

# BayBurn Life

An occasional publication for the Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn areas

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Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the *BayBurn Life*.

Once again there is lots going on to note in diaries. 26-28 March sees the Helen's Bay Players spring production at St John's Church Hall. The same church is hosting a fascinating series of talks over the year, entitled *Food for Thought* – all are welcome, churchgoers or not. The May Fair is on Saturday 9 May. The Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn Residents Association Annual General Meeting will be on 13 May. 18 May is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coming of the Railway to Bangor, and Helen's Bay en route; a new book will mark the occasion. (The painting below is by Norman Whitla.)



Congratulations to all those involved in running the Link coffee mornings every Wednesday – a great community asset. This time next year, Crawfordsburn should have its own coffee shop at the former Pinewood Pottery, as an article explains. Continuing the theme, a Community Picnic will be held at Grey Point Fort on 13 June.

## **Red Carpet Beckons for Helen's Bay Screen-Writer**

Helen's Bay resident Michael McCartney is one of the two screen-writers behind the full-length feature film *A Patch of Fog* due to be released this year. Our two villages have long had expertise and involvement with film-making, for example the string of DVDs and programmes produced for local television by Waldovision, but screen-writing may be a new dimension. Shot at the end of last year entirely in Northern Ireland, *A Patch of Fog* stars Stephen Graham (Boardwalk Empire) and Conleth Hill from Game of Thrones. Michael describes the film as a darkly comic psychological thriller.

The Director is Michael Lennox, whose short film *Boogaloo and Graham* was nominated for an Oscar

this year in the Best Short film category, and won a BAFTA in February.

While events have moved quickly in recent months, success has not arrived overnight for Michael (on right of photo), and his fellow writer John Cairns. They first began working collaboratively about nine years ago. And the script for *A Patch of Fog* was not dashed off in weeks. As Michael says: *'It took us a couple of years in all. Our basic approach is to create a film that we would want to see ourselves.'*

When asked how they work together to produce a composite script, Michael says: *'We live and work on Skype. This enables us to talk the story out.'*



The imaginative plot is about a university teacher who is caught shoplifting by a lonely security guard who then blackmails him to be his new best friend.

Their first break-through came when the script for *A Patch of Fog* won first prize in NI Screen's New Talent Focus Scheme. This assured the project of some initial funding, and the film took another important step closer to being made after they secured the support of London-based producer Robert Jones, the film guru and financier behind a number of earlier hits such as *Gosford Park*.

When asked to explain the difference in the three roles, Michael explains that if the screen-writers are like the architects designing a building, the producer puts together the finance for the project, while the director actually builds the building.

The next key step was the casting. Michael says:

*'We are delighted to have such prestigious actors. Moreover, from watching them on location, I could see that their expertise really brought extra electricity to the production, and indeed more to the two characters than we had initially given them.'*

Modestly he adds that he and John are not getting ahead of themselves, but the film is being submitted to a number of well-known international Festivals. It may not quite be in time for Cannes this year, but in one place or another, the red carpet could definitely be waiting.

Michael himself has an international background on which to draw in his new career. Reared in California until he was a teen, Michael's family returned home to Ireland in the Seventies. He gained a degree in sociology at the University of Ulster, and then spent five years based in Taiwan and the Far East. Returning to Belfast, he ran his own successful business for nearly 20 years, which involved him in visiting many overseas countries.

Remember you read it first in the *BayBurn Life* - this talent is certainly one for our readers to follow.

## **May Fair and Painting Exhibition**

**St John's Church, Fort Road, Helen's Bay  
Saturday 9th May – 11am until 3pm**

Come and celebrate Spring at the May Fair in beautiful Helen's Bay with lots for adults and children to enjoy.

There will be a variety of stalls, including plants and garden produce, bric-a-brac, books, toys, delicious homemade cakes and preserves, and games including 'Soak the Rector' and a Coconut Shy.

Why not let the children enjoy the bouncy castle, craft making, face painting, nail painting and much more.

Refreshments will include teas and tray bakes, burgers, hot dogs, popcorn and there will be a fantastic raffle for a host of great prizes which will include hampers and

Dinner for Two at Deanes.

An exhibition of paintings by local artists will be on display in the Church with an opportunity to purchase the original pieces of work.

