



# WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND THE MACHARS DECEMBER 2023

A free list of events and groups that meet in and around the Machars.  
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**FRIDAY 1ST**

Isle of Whithorn Winter Fair and Christmas Lights Switch On, St Ninian's Hall, Isle of Whithorn 2pm-6pm

Wreath Making Workshop, The Hut, Readinglasses, Wigtown, 11am

Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Whithorn 1.30pm

Drumming Circle, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 1.30pm-3pm

Port William Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea (Mochrum Parish). Maxwell Hall, Port William. 2pm-5pm

Sorbie Village Christmas Tree Switch On, Sorbie Village Hall Car Park, 6.30pm

The Marvels (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, Newton Stewart. 7pm

Lavinia Blackwall + Laura J Martin, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart 7pm

Christmas Quiz, St Ninian's Tearoom, Isle of Whithorn. 7pm-11pm

**SATURDAY 2ND**

Wreath Making Workshop, The Hut, Readinglasses, Wigtown, 11am

Jolabokafloð, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 10am-4pm

Isle Futures Art Workshop with Accessible Art, St Ninian's Hall, Isle of Whithorn, 10am-12pm

Beach Clean, Cairndoon Shore, Whithorn, DG8 8NF. 10.30am

Way of the Wild Willow Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, The Vault Arts Centre, 12pm-3pm

Christmas Fayre, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 1pm-5pm

Kirkcowan Christmas Lights Switch On, Kirkcowan Church, 6.30pm, Carol singing and buffet.

Robyn Stapleton, Catstrand, New Galloway. 7.30pm

Scad's Big Christmas Quiz, County Buildings, Wigtown. 7.30pm-8.30pm. Teams of 4

	<p>The Marvels (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>Bad Actress + The Uzis. The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>Paige McInalty, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 8pm-11pm</p>
<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<p>Kirkiner Cuppa, Kirkiner Hall. 10.30am-1.30pm</p> <p>Winter Market, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 11am-2pm</p> <p>The Muppet Christmas Carol. Newton Stewart Cinema. 2pm</p> <p>Fun Christmas Show, The Vibe 75, Newton Stewart. 3.30pm-5.30pm</p> <p>Way of the Wild Willow Wreath Making Workshop, South Machars Community Centre, 12pm-3pm</p> <p>Advent Carols by Candlelight, Wigtown Parish Church at 7pm</p>
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<p>Mosaic Workshop Taster Session. Whauphill Hall, Whauphill from 1pm-3pm</p> <p>Round Table Santa is coming to town - Wigtown</p>
<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<p>Wigtown Parish Church Guild Christmas Celebration. Carol and a Cuppa. Church Hall, Wigtown 2pm.</p> <p>Port William Primary School Christmas Craft Fair, 6pm</p> <p>The Marvels (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<p>Machars Photography Club, Machars Action Meeting Room, Wigtown. 5.15pm-7.15pm</p> <p>The Marvels (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>Bingo, Douglas Ewart High School D Hall, 7.30pm</p>
<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<p>PEEP Learning Together for parents with children up to 5 years. South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn 10.30am-11.30am.</p>

	<p>Wigtownshire Womens Aid Drop-In Exhibition Event, New Town Hall, Whithorn 11am-2pm</p> <p>Penninghame St John's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2023, Opening service with Creetown Silver Band. 6pm at the church.</p> <p>The Marvels (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>Unit3 Poetry Group, The Print Room, Wigtown, 7.30pm. Theme: Ghosts</p> <p>The Riverside Centre Bingo Night, Riverside Centre, Newton Stewart 7pm for eyes down 7.30pm</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY 8TH</b></p>	<p>Drumming Circle, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 1.30pm-3pm</p> <p>Cinderella, New Town Hall, Whithorn, 6.30pm</p> <p>Light in our Darkness, Creative Worship for Advent. Lesser Church Hall, Wigtown. 6.30pm</p> <p>Wave Blues Band + Nathon Jones &amp; Easy. The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds &amp; Snakes (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm.</p> <p>Christmas Carol Concert with Creetown Silver Band, Isle of Whithorn Church, 7.30pm</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY 9TH</b></p>	<p>Christmas Market, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 10am-2pm</p> <p>Newton Stewart Brownies Christmas Coffee Morning, St Ninian's Church Hall, Newton Stewart 10am-2pm</p> <p>Kirkcowan Community Christmas. Kirkcowan Village Hall 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Book Decoration Workshop, The Hut, Readinglasses, Wigtown 11am</p> <p>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds &amp; Snakes (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm.</p> <p>Advent Carols by Candlelight, Kirkcowan Parish Church at 7pm</p> <p>Davy Steele, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 9pm-12pm</p>

