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Celebrate

OUR STORY OF CHRISTMAS

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ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON
BOROUGH COUNCIL



www.ourstoryofchristmas.com

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL

Join us at Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in celebrating Our Story of Christmas. Once again we're delighted to present a sensational seasonal programme guaranteed to make your Christmas all the more marvellous and memorable.

With a sleigh full of unique events and fun festive experiences, there's no better place to be at this most wonderful time of the year. Watch in amazement as we light up the Borough. Find great gifts in shopping malls, market stalls and independent shops.

Be creative with crafts, mesmerised by musical entertainment and uplifted by the sound of carols. Experience Armagh as it is transformed back to its Georgian roots and tantalise your taste buds with artisan Food Heartland produce.

So join us, locals and visitors alike, in soaking up the atmosphere and celebrating the festive season in all parts of the Borough.

Wishing you a joyous festive season and a New Year filled with peace, prosperity and happiness.

Lord Mayor Alderman Gareth Wilson
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough



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EXPLORE OUR BEAUTIFUL BOROUGH





LIGHT UP THE BOROUGH

LURGAN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Thurs 16 Nov | 5.30pm – 6.30pm | Lurgan Town Centre Plaza | FREE EVENT

Santa Claus is coming to town! Be mesmerised as our streets become a brightly coloured spectacle, adorned with Christmas lights. Enjoy creative showcases from local dance and drama schools, musical acts and angelic Christmas carol singing from local primary schools, including a Twilight Market packed with sumptuous artisan delights!

PORTADOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Fri 17 Nov | 5.30pm – 6.30pm | Portadown Town Centre Plaza | FREE EVENT

Enjoy a magical evening of festive song, dance and merriment with performances for all the family, including carol singing from local primary schools. Get ready for the arrival of Santa Claus and enjoy the countdown to the lights switch on. Be part of the festive glee at our Twilight Market too!

BROWNLOW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Wed 22 Nov | 4.30pm – 5.30pm | Legahory Centre, Craigavon | FREE EVENT

Join our Lord Mayor for an afternoon of yuletide cheer including carol singing from local primary schools, music and dance performances from local artists and a special visit from Santa Claus!

BANBRIDGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Fri 24 Nov | 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Banbridge Town Centre | FREE EVENT

Santa Claus is coming to town! Meet him at the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event in Banbridge Town Centre. Take time to enjoy the festive atmosphere, street entertainment and Christmas roadshow or buy a unique gift at the Makers' Fayre, showcasing local artists and handmade crafts.

ARMAGH GEORGIAN DAY SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW

Sat 25 Nov | 5.00pm, 6.00pm, 7.00pm & 8.00pm | Market Square, Armagh | FREE EVENT

Come along and witness a spectacular celebration and a truly magical experience as the City Centre's Market House bursts into life with a dramatic light show. This year's show is entitled 'Five Gold Rings!' and, to the viewers' amazement, it will transform one of Armagh's most beautiful Georgian buildings into a shimmering canvas of images and special effects before the arrival of our most important guest, Santa Claus!

Admission: Please note that admission to the light show is by wristband only. Only those wearing the correct wristband will be admitted to each show. There is a maximum of six wristbands per booking. Tickets are available from 10.00am on Wednesday 1 November.

Further information and bookings at: www.armagh.co.uk/georgian

There are many more magical Christmas light switch on events happening right across our beautiful Borough. For more details see local press or visit:

WWW.OURSTORYOFCHRISTMAS.COM



ARMAGH GEORGIAN FESTIVAL

THURS 23 - SUN 26 NOV



THE GREAT GEORGIAN BANQUET

Fri 24 Nov | 7.00pm – 12.00 Midnight
The Palace, Armagh
Dress Code: Black Tie

A complete sell-out in 2016, travel through the mists of time to Georgian Armagh, where an evening of gastronomy like no other awaits you at The Palace! This beautiful Palace, built in 1770, opens its doors for guests to enjoy its lavish surroundings and to experience a flavour of Georgian high society. Meet Georgian characters who will entertain you with the music and stories of the time. Our sumptuous five-course menu evokes the menus of the time, all served with a modern twist. This is an evening not to be missed! Book early to secure your place.