**The art exhibition will also be open to the public on Friday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> May, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.**

So put the date in your diary now and come along for some family fun.

**Admission: Adults £2, Children Free.**

### **Helen's Bay Players present:**

#### ***Full Circle by Janet Shaw***

Millie and Dee have been at each other's throats for twenty years and no-one knows why, but it is their granddaughter's wedding and she and her parents are determined to get to the bottom of it to clear the air in time for the big day. However, more skeletons emerge from the closet and more questions than answers seem

to be turning up; such as 'Who is Gloria?', 'Where is Jack?' and 'Where does Dee go every year?' In the midst of all this disasters strike the wedding plans so we also wonder 'Will the marriage take place at all?'

An amusing but sad comedic drama that will have you reaching for the tissues - for tears of laughter as well as sorrow.

***Full Circle***, produced by Kevin Quinn will be performed in St John's Hall, Fort Road, Helen's Bay on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, **26, 27 and 28 March** starting at 8.00pm so, make a note of the dates now.

Tickets available from Square Cut, Station Square, Helen's Bay, from North Down Tourist Information Centre, 34 Quay Street, Bangor, BT20 5ED Telephone: 028 9127 0069; e-mail: [tic@northdown.gov.uk](mailto:tic@northdown.gov.uk); or at the door on the night.

### **Food for Thought at St. John's**

During 2015 St. John's Church in Helen's Bay will be hosting a series of talks designed to get people thinking. It is our conviction that Christian faith does not require that we leave our minds or our aesthetic sense at the door of the church. Rather, we believe that God can speak to us in many ways, even through 'secular' culture and the humdrum of daily life.

In these talks we have asked several eminent people to share their thinking and experience with us.

Each talk will be followed by discussion and a cup of tea. They will start at 8pm and finish at 9.30pm.

**18 March**, **Richard Lloyd Morgan** will speak on how music has spoken to him of the things of God. Richard is a former professional concert and opera singer who is currently chaplain of King's College Cambridge.

**22 April**, **Rab Mollan** will speak on how his experiences as a leading orthopaedic surgeon have spoken to him of God. Rab is also an ordained priest of the Church of Ireland.

**May 20**, **Gail McConnell** is a lecturer in English at Queen's University Belfast and the author of *Northern Irish Poetry and Theology* (Palgrave, 2014). Her talk will trace some ways in which theological tradition shapes ideas about selfhood, community, language and poetic form in Northern Irish literature.

**16 September**, **Pádraig Ó Tuama** grew up in Cork, and from 2014 has taken on the role of the Corrymeela Community Leader. He brings interests in poetry, theology, conflict and prayer to us. His talk will focus on story – stories we tell about ourselves, stories of belief and stories of power. He is interested in how poetry, questions and storytelling can help us encounter our own selves and each other; exploring the

shelters and shadows of our lives together. This, and how poetry has shaped his faith, will be his theme.

**18 November, Ross Wilson**, a leading Ulster artist, who is considered by many to be one of the most collectable artists of his generation, will talk of the visual arts and faith. Ross aims through his work to portray what many see but do not always feel, and to encourage his viewers to see beyond what the eye sees.

*So, keep those dates free, and invite anyone with an inquiring mind to come along.*

*These talks are open to everyone and there will be no charge.*

**Holy Week Joint Services**, Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church and St John's Church of Ireland – Easter Programme – also see *Forthcoming Events*.

Once again this year the two congregations host Holy Week Services for the wider community. The theme is **'Holy Week through the eyes of St John'**.

**Palm Sunday**, 29 March, at **7.00pm**, in Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church (HBPC).

**Monday**, 30 March, **7.30pm**, at St John's.

**Tuesday**, 31 March, **7.30pm**, at HBPC.

**Wednesday**, 1 April, **7.30pm** at St John's.

**Maundy Thursday**, 2 April, **7.30pm**, 'Communion' at HBPC.

**Friday**, 3 April, **7.30pm**, at St. John's, 'Tenebrae'.

**Easter Sunday**, 6 April, **Dawn Beach Service at 6.30am** followed by breakfast at Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church.

