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September - December 2024 Programme



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PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2024

WELCOME TO THE NEXT SEASON

This season is packed full of brilliant comedians, concerts, family entertainment, and comedy drama. Paddy Raff, David O'Doherty and Micky Bartlett are set to entertain audiences with their side-splitting stand-up comedy shows this Autumn and Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty bring us the ultimate girls' night out in 'Sex in the City Hall' at the end of September.

The brilliant new play 'The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary' written by Bobby Niblock about the life of ex UVF and PUP politician, David Ervine is coming to the Burnavon stage on 27 September. Conal and Rory Gallen bring another uproariously funny comedy play to the stage this October. Carol Doey has put together an eclectic mix of comedy, dance, and music in 'The Show' which is available to book for two nights this season.

As always, there are plenty of concerts lined up for music enthusiasts. Brendan Quinn celebrates sixty years in the music business during 2024 and will share the stage with Gino Lupari, James Quinn, Steve Cooney, and Dermot Byrne on 12 October. Irish folk band, The Fureys make their eagerly anticipated return to the Burnavon stage on 19 October and the Bjorn Identity are back in Cookstown following several sold out shows to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Waterloo!

There is lots on offer for the family with a full programme of workshops for adults and children. Adventures on Old Mac Donald's Farm returns early October following two sold out shows during 2023. Watch this space for the announcement of Stewartstown Amateur Dramatics Society hugely popular pantomime for 2025.

There are also several workshops and talks on offer to support Positive Ageing Month during the month of October, including candle making, autumnal wreath making and pumpkin decorating.

One of the highlights of the season is the Winter Craft & Food Fair on Saturday 23 November. This event takes place on the same weekend as the Mid Ulster District Council Christmas light switch-on in Cookstown and showcases talented crafters and food makers from across the district and beyond.

The annual Christmas Concert featuring Malachi Cush, his full ensemble band, the renowned Drummond String Quartet and musicians from the Traditional Music in Schools programme and Cookstown Youth Choir will take place on Friday 6 December. We look forward to welcoming you to the Burnavon Theatre this season. **The Burnavon Team**

Helpful hints for your visit

Arrive on time; all shows start at the time advertised in the programme, and once curtain is up latecomers may not gain admission until the interval. To save time at the interval pre-order any drinks you require at the first-floor bar which is open to patrons before, during and after performances. Cameras and recording devices are not permitted in the auditorium without prior permission from Burnavon management. All mobile phones must be switched off out of consideration for the enjoyment of other patrons. Food, drink, E-cigarettes, and vaporisers are not permitted in the auditorium. Smoking, E-cigarettes, and vaporisers are not permitted inside the building.

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SEASON AT A GLANCE

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Saturday 7 September	Death by Design	6	Comedy Drama
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Tuesday 17 September	Irish Language Social Group	20	Event
Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September	The Show	7	Comedy Drama
Saturday 21 September	Silver Stacking Rings	23	Workshop
Monday 23 September	Irish Language Diploma	21	Event
Thursday 26 September	Sex in the City Hall	7	Comedy Drama
Friday 27 September	The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary	8	Drama
Tuesday 1 Oct – Tuesday 29 Oct	Artworks by Brian Donaghy	34	Exhibition
Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October & 5 November	Acrylic painting	23	Workshop
Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October & 5 November	Sewing for Beginners	26	Workshop
Wednesday 2 October	Floral Jam Jars	24	Workshop
Friday 4 October	David O'Doherty: Tiny Piano Man	8	Comedy
Sunday 6 October	Adventures On Old Mac Donald's Farm	9	Children's Show
Wednesday 9 October	Candle Making	24	Workshop
Thursday 10 October	From "Linen and Hats" to "Ham and Cheese"	22	Talk
Saturday 12 October	Fused Glass Wall Clock	26	Workshop
Saturday 12 October	Brendan Quinn in Concert	9	Music
Wednesday 16 October	Autumnal Wreath Making	25	Workshop
Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 Oct & 6 November	Pastel painting	27	Workshop
Thursday 17 October	"AFTER OURS"	10	Comedy Drama
Saturday 19 October	Autumn Wreath Making	27	Workshop
Saturday 19 October	The Fureys - Legends of Irish Music & Song	10	Music
Wednesday 23 October	Pumpkin Decorating	25	Workshop
Thursday 24 October	Out In the Country	11	Comedy Drama
Friday 25 October	Cash Returns – The Man in Black	11	Music
Saturday 26 October	Halloween - Create your own Ghost Disco	28	Children's Workshop

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Thursday 31 October	Ulster Folklore - The Celtic Wheel of The Year	22	Talk
Friday 1 November – Friday 29 November	The Love of Art by Marie McCall	35	Exhibition
Friday 1 November	Micky Bartlett: Thicc!	12	Comedy
Saturday 2 November	Macrame Christmas Decorations	29	Workshop
Saturday 2 November	Mack Fleetwood	12	Music
Saturday 9 November	Kids Image Transfer Workshop	29	Children's Workshop
Saturday 9 November	Festive Upcycling Sewing Workshop	30	Workshop
Saturday 9 November	Tommy Fleming in Concert	13	Music
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Wednesdays 13, 20, 27 November & 4 December	Introduction to Ulster-Scots Level 1 OCN	31	Workshop
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Saturday 7 December	Christmas Tree Toppler	33	Children's Workshop
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Friday 20 & Saturday 21 December	Sperrin Choir is Coming to Town!	18	Music
Saturday 28 December	Christmas Country with the Stars Show	18	Music

Death by Design by Rob Urbinati

Presented by Belvoir Players



What happens when you mix the brilliant wit of Noël Coward with the intricate plotting of Agatha Christie? Set during a weekend in an English country manor in 1932, *Death by Design* is a delightful and mysterious “mash-up” of two of the greatest English writers of all time. Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife, Sorel Bennett, an actress, flee London and head to Cookham after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly – a conservative politician, a fiery socialist, a near-sighted ingénue, a zany modern dancer – each with a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it's left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime.