BOOKINGS

Tickets for The Great Georgian Banquet are £85.00 per person which includes all food, drink and entertainment. To see the five-course menu and for bookings visit www.armagh.co.uk/georgian

Special overnight accommodation rates are available for those attending 'The Great Georgian Banquet' at the Armagh City Hotel or the Charlemont Arms Hotel. When booking please quote 'Georgian Banquet' to avail of special package rates.

GEORGIAN ARMAGH - A PERSPECTIVE FROM DAN CRUICKSHANK

Sat 25 Nov | 8.00pm
Royal School, Armagh

Armagh Georgian Festival is delighted to welcome world-renowned historian and BBC broadcaster Dan Cruickshank for a fascinating discussion on Armagh's Georgian architectural heritage. Dan, best known for his popular series *Britain's Best Buildings*, *Around the World in 80 Treasures* and *What the Industrial Revolution Did For Us*, is no stranger to the city and has written extensively about Armagh's importance from both an architectural and historic perspective. Hosted in the magnificent surroundings of the Royal School, this is an exclusive event not to be missed.

BOOKINGS

Tickets for Georgian Armagh – A Perspective from Dan Cruickshank are £12.50 per person and include light refreshments. For more information and bookings visit www.armagh.co.uk/georgian



GEORGIAN DAY

SAT 25 NOV | 11.00AM - 9.00PM

ARMAGH CITY CENTRE

Armagh's much loved Georgian Festival returns for a long weekend packed full of events celebrating our heritage. The festival commences with 'The Great Georgian Banquet' hosted at The Palace.

On Georgian Day, step back in time into a Georgian winter wonderland as the historic streets are transported to a bygone era. Visitors can indulge in seasonal treats and entertainment at the 'Hot Food Village' with mince pies and roasted chestnuts. As darkness falls, the dramatic 'Five Gold Rings!' light show will burst into life, illuminating the backdrop of the Georgian Market House adding to the festive atmosphere.

The 'Mock Trials' in Armagh's Georgian Courthouse offer a fascinating and fun insight into the harshness of the Georgian legal system! Themed walks, talks and workshops run throughout the weekend. Uncover the secrets behind the Georgian doorways around the historical setting of the Mall with the 'Shades of the Past Night Tours'. The finale of the festival, the 'Georgian Hidden Gems Tour', provides a journey back in time and a peek into some Georgian private residences.

**BOOK
EARLY
TO SECURE
YOUR PLACE**

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Armagh Observatory Tours
- Christmas Craft Workshops
- Crime and Punishment Talk
- Food Heartland Hot Food Village
- The Rokeby Lecture
- Coffee and Gossip
- Horse and Carriage Rides
- 'Five Gold Rings!' Animated Light Show
- Mock Trials and Courthouse Tours
- Shades of the Past Night Tours
- Silhouette Cutter
- Georgian Armagh – A Perspective from Dan Cruickshank
- Georgian Poetry Slam
- The Great Georgian Science Show
- Walking Tours
- Georgian Hidden Gems Tour

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT**

www.armagh.co.uk/georgian



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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN THE BOROUGH





There's lots on offer in our many towns, city and villages across the Borough this Christmas. From local, quality, independent businesses to major high-street brands, you are sure to find everything you need for Christmas, from the essentials to festive treats and the all important Christmas gifts.



ARMAGH CITY

Enjoy a relaxed shopping experience in Armagh City, with a fantastic range of high-quality shops offering exceptional and personal customer service. Make time for family and friends by combining Christmas shopping with a day out:

- Bring the children to visit Santa in his magical workshop (see page 20).
 - Book a table at a restaurant, a show in The Market Place Theatre or visit one of the many visitor attractions.
 - Enjoy Armagh City's renowned Georgian Festival (see pages 6 and 7).
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BANBRIDGE

Enjoy fantastic Christmas shopping in Banbridge, with its distinctive mix of shops and specialist retailers offering unique brands and a great service. You will get everything you need for the festive season.

