

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2012

# BALLYMONEY TOWNHALL



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TOWN HALL

ARTS, MUSEUM & TOURIST INFORMATION

**JULIET TURNER IN CONCERT**  
Thurs 1 November, 8pm

Omagh singer/songwriter Juliet Turner has been described by the Irish Times as 'one of the most intriguing of Irish female song writers arriving several years ago with a guitar and a batch of brittle, poignant songs; her broad accent and even broader outlook; her bitter-sweet tastes all marking her as one to watch'.



She has opened shows for international artists such as Bob Dylan, Gabrielle, Natalie Merchant, Sting, U2 and Bryan Adams and has toured with Joan Armatrading, Brian Kennedy, Ron Sexsmith and Roger McGuinn.

She has four studio albums, a live album, double platinum sales and a Meteor Music Award for Best Irish Female Performer under her belt. Her first album *Let's Hear it for Pizza* released in 1996 is still selling and *Burn the Black Suit*, which went double platinum, was voted one of the top 100 Irish albums

of all time by Hot Press Music Magazine Readers. The magazine described her most recent album *People Have Names* as 'an intoxicating example of an adventurous artist moving forward, discovering fresh topics, literate themes and intriguing sounds with which to tease her artistic muse'.

On stage Juliet Turner has a wry charm, a beautiful voice and fine lyrics, making her a compelling live performer and her Ballymoney debut is sure to be one of the highlights of this season's programme.

[www.julietturner.com](http://www.julietturner.com)

Tickets £10, concessions £8 available from Ballymoney Town Hall

**THE RONNIE GREER BLUES BAND**  
Thurs 8 November, 8pm

Award-winning blues guitar legend Ronnie Greer (lifetime achievement, Woodstock Blues Festival 2011), has been at the centre of the Irish blues scene for over forty years, having shared the stage during that time with some of the biggest names in music, including Dr John, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee, and Memphis Slim.



Described by the Belfast Telegraph as 'the guitarist's guitarist', and critically acclaimed by the Irish News as 'world class', Ronnie makes his debut in Ballymoney with his powerhouse band which includes brilliant singer/guitarist Anthony Toner and keyboard wizard John McCullough.

Expect an night of blues, roots and a little jazz-based music, played with style and conviction, by the best in the business!

Tickets £9, concessions £7 available from Ballymoney Town Hall

The Panto Company present  
**DICK WHITTINGTON**  
Tue 27 & Wed 28 November,  
10am & 7.30pm

It's panto time again and the UK's fastest growing theatre producers, The Panto Company return to Ballymoney Town Hall with their hit show *Dick Whittington* - a Christmas classic packed with music, dance and traditional panto fun!

Our hero journeys to London to seek his fortune, accompanied by his faithful cat. But gold soon becomes the least of his worries when he is smitten with Alice Fitzwarren, the Alderman's daughter, and is confronted with the baddest of all pantomime baddies - King Rat!

Join Dick and the gang as he travels to Siam, then returns to face his greatest challenge yet - becoming Lord Mayor of London!

Shows for primary schools (ages 4 upwards) 10am  
Family shows for 3 years upwards 7.30pm



[www.thepantocompany.com](http://www.thepantocompany.com)

All tickets £5 (reserved seating) available from Ballymoney Town Hall. 10% discount for groups of 10 people and over. For school bookings contact the Cultural Services Officer 028 2766 0230

**AN EVENING WITH EILIDH PATTERSON**  
Thurs 6 December, 8pm

Following her hugely successful previous appearances in Ballymoney as part of Songwriters in the Round, Derry songstress Eilidh Patterson makes a welcome return for an intimate solo show.

Since setting out on her music career in 2007 with a 3-track demo, Eilidh has been on a remarkable journey taking her on countless trips to perform in the USA and UK. Nashville TN has become, in her own words, 'a second home'.

Indeed this is where she recorded her latest album *This is Now* featuring some of her long-time musical heroes including Ron Block (AKUS) and Tim O'Brien.

Join Eilidh as she recalls some of her experiences on the journey thus far and performs songs from both studio albums. You may also hear cover songs which were 'hugely influential in her development as a singer/songwriter' and some newly composed songs!



