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Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Museum Services

Events at a Glance

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2.30 – 3.30pm @ Portrush Library

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The Castles of Ballycastle with Colm Donnelly
7.30pm @ Ramoan Parish Centre, Ballycastle

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Autumn Talks - Hallowe'en

2pm @ Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre

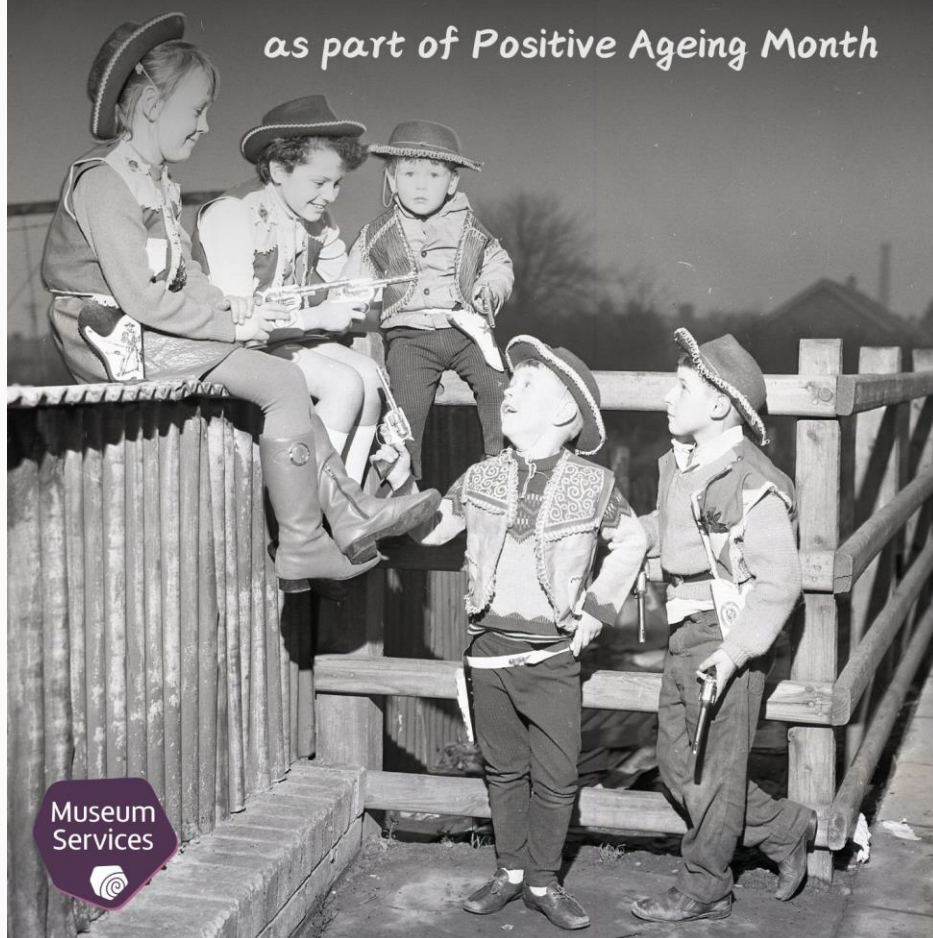
See below for all exhibitions

October Positive Ageing Month

**Intergenerational Toys & Games workshops
in partnership with Libraries in Causeway
Coast & Glens**

Toys & Games of Yesteryear Reminiscence Sessions

as part of Positive Ageing Month



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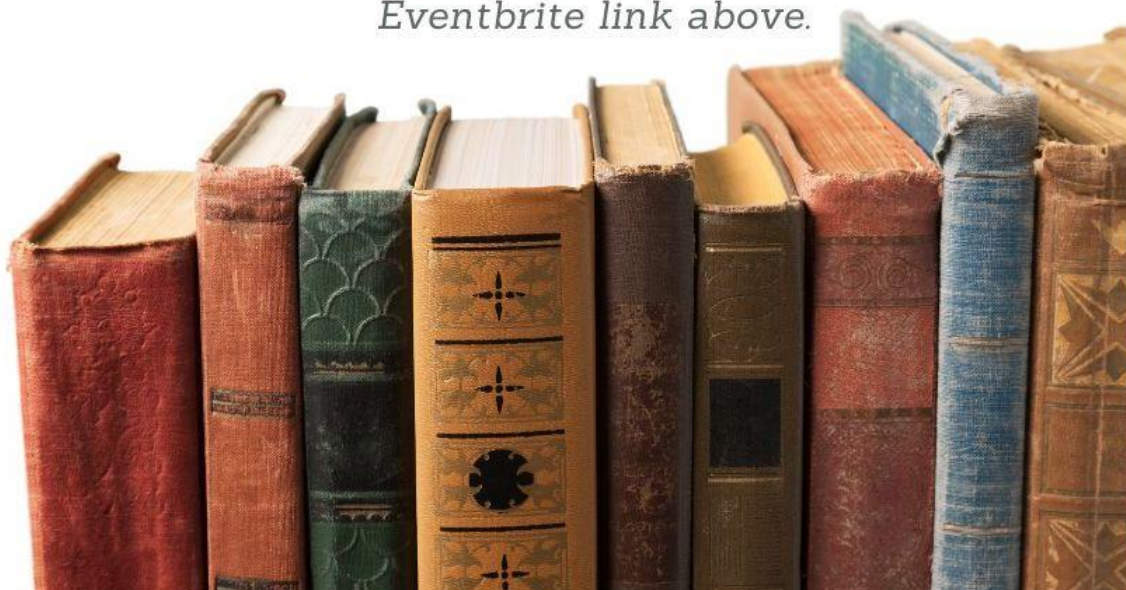


AUTUMN TALKS

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**COLERAINE TOWN HALL, THURSDAY
10TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM**

*To book your free place, please use the
Eventbrite link above.*



Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm at Coleraine Town Hall

Join Lynsey Gillespie, Deputy Head of Public Services, to hear more about the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), including some of the archives they hold relating to Coleraine.

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Autumn Talks – Hallowe'en



Tuesday 29th October at 2pm at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre

Join Dr. Bob Curran for a talk exploring the origins and customs of Hallowe'en, as well as a few ghost stories.

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The Castles of Ballycastle with Colm Donnelly



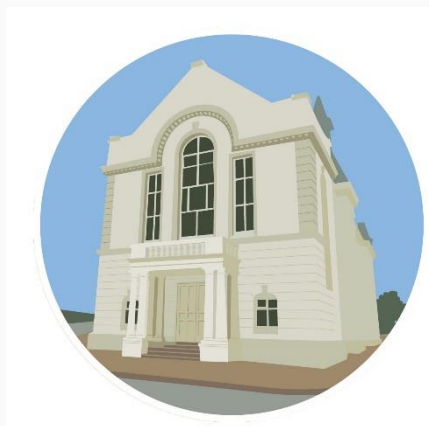
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In the late 1830s the *Ordnance Survey* reported a castle in the townland of Clare on the outskirts of Ballycastle on the north Antrim coast. The castle had been home to the McNeill family, but the exact location is now lost. In June 2024, a two-week reconnaissance excavation was undertaken by the Centre