**Easter Sunday morning services:** 10.30am for St John's and 11.30am for the combined Presbyterian service.



**LINK COFFEE MORNING**  
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10.30am – 11.45am

Come Along and Enjoy  
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*Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church*

## **Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church**

**Children's Day** Sunday 28 June at 11.30am together with special speaker Rachel Kirker, the new E3 Schools Worker with Scripture Union Northern Ireland.

**Helen's Bay Summer Scheme**, Sunday 2 August – Sunday 9 August with registration on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 3.00-4.30pm at Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church. There will be an Epilogue of Dedication of the scheme at 7pm for everyone. The Scheme then runs Monday-Friday followed by a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 9 August at 7pm with leaders' reports and gifts for the children. Morning sessions (10am-12.30) for children of 6 years or going into P2-P7 and evenings (7-9pm) involve the middle group, age 9-11 and teenagers.

**Summer Epilogues** will be hosted in The Link on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday nights of June, July, August and September at 7pm. *Everyone is welcome* to this short 40 minute service.

*For dates of PrayerFest and Harvest Thanksgiving see Forthcoming Events.*

## **Community Picnic Invitation**

from St. John's Church – see enclosed flyer .



## **Pottery's future is NOW**

Leading Belfast-based social enterprise NOW Group is finalising provisional plans to redevelop the historic Pottery at the heart of Crawfordsburn.

As many residents will be aware, NOW Group held a highly successful open day at Pinewood Pottery on 6 December, which enabled the project's supporters both to purchase the charming products formerly made under the Camphill banner, and to discuss with NOW Group Chief Executive, Maeve Monaghan, and members of her team the organisation's plans to restore the pottery and develop a coffee shop.

NOW Group, which was named Northern Ireland Social Enterprise of the Year last November, supports people with barriers to employment and learning, including providing training and workplace experience for those with learning difficulties or special needs, amongst other services.

Although the Pottery itself remains closed for the time being, much has been going on behind the scenes, with approaches to funding bodies, exploration of support from elected representatives, and detailed consideration as to how the Pottery can best fit with NOW Group's strategies for supporting those with learning difficulties.

Jayne McStay, NOW Group's project manager for the Pottery, explains: *'We have been delighted with the support from elected representatives and local residents, including the Friends of Pinewood Pottery. At NOW Group, we are excited by the scope for this project, and we are now ready to move onto the next phase. We are moving to draw up plans for developing the facilities, with a view to starting actual refurbishment this autumn. Our target would be to open the Pottery and coffee shop, as a source of training and education for adults with special needs, by spring next year.'*

In the short term, the extent of available funding is likely to prove a constraint, but the social enterprise hopes that it will be practical to proceed on a phased basis. Jayne adds:

*'We are very keen to involve residents, and to build on the special relationship between the former Camphill potters and the Crawfordsburn community. NOW Group is committed to the social enterprise model, which has already proved in our other projects to make a real difference for some of the most vulnerable in our society.'*

The *Bayburn Life* knows that Jayne and NOW Group have some really imaginative proposals in mind which will enhance the facilities in a number of different ways. We look forward to the next steps with great interest.

(The photograph shows some trainees working in a highly successful Loaf Catering, a social enterprise subsidiary of NOW Group's.)



Anyone interested in assisting with the project, or learning more about the plans, is welcome to contact Jayne McStay at NOW Group on 02890 436400, or view the NOW Group website [www.nowproject.co.uk](http://www.nowproject.co.uk).

## **New Tennis Season Just Weeks Away!**

It won't be long until the Helen's Bay Tennis courts are a hive of activity once again. Pre-season training with Michael Heaslip starts in late March for the U18 and U14 Helen's Bay Junior teams which had an incredibly successful 2014 season. Both the U14 Girls and U18 Boys teams came top of their respective junior divisions with the girls managing to cap an amazing season by beating the Division 1 Champions to take the Juvenile Cup. Many of those integral to this success have been involved with U10 Saturday morning coaching passing on their experience to the next generation of Helen's Bay Tennis Stars! In fact all age groups had success at tournaments and league competitions last season so it will be a hard act to follow but we're looking forward to the challenge of carrying that success into the 2015 season.



The great news is that there is something for everyone at Helen's Bay Tennis Club no matter what age or ability. We have juniors picking up a racket for the first time at the age of 4 on a Saturday morning; tournament level juniors training 2-3 times a week to prepare for the busy tournament schedule. The full junior coaching programme commences the week following the Easter holidays.

