have been collecting reminiscences, postcards, and photographs for a publication and exhibition in the Old Church Centre this June. If you would like to find out more about the project or share a story or photo, we will be at Glenmona House on Monday from 12-4pm.

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Pop-Up-Tea-Shop

Homemade cakes in the elegant surroundings of Glenmona House.
Saturday and Sunday, 12-4pm

Saturday 4 May

Play-in-a-Day

Drama workshop for young performers aged 7 to 12
10am to 3:30pm, St Ciaran's Primary School, 132 Layde Road BT44 0NJ,
Booking essential £6

Painting Master Class with Michael Sayers.

11am to 4pm (with an hour's break for lunch), Glenmona House.
Booking essential. £20

Talk: '50 Years of the Corncrake.' by Dr James Morrow.

In association with the John Hewitt Society
11am, Glenmona House.
£3 in advance, £4 at the door.

Share a Poem

Share poetry, song and prose; a piece you've chosen or your own work. Listeners also avidly welcome! This year the event explores the theme of the sea.
2pm, Randal's 'Cushendun Hotel,' BT440PL. Free

Play: Extra Time, by Mark Shields

8pm, St Ciaran's Primary School, 132 Layde Road BT44 0NJ,
£5 in advance, £7 at the door.

Music at Mary's Niall Patterson

10pm to late. Mary McBrides

To book online please visit: www.theoldchurchcentre.com

Sunday 5th May

Dawn Chorus walk through Cregagh

Guided walk with *Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme*. Wear boots or sturdy shoes and warm clothing. To register for this event, book online <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dawn-chorus-at-cregagh-wood-tickets-54849275660>
Meet 5.30 am, at St Patrick's Church car-park, Glendun Road, BT44 0PZ. Free

Village Walk: 'In Cushendun Beside the Sea.'

A walking tour exploring how the sea has shaped the history and inspired the folklore of Cushendun. Bring sturdy walking shoes and a waterproof coat. In association with the Cushendun Walking Group.
Meet 10am, Glenmona House. Approximately 1¼ hours long; £3 on arrival.

Family Funday

Face painting, balloon modelling, and the National Trust Rangers will be running Giant Games all afternoon. Makendoo Workshop, 12-2pm. Puppet Show, 2pm. Magic Show, 4pm. Glenmona House and Grounds. All events free.

Doggies' Got Talent

A dog show with a difference! Obstacle course and dress-up competition.
3-4pm, Glenmona House. Registration on the day. £1

Talk Eamon Phoenix

Speaking about the War of Independence in the Glens.
3pm, St Ciaran's Primary School, 132 Layde Road BT44 0NJ.
£6 - early online booking essential.

The Dance Hall at Castle Green

Two short films, 'Castle Green' and 'Heritage', celebrating the legendary dance-hall at Castle Green.
5.30pm, Glenmona House. Early Bird £2, or £3 at the door.

An evening of Irish music and dance

Featuring Ciaran O'Kane and friends, and the Loughguile dancers.
8.30 pm, Glenmona House, Early Bird £4, or £5 at the door.

Music at Mary's ...

Mary's Session at 4.30pm, followed by The Simple Truth at 10pm.

To book online please visit: www.theoldchurchcentre.com

Monday 6th May

An tSiúlóid

Guided walk across Fair Head to Lough Doo, Doonmore and Lough na Cranagh. Approximately 3 hours. Bring water and a snack, walking boots essential. Meet 10.30am, Murlough Bay top car park. £6 (concessions, £3) Pay on the day.

Dance Workshops with Freyja Seren

Adults' session 11-11:45am
Children's session 12-12:30pm
Glenmona House. Free

Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market

12-5pm, Glenmona House

50 Things To Do Before You're 11 ¾

Join the National Trust Rangers for some outdoor adventures: explore the woods, build a den, spot a red squirrel, and much more. Glenmona House. Free

Treasure Hunt for ages 6-12

12 - 4pm, Glenmona House. £1

Greetings from Cushendun

Come and find out about our PeaceVI funded project, looking at the the history of tourism in Cushendun.
12-4pm, Glenmona House. Free

The Armagh Rhymers

The Armagh Rhymers celebrate the May Day bank holiday with their unique style of performance, music, storytelling, and a Maypole.
2.30pm, Glenmona House, followed by a procession to the Old Church Centre.

Sand Sculpture Competition

Theme '*We need to talk about Plastic.*' Prizes for the finest creations. Cushendun Beach, weather permitting.
4pm, Registration at Glenmona car-park. Judging 5pm. Free

Family Film: *Isle of Dogs*

5pm, Glenmona House. Adults £4, under 16s free

Drama at Mary's

Lurig Drama Group perform a rehearsed reading from Brian Friel's 'Translations'.
8.30pm, Mary McBrides. Early Bird £5, or £6 at the door.

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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



Play-in-a-Day - Drama Workshop

For young performers age 7-12 with actor and facilitator Mark Claney.

A relaxed day of games, acting, inventing and story-making to create a 10-15 minute performance for parents and friends. Performance at 4pm!

As well as stage roles, Mark has worked as a facilitator with New Lodge Arts, Prime Cut, Stagecoach, Centre Stage, and Belfast City Council.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Participants need to be enrolled by a responsible adult at the start of the day.
Saturday 10am-4:15pm St Ciaran's Primary School. Booking essential, £6

Makendoo Workshop



Join Makendoo on Sunday from 12-2pm to make an array of carnival hats masks and banners. Bring your creations along on Monday to join the *Armagh Rhymers* May Day procession and celebrations.

Sunday, 12-2pm, Glenmona House, Free

Sunday Family Fun Day

Bring along a picnic and enjoy unlimited fun in the beautiful grounds of Glenmona House. There will be face painting, balloon modeling, and the National Trust Rangers will be running giant games all afternoon.

Sunday, 12-5pm, Glenmona House, Free



Family Film: *Isle of Dogs*



Monday 5pm, Glenmona House. Adults £4, Under 16s free



Doggies' Got Talent!



Has your dog got the Wagz Factor? "*Doggies Got Talent*" is a dog show with a difference! Crazy Obstacle Course, Fancy Dress Competition, Find-the-Treat Race. No registration required - just come along and join in the fun!

Sunday, 3pm to 4pm, Glenmona House, £1

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The Old Church Centre Cushendun

Deconsecrated in 2003, Cushendun Old Church hit the headlines when, in 2006, it was voted regional winner of the BBC programme 'Restoration Village'. This was just the start of the long journey to restore and adapt this lovely Grade 2 listed building to give it a new future as a heritage arts and community space serving Cushendun and the Glens area. The restoration has been made possible thanks to funding and support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NL), Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Department for Communities Historic Environment Division (Historic Environment Fund), Ulster Garden Villages Ltd, The Pilgrim Trust and All Churches Trust

The Old Church Centre (the OCC) is a unique venue, a versatile and attractive space which is full of character. With a remit to support heritage, arts and community use, it will be a wonderful addition to the village, which has a long association with the arts. The centre will be open as a visitor information point and will be available for hire for a multitude of uses such as yoga classes, concerts, weddings and seminars. If you have a project, class or an event for which you would be interested in hiring the space, contact info@cushendunbpt.org.

CBPT would like to thank local organisations and businesses, as well as the many individuals who contribute so much to the Big Arts Weekend; and its funders - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the National Trust and their great team of rangers. The Old Church Centre, and Cushendun's Big Arts Weekend are managed by the Cushendun Building Preservation Trust, an entirely voluntary organisation.

If you would like to get involved, please contact info@cushendunbpt.org

Please support the work of The Old Church Centre by visiting
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