Date: Saturday 7 September

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £15 / £12 Concession

The Legends of American Country Show (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



Now seen by over 350,000 fans live and watched by millions on TV Europe's No.1 multi award-winning show “The Legends of American Country” returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia. The show features three superb singers in the young Kelan Browne, Tracey McAuley, and Antony McBrien, accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that real authentic Tennessee sound coupled with authentic stage set and state of the art production that is guaranteed to transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night.

Date: Saturday 14 September

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

THE SHOW (H)

Presented by Open Door Theatre



Nobody does it like Carol... Again, she has masterminded a performance like no other... She reckons it's like the ole "Guest Teas" in the 70's .. An unforgettable showcase extravaganza... with an eclectic mix of comedy sketches, music, song, dance and more...

The evening will be compered by Carol Doey and Hilary McCammon.

Date: Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September

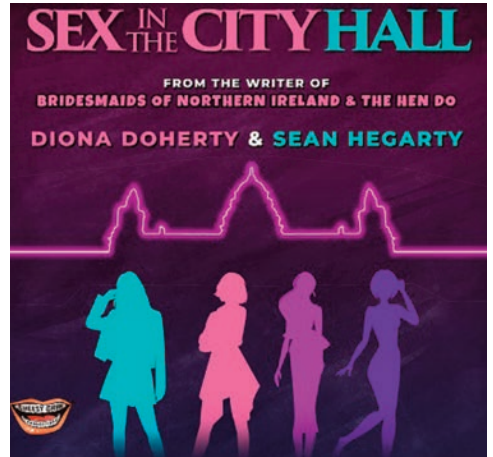
Time: 8pm

Tickets: £15

All proceeds to The Hub, Cookstown

Sex in the City Hall

Presented by Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty



Callie, Lottie, Maddy and Sammy are four best friends who work together in City Hall. Well for now, because apparently one of them is getting fired in the morning. But which one? Join the girls as they barricade themselves in City Hall overnight and say 'no surrender' to the powers that be. These women won't go down without a fight. It's all for one, and one for all. From the writer of smash hit shows BRIDESMAIDS OF NORTHERN IRELAND and THE HEN DO, Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty, bring you this laugh out loud, high energy comedy because sometimes... girls just wanna have fun. Contains strong language.

Date: Thursday 26 September

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

The Man Who Swallowed a Dictionary

Presented by Green Shoot Productions



Green Shoot is delighted to be touring THE MAN WHO SWALLOWED A DICTIONARY, a new play by Bobby Niblock, about the life of ex UVF and PUP politician, David Ervine. This one-man show chronicles the remarkable life of Ervine, from the backstreets of East Belfast to Long Kesh prisoner to political negotiations at the White House and Downing Street. From his personal family tragedies to becoming the man who is widely regarded as the person who did most to deliver the Protestant working class to support the Good Friday Agreement. As well as being an important figure in the history of Ulster loyalism, Ervine was also known for his grasp of the English language and capacity for using 'big words' in television interviews, hence the title of the play.

Date: Friday 27 September

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £18 / £16 Concession

Contains strong language and special effects

David O'Doherty: Tiny Piano Man

Presented by Lisa Richards Agency



The dishevelled prince of €10 eBay keyboards tries to make you feel alive with a new pageant of laughter, song and occasionally getting up from a chair. It's gonna be a big one.

Star of 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (Channel 4), Live at The Apollo (BBC) and Along for the Ride with David O'Doherty (Channel 4).

Date: Friday 4 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £23

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Adventures On Old Mac Donald's Farm (H)

Presented by DreamWorld Promotions



Join us down on Old MacDonald's Farm for fun, songs, and excitement.

Friendly Sammy Scarecrow is enjoying his first day on Old MacDonald's Farm and loves meeting all the colourful characters that live there. When a mystery unfolds on the farm, can you help Scarecrow find out what's going on?

With an original script and brand-new songs written for this production, along with many singalong favourites, this professionally produced show brought to you by DreamWorld Promotions is a thrill for younger children.

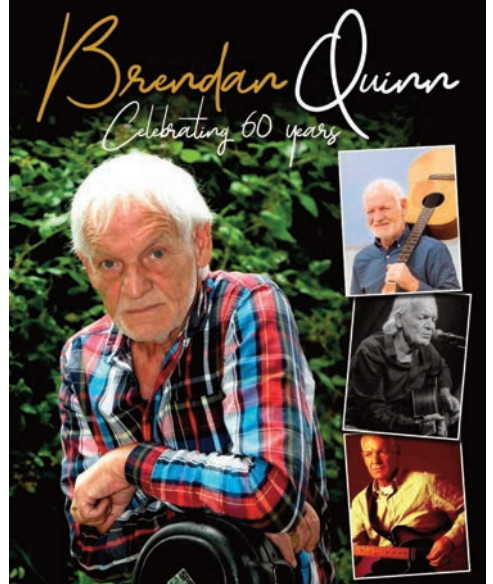
Date: Sunday 6 October

Time: 12 noon

Tickets: £10

Brendan Quinn 60th Anniversary Celebration (H)

Presented by Deep Cove Productions



With special guests: Gino Lupari, James Quinn, Steve Cooney, and Dermot Byrne Duo.

