



WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND THE MACHARS

MAY 2023

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MONDAY 1ST	
TUESDAY 2ND	Royal Themed Pop Up and mini afternoon tea, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn
WEDNESDAY 3RD	Open Row, Isle of Whithorn, 10am Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course) The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG), Newton Stewart Cinema 7pm
THURSDAY 4TH	Pottery Session, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn 10am-12am The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG), Newton Stewart Cinema 7pm
FRIDAY 5TH	Whithorn and Garlieston Schools Coronation Picnic, 12 noon, The Park (MUGA), Whithorn. Families & Community welcome.
SATURDAY 6TH	Wigtown Market, 10am-3pm The Coronation – watch on the big screen at Newton Stewart Cinema 10am (free entry) Coronation Party, New Town Hall, Whithorn. Viewing on the Big Screen from 10am, Indoor street party from 1pm. Whithorn Farmers Market, Whithorn New Town Hall 10am-2pm Wigtown & Bladnoch FC v Newton Stewart, Trammondford Park, Wigtown. 3pm BINGO! The Marquee, Wigtown Gardens. 2pm. Eyes down 2.30pm
SUNDAY 7TH	Family Service to celebrate the Coronation, St Ninian's Parish Church, followed by a family picnic. Farmers Market, 53 St John Street, Whithorn, 10am-2pm Wigtown Bay CRC Coronation Celebration Taster Rows, Isle of Whithorn, 12noon – 2pm Live Music Night at the Galloway Bar, Wigtown. 4pm-7pm Wal Smith

	Wigtown Coronation Weekend Quiz Night, County Buildings 7pm-9pm. Teams of 4.
MONDAY 8TH	<p>Big Beach Clean, Isle of Whithorn to Portyerrock. Time to be confirmed</p> <p>Wigtown Royal Variety Performance, County Buildings Wigtown. 2pm-6pm</p> <p>Mummies (U), Newton Stewart Cinema, 2pm</p>
TUESDAY 9TH	<p>Baby Massage, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 11am-12noon.</p> <p>Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course)</p>
WEDNESDAY 10TH	<p>Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course)</p> <p>Kirkcowan Bingo, Eyes Down 7pm. Kirkcowan Hall.</p>
THURSDAY 11TH	
FRIDAY 12TH	<p>Newton Stewart Walking Festival</p> <p>Wave Blues Band, The Vault Arts Centre Newton Stewart, 7pm</p> <p>The Grandmothers Grimm, Swallow Theatre, Whithorn, 7.30pm</p> <p>Songwriters Circle, Whithorn New Town Hall, 7.30pm-9.30pm</p>
SATURDAY 13TH	<p>Wigtown Market, 10am-3pm</p> <p>Newton Stewart Walking Festival</p> <p>Pottery Session, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn 10am-12am</p> <p>The Grandmothers Grimm, Swallow Theatre, Whithorn, 2.30pm</p> <p>Eurovision Song Contest broadcast live at Newton Stewart Cinema 7.30pm</p>
SUNDAY 14TH	Newton Stewart Walking Festival

MONDAY 15TH	Newton Stewart Walking Festival
TUESDAY 16TH	Baby Massage, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 11am-12noon. The May Mile, Family Fun Run. Kirroughtree Visitor Centre, 6pm. Newton Stewart Walking Festival
WEDNESDAY 17TH	Newton Stewart Walking Festival Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course)
THURSDAY 18TH	Newton Stewart Walking Festival Alzheimer Scotland Coffee Chit Chats, Bowling Club, Wigtown. 2.30pm-4pm
FRIDAY 19TH	Picking Session – Springgrass Bluegrass Festival, Festival Marquee, Newton Stewart 2pm Good Guy Hank + The Fountaineers, Festival Marquee, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm
SATURDAY 20TH	Wigtown Market, 10am-3pm Have a go Aquathon, Merrick Leisure Centre, All ages. Register by 2.30pm, races start 3pm. Workshops – Improvising in Bluegrass with Pepita Emmerichs & Theodore Barnard. The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart, 12 noon; Introduction to Bluegrass Mandolin with Callum Morton, 12 noon; Bluegrass Fiddle with Jeri Foreman 1pm; Bluegrass Songwriting with Willem McKie (Quick) 1pm Quick + Mairs Family Band + Fritillaries, Festival Marquee, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 7pm Live Music at the Galloway Bar Wigtown. 8pm-11pm Paige McInalty
SUNDAY 21ST	Workshops – Dobro with Louise Mairs 12pm; Bluegrass Guitar with Alan Mairs 1pm, The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart.

