SKIFFIE WORLDS
24–30 JULY / STRANGFORD LOUGH
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is delighted to host such a world-class event such as the Skiffie Worlds 2016 and I would like to thank the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association for choosing our district. I would like to extend a warm welcome the 50 colourful, community-built Skiffs and 1,000 participants from around the world that will take part in the international coastal rowing races.

At Skiffie Worlds visitors will have the opportunity to watch the racing, meet the rowers and will be introduced to the finest food and beverage offerings, through local suppliers as part of our Taste Junction Year of Food initiative in Delamont Country Park.

We as a Council have built a such a strong reputation for hosting high profile events and festivals and our efforts, this year and going forward, have been developed with the support of community event organisers and professionals from right across the district. I hope that collectively we will all help realise real economic benefits for our region this year and in the years ahead through positioning our area as one of the premier tourism destinations on the Island of Ireland.

Councillor Gillian Fitzpatrick
Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Picturesque Strangford Lough has a long maritime history of boatbuilding, sailing and rowing and is home to ten long established sailing clubs.

Recently it has become the epicentre of St Ayles’ Skiff building and rowing in Northern Ireland. During 2014, a whirlwind of activity seen seven St Ayles’ Skiffs being built by communities along the County Down Coast, from Donagahdee to Dundrum and was supported by the Stangford Lough and Lecale Partnership (SLLP) and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

These communities have now established their own coastal rowing clubs bringing great fun and a healthy rivalry with them.

Each Skiff will race with four rowers and a coxswain based on age and male, female or mixed categories. They will line up in one of 15 lanes, race 1km, turn as tight as possible at a marker buoy and return to the finish, it is expected that winning teams will complete the course in approximately 12 minutes. There will be heats when required with the fastest teams progressing through to the finals.
THE TEAMS

Pittenweem Rowing Club
Fisher Lass

Collieston Rowing Club
Admiral Redsocks

Broughty Ferry Rowing Club
Arthur Nicoll

The Deveron Coastal Rowing Club
Banac

The Black Neb Rowing Club
Black Neb

Coastal Rowing Association Blakeney
Bluejacket

Ayle of Quinte Skiff Club
Ardglass Lass

Langstone Cutters
Bella

Carrick Coastal Rowing Club
Carrick Maid

Coigach Community Rowing
Colgach Lass

Ullapool Coastal Rowing Club
Cul Mur

Girvan Coastal Rowing Club
Creag Ealasaid

Dundrum Coastal Rowing Club
Danny Buoy

Blades Rowing River Dark
Felton Flyer

Queensferry Rowing Club
Ferry Maid

Portaferry Coastal Rowing Club
Gilpin

WSV Woudrichem Netherlands
Groot & Grut 2

All-Aboard Bristol
Hanna More

Lake Champalin Rowing Club, USA
Boatie Blest

Cockenzie & Port Seton Rowing Club
Boatie Lodge
SKIFFIE RACES AT DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK

**MONDAY 25 JULY**
10AM-5PM

- Mens 40+ Heats
- Womens 60+ Heats and Final
- Mixed Open B Heats and Final

**TUESDAY 26 JULY**
10AM-5PM

- Mens 60+ Heats and Final
- Womens 40+ Heats and Final
- Mens U17 Final
- Mixed U19 Final
- Mens 40+ Final

**WEDNESDAY 27 JULY**
10AM-5PM

- Mens Open B Heats and Final
- Womens Open B Heats and Final
- Mixed 60+ Heats and Final

**THURSDAY 28 JULY**
10AM-5PM

- Mens 50+ Heats
- Womens 50+ Heats
- Mixed Open A Heats
- Mixed U17 Final

**FRIDAY 29 JULY**
10AM-5PM

- Mixed Open A Final
- Mens Open A Heats
- Womens Open A Heats
- Mixed 40+ Heats
- Mens 50+ Final
- Womens 50+ Final
- Womens U17 Final

**SATURDAY 30 JULY**
10AM-3PM

- Mixed 50+ Heats and Final
- Mixed 40+ Final
- Mens U19 Final
- Womens U19 Final
- Mens Open A Final
- Womens Open A Final
SAIL THE TALL SHIP JOHANNA LUCRIETA
Daily sailings along the coast from Bangor (17–23 July) and Strangford Lough from (24–31 July).
Date: Sunday 17–Sunday 31 July
Admission: Adult £15, Children (under 18) £7.50
Contact: Ards Visitor Information Center on +44 (0)28 9182 6846
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardsnorthdown

KIDS ART WORKSHOPS
Kids will develop new skills and make new friends as they work together in producing exciting banners to welcome the Skiffies ashore. Suitable for 9 years plus.
Date: Monday 25–Friday 29 July
Time: 10.30am–1.30pm
Venue: Inverbrena Hall, Strangford
Admission: Free
Contact: Community Arts Partnership +44 (0)28 9092 3493

GO FLY YOUR KITE
Marine themed childrens kite art workshop.
Date: Wednesday 27 July
Venue: Delamont Country Park
Pre-booking essential +44 (0)28 4482 8333