Soak up some of the festive atmosphere in Banbridge:

- Relax to the sounds of live festive music performed by the finest local concert bands on Saturdays in December from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.
 - Take part in one of our craft workshops, learn new skills and create something special for Christmas (see pages 18 and 19).
 - Visit our Makers' Fayre on 24 Nov (see page 15).
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DROMORE

Enjoy stress-free shopping in Dromore this Christmas. With independent retailers and great food on offer from local family-owned businesses, you're sure to find something unique.

While in Dromore take part in one of our festive workshops and learn how to make a centrepiece for the Christmas table (see pages 18 and 19).

LURGAN

Enjoy Lurgan's enthralling speciality shops, boutiques exuding cosmopolitan chic and atmospheric traditional shops offering that personal touch that makes Christmas shopping a joy in this historic town.

Enjoy our outdoor Christmas Twilight Market (16 November 6.30pm – 10.00pm) offering a mix of artisan foods and crafts. For more retail therapy, travel a short distance to Central Craigavon – home to an exciting mix of leading brand outlets.

PORTADOWN

Be inspired this Christmas in Portadown with gifts to delight from our elegant boutiques, charming gift shops and high street brand outlets.

Also visit the great names of retail, mixed with innovative independent outlets at Portadown's modern shopping centres – the Meadows, High Street Mall and Magowan West – and spend time relaxing at cafés between shopping forays. Enjoy our outdoor Christmas Twilight Market (17 November 6.30pm – 10.00pm) offering a mix of artisan foods and crafts.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Many shops across the Borough will stay open later during weeknights in December, so it's always worth a visit! It's a great opportunity to see our city and towns in all their seasonal grandeur.

FREE CAR PARKING*

Courtesy of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, you can enjoy free parking on the following Saturdays leading up to Christmas in December – 2, 9, 16 and 23. Even more reason to enjoy the fantastic range of shopping the Borough has to offer without worrying about watching the clock! Stay on, relax and get a bite to eat in one of the Borough's many eateries.

*Please note: this only applies to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council-owned pay and display car parks only on dates listed above. This does not apply to on-street parking or parking owned or managed by other parties.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

As well as our city and town centre shopping, we have some great quality shopping centres in our Borough that are all gearing up for a busy festive season.

ARMAGH CITY SHOPPING CENTRE

You will find lots on offer this Christmas in Armagh City Shopping Centre. Enjoy a bite to eat while shopping for the perfect Christmas gifts or home furnishings in a selection of stores located within the centre. The centre is situated in the city centre surrounded by a host of quality, independent businesses.

THE MALL SHOPPING CENTRE, ARMAGH

The Mall Shopping Centre is situated at the heart of Armagh City and hosts an excellent array of brands such as Sainsbury's, Hallmark/Cardcave, Sara Boutique, Timpson, Semichem, Karine & Co Jewellery, Amal's Beauty Care, O2, Benetton, Hungry Bros and Domino's Pizza.

www.themallshoppingcentre.co.uk

Twitter: @themallscarmagh



SPIRES RETAIL PARK, ARMAGH

The Spires Retail Park in Armagh is home to some fantastic brand names, including M&S, Argos, Halfords, Sports Direct, Costa Coffee, Poundworld, Peacocks, Iceland and Lidl. You will be sure to find lots on offer this Christmas.

MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTRE, PORTADOWN

Visit Meadows Shopping Centre this Christmas for great shopping and live music and carol singing throughout the festive period!

www.meadowsportadown.com





HIGH STREET MALL

PORTADOWN

HIGH STREET MALL, PORTADOWN

High Street Mall has something for everyone this Christmas and you can browse the Mall at your leisure knowing that the first two hours parking are absolutely free! If you are struggling to choose the perfect gift, don't forget you can purchase gift vouchers for use throughout the Mall.

There will be free family fun from 6.00pm – 9.00pm on Friday 17 November, with balloon modelling, face painting and a magician. Meanwhile, Santa and his friends will be arriving in the Mall just after 7.00pm in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang style! After a walk through the Mall, Santa will take up residence in his grotto and be ready for visiting. Check our Facebook for more information in the lead up to Santa's arrival.

www.highstreetmall.co.uk | Facebook: [highstreetmall](#)

THE OUTLET, BANBRIDGE

Home to more than 40 of the world's best known retail brands such as Gap Outlet, M&S Outlet, Nike Factory Store and L.K. Bennett, The OUTLET is a shopping and leisure destination like no other. This Christmas it's the perfect place for bargain hunters with permanent reductions of up to 70% off RRP. There are a host of cafés, restaurants and leisure activities including Omniplex Cinema, all looked after by our award-winning customer service team, making it as popular with families as it is with lovers of fashion.