<p><b>SUNDAY 10TH</b></p>	<p>Santa's Grotto, Newton Stewart Fire Station</p> <p>Round Table Santa is coming to town – Sorbie, Whithorn &amp; Isle of Whithorn</p> <p>The Railway Inn's 2<sup>nd</sup> year Christmas Party, from 5.30pm. Free buffet and music with DJ Davy Steele</p> <p>Pickleball Taster Session, Merrick Leisure Centre, Newton Stewart 1pm-3pm</p> <p>Arthur Christmas (U), Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm</p>
<p><b>MONDAY 11TH</b></p>	<p>The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm</p> <p>Christmas Carol Service, Sacred Heart Church, Wigtown. 7pm</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY 12TH</b></p>	<p>Round Table Santa is coming to town – Kirkinner &amp; Garlieston</p> <p>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds &amp; Snakes (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 13TH</b></p>	<p>Round Table Santa is coming to town – Kirkcowan, Mochrum Park &amp; Bladnoch</p> <p>Kirkcowan Bingo, Kirkcowan Hall, 7pm</p> <p>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds &amp; Snakes (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 14TH</b></p>	<p>PEEP Learning Together for parents with children up to 5 years. South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn 10.30am-11.30am.</p> <p>Round Table Santa is coming to town – Whauphill, Mochrum &amp; Port William</p> <p>The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds &amp; Snakes (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm.</p> <p>Creetown Silver Band Christmas Concert, Quarrymens Arts Centre, Creetown, 7.30pm</p>

<p><b>FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p>U3A Goes to the Movies – It’s A Wonderful Life, Newton Stewart Cinema 11am (U3A Members only)</p> <p>Drumming Circle, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 1.30pm-3pm</p> <p>Astoria, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm</p> <p>Latin in Line Fun Dance Session, Macmillan Hall, Newton Stewart. 7pm-8pm.</p> <p>White Christmas. South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 7pm-9pm</p> <p>Napoleon (15), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm</p> <p>An Accoustic Evening with Robert Carmichael, Isle of Whithorn Village Hall, 8pm</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p>Christmas Wreath Festival, St Ninians Church, Whithorn</p> <p>Winter Market, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 11am-4pm</p> <p>Wigtown &amp; Bladnoch FC v Creetown, Trammondford Park, Wigtown, 2pm</p> <p>Santa’s Grotto, Whithorn Roundhouse 3pm-5pm. Tickets only.</p> <p>Whithorn’s End of Year Family Ceilidh. New Town Hall, Whithorn. 6pm-10pm</p> <p>Napoleon (15), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm</p> <p>Galloway Dance Christmas Social. McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart. 7.30pm-11pm</p> <p>Shannon Bryden, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 8.30pm-11.30pm</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p>Christmas Wreath Festival, St Ninians Church, Whithorn</p> <p>Christingle Service, Wigtown Parish Church 11.30am</p> <p>How The Grinch Stole Christmas (PG), Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm</p>
<p><b>MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p>Christmas Wreath Festival, St Ninians Church, Whithorn</p>

	It's a Wonderful Life (U), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>TUESDAY 19TH</b>	Christmas Wreath Festival, St Ninians Church, Whithorn Napoleon (15), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	Community Conversations, Wigtown. Craigmount B&B, 7pm Wigtown & Kirkcowan Parish Churches Carol Service with the Newton Stewart Singers. Wigtown Parish Church, 7.30pm Napoleon (15), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>THURSDAY 21ST</b>	The "Guid Grief" Café, Support group for those experiencing or facing bereavement. St Ninian's Tearoom, Isle of Whithorn. 5.30pm-7.30pm Napoleon (15), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>FRIDAY 22ND</b>	The Holiday (12A), Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm Frankly, The Smiths. The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm Eclipse, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 8.30pm-11pm
<b>SAURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup></b>	Winter Market, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart 11am-4pm Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm and 7pm
<b>SUNDAY 24TH</b>	Carols on George Street, Whithorn. Home Alone (PG), Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm Watchnight Services, 11.15pm at Wigtown Parish Church, Wigtown and 11.30pm Kirkcowan Parish Church
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas morning service at Wigtown Parish Church 11am
<b>TUESDAY 26TH</b>	BOXING DAY