COASTAL ROWING EXHIBITION IN THE LOFT
Date: Sunday 17–Sunday 31 July
Contact: Portaferry Visitor Information Centre on +44 (0)28 4272 3882

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD
Tollymore will provide free ‘try-it’ sessions to give you the basic skills and advice you need to take up this activity yourself. Book at the water sports tipi in the Skiffie Village.
Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July
Time: 5.30pm and 7pm

ARTISAN FOOD FAYRE
Come along to the Skiffie Worlds Artisan Food Fayre to celebrate the NI Year of Food and Drink. Here you can sample and purchase some of the best food and drink that our area has to offer. Experience cookery demonstrations, live music and enjoy the family fun on offer throughout the day.
Date: Friday 29 July
Time: 11am–6pm
Venue: Walled Garden

SKIFFIE VILLAGE AT THE SHORE
Come and meet some of the 40 visiting clubs taking part. There will be plenty to see and do with displays from the Scottish Maritime Museum, Sport NI and VIC. Check out the new St Bronagh Skiff and the Amateur Radio Station transmitting worldwide throughout the event, listen to live music and grab a sports massage.
Date: Monday 25–Saturday 30 July
Time: 10am–5pm
Venue: Shore at Delamont Country Park

BUZZARD BUSH CRAFT
Date: Saturday 30 July
Time: 11am–2pm
Venue: Delamont Country Park
Pre-booking essential +44 (0)28 4482 8333

TRADITIONAL BREAD & FORGED FOOD
Date: Saturday 30 July
Time: 1pm–4pm
Venue: Delamont Country Park
Pre-booking essential +44 (0)28 4482 8333

£4 per car
Normal admission charges apply to Delamont Country Park
Join one of the fantastic Food and Drinks Tours of Co Down. Take a coach tour of County Down’s Lecale peninsula to taste some of the amazing local food the area has to offer and meet local producers including Fred the bread maker, producers of local craft beer and cider producers as well as a number of oyster farmers.

**TUESDAY 26 JULY**

Take an evening food tour of County Down to taste some of the amazing local food and meet local Producers. Taste a minimum of 10 amazing local foods and enjoy local craft spirits!

**Pick-up times**
- Downpatrick – 9.30am
- Killyleagh – 10am

**Drop-off time**
- Downpatrick – 4.30pm
- Killyleagh – 5pm

Admission: £65pp inclusive of coach travel, food and drink and a treat bag. Groups of 5 plus eligible to 10% discount per person.

**WEDNESDAY 27 JULY**

**Pick-up times**
- Denvirs Bar, Downpatrick – 6pm
- Duffernin Coaching Inn, Killyleagh – 6.30pm

**Drop-off time**
- Duffernin Coaching Inn, Killyleagh – 10pm

Admission: £55pp inclusive of coach travel, food and drink and a treat bag. Groups of five plus eligible to 10% discount per person.

**GUIDED TOUR OF KILLYLEAGH WITH GUIDE CLIVE SCOULAR**

Killyleagh is known as the birthplace of Sir Hans Sloane - founder of the British Museum and inventor of drinking chocolate. Meet in front of the stunning Killyleagh Castle, which is still a private dwelling.

Dates: Monday 25, Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 July
Time: 2pm
Venue: Killyleagh Castle
Admission: £6
Contact: Clive on +44 (0)28 4482 8428

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE QUOILE WITH DUANE FITZSIMONS**

Take a tour of the Quoile to see the beautiful areas involving Saint Patrick, Vikings, Game of Thrones, and the Southwells of the Downpatrick estate.

Dates: Thursday 28 July
Time: 2pm–4pm
Venue: Quoile Countryside Centre
Admission: £6
Contact: Duane on +44 (0)78 3544 1933 or www.lecalepeninsula.com/2015/07/20/tours/
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

DOWNPATRICK FOLK CLUB DENVIRS HOTEL, DOWNPATRICK
An evening of traditional music, all visiting musicians welcome to join in. Pub grub at reasonable prices will be available.

Date: Tuesday 26 July
Time: 7pm–late
Venue: Denvirs Hotel, Downpatrick
Contact: +44 (0)78 1716 1774 or downpatrickfolk@gmail.com

LIVE TRADITIONAL MUSIC
Traditional pub, serving great food, a unique atmosphere and live traditional music

Date: Wednesday 27–Saturday 30 July
Time: 8pm–late
Venue: The Dufferin Arms, Killyleagh
Contact: +44 (0)28 4482 1182

LIVE MUSIC AND CRAIC
Enjoy live music and craic from 8pm till late.

Date: Wednesday 27 July
Time: 8pm–late
Venue: Killyleagh Yacht Club
Contact: +44 (0)77 2665 6895

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION AT THE HOLE IN WALL, STRANGFORD
Small traditional music session in the Hole in the Wall pub in Strangford.

Date: Thursday 28 July
Venue: Hole in Wall Pub, Strangford
Contact: +44 (0)78 1716 1774 or downpatrickfolk@gmail.com

QUOILE YACHT CLUB BBQ AND MUSIC
Date: Friday 29 July
Time: 8pm–late
Venue: Quoile Yacht Club
Contact: Lizqyc@icloud.com for further information and to book.