Rosemary Masefield runs a Monday evening group from 13 April, for adult players wanting a reintroduction to tennis in an informal way; and there is adult club play on Saturday afternoons from 2pm or Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm (light permitting). There really is no excuse not to get involved this Spring/Summer/Autumn. A fantastic club, right on your doorstep! Further details via [www.helensbaytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.helensbaytennisclub.co.uk) (or tel. Rosemary on 91853339) and [www.northdowntennisacademy.com](http://www.northdowntennisacademy.com) for Michael. See you on the court!

## **Helen's Bay Brownies Celebrate 60 Years**

Last November Helen's Bay Brownies had a great day of celebration. At a church service at St. John's, attended by past and present Brownies and their families, six former Brownie Leaders lit a candle each to represent 60 years of Brownies in Helen's Bay and Kathryn Miller, the current Brown Owl, lit one to celebrate 100 years of Brownies in the UK. Etta McGucken, who lit one of the six candles, is



currently Assistant Leader and previously had been Brown Owl for 35 years. Sarah Harding, a former Brownie and editor of the *Presbyterian Herald*, gave a reading. Following the service a splendid tea was laid on in the church hall with a special cake which was cut by former Brown Owls Joan Bushell and Jean McCadden together with current Brownie Sophie. Photos of Brownies over the years were on display in the hall and a special commemorative badge to mark the event is planned for current Brownies.



*For details of Brownies and Rainbow Guides see Local Facilities/Activities*

### **Inspector Drake & the Perfekt Crime**

A comedy by David Tristram performed in January by the Helen's Bay Players – a review by Sheelagh Hobart, NODA Regional Representative for Ireland.

*'This was a very silly play but highly amusing; written by the author of the comedy performed in January 2014 by Helen's Bay Players (Searching for Dr Branovic). When you find a winning formula why not exploit it!'*

*The plot, such as it was, involved the disappearance (and murder?) of the fourth wife of Dr Short (Steve Emerson) and the subsequent attempt by famous detective Inspector Drake (Stephen Connolly) and his totally incompetent assistant Sergeant Plod (Gary Gillespie), to catch the culprit. Stephen Connolly's excellent timing and his relationship with Gary Gillespie created a perfect partnership which provided constant laughs throughout the play. After the last minute withdrawal of Noel Cornick due to illness, Steve Emerson took over the role of Dr Short. His experience and relaxed performance made it easy to forget that he was holding the script throughout. Julie Beaumont and Lara Keery, as Sabrina and Miss Short, completed the line up – each claiming to be the daughter of Dr Short – and adding another dimension to the implausible plot! Both fulfilled their roles well. \_*

*The action took place in the lounge of the doctor's house – complete with interior door, french windows,*

*3 delph ducks flying up the wall (which were later 'shot down' one by one) and a trap door behind the sofa which enabled different characters to pop up at unexpected moments! A solid, well built set with good props. Lighting and sound were very competent, especially sound effects always on cue. Costumes were all suitable; particularly the sergeant's uniform.*

*The full house was well deserved for this madcap crowd pleaser. An evening to forget the cares of the world!!'*

### **New Section of Coastal Path under Construction**

North Down Council has contracted for the replacement of the steps on the Coastal Path at Seahill with an elevated walkway. Under construction for some months, it is due to be in place by late spring. The bridge units have been constructed off site.



The photograph shows the columns on which the walkway will be elevated, above the reach of the highest tides. Though not quite in the Gobbins Path league, it should provide a dramatic new section for walkers, joggers and cyclists.

### **Footpaths – Local Walking for Pleasure**

Although Northern Ireland does not have the same quantity of designated footpaths as the rest of the United Kingdom, we are very fortunate in Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn in both the number and the range.

Liaising with the North Down Borough Council and others on the maintenance of our local footpaths is one of the functions undertaken by the Residents Association on behalf of the local community.

The best-known and most frequented is the Coastal Path. The major engineering work to bypass the Seahill steps is nearly complete. Over the longer term the Council – as one would expect the new Super Council – has aspired to improve the Coastal Path so that all stretches are accessible for cyclists and the disabled.