Facebook: [outletbanbridge](#) | Twitter: [@TheOUTLETloves](#)

THE OUTLET

VILLAGE BANBRIDGE



RUSHMERE SHOPPING CENTRE, CRAIGAVON



With over 65 top retail names you will be able to find your perfect buy at Rushmere this Christmas. Whether fashion favourites Topshop, Next, H&M, Sainsbury's, Debenhams, Pandora, River Island or the recently opened Intersport, or heaven for the home with Homebase, Harry Corry and Home Bargains, there is something for everyone at Rushmere. Accepted by all centre retailers, Rushmere's limited edition Christmas gift card will help you give someone special the gift of endless possibilities this Christmas. Visit Santa, free of charge, in his fantastic snow house or relax in comfortable surroundings and enjoy the selection of musical mall entertainment throughout December.

Open late every weeknight and with over 1,800 free car parking spaces, Rushmere is a perfect shopping destination this Christmas.

www.rushmereshopping.com
Facebook: [RushmereSC](#) | Twitter: [@RushmereSC](#)



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT A GLANCE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Seussical The Musical	Wed 15 Nov – Sun 19 Nov	Various times	IMC Movie Studios, Banbridge
Lurgan Christmas Lights Switch On	Thurs 16 Nov	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Lurgan Town Centre Plaza
Lurgan Twilight Market	Thurs 16 Nov	6.30pm – 10.00pm	Lurgan Town Centre Plaza
Portadown Christmas Lights Switch On	Fri 17 Nov	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Portadown Town Centre Plaza
Portadown Twilight Market	Fri 17 Nov	6.30pm – 10.00pm	Portadown Town Centre Plaza
Brownlow Christmas Lights Switch On	Wed 22 Nov	4.30pm – 5.30pm	Legahory Centre, Craigavon
Banbridge Christmas Lights Switch On	Fri 24 Nov	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Banbridge Town Centre
Banbridge Makers' Fayre	Fri 24 Nov	6.30pm – 9.00pm	Banbridge Town Centre
The Great Georgian Banquet	Fri 24 Nov	7.00pm	The Palace, Armagh
Georgian Armagh: A Perspective from Dan Cruickshank	Sat 25 Nov	8.00pm	Royal School, Armagh
Georgian Day	Sat 25 Nov	11.00am – 9.00pm	Armagh City Centre
'Five Gold Rings!' Animated Light Show	Sat 25 Nov	5.00pm, 6.00pm, 7.00pm & 8.00pm	Market Square, Armagh
Mystery of the Christmas Star	Fri 1 Dec – Sun 31 Dec	2.00pm	Armagh Planetarium
Sleeping Beauty Panto Spectacular	Sat 2 Dec – Sun 24 Dec	Various times	Market Place Theatre, Armagh
Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	Sat 2 Dec	2.00pm	Lurgan Park
Porcelain Clay Christmas Decorations Workshop (Kids)	Sat 2 Dec	10.00am – 12.00 Noon	Banbridge Old Town Hall





EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Live Nativity at Tannaghmore Animal Farm	Sun 3 – Sun 24 Dec	10.00am – 4.00pm	Tannaghmore Gardens & Animal Farm
Porcelain Clay Tea Lights Workshop (Adults)	Sat 2 Dec	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Banbridge Old Town Hall
Santa Plates Workshop (Kids)	Sat 2 Dec	10.00am – 12.00 Noon	Dromore Town Hall
Christmas Centrepieces Workshop (Adults)	Sat 2 Dec	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Dromore Town Hall
Christmas Wishes in Santa's Magical Workshop	Fri 8 Dec – Sat 23 Dec	Various times	McCrum's Court, Armagh City Centre
Flowerworks Workshop (Adults)	Sat 9 Dec	10.00am – 12.00 Noon 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Banbridge Old Town Hall
Christmas Festive Papercraft Workshop (Kids)	Sat 9 Dec	10.00am – 12.00 Noon	Dromore Town Hall
Christmas Rag Wreath (Adults)	Sat 9 Dec	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Dromore Town Hall
Festive Family Drive-in Movie	Sat 9 Dec	7.00pm	Shambles Yard, Armagh
A Mid-Winter Tale	Fri 15 Dec	7.45pm	Navan Centre & Fort, Armagh
Christmas Dioramas Workshop (Kids)	Sat 16 Dec	10.00am – 12.00 Noon	Banbridge Old Town Hall
Contemporary Wreath Workshop (Adults)	Sat 16 Dec	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Banbridge Old Town Hall
Snow Tubing with Santa	Sat 16 Dec – Sun 23 Dec	Various times	Craigavon Golf Ski Centre
Winter Solstice	Thurs 21 Dec	8.00am	Navan Centre & Fort, Armagh



For further information on events visit ourstoryofchristmas.com
 All details listed within this brochure were correct at the time of publication.

VALUE AND VISIT

OUR RURAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES THIS CHRISTMAS

The Borough hosts a number of smaller towns and villages each offering something different. The variety of independent retailers providing great ideas for Christmas is second to none. For convenient shopping and a great Christmas experience, visit one of our smaller local towns or villages:

GILFORD

RATHFRILAND

HAMILTOWNSBAWN

RICHHILL

KEADY

WARINGSTOWN

MARKETHILL

TANDRAGEE

We have lots more beautiful villages and hamlets in our Borough. Be sure to support your local rural communities and shop local this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

LURGAN TWILIGHT MARKET

Thurs 16 Nov

6.30pm – 10.00pm

Lurgan Town Centre Plaza

Sample an array of creative crafts and delectable food delights at our Twilight Market in Lurgan Town Centre – the perfect place to find that special Christmas present. Enjoy the merriment with live music, seasonal entertainment and lots of joyous atmosphere to celebrate this festive season.

PORTADOWN TWILIGHT MARKET

Fri 17 Nov

6.30pm – 10.00pm

**Portadown Town
Centre Plaza**

Step into a winter wonderland of fairy-lit stalls and artisan delights, as our Twilight Market in Portadown promises to celebrate the yuletide season! From speciality hand-crafted gifts to aromatic foods, live music, merriment and entertainment – be part of the festive cheer!

BANBRIDGE MAKERS' FAYRE

Fri 24 Nov

6.30pm – 9.00pm

Banbridge Town Centre

Soak up the festive atmosphere at Banbridge Makers' Fayre showcasing local artists and specialist crafters from across the Borough and beyond. It's the perfect place to select some great gifts for Christmas and talk to those who have created them.

The Makers' Fayre will feature live music and street entertainment throughout the evening to kick off the Christmas season with a bang.

ARMAGH GEORGIAN DAY MARKET

Sat 25 Nov

11.00am – 9.00pm

Armagh City Centre

Over 100 merchants will line the streets with beautiful artisan produce and crafted goods, including a Hot Food Village. Live music will fill the streets with festive melodies and street entertainers will be full of seasonal flair!

And lots of lovely gifts and tasty treats at our Christmas markets too!



CHRISTMAS

AT NAVAN CENTRE & FORT

A MID-WINTER TALE

Navan Centre & Fort, Armagh

Fri 15 Dec | 7.45pm | Doors open from 7.30pm

A Celtic-themed celebration marks the arrival of Mid-Winter and the Winter Solstice – the shortest and darkest day of the year!

Darkness has descended and the people are gathered to see the Holly King fight the Oak King. If the Oak King defeats the Holly King, darkness will end and light will return for the year.

Enjoy some traditional fayre at this most unusual Christmas event. This event is not suitable for children under six years old.

BOOKINGS

Tickets cost £10.00 per person, £6.00 per child. Booking is essential. Visit www.armagh.co.uk/midwinter



WINTER SOLSTICE

Navan Centre & Fort, Armagh

Thurs 21 Dec

8.00am |

Doors open from 7.45am



Applaud the arrival of the Winter Solstice with a wonderful celebration to embrace the forthcoming year.