Country legend Brendan Quinn celebrates 60 years in the music business in 2024. A household name in the early 1970's he reached No 1 in the Irish Charts with 'Four in The Morning' and had a string of hits with 'Bandy the Rodeo Clown', 'Daddy's Little Girl', 'I Can Almost See My Hometown from Here', and 'Angeline' to name a few. Come along to this fabulous night to celebrate 60 years of musical memories.

Date: Saturday 12 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

“AFTER OURS” - Starring Conal Gallen (H)

Presented by Little Round Records



Conal Gallen, and his son Rory, have done it again with another rip roaring, outrageously, funny Comedy Play. “AFTER OURS” is the hilarious story of how the infamous Bridie Murphy (played by Conal Gallen), and her hapless husband Willie, have inherited their very own pub. Not only do they not have a clue what they are doing, but they enlist the help of their best friend and next-door neighbour, Betty Head.

Along with her dim-witted son, Dick, they set out to bring the newly refurbished Swinging Diddy Pub into the 21st century. What can go wrong?

Date: Thursday 17 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £24

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

The Fureys - Legends of Irish Music & Song (H)



When The Fureys make their eagerly awaited 17th visit, they will treat their audience to one of popular music’s richest legacies.

They are one of Ireland’s all-time most acclaimed and influential middle of the road, folk and traditional bands. Furey’s classics like *I Will Love You*, *When You Were Sweet 16*, *Red Rose Café*, *Leaving Nancy*, *The Old Man*, *From Clare to Here* and *The Green Fields of France* have become the soundtrack to the lives of fans all over the world.

Date: Saturday 19 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £30

Out In the Country (H)

Presented by Briège Devlin



A one-woman comedy on the real-life journey of a woman's 'coming out' in rural Ireland in the early 90's.

Fall in love with the ridiculous but lovable characters Briège portrays as she learns about self-love, validation, and self-acceptance, which everyone in the audience will relate to.

Date: Thursday 24 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £15 / £12.50 Concession

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Cash Returns – The Man in Black (H)

Presented by JP Mac Promotions Ltd



The sensational, award-winning show Cash Returns returns to The Burnavon, starring the incredible JP Mac as the Man in Black, Johnny Cash, the mesmerising Karen Lyttle as the sassy June Carter – along with a 9-piece band!

This must-see show has wowed audiences nationwide and beyond, taking them on a nostalgic experience into the mess halls of Folsom Prison to under the stage lights of the Grand Ole Opry by recreating that special one-off sound that is still loved today by music fans worldwide.

Date: Friday 25 October

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

Micky Bartlett: Thicc! (H)

Presented by TSW Management



After a phenomenal 2023, Micky Bartlett brings his brand-new stand-up show "THICC!" to venues across the UK & Ireland this Autumn!

The Lurgan comedy colossus has been selling out shows all over the world! With a sold-out tour of Australia under his belt. You've seen him on podcasts, you've seen him on telly now come see him LIVE!

Date: Friday 1 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £16

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Mack Fleetwood (H)

Presented by Joe Gallagher Entertainments

MACK FLEETWOOD
EUROPE'S PREMIER FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE



Europe's premier tribute to the supergroup Fleetwood Mac will bring you on a magical musical journey from the Peter Green blues era to the multi-platinum selling band that still tour today. Mack Fleetwood bewitches their audience with authentic renditions of all your favourite classic Fleetwood Mac hits.

Their love of the material and musical prowess shines through each song. Mack Fleetwood deliver their professional spellbinding show with energy and verve. They are selling out major music venues, enthraling crowds and receiving rave reviews wherever they go.

Date: Saturday 2 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £28

Tommy Fleming in Concert (H)

Presented by TF Productions Ltd



Described as a singer whose voice has the remarkable ability of taking you into his world fans will enjoy this ultimate celebration at a concert of Tommy's.

A unique talent and a night of Irish & contemporary classics is promised as Tommy Fleming delivers a musical experience with a universal appeal to a broad age range and with his diverse repertoire there truly is something in each show for all tastes.