Number two surely has to be the historic Carriage Drive, created in the 1860s to provide a private route for Lord Dufferin and his retinue to progress from Clandeboye House to the newly-built railway station, and indeed on beyond to the shore. It is now integrated as part of the Ulster Way. It can be accessed at a number of places - the Fort Road car park, on the far side of the railway station, under Ballyrobert Road, or off the A2 – in both directions.

Following a meeting of interested parties last autumn, including Residents Association members, there is welcome work by the Conservation Volunteers and residents to restore the path and clear away intrusive growth along the section between the station and Fort Road car park.



Previous editions of the *Bayburn Life* have featured Coyle's Lane which was certainly in use as an important thoroughfare in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, at that time running down to the shore close to Craigdarragh House – known to some there as 'Workman's Lane'. It can be accessed from beside the Ballyrobert Service Station, or from the end of the track halfway along the Craigdarragh Road. As the track gains some height, it affords fine views over the neighbouring fields. Coyle's Lane was approved by Council as an asserted right of way in December.

Footpaths become in effect permanent rights-of-way if they achieve *asserted* status as a public right of way. This has been a function of the Borough Council, and will remain so under the new regime. In the past few years, two comparatively shorter paths have gained this status – the much used 'cut through' between Kathleen Avenue and Rushfield, and the track leading from the Bangor Road outside Crawfordsburn down towards Old Windmill Road.

Another interesting short track, the Cattle Drive, is also asserted. It can be accessed both through the road leading down to Quarry Court or off Craigdarragh Road between the railway bridge and Coastguard Avenue.

At Sunnybrook Farm, on the other side of the Carriage Drive is the unsigned path into the Townswomen's Guild wood planted in 1991, and now most attractive. The other end of that path is on Bridge Road South, opposite the main entrance to the Crawfordsburn Country Park. Adjacent to that formal entrance is the level track through the fields leading from Bridge Road South back to the Carriage Drive.

Perhaps the least known – and shortest – is Mut's Lane which runs between Craigdarragh Road and Coastguard Avenue. Despite appeals in an early edition of the *Bayburn Life*, we still do not know the identity of the eponymous Mut! Another handy short cut, is the path off Sheridan Drive down to the Coastal Path.

A footpath without asserted status is the track between the A2 and Meadow Way. In the dry season, this can make an excellent round trip in combination with the Carriage Drive.



All these are of course in addition to the many routes in both sections

of the Country Park, including the Gallops where alas brambles are encroaching on the paths, although the blackberrying remains terrific in season here. The last path featured here is the route that passes Crawfordsburn Dam beside the Burn, which can be accessed from Crawfordsburn village or from Glen Park off the Cootehall Road. Thanks to remedial work by the Council this is again an attractive walk, where ducks and moorhen may be seen on the cleaned out pond area.

[Most, but not all of these paths are marked on the two maps displayed on the community notice-board at the entrance to the railway station.]



Finally it is excellent that the Council is producing a walking trail of the two villages, drawing on the pioneering efforts of the Bayburn Historical Society which produced the Bayburn Trail in the 1990s, later enhanced by the Council with the two signs and maps at the Fort Road Car Park and beside the SPAR in Crawfordsburn. Copies of the Trail will be available locally, or from Council premises such as the Tourist Information Centre in Tower House.

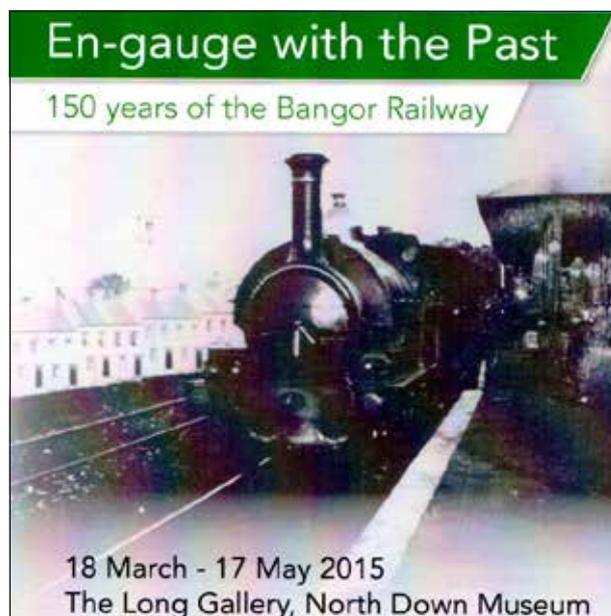
Walking (or indeed cycling where it is permitted) is enjoyable exercise. It is important however to respect the rights of the landowners, in particular shutting any gates that may need to be opened and not digressing from the authorised path.