MONDAY 22ND	The Budapest Café Orchestra, Swallow Theatre, Whithorn 7.30pm
TUESDAY 23RD	Baby Massage, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 11am-12noon. Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course)
WEDNESDAY 24TH	
THURSDAY 25TH	
FRIDAY 26TH	U3A Monthly Meeting. Wigtown County Buildings at 10.30am. Talk by Linda Ward "I should have been an Essex girl" Live Music at The Galloway Bar, Wigtown. Lorna McColm 8.30pm-11.30pm
SATURDAY 27TH	Wigtown Market, 10am-3pm
SUNDAY 28TH	
MONDAY 29TH	
TUESDAY 30TH	Baby Massage, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 11am-12noon. Managing Pain with Yoga, The Vault Arts Centre, 11am (free 6 week course)
WEDNESDAY 31ST	

RECURRING EVENTS

- Please check with venues/groups – guide only

MONDAYS	Newton Stewart Art & Crafts Group, Newton Stewart Centre from 10am-12noon. Fortnightly. £2 per session. Contact Margaret 07818276543 Aerobics, Sorbie Hall 10am – active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk to book
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	<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> <p>Monday Chair Yoga, Newton Stewart Golf Club, 11am. Contact www.yogashona.co.uk</p> <p>Short Mat Bowling, Kirkinner Hall 1pm-4pm. Contact Paul Turner 01988 600261</p> <p>Short Mat Bowling, Kirkinner Community Hall, 1pm-4pm. Contact Paul Turner 01988 600261</p> <p>Fiddle Group, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn 2pm-3pm</p> <p>Craft n Chat, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 2pm-4pm</p> <p>Youthwork Project Junior Drop In, Kaos Café, Wigtown 5.30pm-7pm for young people in P7-S2</p> <p>Traditional Shotokan Karate, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 6.30pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Bridge Club, The View, Port William, 7.15pm</p> <p>Machars Lions Club Bingo 7.30pm. 1st Monday in Sorbie Hall, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in Maxwell Hall, Port William</p> <p>Aerobics, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 6pm – active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk to book</p> <p>Youthwork Peer Project, Drop in, Kaos Café, Wigtown. 7.00pm-8.30pm. For young people in S3-S6</p> <p>Bravehearts Boxing Club, New Town Hall, Whithorn, 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Karate, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 6.30pm-8pm</p> <p>Walk Fit, D&G Disability Sport Programme, Riverside Café, Newton Stewart. All ages & Abilities. Contact Lewis McCulloch 07921038683. 11am-12noon.</p>
<p>TUESDAYS</p>	<p>Toddlers Group, South Machars Community Centre, 9am-10.30pm</p>

Flexercise, Emma Louise Dance Club for Adults, Isle of Whithorn, 10am-11am

Tai Chi, Kirkinner Community Hall, 10am-12noon. Contact Sue Casswell on 01988 500380

Quilting Group, St Ninians Priory, 2.30pm (Alternate Tuesdays)

Tai Chi, Kirkinner Hall, 10am-12noon. All ages welcome. Beginners always welcome. Contact Sue Casswell on 01988500380

Ladies Cycle Group, 1.30pm-3pm. Weather permitting. Meet outside the County Buildings, Wigtown, Contact Susan on 07789303074 for more information.