	<p>Dominoes Competition, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. Names in 1.30pm for 2pm start</p> <p>Davy Steele, The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 5pm-8pm.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY 27TH</b>	Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>FRIDAY 29TH</b>	Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm
<b>SATURDAY 30TH</b>	<p>Crafternoon, Kirkinner Hall, Kirkinner 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Newton Stewart RFC v Wigtownshire RFC, Spice Cup &amp; Galloway Quaich match, Bladnoch Park, Wigtown 2pm</p> <p>Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 7pm</p>
<b>SUNDAY 31ST</b>	<p>Wonka, Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm</p> <p>Folk Music Session, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 3pm-6pm</p> <p>New Year Family Party, County Buildings Wigtown. 8pm-11.30pm.</p> <p>Bells, Pipes and a Dram, 11.30pm-12.15am outside County Buildings, Wigtown.</p>

## RECURRING EVENTS

- Please check with venues/groups – guide only

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<p>Newton Stewart Art &amp; Crafts Group, Newton Stewart Centre from 10am-12noon. Fortnightly. £2 per session. Contact Margaret 07818276543</p> <p>Easiobics, Sorbie Hall 10am -11am <a href="mailto:active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk">active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk</a> to book</p> <p>Machars Moves Pilates, Isle of Whithorn 10.30am-11.30am</p> <p>The Machars Monday Club (drop in club for people with long term health conditions), Newton Stewart Initiative Centre from 10.30-12.30. Contact Nathalie on 07825111684 or Katrina Dick on 01671401449 for more info</p> <p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church service, Wigtown 11am</p>
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	<p>Ninian Moments, Sacred Heart Church, Wigtown, 12 noon till 12.10pm</p> <p>WalkFit, D&amp;G Disability Sports, Belted Galloway Café, Newton Stewart. 1.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p>Piano Lessons, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 3pm-6pm.</p> <p>Youthwork Project Junior Drop In, Kaos Café, Wigtown 6.30pm-8.30pm for young people in P7-S2</p> <p>Bravehearts Abc Boxing Club – 7pm-8pm 9 years and over. 7.30pm-9pm carded boxers and adults.</p> <p>Bridge Club, Kirkinner Community Hall, 7pm-10pm</p> <p>Bridge Club, The View, Port William 7.15pm</p> <p>Machars Bingo Club 7.30pm in Maxwell Hall, Port William</p> <p>Aerobics, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 6pm – <a href="mailto:active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk">active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk</a> to book</p> <p>Youthwork Peer Project, Drop in, Kaos Café, Wigtown. 7.00pm-8.30pm. For young people in S3-S6</p> <p>Karate, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 6.30pm-8pm</p>
<p><b>TUESDAYS</b></p>	<p>Toddlers Group, South Machars Community Centre, 9am-10.30pm</p> <p>Pilates Class, New Town Hall, Whithorn, 6pm-7pm</p> <p>Tai Chi, Kirkinner Community Hall, 10am-12noon. Contact Sue Casswell on 01988 500380</p> <p>Ninian Moments, St Martin's and St Ninian's Church, Whithorn. 12 noon to 12.10pm.</p> <p>Boccia, D&amp;G Disability Sport Programme, MacMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, 10.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Multisports, D&amp;G Disability Sport Programme, MacMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, 11.30am-12.30pm</p>

	<p>Craft n Chat, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Fiddle Group, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 2pm-3.30pm</p> <p>Carers Support Group, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 2pm. For carers and the cared for – all welcome.</p> <p>Quilting Group, St Ninians Priory, 2.30pm (Alternate Tuesdays)</p> <p>Yoga, All ages, all abilities. Garlieston Village Hall. £6. Mats provided.</p> <p>Yoga, New Town Hall, Whithorn 6pm-7pm</p> <p>Tai Chi, Maxwell Hall, Port William 6.15pm-8.15pm</p> <p>All Body Circuit Training, Whithorn New Town Hall, 6.30pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Yoga, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 6.30pm-8pm</p> <p>Scottish Country Dance Class, Wigtown School Hall, 7pm-8.30pm. 7 week block starting 31/10/23, new members welcome.</p> <p>Bravehearts Abc boxing Bags &amp; Pads, 7pm-8m, New Town Hall, Whithorn. All welcome.</p> <p>Aerobics, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 6pm-7pm. £3.20 per session. Contact <a href="mailto:active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk">active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Port William Bowling Club Open Sweepstake. April-September. 7pm. Visitors welcome</p> <p>Kirkcowan Bowling Club, Kirkcowan Village Hall 7.30pm. New members always welcome.</p> <p>Mochrum Guild, Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday April-September. Maxwell Hall, Port William 2pm</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAYS</b></p>	<p>Citizens Advice Outreach. Wednesdays 10am-4pm alternating between Machars Action, Wigtown and South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn.</p> <p>Log in Connect Group, Newton Stewart Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm</p>