### **Celebrating 150 Years of Train Travel between Hollywood and Bangor**

18 May 2015 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the railway line between Hollywood and Bangor.

This spring sees a programme of commemorative activities in North Down – exhibitions, a new book, library readings, steam excursions and more.

North Down Museum in Bangor hosts from 18 March to 17 May a colourful exhibition called *En-gauge with the Past* with photographs, posters and artefacts from our local railway's past.



On Sunday 17 May, the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland will run steam excursions from Belfast to Bangor. It is hoped there will be scope for period costumes etc.

Holywood and Bangor Libraries will also host exhibitions on the railway, with special sections on the 19th century history of each town. There will be Library readings of favourite train books too, for the little ones.

A new book, *'Be Careful, Don't Rush - Celebrating 150 Years of Train Travel between Holywood and Bangor'* has been written for the occasion, by Robin Masefield. It will be published shortly, by the Bayburn Historical Society. (More details about the launch and where copies will be on sale locally, will be available later.)

The Belfast and County Down Railway (the BCDR) constructed the original line from Belfast Queen's Quay to Holywood, opening in 1848. But the Company that extended the line to Bangor was the Belfast, Holywood and Bangor Railway (the BHBR), although 20 years later it was bought up by the bigger BCDR.

The book should appeal to local residents, railway historians, people who want to know more about what Holywood and Bangor were like in the 19th century before the railway, and armchair travellers who enjoy reminiscences and anecdotes about travel in years gone by. It features sections on Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn, with new old photographs.

The book is rich in stories, whether of company directors trying to stave off bankruptcy by creative accounting, the idiosyncrasies of individual stationmasters, or of ambition, innovation and romance. It brings out the dangers of train travel in former times, drawing on contemporary reports of accidents and even an attempted murder by a jilted fiancé.

The book is lavishly illustrated with over 150 photographs, copies of original documents and paintings by well-known local artists.

All profits from the sale of the book will go to two local charities – AGenda which provides invaluable services for the elderly and is based in Hamilton Road, Bangor, and Holywood Shared Town which seeks to make the town a more integrated and vibrant community, based in the Redburn Community Centre, Holywood.

### Double Decker Bus Strikes Bridge Prompting Safety Investigation

A safety investigation was under way after a double decker struck a railway bridge in Helen's Bay on 6 November, when it was being used as a rail substitution service. Translink confirmed double decker buses



should not be used in the village because the bridges are too low. At one stage, the bus became stuck and Translink confirmed that air had to be removed from the tyres in order to remove it from under the bridge. BBC Ireland correspondent Chris Buckler, who of course knows the locality well, was reported as saying:

*'Translink staff were climbing up ladders to try to find a way of getting the bus out from under the bridge.'*

*'The top right hand side of the bus had already been damaged. But their biggest concern seemed to be ensuring they didn't damage the railway bridge which carries trains on the busy Belfast to Bangor line.'*

*'Some of the staff had to direct traffic around the bus as they tried to find a way of manoeuvring it out from the low bridge.'*

### Residents Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Helen's Bay and Crawfordsburn Residents Association will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 13 May in St John's Church Hall.

There should be an interesting selection of speakers to inform residents on local matters. Do please come

and catch up on issues of concern to us all, and indeed what the Association has been doing to preserve and enhance our community. Ask not what your community can do for you, but what you can do for your Association!

### **Christmas Dip**

The swim at Helen's Bay beach on 24 December attracted a record 53 participants, and raised well over £1100 for two very worthy charities. Very well done everyone.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Bayburn Historical Society** meetings 8pm (Sept.- March), Presbyterian 'Link' hall. Sec: Lynette Spence, 9146 8130, email [b.spence1@sky.com](mailto:b.spence1@sky.com). Everyone welcome. **Programme:** 18 March, Charles Friel - the History of Northern Ireland's Railways; 15 April AGM and dinner at the Golf Club; 16 May, Outing to historic Carrickfergus.