Craft 'n Chat, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 2pm-4pm

Tai Chi, Maxwell Hall, Port William 6.15pm-8.15pm

All Body Circuit Training, Whithorn New Town Hall, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Aerobics, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 6pm-7pm. £3.20 per session. Contact active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk

Port William Bowling Club Open Sweepstake. April-September. 7pm. Visitors welcome

Kirkcowan Bowling Club, Kirkcowan Village Hall 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

Popdance Fit, Emma Louise Dance Club for Adults, Isle of Whithorn, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Creetown Silver Band Music Classes, Quarrymans Arts Centre, Creetown, 6.30pm

Free guitar lessons with Nathan Jones (Ages 12-25), The Vault Arts Centre, Newton Stewart. 3.30pm-6.15pm.

Braveheart Boxing, New Town Hall, Whithorn. 7pm-8pm

Chair Yoga, The Print Room, Wigtown 5..30pm Contact yogashona.cloudstudios.com

	<p>Yoga, The Print Room, Wigtown 7pm. Beginners always welcome, mats can be borrowed. Contact yogashona.cloudstudios.com</p>
<p>WEDNESDAYS</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 & 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. Active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk 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>Art Group, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 1pm-2pm</p> <p>Tap Dancing, Maxwell Hall, Port William, 1,30pm-2.30pm</p> <p>Drama Workshop, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn, 7pm-9pm</p> <p>Easiobics Wigtown County Buildings, 6.30pm, active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk to book</p> <p>Happy Feet, Kaos Café, County Buildings, Wigtown, 6pm-8pm</p> <p>Brownies, Kirkinner Halol, 6.30pm-7.30pm. New attendees contact Judith Galloway on 01988840385</p> <p>African Drumming, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 6.45pm-8.30pm</p> <p>Multisports, D&G Disability Sport Programme, McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart 10am-11am</p>

	Boccia, D&G Disability Sport Programme, McMillan Hall 11am-12noon. Contact Lewis McCulloch 07921038683
THURSDAYS	<p>Gentle Dance & Chair Based Aerobics, Whithorn New Town Hall, Whithorn, 11am-12noon</p> <p>Cricket, D&G Disability Sport Programme, McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, 1pm-2pm. Contact Lewis McCulloch 07921038683</p> <p>Short Mat Bowling, Kirkinner Hall, 1pm-4pm. Contact Paul Turner on 01988 600261</p> <p>Folk Musio, South Machars Community Centre, 3.15pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Clog Dancing, South Machars Community Centre, Whithorn. 4.30pm-5.30pm</p> <p>Traditional Shotokan Karate, St Ninian's Hall, Isle of Whithorn. 6.30pm-7.30pm</p>
FRIDAYS	<p>Recovery Café, Penninghame Church Hall, 1pm-3pm. For anyone recovering from addiction, at any stage on the journey right from day one. Tea, coffee, friendship, support, activity. Run by NHS Community Recovery</p> <p>Port William Bowling Club Open Sweepstake, April-Sept 7pm. Visitors welcome.</p>
SATURDAYS	<p>Emily Black Dance School for kids. Kirkinner Hall 10am- 3pm.</p> <p>Popdance Fit, Emma Louise Dance Club for Adults, St Ninians Hall, Isle of Whithorn, 11am-12pm</p> <p>Saturday Yarns, County Buildings, Wigtown. 10am-1pm. Group affiliated to Wigtownshire Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers. Learn a new skill or do your own kitting, crochet or fibre craft. Small nominal charge for a cup of tea or coffee.</p>
SUNDAYS	<p>Wigtown Quakers, Meeting House, Wigtown at 11am (1st & 3rd Sundays. 2nd & 4th Sundays via Zoom)</p> <p>Wigtown Parish Church, Sunday Morning Services at 11.30am</p>

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

Galloway Dance, McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart. Ballroom & Latin 2pm-3pm, Salsa 3pm-4pm. £6 per class or both for £9

For more details on the above events, visit our events guide at:

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