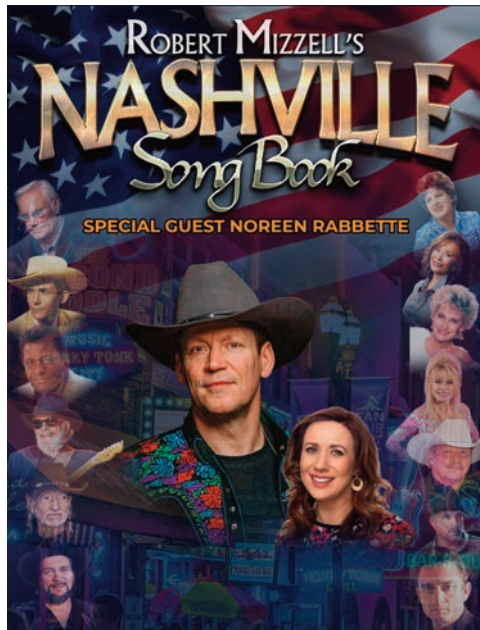
Date: Saturday 9 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £30

Robert Mizzell - Nashville Songbook (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



Robert Mizzell has made Ireland his home for over 25 years. He served his apprenticeship in Country Music since he first arrived here. The father and husband is now one of the top Country Music Artists in Ireland, enjoying huge success all around the country. He has released 15 solo studio albums and 2 full length DVDs to date and is constantly touring Ireland and the UK with his band. Robert was voted 'Ireland's Favourite Country Music Singer' in a poll conducted by RSVP magazine.

Date: Thursday 14 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £25

The Bjorn Identity – Tribute to ABBA Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Waterloo (H)

Presented by Musicon Entertainment



Musicon Entertainment Presents World-class, International ABBA tribute show - The Bjorn Identity, fresh from their tour in Europe – return to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Waterloo.

In 1974, ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with an iconic performance which made music history propelling the Swedish supergroup to international stardom.

The Bjorn Identity hailing from Northern Ireland will deliver a brand-new show, celebrating the Swedish pop phenomenon's legendary night with a special 50th Anniversary Concert. Early booking advised!

Date: Friday 15 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £24

Contains special effects

Tim McGarry "Ridiculous"

Presented by David Hull Promotions



Tim McGarry, the lanky star of Give My Head Peace and the Blame Game has a brand-new stand-up show - Ridiculous.

Tim's father advised him to "always have a sense of your own ridiculousness." But let's face it we're all taking ourselves too seriously these days.

So, join Tim as he examines life, politics and the modern world and looks for the ludicrous, highlights the hilarious and laughs out loud at the frankly ridiculous. Just remember, you can look ridiculous, you can feel ridiculous, you can be ridiculous.

Date: Friday 29 November

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £22.50

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Christmas Celebration Concert



Get into the festive spirit at the Burnavon's annual Christmas Celebration Concert on Friday 6 December. Once again, we welcome two groups to the stage who are supported through Mid Ulster District Council's Community Arts Plan; there will be performances on the night from the Traditional Music in Schools Group and Cookstown Youth Choir.

In 2024, Malachi Cush brings his much-loved collection of Christmas hits to the Burnavon stage.

Joining Malachi will be his full ensemble band, including the renowned Drummond String Quartet, under the direction of Plunkett McGartland. This year's special guests are Holy Trinity College Choir who will be a wonderful addition to the annual concert. Lynette Fay from BBC Radio Ulster will be compering.

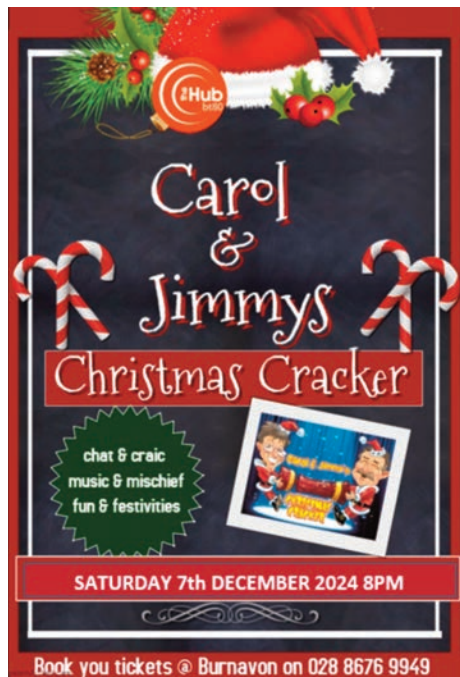
Date: Friday 6 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £12 / £10 Concession

Carol & Jimmy's Christmas Cracker (H)

Presented by Open Door Theatre



Christmas doesn't start until you see Carol and Jimmy's Christmas Cracker .. Special guest Paula McIntyre from the Hamely Kitchen will tantalize your taste buds....

Anne Marie McAleese from BBC Radio Ulster "Your Place and Mine", The Hub Choir and guests will get you in the festive mood. As always, this promises to be a great evening of craic!

Date: Saturday 7 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £12.50

Mr Hullabaloo's Winter Wonderland

Presented by Mr Hullabaloo



Celebrate the season of ice and snow with Mr Hullabaloo and friends as we visit the Winter Woods together in search of Santa Claus. This show is sure to warm your heart and make dreams come true as you will be treated to some magical tales from the enchanted Kingdom. In this show Cousin Ola must go on a journey to find the Winter elves. Dotty and Sprinkles bake a gingerbread man unlike any other. Can you help us catch him?

Featuring live storytelling with puppetry, sing along songs, stories and lots of audience participation, this festive show is not to be missed. There is also a special meet and greet with Mr Hullabaloo and Santa Claus after the performance.

Date: Sunday 8 December

Time: 1pm

Tickets: £8

School performance will take place on 9 December (10am). Open to reception and primary classes. Call 028 8676 9949.