PORTAFERRY AND STRANGFORD TRUST (PAST) PRESENT THE MOLGOGGERS
Enjoy an evening of Sea Shanties, talking and singing in the Quarter Deck at Fiddler’s Green.

Date: Friday 29 July
Time: 7.30pm–late
Venue: Fiddlers Green, Portaferry
Contact: +44 (0)28 4272 8393

KIPPER CAFÉ AT THE NARROWS SOCIAL, PORTAFERRY
Breakfast and Brunch celebrating local food from around Strangford Lough. Music and chat and reflection on Skiffie Worlds.

Date: Sunday 31 July
Time: 9am
Contact: Celia Spouncer to book +44 (0)77 2564 6333 or celia@spouncer.com
SKIFFIE WORLD FINALE

Saturday 30 July 4:30pm

An incredible spectacle, never seen before in Strangford Narrows, as 50 beautiful, colourful, traditionally styled coastal rowing boats enter the Narrows and come into Strangford and Portaferry. Each one has been carefully crafted by their coastal community and many have carved features representing their area such as Donaghadee’s Lighthouse and Dundrum’s Seal and Kilyleagh’s ‘skart’ Cormorant.

STRANGFORD LOUGH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 30 JULY

STRANGFORD HIGHLIGHTS:

WELCOME THE SKIFFS AShORE
Free
Watch the procession of children as they make their way through the village with Standard Banners created in workshops throughout the week and listen to the award winning Portavogie Pipe Band as they pipe the Skiffs ashore.
Time: 5pm

SKIFFIE WORLDS CLOSING CELEBRATION
Free
Enjoy a pint in the marquee on The Lower Green as the Skiffie Worlds trophies are presented, at the previous Skiffie Worlds in 2013 Coigach Community Rowing lifted the trophy, who will it be in 2016? Celebrate Skiffie Worlds by dancing the night away to ‘The Darragh Folk’ sponsored by The Cuan, Strangford.
Time: 7pm–late

Live performance of Alice in Wonderland, meet the Irish Arms re-enactors in Strangford Tower House, rope making demonstrations, Ballinliss Forge Blacksmith and Green Woodwork Ireland. Kids can come along to make their own Floatable Boat in the Marquee, get thier face painted, let the balloon modeller create a piece of art, meet Mr Mess and watch Fire performers. Live music in the Marquee on The Green by Harp Ensemble, Newcastle CCE and The Molgoggers.
The Villages of Portaferry and Strangford will come alive on 30 July 2016 with the return of the annual Strangford Lough Festival as street entertainers perform; re-enactors bring the Tower Houses alive, enjoy theatre performances and kids workshops and traditional music fills the air. This Festival has something for everyone making it a fabulous day out for families looking to enjoy a local Festival.

PORTAFERRY HIGHLIGHTS:

**OPEN DAYS**

**QUEENS UNIVERSITY MARINE LABORATORY**
Free
Time: 10am–4pm

**ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (RNLI) STATION**
Free
Bring your family to visit the only BBC ‘Blue Peter’ lifeboat station in Ireland. The RNLI encourage (adult accompanied) children to visit the RNLI Lifeboat Station to learn about the importance of ‘Water Safety’ and the life-saving work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution volunteers.
Time: 12noon–3pm

**MINESTO WORKSHOP**
Meet the engineers in Castle Yard.
Free
Time: 10am–4pm

**ALSO**
Demonstrations from Owen Crawford Wood Carver, NI Traditional rope makers, National Trust, street entertainers, activities with the RSPB and much much more...
Free
Time: 10am–4pm

**PENINSULA FOOD SHOWCASE 2016**
In front of the Market House.
The Peninsula Food Showcase rolls into Portaferry bringing:
- Chef demonstrations – top Scandinavian chefs introduce us to exciting new ways of cooking
- Tastings
- Artisan food producers
- Food-themed family fun!
The Showcase will complement the Skiffie Worlds 2016 World Coastal Rowing Championships with a variety of food and fun. An event not to be missed!
Time: 12noon–6pm

**GUIDED WILDLIFE WATCHING BOAT TOURS ON THE ST BRENDAN**
Enjoy a 1.5 hour guided boat trip on the beautiful, traditional wooden St Brendan, built by your Captain John Murray, and his sons.
Time: Depart from beside Portaferry Ferry Quay at 10am, 1pm and 4pm. Boarding involves 15 steps, please wear suitable footwear and clothing.
Tickets: adult £8; child £4; family (2 adults, 2 children) £20. Please pay on board, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
Car Parking on Saturday 30 July
Due to the very limited car parking in Strangford and to make the event as enjoyable as possible we have made the following provisions:

**Travelling from Belfast and Newtownards direction or the Peninsula**
Please use the FREE car parking in Portaferry and travel to Strangford as a foot passenger on the Ferry.

**Travelling from Downpatrick/Newcastle direction**
There will be a FREE Park and Ride service from Castle Ward to Strangford.