**Community Picnic** at Grey Point Fort, Helen's Bay, Saturday 13 June, 5-8pm. **Everyone invited** by St John's Church. Bring your own picnic. Soft drinks provided. Children's & family games.

**Helen's Bay Players** Spring production, **Full Circle**, at St John's Church Hall, Fort Road,

Thursday-Saturday, 26, 27 and 28 March, 8.00pm. Tickets available from Square Cut, Station Square, Helen's Bay (personal callers only) and from North Down Tourist Information Centre, 34 Quay Street, Bangor, BT20 5ED. Telephone: 028 9127 0069; e-mail: [tic@northdown.gov.uk](mailto:tic@northdown.gov.uk). Some tickets available on the night – see article.

**Helen's Bay Summer Scheme**, at Helen's Bay Presbyterian Church, 2-9 August with registration 3.00-4.30pm Sunday 2 August with Epilogue of Dedication 7pm. The Scheme then runs Monday-Friday followed by Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 9 August at 7pm – *see article*.

**Helen's Bay & Crawfordsburn Residents Association** AGM, 13 May, 8pm, St John's Church Hall.

### **HELEN'S BAY CHURCHES**

**Joint Easter Services:** 'Holy Week Through the Eyes of St. John'.

Palm Sunday, 29 March, 7.00pm, at Helen's Bay Presbyterian (HBPC)  
Monday 30 March, 7.30pm at St. John's  
Tuesday, 31 March, 7.30, HBPC  
Wednesday, 1 April, 7.30pm, St. John's  
Thursday, 2 April, 7.30pm, HBPC 'Communion'  
Friday, 3 April, 7.30pm, St John's 'Tenebrae'  
Sunday, 5 April, Dawn Beach Service, 6.30am followed by breakfast at HBPC.

### **Helen's Bay Presbyterian:**

See above for *Joint Easter Services*,

**Easter Sunday Morning Service** 11.30am Together.

**Summer Epilogues**, 7pm, The Link, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday nights of June, July, August and September. *Everyone is welcome* to short 40 minute service.

**Children's Day:** Sunday 28 June at 11.30am together with special speaker Rachel Kirker, E3 Schools Worker with Scripture Union Northern Ireland.

**PrayerFest:** Tuesday-Thursday 8-10 September. HBPC open 6am-3pm, 7-9pm with prayer areas in The Link, a Quiet Room and Open Church.

**Harvest Thanksgiving**, Sunday 27 September, 11.30 Together, followed by light lunch in support of Christian Aid.

*For further details of all services see website [www.helensbaypresbyterian.org](http://www.helensbaypresbyterian.org).*

### **St John's Church of Ireland**

See *Joint Easter Services* above for Holy Week services

**Easter Day:** 6.30am Dawn Service on beach followed by breakfast at HBPC,

8.30am - Holy Communion  
10.30am - Holy Communion  
6.30pm – Evening Prayers

*See article* for **Food for Thought** talks.

**May Fair/Painting Exhibition** – Saturday 9 May, 11am-3pm. Painting Exhibition also on Friday evening 8 May 6-7.30pm. See notice on Page 2.

**Series of Talks 'Food for Thought'**, 8pm, St John's Church Hall – *see article*.

### **LOCAL ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES:**

**Bangor West Ladies Probus Club:** every Tuesday (except August) 10.30am, Old Inn, Crawfordsburn. All ladies welcome. Contact: Maureen Stephens: 9185 2952.

**Helen's Bay Probus Club:** meets 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month, 10.30-12 noon, Helen's Bay Golf Club. Contact John Jackson, 9065 1204, email: [johnjackson@btinternet.com](mailto:johnjackson@btinternet.com).

**BayBurn Historical Society:** see *Forthcoming Events* for programme. Sec: Lynette Spence, 9146 8130; email [b.spence1@sky.com](mailto:b.spence1@sky.com).

**Buses:** Bangor Office 9127 1143, [www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk).

**Crawfordsburn Country Park/Grey Point Fort/ Café**, 9185 3621/2439/2528.

**Crawfordsburn Probus Club** meets every Friday morning 10.30-12 noon, Old Inn. Contact Jim McCormick, 9065 4633, email [j.mccormick40@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.mccormick40@ntlworld.com) or [www.freewebs.com/bwprobus/](http://www.freewebs.com/bwprobus/).