Flash Harry "The Music of Queen"

Presented by David Hull Promotions



Flash Harry presents a show that embraces the very essence of Queen's live performances. Audiences will see the band rocking out Queen's greatest hits from 'Radio Gaga', to 'We Are the Champions', 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and everything in between. Quite simply it's live music entertainment at its best. The band Flash Harry has been celebrating the music of Queen for over 32 years! To carve out a career of that length and sell more tickets now than at any time in their history, proves that this band can deliver. Their track record speaks volumes for the quality of the performances and the sheer entertainment value of their show.

Date: Friday 13 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £23.50

Christmas Country Showtime with the Stars! (H)

Presented by Sean Wallace Entertainments



Sean Wallace has gathered a superb line-up this year, including Tony Allen – one half of the famous 'Foster & Allen'; the amazing Niamh McGlinchey as will big local favourite Michael Mawhinney. And there's more! Chris Logue will belt out those favourite Logan & McCool hits! Making great waves across the Irish Music Scene at present is Banjo Paddy Tracey, and boy is he looking forward to his first theatre visit at the Burnavon – Move over Paddy, new singing wonder 9-year-old Amber Campbell is going down a storm with Country Music fans everywhere and has Cookstown in her sight. All acts will be in the company of the Gerard Dornan and Country Harmony as well as your host Sean Wallace.

Date: Saturday 14 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £18.50

JD DANCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE (H)

Presented by JD Dance



Join JD Dance students and teachers as the showcase their talent and hard work in Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, AcroDance, Solostyle and more. Dancers of all ages and abilities will take to stage to deliver an uplifting evening filled with music and dance. Don't miss out on this fun family friendly event this Christmas season.

Date: Wednesday 18 December

Time: 6:30pm

Tickets: £12 / £8 Child

Sperrin Choir is Coming to Town! (H)

Presented by Sperrin Choir



The Sperrin Choir is coming to town, and you don't want to miss it! The concert will include many fun filled numbers as the choir capture the magic of Santa, Christmas trees and all the festivities that we are familiar with at Christmastime. Audiences will also enjoy arrangements of familiar carols by the likes of John Rutter and Bob Chilcott. Once again, the brilliant Sperrin Youth Choir and Sperrin Kidz will join Sperrin Choir on Friday 20 December to add to the celebrations! So, you better watch out..... the Sperrin Choir is coming to (Cooks)town!

Date: Friday 20 & Saturday 21 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £15 / £12 Concession

Christmas Country with the Stars Show (H)

Presented by JMG Music Group



Back by public demand the hugely popular "Christmas Country with the Stars Show" returns for another festive cracker and will feature no less than 6 of Ireland's top stars all on one show. The stellar the gentle giant of Country Music Mick Flavin, the energetic Laois man Shawn Cuddy, the young sensation Owen Mac, the hilarious Gary Gamble and his surreal impressions of Daniel O'Donnell, the popular Curtis Magee, and the trucking favourite Boxcar Brian. Each of the stars will perform their trademark hit songs with a festive sparkle in the company of the fabulous Keltic Storm band making this a show you won't want to miss!

Date: Saturday 28 December

Time: 8pm

Tickets: £26.50

Panto coming January / February 2025 (H)

Presented by Stewartstown Amateur Dramatics Society



Panto coming January / February 2025

After the success of Peter Pan in 2024, Stewartstown Amateur Dramatics Society return with Director Brian Morgan for their 2025 Production (TBC).

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Dates: January / February 2025

Tickets: £12.50 / £10

Winter Craft & Food Fair



The annual Winter Craft & Food Fair will take place on Saturday 23 November 2024. This event takes place on the same weekend as the Mid Ulster District Council Christmas light switch-on in Cookstown and showcases some of the most talented crafters and food makers from across the district and beyond.

Free family-friendly Arts & Crafts sessions will be available throughout the day.

Date: Saturday 23 November

Time: 10am -5pm

Tickets: FREE

FREE

Irish Language Social Group

Gaeilge Lár Uladh

www.midulstercouncil.org/gaeilge

Sraith de cheardlanna neamhfhoirmeálta bunaithe ar ghnéithe éagsúla de chultúr na Gaeilge, ina measc iontu, logainmneacha, féilte agus an dúlra.

Tá fáilte roimh gach leibhéal cumais.

A series of informal workshops based on various aspects of Irish language culture, including place-names, festivals and nature.

All levels of ability welcome.

‘An Mhaidin Ghaelach’

Irish Language Social Group

Ag toiseacht Dé Máirt an 17 Meán Fómhair

Commencing Tuesday 17th September

Áit: The Burnavon, An Chorr Chríochach (*Cookstown*)

Am: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Costas: £30.00 for 10 weeks of workshops.

Booking essential via The Burnavon Box Office: 028 86769949





PART-TIME DIPLOMA IRISH LANGUAGE

Fill ar an Ghaeilge agus foghlaim mar is ceart í Return to Irish and learn it properly

Why this course?

Study the Irish language from beginner level in a structured and formal way with expert tutors.

- Learn the skills and knowledge to become an independent user of the Irish language.
- Learn oral and written communicative skills, become familiar with Irish grammatical structure and learn to read and listen to the Irish of native speakers.
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- Become part of the vibrant language community at the university.

Classes and attendance

- Language classes are structured in a holistic way, with all language skills being taught and practiced within the group with continual tutor feedback.
- Classes delivered every Monday 6-9pm for duration of the course, with extra conversation classes (differs by location).
- 12 weeks each term: Term 1: September to December
Term 2: January to May

This is typically a two-year course

Entry Requirements

We welcome students from a wide range of educational backgrounds.
Some previous knowledge of Irish is helpful but not essential.