'Eilidh Patterson's voice is velvet and air. The richness of her sound and her songs is something beautiful to behold.'

and of *This is Now* album, 'Absolutely brilliant. I love it!' Beth Nielson Chapman.

'Eilidh has an easy going charm and commanding stage presence that demands your attention. Her sweet voice never fails to amaze me.' Ralph McLean, BBC Radio Ulster

[www.eilidhpatterson.com](http://www.eilidhpatterson.com)

Tickets £9, concessions £7 available from Ballymoney Town Hall

**RICK SWANN  
DIXIELAND ALL-STARS -  
A DIXIELAND CHRISTMAS**  
Wed 12 December, 8pm

2012 has been a busy year for trumpeter Rick Swann with appearances around the UK, Europe and USA on stages such as The Royal Albert Hall, the Odyssey Arena and as lead trumpet onboard RMS Queen Mary 2. This December, Rick is embarking on a new venture and *A Dixieland Christmas* is just the ticket to raise your festive spirits! With a line-up to include world renowned jazz musicians such as John Trotter (trombone) and Gay McIntyre (clarinet), as well as a richly talented rhythm section, this show promises to be a night to remember.

Tickets £9, concessions £7



Tickets for all of these events are available from Ballymoney Town Hall. Doors open half an hour before time of performance.

**BOOK LAUNCH - DERRYKEIGHAN  
OLD CHURCH GRAVEYARD**  
by Dorothy Arthur, author  
and family historian.  
Wed 19 September, 7.30pm

This is Dorothy Arthur's third book on the graveyards of North Antrim and it will include a comprehensive list of the headstones in the ancient burial ground at Derrykeighan village. Further information on Dorothy's work can be found at [www.ballymoneygraveyard.com](http://www.ballymoneygraveyard.com)



**LOCAL HISTORY TALKS SERIES**

**2012: A YEAR OF CENTENARIES**  
A new series of talks by local historian S Alex Blair

**THE ULSTER COVENANT  
& ULSTER DAY: AN OVERVIEW**  
Thurs 20 September, 8pm

28 September 1912 was designated Ulster Day and on that day many thousands signed the Ulster Covenant. They pledged themselves to oppose Home Rule for Ireland by using 'all means which may be found necessary'. It was a solemn and personal commitment, done after a religious service, and made a big impact across the whole British Empire.

In this month's talk, Mr Blair will give the general picture of these stirring days across Ulster and beyond.

**THE ULSTER COVENANT AND  
ULSTER DAY: THE LOCAL VIEW**  
Tue 30 October, 8pm

One of the few places where Ulster Day, 28th September 1912, did not bring out thousands was North Antrim. Described as 'rather a damp squib' in Ballymoney and with more opposition in Finvoy, the scene in North Antrim was very different from most other places across the province of Ulster.

Mr Blair investigates the reasons for this and looks at the other side of the Covenant story.



**KENNEDY KANE MACARTHUR  
& HIS OLYMPIC MARATHON  
VICTORY OF 1912**  
Thurs 29 November, 8pm

Local hero, Kennedy Kane McArthur's magnificent victory in the marathon race at the Stockholm Olympics in 1912 has been well documented this summer. As the centenary year draws to a close, Mr Blair will reflect on the Dervock man's outstanding achievement and on his life story, and with the advantage of having met and talked with McArthur's sister and niece many years ago, he will try and get as close as possible to the real McArthur.

All talks take place in Ballymoney Town Hall at 8pm. Admission £2 includes refreshments.

**DALRIADA SCHOOL - 75 YEARS  
AT ST JAMES'S ROAD**

Mon 8 October - Sat 10 November



Dalriada School is celebrating a very special anniversary as it is 75 years since the opening of the school buildings at St James's Road. Looking back on these years, Ballymoney Museum's exhibition features a wonderful array of school memorabilia which will reignite memories of past school days for pupils and teachers since 1937.



It will focus on themes such as sport, drama, clubs and societies and classroom life and will also include photographs from Dalriada Preparatory Department.

