



23rd May to 1st June 2025

Programme

RATHLIN ISLAND



www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council

Rathlin Development &
Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

EVENTS ON RATHLIN ISLAND

(See separate programme for events in Ballycastle)

Important Information applying to all activities

Please note a number of the activities in this programme are weather dependent and subject to change.

Details correct at time of going to print.

For updates during the festival please check Rathlin Sound Festival Social Media or festival office at seafront in Ballycastle, Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre or Rathlin Boathouse Visitor's Centre.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.
Events may be photographed or filmed and used on future publicity.
Please follow the instructions of the event stewards at all times

We hope you enjoy our Festival programme !

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

ballycastlevic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: (028) 2076 2024



23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND - Weekend activities

Klampit, the recycling lobster: Paddy Bloomer's popular installation on the seafront

Wandering Bandstand: Back by popular request. Come and peddle this extraordinary contraption and recycle a few musicians along the seafront

Sea Dragon Vikings: Back on Rathlin by invitation for a weekend of rowing, beach battles, taster sessions (daytimes only, weather dependent)

Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group: Taster sessions and storytelling sessions on Colmcille (large currach), rope-throwing skill sessions and oar-making on the seafront. Watch for local information (CCMHG Gazebo, Boathouse Museum and Visitor Information Centre, and social media), as weather and tides may shift water activities.

**Drontheims and other traditional boats will be present and active in Rathlin bay.
Portrush Yacht Club and Foyle Sailability will be in the bay on Saturday and Sunday with Wayfarers and Hawk Dinghies.**

**Rathlin Youth Group and Ballycastle Horizons group will lead a weekend of youth activities on the seafront and beach, including a spectacular kite display (weather dependant)
Gazebos on Seafront:**

Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group (CCMHG) and Causeway Museum - display of CCMHG items and info on taster sessions and storytelling sessions on Colmcille (weather and tides will affect timing on the water)

Pop-up Gaeltacht: N Antrim Irish language development team with taster activities and conversations

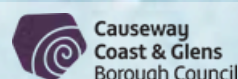
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council Biodiversity Gazebo: Laura McHenry (Saturday only)

Ulster Wildlife: Information and chat about the rich biodiversity of the area

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Rathlin Development & Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Friday 23rd May

14:00 Blessing of Boats - Rathlin Harbour (Pier 1, opposite Manor House)

Saturday 24th May

**11.30 – Rathlin in focus: Illustrated talk by Johnny Mitchell on photography on the island
- St Thomas's**

**13.00 – 14.00 Towards a greener future: Future Island-Island and Rathlin Creative
Designs film - St Thomas's Church**

**14.00 – 16.00 – Solastalgia: Embodying Nature's Grief and Healing - outdoor workshop,
(venue TBC)**

17.00 – 19.00 – Nautical themed print workshop – Richard Branson Centre

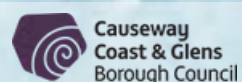
16.00 – 21.00 DJ Chuck - Harbour wall, opposite Manor House

**19.00 – Film: "The Making of Foghorn Requiem" - music, foghorns, and ships - St
Thomas's Church**

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



**Rathlin Development &
Community Association**





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Sunday 25th May

13.30 Traditional Model Yacht Racing – Ushet Lough

Monday 26th May

13.00 – Tall Tales and Thin Pipes: music and stories – St Thomas's Church

14.30 – Wild Sessions: readings from "Rathlin, A Wild Life", by Ruby Free with music from friends – Seafront (Wet weather venue: St Thomas's Church)

16.00 – 18.00 – DJ workshop – Richard Branson Centre

19.00 – End tales of fish – ethics and food: Illustrated talk by Marianne Green – Richard Branson Centre

Tuesday 27th May

13.00 – Rathlin flute and strings: Classics in concert – St Thomas's Church

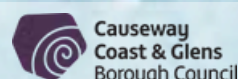
14.00 – Rathlin Oral History: 200 years of an island school – Richard Branson Centre

17.00 – Grey Fox goes fishing: Angling competition with island skipper, Fergus McFaul. (Tackle provided.) Pier 1 by Manor House on Grey Fox (limited numbers)

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Rathlin Development & Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Wednesday 28th May

13.00 – Dara Watson: Harps and Loops – St Thomas’s Church

14.30 – Tuned-In (Derry Choir) – St Thomas’s Church

15.00 – What the sea kept: illustrated talk by Rory McNeary on local shipwrecks – Manor House

16.00 – Maritime Trail: Boats, Sounds, and Stories of the Irish maritime tradition – exhibition with headsets by National Museums NI and Ulster University – Manor House foyer

19.30 – Maritime Trail (repeat as above) – Manor House

20.30 – Pub Quiz to support RNLI: McCuaig’s Bar

Thursday 29th May

11.00 – Maritime Trail: Boats, Sounds, and Stories (repeat as above) – Manor House foyer