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The Irish Language Diploma is supported by Mid Ulster District Council.

From “Linen and Hats” to “Ham and Cheese”...

A talk by David Lennox



Cookstown's Rich Industrial Heritage throughout the Centuries

Industry in Cookstown today centres around cheese, pork, cement, engineering and electronics but in the middle of the last century it was textile manufacturing that provided thousands of jobs for local women, with Daintifyt Brassiere Company, Fisher's Hat Factory, Ulster Tape and Webbing as the main employers.

Date: Thursday 10 October

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £5

Ulster Folklore - The Celtic Wheel of The Year

A Talk by Lolly Spence of Stone Circle Consulting



Ulster Folklore - The Celtic Wheel of The Year - a look at beliefs, traditions, myths and superstitions in Ulster and Ireland over the centuries. This talk considers how the peoples of Ireland marked the changing seasons and looks at the impact of Christianity on our pagan beliefs and ancient fire festivals over the centuries. We think about traditions around births, marriages, deaths as well as the prevalent belief in the wee folk, giants, and banshees.

Date: Thursday 31 October

Time: 7pm

Tickets: £5

Silver Stacking Rings

With tutor Diane Lyness



Returning due to popular demand, goldsmith Diane Lyness will guide you through the process of designing and making unique stacking rings. Each participant will be taught traditional jewellery making techniques such as piercing, soldering, shaping, texturing, and polishing to create a beautiful piece of jewellery to take home. No previous experience is required. Please bring an apron and bundles of enthusiasm! All materials provided.

There will be a short break for lunch (lunch not provided).

Date: Saturday 21 September

Time: 10am – 4pm

Tickets: £50

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Acrylic painting

With tutor Brian Donaghy of Artworks



Designed as an introduction for those new to acrylic painting, this course offers participants the opportunity to practise and develop drawing skills, learn about mixing colour, and explore composition arrangements, all important elements in creating a painting. Various painting techniques will be explored over the 6 weeks. Also welcome are the more seasoned painters who seek guidance in developing their individual projects. Materials are not supplied; a full list of requirements will be provided to participants.

Dates: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October & 5 November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £45

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Floral Jam Jars

With tutor Hannah Williamson of Memory Makers



Memory Makers will demonstrate and guide you on how to create your own floral decorated jar with pressed flowers and autumnal leaves. Once complete, your hand decorated jar will be yours to take home and can be enjoyed all season long to display flowers, pop a tea light into on a summer evening or store all your bits and bobs! Your floral jar will take 1-hour to dry and set.

Candle Making

With tutor Hannah Williamson of Memory Makers



We guide you every step of the way to hand pour your very own candle, with your chosen seasonal scent. The candle will take roughly 1-2 hours to cure, therefore candles may need to be collected at a separate time. The cost of the workshop is inclusive of all materials, including a gift box.

Date: Wednesday 2 October

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £5

Suitable for ages 60+

60+

Date: Wednesday 9 October

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 60+

60+

Autumnal Wreath Making

With tutor Hannah Williamson of Memory Makers



Enjoy a creative hands-on workshop to make your own faux floral door wreath, brought to you by Memory Makers. This workshop will demonstrate and guide you on how to create a wonderful autumn wreath that you will be able to enjoy year after year. All equipment and materials are supplied, and no experience is necessary.

Date: Wednesday 16 October

Time: 11am – 1pm

Tickets: £15

Suitable for ages 60+

60+

Pumpkin Decorating

With tutor Hannah Williamson of Memory Makers



Memory Makers will demonstrate and guide you on how to create your own floral decorated pumpkin with pressed flowers and autumnal leaves. Once complete, your hand decorated pumpkin will be yours to take home to add to your autumnal home decorations! Your pumpkin will take 1-hour to dry and set.

Date: Wednesday 23 October

Time: 11am – 12pm

Tickets: £5

Suitable for ages 60+

60+

To celebrate Positive Ageing Month in October, we are offering a selection of workshops to the 60+ age group. Tea/coffee and scones provided.

Sewing for Beginners

With tutor Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs



Over the course of 6-weeks, participants will complete projects that enable them to learn basic skills which they will build on and develop so that they can sew independently. As well as learning how to thread a sewing machine, how to cut and prepare fabric, participants will learn how to finish a seam with a zig zag stitch, apply interfacing, create a hem by pressing and sewing and insert a zip.

Participants will make their own fully lined Tote Bag, as well as a zippy bag. In the final weeks participants will use their newly acquired skills to make a nine-piece cushion cover.

Little Perch Designs will provide resources for the first project and will advise participants during week 1 of the materials they require thereafter. Sewing machines provided for all classes.

Dates: Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October & 5 November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £50

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Fused Glass Wall Clock

With tutor Natasha Duddy of Natasha Duddy Glass Designs



Design and create your own beautiful and unique glass clock, which will have everyone stopping in time to appreciate it. Inspired by your personal colour choices or choose colours to complement your home interior. Under the supervision of glass tutor Natasha Duddy, you will be taught how to cut glass and add coloured frits and stringers to create your final design. These will transform your home, by adding a splash of colour. Or make a wonderful gift for a family member or friend.