**26TH ANNUAL ART & ULSTER  
WOODTURNING EXHIBITION**

Thurs 15 - Sat 24 November

Featuring the work of local artists and the Ulster Woodturners, this exhibition continues to be one of the most popular and highly anticipated events in the programme. There is always a great mix of traditional and contemporary styles and themes, so don't miss the chance to shop for that extra special gift!



Artist, Joanne Casey

**NORTHERN IRELAND  
PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL PRINT EXHIBITION**

Sat 1 - Sat 29 December

This excellent exhibition is a showcase of the best work submitted by club photographers throughout Northern Ireland who are members of NIPA.

The exhibition comprises 76 prints featuring a wonderful variety of subjects including portraits, natural history, landscapes and seascapes, architecture, sport and street scenes. Both monochrome and colour prints are on display.

**Admission to all exhibitions is free**

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday  
& Saturday 9am-5pm & Friday  
9am-4.30pm.

Any artist wishing to display work in the 26th Annual Art Exhibition please contact Ballymoney Town Hall on 028 2766 0230 for details.



*As it Was Left*, photographer  
Stephen McWilliams ARPS



*Cocked Hat*, photographer  
David Robertson



*Morning Mist*, photographer Michael Maguire FRPS FIPF

**CALLIGRAPHY**

10 weeks, 2-4pm  
Beginning: Mon 24 January  
Maximum No: 12

**Tutor:** Betty Ward  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

Beautiful handwriting is within your reach! Over the course duration, Betty will cover a range of topics suitable for both beginners and those at a more advanced level. These include first basic strokes through to letter grouping, inscribed stationery for every occasion, page layout, planning verse lines, space fillers and simple borders, different styles (italic, roundhand and gothic) and capital letters.

**1-DAY CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP 1**

Date: Sat 3 November  
10am-5pm (Lunch 12.30-1.15pm)  
Maximum No: 12

**Tutor:** Betty Ward  
**Cost:** £15, concessions £10  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

Learn how to write simple inscriptions for all occasions including Christmas and birthdays. Ideal for anyone who makes their own cards as beautiful lettering will enhance any decoupage or handmade card.

**1-DAY CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP 2**

Date: Sat 17 November  
10am-5pm (Lunch 12.30-1.15pm)  
Maximum No: 12

**Tutor:** Betty Ward  
**Cost:** £15, concessions £10  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

This Christmas workshop is ideal for anyone wanting to add a special touch to their Christmas gifts. It will cover bookmarks, gift tags and other lovely Christmas ideas.

*Card will be provided. Participants need to bring colouring pencils and a calligraphy pen if they own one. If not, felt tip pens will be available.*

**CREATIVE WRITING 1**

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm  
Beginning: Mon 24 September  
Maximum No: 10

**Tutor:** Teresa Godfrey  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

**CREATIVE WRITING 2**

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm  
Beginning: Tue 25 September  
Maximum No: 10

**Tutor:** Teresa Godfrey  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

These creative writing classes are suitable for both beginners and advanced writers and will cover topics such as short story writing, writing a novel, poetry, memoir writing and script writing according to the needs of the participants.

**BEGINNERS PAINTING 1**

10 weeks, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Beginning: Wed 26 September  
Maximum No: 14

**Tutor:** Freda McKeown  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

**BEGINNERS PAINTING 2**

10 weeks, 7.30-9.30pm  
Beginning: Wed 26 September  
Maximum No: 14

**Tutor:** Freda McKeown  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
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Both these painting classes offer participants the opportunity to try out various mediums in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. While aimed primarily at beginners, all abilities are welcome and will be catered for. Advice on materials to bring is available from Freda.

**PATCHWORK**

10 weeks, 7-9pm  
Beginning: Tue 2 October  
Maximum No: 12

**Tutor:** Anne Rickerby  
**Cost:** £45, concessions £35  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

A continuation of this popular hobby patchwork class where students work on their own projects or are guided by the tutor to try new techniques or ideas.

**CHILDREN'S COURSES****DRAMA & DANCE COURSE  
8-11 YEAR OLDS**

10 weeks, 4-5.30pm  
Beginning: Mon 24 September  
Maximum No: 15

**Tutor:** Eimear Hughes  
**Cost:** £30  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

**DRAMA & DANCE COURSE  
5-7 YEAR OLDS**

10 weeks, 4-5.30pm  
Beginning: Tue 25 September  
Maximum No: 15

**Tutor:** Eimear Hughes  
**Cost:** £30  
**Venue:** Ballymoney Town Hall

A great opportunity to learn about acting and dancing in a fun environment with Ballymoney actress and dancer, Eimear Hughes who will teach a combination of hip hop and street dance alongside fun sketches and short plays. No experience necessary!