	<p>Wigtown Parent &amp; Toddler Group. Wigtown Parish Church Hall, Lochancroft Lane. 10.00-11.00am. Contact 07929029916 for details.(Term time only)</p> <p>Easiobics, Auchenmalg Hall, 10am-11am. <a href="mailto:active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk">Active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk</a> to book</p> <p>Friendship Club, South Machars Community Centre, 1pm</p> <p>Priory Knit Wits. St Ninian's Priory, Whithorn. Wednesdays 1.30pm All welcome to knit/crochet for charities including maternity ward at DGRI, homeless people and care homes. Can't knit? We'll teach you!</p> <p>Machars Art &amp; Craft, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 1pm-3pm</p> <p>Adult Dyslexia Support Group. The Newton Stewart Centre, Newton Stewart 3.30pm-4.30pm – email <a href="mailto:Suan.brown@dumgal.gov.uk">Suan.brown@dumgal.gov.uk</a> for info</p> <p>Youth Theatre 5.30pm-6.30pm, Age 6 Upwards. Sorbie Village Hall. Contact <a href="mailto:info@townsendproductions.org.uk">info@townsendproductions.org.uk</a></p> <p>Yoga, New Town Hall, Whithorn, from 6pm-7pm. All ages, all abilities. Mats Provided</p> <p>Adult Acting Workshops, Sorbie Village Hall, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Contact <a href="mailto:info@townsendproductions.org.uk">info@townsendproductions.org.uk</a></p> <p>Easiobics Wigtown County Buildings, 6.30pm-7.30pm , <a href="mailto:active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk">active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk</a> to book</p>
<p><b>THURSDAYS</b></p>	<p>Yoga with Fiona. 7am-8am, New Town Hall, Whithorn.</p> <p>Parent/Grandparent &amp; Baby/Toddler Coffee Morning at The Hive, Garlieston. 10am-11.30am Term Time only.</p> <p>PEEP for all babies &amp; young children. South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 10.30am-11.30am</p>

	<p>Yoga with Fiona, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 11am-12noon – beginners yoga – option of mat or chair yoga.</p> <p>Gentle Dance &amp; Chair Based Aerobics, Whithorn New Town Hall, Whithorn, 11am-12noon</p> <p>Cricket. D&amp;G Disability Sport. MacMillan Hall, Newton Stewart. 1.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p>Warm Space. St Ninian's Priory, Whithorn. 1.30pm-4.30pm</p> <p>Clog Dancing, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 4pm-5pm</p> <p>Whithorn Youth Group. New Town Hall, Whithorn. 6pm-8pm. Age 12-18</p> <p>Choir, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 6.30pm-8pm</p> <p>Bravehearts Abc boxing club, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 7pm-8pm 9 years and over, 7.30pm-9pm carded boxers and adults. New Members welcome.</p> <p>U3A Poetry Group, Wigtown. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7.30pm. Venue and Themes tbc</p> <p>Wigtown and Kirkcowan Parish Church Choir rehearsals. 7pm at Wigtown Parish Church/Kirkcowan Church – alternate weeks. All welcome. For info contact Sue on <a href="mailto:suemunroe58@gmail.com">suemunroe58@gmail.com</a>, tel 07794621967.</p> <p>Emily Black Dance School, Dance Fitness. Kirkiner Hall 7.15pm-8pm.</p>
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	<p>Advice &amp; Support, St Ninian's Hall, Isle of Whithorn, 9am-1pm. Help with benefits, council tax, pensions and lots more.</p> <p>Short Mat Bowling, Maxwell Hall, Port William. 7pm.</p>
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	<p>Pentecostal Church Manna House Fellowship, 24 Main Street, Kirkcowan, Every second Saturday – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 30<sup>th</sup> December ...</p>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	<p>Wigtown Quakers, Wigtown at 11am (1st &amp; 3rd Sundays. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays via Zoom)</p>

Wigtown Parish Church, Sunday Morning Services at 11.30am

Wigtown Baptist Church, Sunday Morning Services at 11.30am

Mochrum Kirk, Church Service at 11am

Whithorn Priory, Church Service 10am

Isle of Whithorn Church, Service 11.30am

All Saints Challoch, Anglican Church, Service 10.30am

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