Date: Saturday 12 October

Time: 10am – 3pm

Tickets: £50

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Pastel painting

With tutor Grace Scott



Accomplished pastel painting artist Grace Scott returns to the Burnavon to offer her popular pastel painting classes, aimed at beginners as well as those with some experience of this medium and would like to further enhance their skills.

Participants can choose from photos supplied by Grace or can bring along their own photograph. Photographs must be your own or you will need to have permission to use a picture taken by someone else. Photographs must be A4 size. Participants have the choice of working on A4 or A3 size paper.

All materials provided.

Dates: Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 Oct & 6 November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Tickets: £45

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Autumn Wreath Making

With tutor Sonia Brown of Cottage Flowers



Add a welcoming touch of charm to your front door this autumn with a beautiful eye-catching handmade wreath. Join experienced local florist Sonia Brown of Cottage Flowers, Cookstown who will take you step by step through the creation of a mixed flower and foliage autumn themed wreath to the finished creation.

No previous experience is necessary, and all flowers and equipment provided.

Date: Saturday 19 October

Time: 11am - 1pm

Tickets: £45

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Halloween - Create your own Ghost Disco

With tutor Lina Morgan of A Misty Kind of Blue



The ghosts are having a disco party for Halloween & you are invited! We will be painting & decorating a box fit for a party, creating a blingy disco ball & most importantly, creating disco dancing ghosts. There will be drawing, cutting, painting, and gluing involved. We will be using glow in the dark materials, translucent & holographic plastic film, glitter & sequins.

Halloween - Gallery of Ghost

With tutor Lina Morgan of A misty Kind of Blue



Welcome to the Gallery of Ghosts - but who lives there is up to you! We will be using a variety of techniques & materials to create our diverse gallery. Cardboard, tea-stained paper, gold acrylic paint, fabrics, neon markers – there will be a wide array of materials to choose to from and to use in your mixed media piece. But the most important thing to create this impressive & unique collection of miniature, framed ghost portraits is your own imagination!

Date: Saturday 26 October

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 4 – 7 with parent / carer

4-7

Date: Saturday 26 October

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 8 – 12 years

8-12

Macrame Christmas Decorations

With tutor Hannah Williamson of Memory Makers



Macramé is the delicate art of a knotting technique, creating beautiful intricate decorations and accessories. Hannah will guide everyone in how to create a beautiful festive decoration for the December season. These can be made in a variety of festive colours with additional Christmas touches added to make each piece unique to the individual. A lovely keepsake to adorn your Christmas tree.

Date: Saturday 2 November

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Tickets: £17

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Kids Image Transfer Workshop

With tutor Riona Kearns



"Creating Autumn Animals with Marbled Magic!"

The combination of image transfer, collage techniques, and the marbled ink background will allow children to create truly unique and captivating image transfer of autumn animals. By using image transfer and collage techniques on wood and fabric, the kids will not only learn how to bring their imagination to life but also develop their fine motor skills and artistic abilities. The process of transferring images onto different surfaces will teach them about composition and design, while the use of collage materials will enable them to add intricate details to their animal characters.

Experimenting with various textures, colours, and patterns will further stimulate their creativity and encourage them to think outside the box. The marbled ink background effect will add an element of surprise and visual interest to their creations, making each animal character truly one-of-a-kind.

Date: Saturday 9 November

Time: 11am- 1pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 6 - 10 years

6-10

Festive Upcycling Sewing Workshop

With tutor Rachael Armstrong of Little Perch Designs



Participants bring their own sweatshirt/top/garment that they want to upcycle, as well as their own thread to match the garment. Off cuts, for applique will be provided, including beautiful Liberty fabrics. Recycling as well as up cycling.

Participants are also welcome to use their own fabrics.

Templates of various designs will be provided. Some knowledge in using a sewing machine required. Sewing machine provided. Lunch break 12.30 – 1.30pm. Lunch not provided.

Taster Old Style Solo Step & Set Dancing

With tutor Bernie Corr



If you enjoy music and dance and want a bit of a workout for both your body and mind, then set dancing is for you! This style of social dancing is danced to reels, jigs, hornpipes, and polkas in groups of eight or four people. It provides a great opportunity to meet new people and most importantly, have fun! No experience or partner necessary.

Bernie has been involved in set dancing and old-style step dancing for almost 30 years, teaching and performing in both Ireland and Europe, and has been a tutor with Belfast Trad for over 20 years.

Date: Saturday 9 November

Time: 10.30am - 3.30pm

Tickets: £15

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Date: Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 November & 3 December

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm

Tickets: £25

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Introduction to Ulster-Scots Level 1 OCN

With tutors Deirdre Speer Whyte,
Charles Neville and Dayna Jost



This free course, endorsed through and accredited by OCN NI, is designed to provide a basic and very interactive view of Ulster-Scots history and culture. Topics covered include identity and archaeology, an overview of the Plantation, and introductions to language and family history. Discussion is encouraged – and always lively.

Dates: Wednesdays 13, 20, 27 November
& 4 December

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: Free. Booking essential
Suitable for ages 14+

14+

Fused Glass Christmas Candle Holder and Tree Decoration

With tutor Natasha Duddy



Design and create your own beautiful and unique glass art Christmas candle holder and hanging tree decoration, inspired by festive colour choices or choose colours to complement your home interior. Under the supervision of glass tutor Natasha Duddy, you will learn how to cut glass and add coloured frits and stringers to create your final designs, for both outcomes. These will transform your Christmas decoration displays, by adding an illumination of colour. Or make a wonderful gift for a family member or friend.