for Community Excavation on behalf of Ballycastle Museum and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund at the location of a rectangular cropmark in a field in the townland to investigate if this might have been the location of the castle. In addition to reporting on the results of the excavation, Colm will also discuss the relationship between Clare Castle, Dunineny Castle and the McDonnell's early seventeenth century tower house located in what is now the Diamond, demolished in 1855.

Dr Colm Donnelly is Co-Director with Professor Eileen Murphy of the Centre for Community Archaeology in the School of Natural and Built Heritage, Queen's University Belfast. An historical archaeologist, his research focuses on Late Medieval and early 17th century architecture, Medieval Gaelic Ireland, the Irish diaspora in the USA, and early modern Irish folklore.

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Ballymoney Museum High Sheriff Exhibition



HIGH SHERIFF HISTORY

Prepared by Patricia Perry, High Sheriff of County Antrim 2024



The High Sheriff for County Antrim, Patricia Perry, has put together an exhibition of materials which explain the history as well as the modern day responsibilities of the ancient office which she holds this year. As the oldest Office under the Crown postholders have made a significant contribution to the social and economic development of the County. The hope is that the exhibition material will help remove some of the mystery around the role. The material will be on display at various locations in County Antrim over the next few months.

The exhibition will be open in Ballymoney Museum from 8 October until 23 October. During this period visitors will be able to find out more about the office of High Sheriff and the important part played by local people in this role over the centuries. There have been High Sheriffs in County Antrim since 1343 and quite a number have come from the Ballymoney area.

For the first time in over 60 years the original High Sheriff ceremonial uniform and other memorabilia will be on public display. These items are being kindly loaned to the Museum for the duration of the exhibition.