**ENROLMENT**

Enrolment for all classes takes place on **Tuesday 11 September 2012** from 7-9pm in Ballymoney Town Hall and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Bookings cannot be taken before that date and all places must be paid for prior to attendance at the first class. Postal and telephone bookings from Wednesday 12 September. **If a class does not attract enough students it will not run and refunds will be made.**

**MATERIALS**

Participants should bring their own materials. If you need assistance or recommendations of what and where to purchase items, the tutor will advise you at the first class.

**LOCAL GROUPS**

Many local community and cultural groups meet in Ballymoney Town Hall on a regular basis. New members are always welcome.

**North Antrim Horticultural Society**  
Meets the last Monday in the month. For further details contact Kenneth Bacon, Hon Secretary 028 2766 6925.

**Ballymoney Photographic Society**  
Fortnightly meetings on Mondays. For further details contact Leonard Ferguson 028 7083 6943 or Julie Thompson 028 2766 8600.

**Ballymoney Women's Institute**  
Meets second Thursday in the month. For further details contact Anne Kirkwood 028 2766 5192.

**Aglow International**  
Meets first Tuesday in the month. For further details contact Meta Swinney 028 2074 1256.

**DIARY AT A GLANCE**

**Book Launch**  
**DERRYKEIGHAN OLD CHURCH GRAVEYARD**  
 by Dorothy Arthur, author and family historian  
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**PAYMENT METHOD**

Tickets can be purchased using cash, cheque (guarantee card required), and any major credit card/debit card. There will be no credit card surcharge on telephone ticket purchases.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Ballymoney Town Hall facilities include disabled lifts, accessible toilets and an Induction Loop System for those with hearing impairments. The ground floor, galleries and auditorium are accessible for wheelchair users. **Wheelchair spaces are available in the Auditorium - please advise staff when booking your ticket.**

**LATECOMERS**

Latecomers are admitted at the discretion of the Front of House staff and will not be seated until a suitable break in the performance.



**FREE MAILING LIST**

If you would like to receive information about forthcoming events from us on a regular basis, please contact Ballymoney Town Hall 028 2766 0230 and we will add your details to our database. There is no charge for this service.

**GROUP BOOKINGS**

A discount of 10% is offered for group bookings of 10 people and over. Seats can be reserved for groups of this size.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Tickets are non-refundable.

**CAR PARKING**

There is a free car park on Townhead Street opposite the entrance to the Town Hall.

**ROOMS FOR HIRE**

Ballymoney Town Hall houses a multi-purpose auditorium and a number of meeting rooms of varying sizes which are available for hire.

For details on hiring a room and a list of current charges, please contact Borough Services Directorate 028 2766 0227.

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH ARTS COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME**

Ballymoney Borough Arts Committee operate a small grants scheme to support local organisations and individuals in the development and promotion of the arts. Further details and application forms are available from Ballymoney Town Hall.

**TOURIST INFORMATION**

Ballymoney Tourist Information Centre is located in Ballymoney Town Hall and provides an excellent source of information both for tourists and the local community.

**Arts Mailing List**

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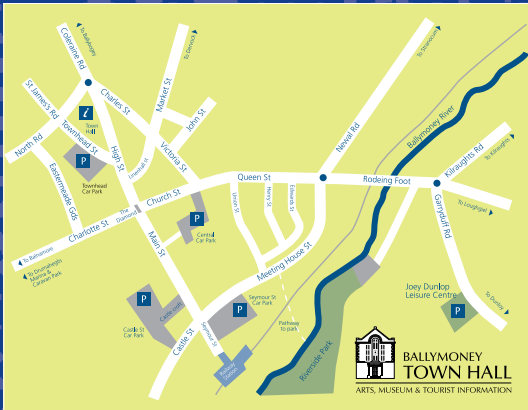
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