Take part in our lantern-lit walk to Navan Fort, and enjoy a solstice ritual of morning meditation reflecting on the past and welcoming the arrival of new light. As the sun rises at 8.45am, the Vicar's Cairn passage tomb will be in line with the sun and should also be visible from the Navan Mound. A breath-taking experience.

Return to the centre for breakfast and a little more time to celebrate this great Celtic ritual.

BOOKINGS

This event is free of charge, but you must book a ticket. Purchase a breakfast ticket for just £4.00 per person. Booking is essential at www.armagh.co.uk/wintersolstice

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO SPECTACULAR

The Market Place Theatre, Armagh | Sat 2 – Sun 24 Dec

THE PANTO DREAMS ARE MADE OF...

The Market Place Theatre, Armagh is delighted to announce this year's Christmas spectacular, 'Sleeping Beauty'. This full-scale traditional pantomime will combine wonderful music, song and dance, colourful costumes, memorable characters, and loads of audience participation, in a lively and sparkling Christmas adventure. Featuring all your favourite panto characters, 'Sleeping Beauty' is guaranteed to be a fun-packed traditional family pantomime for all ages!

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

TICKET PRICES £15.00 | £12.50 [CONC]

Sat 2 Dec 11.00am & 3.00pm | Fri 8 Dec 6.30pm | Sat 9 Dec 11.00am,
3.00pm & 6.30pm | Sun 10 Dec 1.00pm & 4.30pm | Fri 15 Dec 6.30pm
Sat 16 Dec 1.00pm & 5.00pm | Sun 17 Dec 1.00pm & 4.30pm
Mon 18 Dec 6.30pm | Tues 19 Dec 6.30pm | Thurs 21 Dec 6.30pm
Fri 22 Dec 3.00pm & 6.30pm | Sat 23 Dec 11.00am & 3.00pm
Sun 24 Dec 11.00am & 3.00pm

Relaxed Performance: Sat 9 Dec | 11.00am*

BSL Signed Performance: Sat 16 Dec | 5.00pm

Captioned Performance: Thurs 21 Dec | 6.30pm

BOOKINGS

Box Office: T: +44 (0) 28 3752 1821 | www.marketplacearmagh.com

*Relaxed Performances are specifically designed to welcome children who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment, including those with an Autism Spectrum Condition, sensory and communication disorders, or a learning disability. BSL Signed performances are designed for patrons who are deaf or hearing impaired. Captioned performances assist patrons with hearing difficulties and those for whom English is not their first language.

TICKET OFFER

SAT 2 DEC 11.00AM &
3.00PM OFFER
£12.00 | £10.00
[CONC]





A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Fri 1 Dec | 5.00pm – 9.00pm and Sat 2 Dec |
10.00am – 4.00pm | F.E. McWilliam Gallery
& Studio, Banbridge

Pick the perfect present or just treat yourself to something a little special from a host of locally made crafts including jewellery, felt, furniture, ceramics and glass wear – you are sure to find something unique.

T: +44 (0) 28 4066 0622 | www.femcwilliam.com

THE ARGORY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 2 – Sun 3 Dec | The Argory | 11.30am – 5.30pm both
days | Normal National Trust Admission, Members FREE

The annual Christmas Fair features a number of festive craft, food and drink stalls as well as entertainment. House tours also included in the price. See The Argory decorated for Christmas.

T: +44 (0) 28 8778 4753

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-argory

A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

FESTIVE CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Porcelain Decorations with Brendan Fitzpatrick

Sat 2 Dec | 10.00am – 12.00 Noon | Banbridge Old Town Hall
Children's workshop suitable for ages 7-11 | Admission: £5.00

During this workshop you will learn how to texture and embellish fine porcelain clay to create beautiful gifts and keepsakes for the festive season.

Porcelain Clay Tea Lights with Brendan Fitzpatrick

Sat 2 Dec | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Banbridge Old Town Hall
Adult workshop | Admission: £10.00

You will create delicate masterpieces to light up and personalise your home this Christmas. With enough skill you may even be able to personalise them with your own unique message.

