

Amazing Grace Festival

PROGRAMME

5 - 11 April 2019

A community arts festival featuring music, art, history and heritage, fashion, dance, drama, storytelling, comedy, food and family fun.

Set on the shores of beautiful Lough Swilly, the seventh annual Amazing Grace Festival celebrates the inspirational story of John Newton, his dramatic arrival in Bunrana, County Donegal on April 8, 1748 and the lasting impact of his life and work.

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Friday 5 April

Celebrating the Hymns of John Newton

With Christ Church, Bunrana

John Newton was a prolific hymn writer. Enjoy six of his hymns, performed by local musicians, and hear the stories behind them. Light refreshments to follow in the church hall.

Admission: Free

Time: 7- 8pm

Venue: Christ Church, Main Street, Bunrana

Saturday 6 April

Community Clean Up

With Bunrana Tidy Towns

Join the amazing volunteers of Bunrana Tidy Towns for a “spring clean” of our community. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

10am - 12 noon

Meet at: Bunrana Tourist Office, Railway Road, Bunrana.

Leaf Kite making workshop

Drop in for this free family workshop making kites from leaves and natural materials in preparation for the Without Within beach art event at Ludden Beach on Monday 8 April.

Time: 10.30 - 12.30am

Venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana

An Exclusive Evening of Fashion and Entertainment

Presenting a catwalk show of fashion by local designers Luke Barber, Bernie Murphy, Nicola McLaughlin (Sequin Cinderella) and Joanne and Una Rodden (Identity) showcasing their latest collections along with local Junk Kouture entries. Plus live music with special guest artists. Glass of wine or soft drink, canapés and goodie bag included in ticket price.

All proceeds shared equally between Insight Inishowen and Foyle Hospice

Admission: €20 (tickets in advance call 087 256 4777 or call in to one of our ticket outlets at The Exchange, Mac's Bookshop, Sequin Cinderella, Identity and Roden's).

Time: 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) Venue: Tullyarvan Mill (Main Hall), Buncrana, Co Donegal.

Sunday 7 April

Game for a Laugh

Family Fun event - Favourite outdoor games and challenges for all ages - play for fun or enter our competition to find the top team.

Admission Free

Time: 3 - 5pm

Venue: At the Fishing Greens above the Amazing Grace Viewing Point, Cahir O'Doherty Avenue, Buncrana.

Wet weather venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana.

Live Laugh Love

A relaxed and entertaining evening of live music and comedy with traditional Irish band "Celtic Cross."

Admission free. Light refreshments provided.

(Feel free to bring your own bottle.)

Time: 8 -10pm

Venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana

Monday 8 April

Without Within

With Artlink

On the very day John Newton washed up on the shores of Lough Swilly, we present an afternoon of creative fun for all the ages at the beach. Join in with local artists to create sculptures, sand art, music, poems and more, all inspired by the environment and using materials from the shore. Or just drop down to see what we have created.

Free event - soup and bread available for a donation.

Time: 3 - 6pm

Venue: Ludden Beach (below the car park)

Tuesday 9 April

Afternoon Tea with Love

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with live music and an exclusive live performance of "Forever Mine" - the love story of John Newton and his wife "Polly." Featuring actors in period costume.

Time: 2 - 4pm

Venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana

Admission Free.

Save St. Mura's Cross

With Fahan Heritage Group

St. Mura's Cross - the 1,400-year-old iconic stone cross in Fahan graveyard - is one of the oldest in Ireland. In recent years it has undergone considerable erosion. If left unprotected we will lose this icon of Ireland's earliest Christian period. Hear the history of St. Mura's cross and learn about the campaign for its preservation.

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana

Admission Free. Refreshments provided

Wednesday 10 April

High flyers - crafts and story time

Join in with a fun, interactive story "*The Kite and its String*" and then make and decorate a kite to take home.

Booking essential (numbers strictly limited) - call 087 256 4777.

Children must be accompanied by a parent / carer.

Time:

2.15 - 2.55pm (Infants)

3.15pm - 3.55pm (Juniors)

Venue: Buncrana Library, St. Mary's Road, Buncrana

Thursday 11 April

John Newton Lecture: Until all are free

This year's John Newton Lecture explores the work of modern day abolitionists seeking to end slavery in the 21st Century with special guest Chloe Fulton from International Justice Mission (the world's largest anti-slavery organisation). A law graduate from Queen's University, Chloe has recently achieved her Masters in Human Rights Law. In her work with IJM, she campaigns to end slavery in the production of the products we wear, eat and use every day.

Admission free. Refreshments provided.

Time: 8pm

Venue: The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana