

Ardglass Festival

2025



A warm welcome to everyone from near and far to celebrate another year of family fun & entertainment in the village of Ardglass! We are proud to present to you all our fantastic programme of events for 2025.

Our Summer Festivals have been growing from strength to strength each year and we do try and set the bar high with our small team of dedicated committee members. We greatly appreciate everyone who attends our festival & look forward to seeing the crowds back on the streets of the village once more. We hope everyone young and old enjoy themselves throughout the week.

Thanks to all the local Businesses and Families that have made generous donations to our Festival, we urge everyone to support our local businesses who we are perpetually indebted to, for their annual support of our Festival. While every effort has been made to include all sponsorship we appreciate new businesses/ donations come in after time of print.

Please accept our thanks and gratitude. Thanks also to County Down Rural Community Network, DAERA & PCSP alongside Grants from the National Lottery, Asda Foundation. A special thanks to all those who have supported our fundraising initiatives throughout the year.

While our Committee consists of a small group of dedicated members with several non sitting volunteers always willing to assist when required, we always need more help, especially during festival week, if you're able to give an hour or two to help out with our events contact Sean Laird, Chris Feenan or John Beattie for more details.

We wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Festival Week

Ardglass Festival Association Committee



PRE FESTIVAL EVENTS

Raft building workshop

Sunday 27th July @ The Harbour 1.00pm

Come along to the festival raft building workshop & get ready to create your perfect design. All oars must be hand made and must be ready on the day.



Beavis Memorial Cup

Tuesday 29th July @ The Meadow 6.00pm

Ardglass FC will be running & organising a charity football match with the Community ballers playing against a Ardglass select in the meadow on Tuesday at 6pm.
Contact: Lee Murphy 07923 811535



Action Cancer Big Bus

Wednesday 30th July @ The Marina

Based at the Marina we have Breast Screening appointments that are available to ladies who are aged 40-49 or 70+.

We also have health Checks and appointments available to men & women aged 18+. To book an appointment <https://actioncancer.org/big-bus>



Scavenger Hunt

Sheets available @ Milligans Shop Monday 28th July

Ardglass Festival Presents Scavenger Hunt

The competition is in two parts. In Section A there is a list of common items which you must collect. Section B is a Number Search in which you must identify a number relating to each site mentioned and then calculate the TOTAL value by adding up all these numbers.

Detach the bottom part of this form where your contact details and calculated total should be given. Place this slip of paper and your collected scavenger items in a plastic bag and leave in the collection box in Milligan's Shop by 5.00 p.m. on Saturday. Winners {2} will be announced in the Festival Facebook page on Sunday.

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WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY

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Ardglass Festival 5/10k Run

From 6.30pm-8.30pm

7pm start @ St Nicholas School

Online entries @ www.sientries.co.uk

Following the great success of Ardglass Festival 5/10k run in 2024 we are back for 2025 & again Sponsored by Ardglass Eurospar where both routes are Scenic as well as challenging. Runners will receive a finisher medal as well as food and refreshments.



Hot Smoked mackerel Barbecue

7.00pm - 8pm @ the school

On completion of Ardglass Festival 5/10k run we have our fantastic Kipper & hot smoked mackerel barbecue with music from C&L disco roadshow to finish the event in Style. All Pricing for the barbecue will be displayed on the day.



Blessing of the Boats

@ The Marina 8pm

This Cross Community Blessing of the fishing fleet acknowledges the lives of those lost at sea while blesses all those who go to sea professionally or for leisure.



Open Air Cinema

From 9pm @ The Marina car park

We have a fantastic outdoor cinema this year at the Marina. Perfect for a night out with family & friends. A large 14.5ft screen, high powered HD projectors for sharp, clear bright movies and state of the art sound system. Come along and join us for a night of fun and popcorn.



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THURSDAY 31ST JULY

Junior Golf Academy

From 11.00am @ AGC Practice Area

The staff from Ardglass Golf Club professional shop focus on making golf fun for children & this event will teach kids techniques & golf drills to make learning to play fun and effective.



Cycle Race

Cycle race 3.45pm start at Cedar Grove

Starting at Cedar Grove, young cyclists will compete in numerous categories around the green to see who will be festival champions.



Colour Fun Run

Fun run 4.15pm at The Meadow

This year we have something completely new with kids completing a two lap Colour Fun Run at the Meadow with refreshments provided on completion.



It's a knockout

Starts 5pm-8pm @The Meadow.

A fun filled evening for all age groups. We have inflatable Lazer Tag zone, XL assault course, bouncy castles, warrior demolition zone, Bubble Football, Foam Machine, slip & slide inflatables, Mully's donuts, pizza, Don Balloon, Bayside Catch, Kellies Coffee, Penny's for Candy, ice-cream van & music throughout.