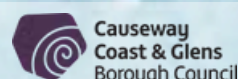
15.00 – NI’s Hidden Depths: Its unique underwater habitats and incredible wealth of marine life, illustrated talk with film, Christine Morrow & Libby Keatley – Manor House

19.00 – Stories of Inishbofin: Illustrated talk on heritage and island living, by Ryan Lash – Richard Branson Centre

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council

Rathlin Development &
Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Friday 30th May

**“What’s inside your washing machine?” E-waste and the value of the unwanted -
all day drop by at the Seafront**

**11.00 – Looking after Rathlin’s biodiversity: Illustrated talk by resident Life Raft
project team – Richard Branson Centre**

**12.00 – 13.00 Knitting heritage into the future with Rathlin wool: interactive
show and tell, reimagining Rathlin’s Fishing & Maritime Heritage with local fibres –
Richard Branson Centre**

**13.00 – Ballads from Ballycastle: Janet Bamford & Andy Oliver - St Thomas’s
Church**

**14.00 – 16.00 – East Lighthouse tour with former Lighthouse keeper and island
resident, Noel McCurdy**

19.00 Walk tall: Stilts training with Streetwise Circus – Seafront

**19.00 – 20.30 – Tales from Colmcille Currach - Storytelling Sessions on Colmcille
–pontoons**

Saturday 31st May

Away with the Ferries: music on the Spirit of Rathlin ferry sailings (all day)

11.00 – 11.45, 14.30 – 15.15 – Colmcille Taster row

11.00 – 15.00 – Rathlin Craft Market - outside the Manor House

**11.00 – 16.00 - Rope-throwing skill sessions on the beach, oar making with qualified
boat builder, displays, talks.**

**11.00 Doggy dress-up dress your pooch or come and watch – also starring Woody,
Life Raft’s detection dog - Seafront**



S

23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Saturday 31st May...Continued

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Kayaking (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) Church Bay, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Paddleboarding (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) Church Bay. Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.30 Rockpool Ramble: Causeway Coast & Glens Biodiversity Officer (check in at their seafront gazebo for details)

12.00, 13.30, 15.00 Wild Cooking Demonstrations by Wildwalk Bushcrafts. The Seafront – Free.

12.30 – 14.00, 16.00 – 17.30 - Viewing Birds and Wildlife from Colmcille

13.00 – Clowning about: “Dr Nick”, Jim, & Giant Octopus performance - Seafront

14.00 – Circus Skills workshop - Seafront

14.00 – Eamonn Flynn in Concert with special guest, Michael Black - St Thomas’s

14.00 – Comhaltas music group: McCuaig’s Bar

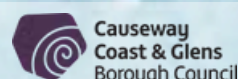
14.30 – Rockpool Ramble with Ulster Wildlife (check in at their seafront gazebo)

In the afternoon, Knit a Pirate: come and learn, and take the makings home

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Rathlin Development & Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Saturday 31st May...Continued

18.30 – 19.30 - Tales from Colmcille Currach - Story Telling Sessions on Colmcille.

21.00 Stewart the DJ: McCuaig's Bar

Sunday 1st June

11.00 – 11.45, 14.30 – 15.15 – Colmcille Taster row

11.00 – Portrush to the Poles: Matt Neill, skipper of RRS Sir David Attenborough, one of the most advanced polar research vessels in the world, gives an illustrated talk – St Thomas's Church

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Kayaking (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) Church Bay, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Have a go Paddleboarding (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) Church Bay. Suitable for all ages – Free.

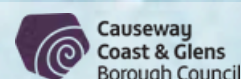
11.30 – Ulster Wildlife Adults only Snorkel Safari (check in at their seafront gazebo for details)

11.00, 12.30 and 14.00 Wild Cooking Demonstrations by Wildwalk Bushcrafts. The Seafront – Free.

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Rathlin Development & Community Association





23rd May to 1st June 2025

RATHLIN ISLAND

Sunday 1st June continued

12.30 – 14.00 – Viewing Birds and Wildlife from Colmcille

12.30 – 15.30 – Causeway Shantymen: They're back for the day popping up all over the Seafront

12.30 – Big Lunch: The biggest picnic on the island - help it work by bringing something to share – pastas, breads, fruit, chat while you munch on lunch – Seafront

14.00 – Stewart and Reggae – On the beach

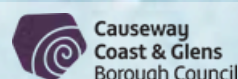
15.00 – Rathlin Raft Race: Daft rafts and potty paddling - Church Bay

Please note that a number of the activities in this programme are weather dependent and subject to change. For updates, please check Rathlin Sound Festival Social Media.

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (028) 2076 2024



Rathlin Development & Community Association





Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre

Tel: (028) 2076 2024

Email: ballycastle.vic@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com



Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council

Rathlin Development &
Community Association