Dates: Saturday 16 November

Time: 10am – 12 noon or 1pm – 3pm

Tickets: £60

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Christmas Wreath Making

With tutor Sinead Goodwin of Flowers by Arrangement NI



Enjoy an evening of relaxing Christmas flower arranging as you create your very own Christmas wreath under the guidance of award-winning florist Sinead Goodwin of Flowers by Arrangement NI. Sinead will guide you step by step through the process. This Workshop is suitable for beginners and experienced wreath makers alike.

All materials: sundries, flowers and foliage supplied, please bring scissors or secateurs.

Date: Thursday 5 December

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Tickets: £45

Suitable for ages 16+

16+

Christmas Angel Tree Topper

With tutor Lina Morgan of a Misty Kind of Blue



Participants will use big cones as the base of the angel. Participants will then paint faces & add hair, create wings & wonderful outfits, using fabrics, yarns & decorations. There will be lots of materials to choose from & plenty of options to add individuality to your angel, to make it your own.

Date: Saturday 7 December

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 4 - 7 years with parent / carer

4-7

Christmas Tree Toppler

With tutor Lina Morgan of A Misty Kind of Blue



A seasonal mixed media mishap! The Christmas tree is up, the decorations are hung, and the lights are lit, but uh oh, someone seems to have gotten themselves tangled up & in the middle of toppling the tree (unlucky accident or by mischievous plan?). Participants will draw and paint a Christmas tree, create decorations to cut out & glue to the tree as well as drawing a mischief maker. Participants will also try doing some simple stitches & sew on some decorations to the final piece.

Date: Saturday 7 December

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 8 – 12 years

8-12

Design your own Christmas Mug

With tutor Leon Hughes of Artfunkle



Get into the festive spirit with Artfunkle, plan and layout your design, then draw your Christmas image onto your mug using porcelain markers. Perfect for a cosy hot chocolate on Christmas Eve.

(Mugs will be taken away at the end of the workshop with instructions on how to seal by baking or with modge podge).

Date: Saturday 14 December

Time: 12 noon – 1.30pm

Tickets: £10

Suitable for ages 6+

6+

SEPTEMBER

GCSE & A level Art and Design

Presented by Holy Trinity College



As head of Art and Design in Holy Trinity College Cookstown, I am so proud of how both GCSE and A level Art and Design students have worked this year. They are an extremely talented group of students who have produced creative, innovative, and artistic 2D and 3D Art and Design work using vibrant colours and a wide range of media, materials, techniques, and processes. These will be on display during the month of September and well worth going to see.

E. McKee

OCTOBER

Artworks

Presented by Brian Donaghy



Brian Donaghy, well respected local artist and skilled decorative effects painter and mural artist will display a selection of his artwork during the month of October in the Burnavon.

Monday 2 September – Friday 27 September

Tuesday 1 October – Tuesday 29 October

NOVEMBER

The Love of Art

Presented by Marie McCall



Marie McCall is a local artist from Dungannon, County Tyrone. Marie specialises in acrylic, oil pastels and mixed media with a particular interest in portraits and landscapes. Marie's work will be on display in the exhibition space in the Burnavon Theatre throughout the month of November 2024.

Friday 1 November – Friday 29 November

DECEMBER

Eimear McKee Art Exhibition

Presented by Eimear McKee



Eimear McKee from The Redbarns outside, The City of Armagh, comes from a rural background with her father and grandfather being farmers. With much of her work revolving around natural forms and local landmarks her work is completely unique and the broad colour palette she uses to create her work stands out from other artists and reflects the bold, fascinating colours of natural form and the colours found within. As a busy Head of Art and Design Department in Holy Trinity College, Cookstown, Eimear still makes time to focus on her passion for Fine Art, this will be her first exhibition to the public displaying her most recent collection of works.

Tuesday 3 December – Friday 27 December

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At The Box Office: Tel: 028 8676 9949

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Book Online: www.burnavon.com
24hrs a day, 7 days a week

Please note: Tickets can be posted for a 50p fee.

In Person:

The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN

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Concessions

Where applicable, concession rates are clearly identified as part of the ticket price for the show and apply to under 16s and over 60s, unless otherwise indicated. If you have a concession ticket, remember to bring photo identification for proof of age at the performance.

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General Information

School & Group Bookings

If you are a school or a group of 10 or more, contact the Box Office to find out if a discount is available for your booking.

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Full details on accessibility are available at www.burnavon.com/your-visit/accessibility. Or contact our Box Office on 028 867 69949 for information or any queries. The theatre is fully accessible meeting DDA legislative standards. The theatre has been awarded the Arts & Disability Equality Charter and the RNIB Model of Excellence. The facility is also approved by the William Keown Trust and Adapt NI and includes designated seating and induction loop hearing system in auditorium, lift and specially adapted WC. Please make your requirements known at time of booking so that staff can best assist. This brochure is available in alternative formats such as Braille, CD, on audio tape and in large print on request. To receive a copy, contact Box Office on 028 8676 9949.

The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre have recently been presented with the Autism NI Autism Impact Award. This award is bestowed upon the Burnavon because of their efforts to create a more 'Autism friendly environment' for their customers.

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Auditorium Seating Plan

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