Patricia has commented that she is delighted at the interest shown to date as the exhibition travels around County Antrim. *'I am particularly pleased that Ballymoney Museum has offered to host this exhibition as there will be several pieces of unique memorabilia on public display. Hopefully the information provided helps to explain the history of the role and the contribution made by my predecessors over the last 680 years – there have been High Sheriffs in County Antrim since 1343. My thanks to the Museum staff for so enthusiastically embracing the idea for such an initiative'*.



🐵🐶 A Causeway Safari Tale Exhibition 🐱🐘




 **We are going wild at Ballymoney Museum with our new 'A Causeway Safari Tale' exhibition.** 

★ With over 2000 visitors in less than two months to our Causeway Safari Park exhibition, we are delighted with the comments, photographs and memories being shared. ★

Once one of the biggest and much-loved attractions on the Causeway Coast this exhibition looks at the history of the park and those who both worked in it and visited it, reflecting the joy the Park gave to all.

 There are plenty of activities for all ages to enjoy, with safari dress up, puzzles, colouring in, spot the animal trail, a safari jeep photo prop and the chance to recreate your photo with a toy lion cub. 

 Upstairs we have a selection of photographs on our window display as well as a chance to see the 'Swings and Roundabouts: On Safari' programme on our NI Screen, Digital Film Archive. We also have a free booklet on the exhibition available when you visit.

If you haven't visited us yet, here's some feedback to why you should. 😊

"Great exhibition, lovely to share with my son."

"Fantastic- great memories"

"Brings back so many memories"

"Fab for kids"

"A lot of nostalgia. Brilliant exhibition, well done!"

A wild time was had at Ballymoney Museum with over 600 visitors to it's Causeway Safari Tale Fun Day!



On arrival visitors were greeted by a selection of friendly animals including alpacas, a miniature horse, snakes, tortoises, rabbits, sheep and other animals from **Corbally Mobile Fun Farm & Reindeer Hire**. Once inside children enjoyed their find the animal treasure hunt, Face painting, balloon modelling and a walk about Tiger friend.

There was also the opportunity to meet and chat with **Benvardin kennels** who are now situated on what was once the site of the Causeway Safari Park.

Both adults and children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have their photographs taken with our lion cubs and created into a badge to capture their visit to the Causeway Safari Tale exhibition and in some cases to relive days of visiting the park itself.

The Causeway Safari Tale exhibition is open Monday - Saturday 9.30am-4.40pm and is open until March 2025.

The Lion Game Documentary Screening



THE LION GAME

Documentary screening. Recalling memories from the Causeway Safari Park.

There will also be the opportunity to view photographs and share memories over refreshments.

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER
2024, 7.30PM
BALLYMONEY MUSEUM

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for 180 years. In addition to bringing the news to local people, *The Chronicle* has recorded civic, social, sporting, business and farming life across the borough, and we'll be sharing hundreds of photographs captured by the paper's photographers over the years.

Down the Town & Up the Street Slideshow and Reminiscence Session



Down the Town & Up the Street Photographic Slideshow



Tuesday 8th October @ 7.30pm in Coleraine Town Hall



⚽⚽ Limavady Football Down the Years ⚽⚽



‘Limavady football Down the Years’ exhibition features a selection of photographs from Limavady author, Gerry Robinson’s recent book by the same title. Gerry developed this book to raise funds after hearing of a local woman requiring experimental treatment for cancer.

This free exhibition will display photographs of football players and teams in the Limavady area.

Coinciding with this exhibition is the Supercup NI, Premier Winners 2023 trophy and memorabilia now on permanent display within our new gallery space at The Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.



The Nelson McGonagle Digital Archive



Now on display within our new gallery space at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre is a **Nelson McGonagle Digital Archive** where visitors can view Nelson's previous four publications which are now out of publication. Local historian, Nelson McGonagle has collected an array of images over many years, all chronicling the life and times of days gone by in Limavady and the Roe Valley.

The photos provide an interesting window onto the past and themes include sport social interaction and farming and street views, creating a fascinating insight into the history of Limavady and the Roe Valley, while highlighting interesting local characters from the 19th through to the 20th centuries. Outstanding success was achieved with the publication of Nelson's last four volumes. These were packed with nostalgic photographs and poetry and raised £16,000 for charities thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses.

It is hoped his fifth volume will have the same success, with all proceeds from this book going towards supporting Age Concern Causeway and Limavady Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide (LIPS).

Nelson's fifth and final book in his series, entitled 'Limavady and the Roe Valley – Sporting and Social Life' is available to buy through the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre and is priced at £10.

For further information, please contact the Arts Centre on 028 7776 0650 or email: museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



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