Santa Plates with Beverly Beck

Sat 2 Dec | 10.00am – 12 Noon | Dromore Town Hall
Children's workshop suitable for ages 7-11 | Admission: £5.00

Personalise your plate with stencilling and paint to leave out a special treat for Santa and his reindeer.

Christmas Centrepieces with Beverly Beck

Sat 2 Dec | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Dromore Town Hall
Adult workshop | Admission: £10.00

Get prepared for the festive season. Bring along empty jars and upcycle into magical masterpieces to twinkle and flutter at the table.

Festive Wreath Making Workshop

Sat 2 Dec | 2.00pm | Lurgan Park | Admission: £5.00

Capture the essence of Christmas with a magical afternoon of interactive play – suitable for all the family! Using materials gathered from the park, make a striking wreath to take home. Refreshments provided. Booking is essential.

T: +44 (0) 7766 740427

Christmas Family Fun

Sat 9 Dec | 12.00 Noon – 6.00pm | Armagh County Museum, The Mall East, Armagh | Admission: FREE

Explore Christmas traditions and have a go at making some decorations to take home. All activities are suitable for primary school-aged children who must be accompanied by an adult.

T: +44 (0) 28 3752 3070

Flowerworks with Romaine Hodgen

**Sat 9 Dec | 10.00am – 12.00 Noon or 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Banbridge Old Town Hall | Adult workshop
Admission: £10.00 | Please bring secateurs**

Choose either a morning or afternoon workshop to learn how to make a seasonal swag for your door using a variety of wonderful seasonal foliage.

Christmas Festive Papercraft with Rachel O'Neill

**Sat 9 Dec | 10.00am – 12.00 Noon | Dromore Town Hall
Children's workshop suitable for ages 7-11
Admission: £5.00**

Using origami-style paper techniques, design and decorate a festive paper wreath, create Christmas tree decorations and make a beautiful card.

Christmas Rag Wreath with Rachel O'Neill

**Sat 9 Dec | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Dromore Town Hall
Adult Workshop | Admission: £10.00**

By adapting the tradition of rag rug making we will create a fabulous textile wreath, using various textiles and haberdashery materials. Please bring your own scissors.

Christmas Diaromas with Hazel Boland

**Sat 16 Dec | 10.00am – 12.00 Noon | Banbridge Old Town Hall
Children's workshop suitable for ages 7-11 | Admission: £5.00**

Learn how to create a three-dimensional miniature Christmas scene with recyclable materials, then use fairy lights to bring it all to life.

Contemporary Christmas Wreath with Hazel Boland

**Sat 16 Dec | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Banbridge Old Town Hall
Adult workshop | Admission: £10.00**

Using willow, foliage and wool, create a natural wreath perfect for hanging on your door.



**BOOKING LINE FOR ALL
WORKSHOPS IN BANBRIDGE
AND DROMORE OPENS ON
MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER -
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.
TO BOOK, CONTACT OLD
TOWN HALL, BANBRIDGE ON
+44 (0) 28 4062 0232**

VISIT SANTA



SNOW TUBING WITH SANTA

Sat 16 – Sat 23 Dec
Mon – Fri | 2.00pm – 8.30pm
Sat & Sun | 10.00am – 5.00pm
Craigavon Golf Ski Centre
£6.00 per child

Book your place to snow tube with Santa!
This Christmas make sure you don't miss out on some festive fun and book your slot at Craigavon Golf Ski Centre's ever-popular snow tubing with Santa event! Children three years and over can enjoy an exhilarating 30 minutes of snow tubing on the ski slope before having a special meeting with Santa and receiving a small gift – all for just £6.00 per child!

Parents are asked to bring their own camera to take photos with Santa.

BOOKINGS

Booking is essential.
Visit: www.getactiveabc.com/activities/snowtubing

Email: golfskiwatersports@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk
T: +44 (0) 28 3832 6606

CHRISTMAS WISHES IN SANTA'S MAGICAL WORKSHOP

Fri 8 – Sat 23 Dec | McCrum's Court
Armagh City Centre | Admission: **FREE**

Make a Christmas wish and truly magical memories in Santa's workshop located in McCrum's Court in Armagh City Centre. Experience the magical lights and trees as you make your way to help the elves in Santa's workshop, visit Mrs Claus in her busy kitchen and take photographs with Santa. Little visitors can also make their Christmas wish and hang it up for all to see!