Paddy Mooney Memorial Quiz

8.30pm @ The Old Commercial Bar & Lounge

After a very successful night in 2024 Join us for Ardglass Festival Quiz Night, made famous by and in memory of our dear friend & treasurer Paddy Mooney with quiz Master Michael Howland. All proceeds in aid of Marie Curie Hospice Belfast.



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FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

Picnic in the park

@ St Nicholas Primary School 12pm - 2.30pm

Pre-school & primary children come along to the school for our NEW Giant Ball Pool, Bouncy Castle, Jungle Play Park, Wee Bugs & Beasties, Face Painting, Cartoon Mascots & a new sensory session in the gym hall.



RNLI Water Safety Education Visit

@ St Nicholas Primary School from 2.30pm

With younger kids & parents from 2:30pm to 3pm & older kids from 3.00pm to 3:30pm. The RNLI want people to be safe & have fun around the water. Volunteers will share four fundamental water safety messages, which are: Stop & Think, stay Together, Float, Call 999.



Paint & Sip with Orlagh Milligan

@ Ardglass golf Club 3pm - 4pm

Join local artist Orlagh Milligan for the first session in a 3-week block of Paint & Sip workshops! These classes offer a safe, welcoming space to express creativity over a glass of wine or a cup of tea improving emotional wellbeing. No experience necessary.

Contact Noeleen to book: 07871 981979



Float Parade & Fancy Dress

6pm sharp from St Nicholas Primary School

Starting from St Nicholas Primary School our Cultures of The World Theme Floats will travel through the village from Bath street, Quay Street, Quay Brae, Green Road, The Ward, High Street & Kildare Street before finishing at the Harbour area.



Family Entertainment

Starts from 6pm to 10pm @ The Marina

We have a 6 bed Trampoline, Rodeo Bull, climbing wall, Bells Traditional Funfair Teacups, New Punch ball machine, Mully's Donuts, pizza, Don Balloon, slush puppy trailer & ice-cream. We also have a trad music evening with the fantastic Dusty Windowsills from 8pm to finish off the night in style.



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Ardglass Festival Fourball

At Ardglass Golf Club

This years Festival 4 Ball competition run by the Professional shop with tee times available on request from the pro shop.



Family Fun & Entertainment

@ The Meadow 12pm to 3pm

This year we have a Climbing Tower, Inflatable Assault Course, Trailer Trampolines, Bungee Trampolines, Rodeo Bull, Bouncy Castles, Inflatable Kick & Stick, Bumper Cars, NEW Water Zorb Balls, Sensory Bus, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Spinning Teacups, Disco, coffee & food Stalls.



Community Games

The Meadow 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Starting at the Meadow this year and moving around the village 6 Teams of 6 Battle it out to be Community Champions 2025. Who will be this years champion!



Raft Race & Hang Tough

Starts from 5pm at the Harbour

With a new course and the rules being home made rafts and paddles only. Life jackets required & all Rafts to be left on slip by 4.30pm sharp..



Watersedge Eating challenge

At The Harbour from 5.30pm

Barbara & her team are back this year with another fantastic eating challenge. What delights will they have this year🔥. We also have the prawn tailing competition running on the harbour at this time.



Dance displays & Dj Tombo

Starts from 7pm-10pm @ The Marina

Starting off with Irish dancing from Norney Henderson Magee School . Finally Disco the night away with the fantastic Dj Tombo were at the end we will have our grand finale.



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SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

Morning Yoga, Swim & Sauna

@ Coney Island Beach 9am - 11am

Experience mind & body connection through a series of disciplined physical postures & relaxation followed by a dip in the sea & use of the outdoor Sauna. A great event to improve your overall mental health. We also have Kellies Coffee providing refreshments.



Gerry Casey Sand Castle Design

@ Coney Island Beach from 11.30am

Channel your creative skills and build a sand castle or a design of your choice. There are prizes for the most original, topical & prettiest. The top designer will receive a trophy in memory of our dedicated Committee member Gerry Casey. (Please remember to keep the beach tidy!)



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Paddy Mooney Memorial Quiz 8pm

Friday 1st August

Dj Dex from 10pm

Saturday 2nd August

Erasure 10pm followed by DJ Bargill

Sunday 3rd August

Bobby Shaw from 6pm

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Friday 1st August

**Trad sessions Open mic from 8pm.
Every Friday all welcome**

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For many years, Paul has been the driving force behind the success of our festival with great dedication & leadership.

With a passion for our community, he has helped shape Ardglass Festival into the vibrant celebration it is today ensuring a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit our community for years to come.

On behalf of the entire festival team and our community, thank you for your time, your heart, and your leadership. You will always be part of the Ardglass Festival family, and we are forever grateful.

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Programme created by

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