**Crawfordsburn Scout Centre** provides a range of different outdoor activities for scouting, youth and school groups. Contact Peter Harrison on 9185 3307.

**Helen's Bay & Crawfordsburn Residents Association:** Contact Robin Masefield on 9185 3339.

**Helen's Bay Golf Club:** tel. 9185 2815.

**Helen's Bay Players:** contact David Marshall on 9146 6126 or email [scampi64@gmail.com](mailto:scampi64@gmail.com).

**Helen's Bay Royal British Legion:** meets 2nd Wed. of the month, HB Golf Club from 10.30am. Open to all inc. ex-members of the Services and auxiliary services inc. Police, Prisons, Fire & Ambulance. Contact Raymond Orr, 9042 3841.

**Helen's Bay Tennis Club:** [www.helensbaytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.helensbaytennisclub.co.uk), email [helensbaytennisclub@btinternet.com](mailto:helensbaytennisclub@btinternet.com) or tel. Rosemary on 9185 3339. Adult club play Sats from 2pm, Wed.6.30pm. (Weds 10am in darker evenings). For junior tennis coaching contact Michael Heaslip at [northdowntennisacademy@gmail.com](mailto:northdowntennisacademy@gmail.com).

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**Montessori Helen's Bay Pre-School:** see advert, or contact Meriel Linley 07788547265.

**North Down Rotary Club:** meets Old Inn every Mon. 6.30pm, except Bank Holidays. Contact Grahame Fraser, 9042 2778.

**PSNI:** Neighbourhood Policing Team. Patrolling officer for Helen's Bay/Crawfordsburn is Constable Chris Rose, mobile 07825 013 523, email [chris.rose@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:chris.rose@psni.pnn.police.uk)

**Presbyterian Church/Hall:** Rev. Colin Megaw; see Forthcoming Events. Details of services, church-based activities etc on [www.helensbaypc.co.uk](http://www.helensbaypc.co.uk). Church office, 9185 3780.

**St John's Church of Ireland, Helen's Bay;** Canon Tim Kinahan, 9185 3601.

*The following are held in St John's Church Hall:*

**Badminton Club:** Monday evenings September - March, junior and adult groups; contact Rosemary, 9185 3339.

**Painting Group:** Tuesdays, 7pm. New members welcome; contact Rosemary, 9185 3339.

**Brownies:** Wednesdays 6.30-7.40 (girls 7-10yrs). Contact Kathryn Miller, 9185 2446 or Etta McGucken, 9185 3377.

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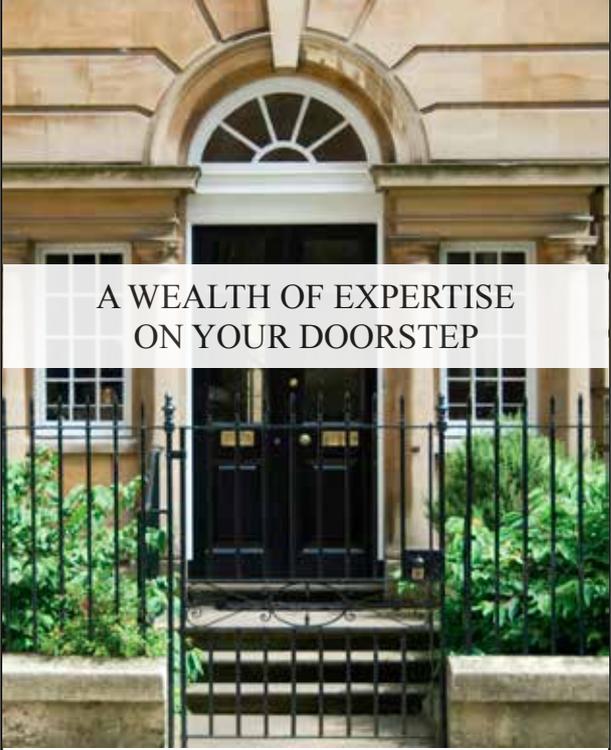
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