Registration is on the day only in The Mall Shopping Centre during workshop opening hours as listed. Registration is essential as availability can be limited. Please bring along your own personal cameras or electronic devices if you wish to take pictures with Santa as a photographer will not be present on site.

DATE

TIME

Fri 8 Dec	3.00pm – 7.00pm
Sat 9 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Sun 10 Dec	1.00pm – 5.00pm
Fri 15 Dec	3.00pm – 7.00pm
Sat 16 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Sun 17 Dec	1.00pm – 5.00pm
Mon 18 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Tues 19 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Wed 20 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Thurs 21 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Fri 22 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm
Sat 23 Dec	11.00am – 5.00pm

BOOKINGS
**FOR SANTA'S
MAGICAL WORKSHOP**

can be made on the day only.
Places are limited!

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

Mon 1 Dec – Sat 31 Dec | 2.00pm
(Closed on Sundays, Christmas Day,
Boxing Day & 27 Dec)

Join Armagh Planetarium this Christmas as we journey back more than 2,000 years to Bethlehem, and seek to discover an explanation for the star the Wise Men followed to find the baby Jesus in 'Mystery of the Christmas Star'. This modern retelling of the Christmas story in our digital theatre will charm and captivate audiences.

Pre-booking essential | Cost: £5.00 per child, £6.00 per adult and £20.00 family ticket | T: +44 (0) 28 3752 3689
www.armaghplanet.com

LIVE NATIVITY AT TANNAGHMORE ANIMAL FARM

Sun 3 – Sun 24 Dec | 10.00am – 4.00pm
Tannaghmore Gardens and Animal
Farm | Admission: FREE

This Christmas check out the stunning Live Manger at Tannaghmore Animal Farm – a truly magical experience for all the family to enjoy! You will find Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the three Kings complete with donkey, sheep, cattle and other animals.

Featuring Galway sheep, Irish moiled cows and pygmy goats, you will find this heart-warming nativity display in a converted outhouse on the farm. A beautiful event showcasing the true meaning of Christmas!

T: +44 (0) 28 3834 3244

FESTIVE FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Sat 9 Dec | 7.00pm | The Shambles
Yard, Armagh

Join us at our classic drive-in cinema where we will be showing a Christmas favourite which is sure to get the whole family in the festive spirit. Wrap up warm and enjoy the atmosphere at this unique festive event.

T: +44 (0) 28 3752 9600





CHRISTMAS MUSIC



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sun 3 Dec | 3.15pm | Advent Carol Service
St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh
Admission: FREE

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Dedication of the Crib. This traditional service in preparation for Christmas will be led by the cathedral choir with lessons read by members of the congregation. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS WITH CANTABELLES

Thurs 14 Dec | 8.00pm | St Patrick's Roman Catholic
Cathedral, Armagh | Admission: £8.00

Come along and enter into the spirit of Christmas with this beautiful vocal ensemble as they present a number of old favourite Christmas carols as well as a number of new and uplifting Christmas pieces. The event will be hosted in the beautiful surroundings of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Tickets are priced at £8.00 and are available from Armagh Parish Office | T: +44 (0) 28 3752 2813



ARMAGH PIPERS CLUB CAROL NIGHT

Sat 16 Dec | 7.00pm | Áras na bPiobairí
43 Scotch Street, Armagh | Admission: FREE

Christmas carol service with the pupils and parents of Armagh Pipers Club. No booking necessary.

T: +44 (0) 28 3752 8188

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

Wed 15 Nov – Sun 19 Nov | Various times
IMC Movie Studios, Banbridge

Banbridge Musical Society's performance of Seussical is a magical extravaganza which brings to life our favourite Dr Seuss characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant and the Amazing Mayzie and Gertrude McFuzz. The colourful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool and the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. In true Dr Seuss style, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged but emerge triumphant.

**Ticket Hotline – T: +44 (0) 7891 822674 or
from Brown Bear, Newry Street, Banbridge
www.banbridgemusicalsociety.co.uk**



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