

## History in the Heart of the Hills

**Monday 2 July 10.00am-12.30pm**

**Cost: FREE**

Join us in Belfast Castle – our heritage HQ – for a series of talks from local history and archaeology experts. Have tea and hot buttered scones before a guided walk in the afternoon to discover some of the hidden historical treasures of Cave Hill. **\*Booking required**



## Go Potty for Prehistoric Pottery

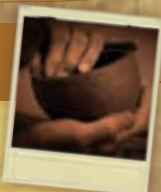
**Tuesday 3 July 2.00pm-4.00pm**

**Cost: FREE**

Get down and dirty at this event that is suitable for all ages. Click with clay and make pots the way our ancestors did in prehistoric times!

Workshop takes place at Lisburn's Island Arts Centre.

**Book now as places are limited!**



## Flying Machines and Secrets of the 'Sentry' Bus and Walking Tour

**Wednesday 4 July, 10am-4.00pm**

**Cost: £2**

Visit Newtownabbey's Sentry Hill House and gardens. The museum provides a rare insight into life in rural Ulster during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The tour will also travel to Carnmoney Hill for a guided walk about wartime plane crashes and the life of Glengormley aviator Lillian Bland - the first woman in the world to build and fly her own biplane - a feat she achieved on Carnmoney Hill.

**Book now to avoid disappointment!**



## Butterflies, Birds and the Bronze Age at Slievenacloy

**Tuesday 3 July, 11.00am-1.00pm**

**Cost: FREE**

Enjoy a guided walk around this old farmstead, now one of the Hills' best nature reserves and teeming with orchids and butterflies. Slievenacloy is rich in archaeology with Bronze Age cairns as well as a beautifully preserved old lime kiln. Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. The walk is not suitable for children aged 8 and under. **\*Booking Required**



## Wolves, Hounds and Legends

**Wednesday 4 July, 2.30-4.30pm**

**Cost: FREE**

The gothic setting of Clotworthy House is the location for this storytelling odyssey into the Belfast Hills. Children and families can take part in this engaging journey of the imagination that tells dramatic tales of folklore and fable.

**Book early to avoid disappointment!**



## River Barge Movie Theatre - Closing The Ring screening

**Thursday 5th July, 7.30pm**

**Cost: FREE**

Get aboard the Belfast Barge docked on the Lagan to watch the Belfast Hills star in a true-life wartime story. The 2007 film *Closing The Ring* tells the poignant tale of a World War II American airman who perished in a crash on Cave Hill, and the quest to return his wedding ring to his wife. The big screen show has great shots of the Belfast Hills, where Cave Hill was the scene of the crash that claimed the lives of 10 American pilots over 60 years ago. **Book early to avoid disappointment!**



## A Brief History of Divis and Black Mountain

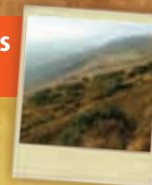
**Thursday 5th July, 11.00am - 1.00pm**

**Cost: FREE**

The population of the Belfast Hills used to be more than that of the city itself - early settlers located in this once forested and fertile area while the city centre as we know it today resembled a peat bog.

Find out about the development of Belfast from a Hills' perspective, its legacy and learn about the influence of settlement, its rise and fall in population, habitat and farming changes and the future predictions for its management. Divis warden - Dermot McCann.

**\*Booking required**



## Murder Most Foul! - Murder Mystery of the Belfast Hills

**Friday 6th July, 7.00pm**

**Cost: £12**

Investigate this hot summer night murder mystery that promises intrigue, drama and dastardly deeds revealed. This whodunit has a cast of lively characters from the past. Join them for supper in the elegant surroundings of the Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum.

**To book for this event contact the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum on: 028 92 663377**



## On the Buses!

**Friday 6th July, 10.00am-4.00pm**

**Cost: £5**

Take a journey down memory lane in a lovely old-style 1930's bus. Transport yourself in time for a peek into the rich history, industrial heritage, wildlife and archaeology of the Belfast Hills. Ding ding! - tickets at the ready for 'the grand tour' of our old townlands of Ballydownfine, Tom of the tae end and Tornaroy. This event includes some walking, but is suitable for people with limited mobility. Bring a packed lunch.

**Book now as places are limited!**

## Treasure Trail & Fun Day

**Saturday 7th July 11.00am 4.00pm**

**Cost: FREE**

This grand event is the highlight of the festival and promises to be a fun-filled day out for all the family. Find buried treasure with the help of some amazing historical characters. All around Cave Hill are real life historical figures including an American airman, a highwayman and an aristocratic lady who have travelled from the past with clues to unlock long lost booty buried on Cave Hill. Find these characters to unlock the mystery and win a prize.

In the grounds of Belfast Castle we will be holding an old-style heritage fair with traditional carnival games and a stunning falconry display. Feel free to dress up in Victorian costume to get into the spirit!





## The Black Bull of Colin Glen – Music and Walking Tour Magical Musical Tour

Sunday  
8th July  
11am – 1pm  
Cost: FREE



Experience old-world Gaelic charm with the history of the Belfast Hills and Colin Glen brought to life through story and song. This magical guided walk will have music echoing through the glen. Listen carefully, and you might hear the Black Bull of Colin Glen racing by or the faeries giggling in the ferns.

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Sun 8 July, 11am – 1pm

Journey to the past this summer and discover how our ancestors lived and worked in the good old days.

Join us for a rip roaring series of music, talks, tours, intrigue, storytelling, art and old-style games in the hills that frame Belfast, Lisburn, Antrim and Newtownabbey.

Belfast Hills Partnership



## For further information

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their wildlife and people*

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