

Happy Christmas to all of our HSC Friends



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Christmas Music by Firelight

We are hosting a Christmas Evening (live music, outdoor stove lit and fairy lights, craft stalls, Glühwein, & German treats) on **Sunday 15th Dec from 6.30 to 8.30pm.**

We have a variety of musicians booked including Christmas Carols on clarinet, Michael Bubl  's Christmas songbook and Irish Xmas songs.



If you would like to join us then please book asap as 50% of tickets are already sold!

Tickets are £12.50 and can be obtained from:
1/ Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/sir-hans-sloane-centre-37150444393
2/ Texting or ringing **07896254153.**

Last Minute Christmas Fair

EVERYONE is welcome to call in **from 5 - 6pm on 15th Dec** to have a look at our craft stalls and buy some Xmas presents.



You will also be most welcome to visit our patio area with Xmas lights and firelight - children's treats from

Germany will be available to buy & Pretzel Reindeer & Hot Chocolate Kits to take home & make with children!



We will have a range of things to buy, including handmade wire jewellery; Xmas coasters, keyrings & baubles; felted pictures, & angels; up-cycled baubles & Xmas decorations and cards; glass bird & fish, Xmas baubles & jewellery; carved wooden and pyrography tea light holders, mirrors, & ornamental pieces.



Xmas Window Display: Georgian & Regency Christmas Tree and Model Christmas Village

Although it was commonly assumed that Prince Albert brought the German tradition of decorating Christmas trees to the UK, historians at the National Trust think that Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III and the grandmother of Queen Victoria, was the first royal to deck the halls of Windsor Castle.

Queen Charlotte, familiar to Bridgerton fans, decorated yew branches. In her honour, we have curated a Georgian and Regency Christmas tree display with 18th century folk art decorations, seasonal greenery and mementos of Queen's Charlotte's lasting legacy.



Bring children along from 4 - 8:30pm from 3rd Dec to see our lit window display at its best!



We have a new Chippendale gentleman's table c 1750 that was donated by Belfast-based furniture restorer Stuart



Nicolson.



Call in and have a look at our display on Queen Charlotte and Regency Christmas decorations and our Georgian bureau c. 1760 decorated for Christmas.

Gift Shop

Our little shop will be ready for Christmas, with Christmas cards, tree decorations, small toys, science kits and lots of stocking fillers for children!

As well as the children's book, **The Tale o' Daft Eddie an' the Smugglers o' Strangford Lough** by Philip Johnston, we also now stock **Finding Autumn** by local author Rebecca Grattson.



Other stock includes a variety of cards, t-shirts, prints of Killyleagh Castle, cushions, jewellery, soaps, glassware, wooden clocks & tea light



holders, paintings and prints.

Call in anytime to browse our complete range. All profits from our gift shop go directly to our charity work.

Secret Santa Book Bundles

Pick up these book bundles for a Secret Santa event. Already wrapped for your convenience.

£3 / bundle

Books are good as new. Simply choose from the description on the label. Or you can choose your own selection from our book pile.



December Events

ESL: Conversation Classes

Donna and/or Thomas will take these informal lessons, focusing on increasing vocabulary and improving conversational abilities.

When? Wed 4th, 11th December (12-1pm)

Cost? FREE

How? DM to ensure your place or call down on the day and we will find you a seat.

We look forward to meeting as many people as possible from all over the world – you will be most welcome.

Felting Workshops: 4th & 9th Dec by Killyleagh's own Wee Felt Fiddler!

1/ Picture Workshop

We are offering this workshop again as the last one was so successful! This would make a lovely personal Christmas present for someone.



Cost? £25.00 including all materials and refreshments.

When? 7 to 8:30pm on Wed 4th December

2/ Christmas Angel Workshop

Make a felted Angel for Christmas? A personal gift for someone you hold dear.

Cost? £20.00 including all materials and refreshments.

When? 7 to 8:30pm on Mon 9th Dec



How? DM or call in to the Centre to book either or both workshops. **Over 15s only.**

Places are limited due to equipment needed.

Science Club: Sat 7th December

Our Science Club for Key Stage 2 & 3 pupils (approx age 7-14) continues on Saturday 7th December **from 2-3.30 pm.**



Our Special Christmas Workshop will cover the science of ice, snowflakes and fir trees.

Ongoing Events

Internet Café

Due to funding from FIBRUS, we are delighted to offer FREE internet access.

Call down any time we are open and you can even make yourself a tea or coffee while you work!



We can also offer use of laptops if needed.



If your computer or laptop breaks down and you need some

homework, coursework or work preparation completed then please DM us on Facebook to arrange a time or call in to the Centre and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Work Experience

We offer regular work experience to students both during the school holidays and at weekends.

Students are currently helping with Saturday Science Club which runs twice monthly.

If interested please email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk with subject heading WEX.



Patio Garden & Refreshments

Although the days are getting colder, there is still life and colour in our botanic garden. And it will be decorated for Christmas.

Make yourself a cup of tea or coffee. Everything you need will be on a tray for you.

We suggest a donation of £2 - £5, which can be left in our Donation Box.



Plant of the Month: Christmas Box tree (*sarcococca orientalis*).

This is a small, winter blooming evergreen shrub that produces fragrant white flowers from Christmas until March.



Guided Tours

Please email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk or DM



Facebook / Instagram to arrange a guided tour and / or short talk.

Look what we did in Nov!

New Book Release

The Tale o' Daft Eddie an' the Smugglers o' Strangford Lough by Philip Johnston.



We were thrilled to host a talk by author and illustrator, Philip Johnston. His insight into the

origins of the story was fascinating and the local locations and use of Ulster-Scots on the illustrations simply added to the package!



We have books for sale at the Centre for £8.99 while stocks last.

We would like to thank Philip for donating a percentage of each sale to the Centre.

Science Club

This month we investigated Liquids and Solids and made our own Oobleck (from Dr



Seuss) in session 1. The second meeting then used sweets to look at atoms, molecules, elements & The Periodic Table.



If you are interested in joining, please let us know via facebook, Instagram or email.

Funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Science Club is currently FREE!

We are delighted to be the only organisation in NI to have been awarded a RSC grant.



Talk by Bob Brown OBE

Jamaica and Strangford Lough.... What's Hans Sloane got to do with it?

Bob Brown held us in awe of this knowledge and presentation skills as he weaved the legacy of Hans Sloane into the history of flora and fauna classification through the centuries.

He fascinated us with facts from his years of experience as a botanist and environmentalist - our very own David Attenborough here in County Down.



An excellent evening for all who filled our Centre to capacity!

We would again like to thank Bob for donating all proceeds from the talk to HSC.

Lino Cutting for Christmas Cards.

Cecilia finished her 5 week course and all attendees were delighted with their Christmas



Cards – many of which are being sent to far-off corners of the world!

Keep an eye on Facebook and in our Newsletters for future Lino Cutting Courses!

Science Workshops at St Mary's & Killyleagh Integrated Primary Schools

Elizabeth and Donna were delighted to be



working with the young scientists of Killyleagh.

After learning about cells, the young scientists put on their white laboratory coats and extracted DNA from strawberries! We also started to look at Elements and the Periodic Table using sweets (before eating them)!



Thanks to funding from The Royal Society of Chemistry, we were able to offer these workshops free of charge.



Room Hire

1/ Meeting Room.

Cost? £25 for first hr and £20/hr after that.

Accommodates? 12

Includes? wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, heating, projector, chairs, desks, staff in attendance.



2/ Office.

Cost? For 1 day/week = £45/month

Accommodates? 2

Includes? wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, chairs & desks, secure lock.



3/ Training / Workshop Room

Cost? £25 for first hour and £20/hr after that.

Accommodates? 20 with desks or 30 seated.

Suitable for? Art/Craft classes, seminars, talks etc.

Includes? wifi, kitchen & toilet facilities, heating, projector, chairs, desks, staff in attendance.



Volunteering at HSC

Can you spare a few hours/week to be in the Centre to allow visitors to see our displays and view our gift shop?

Facebook & Instagram

All activities are advertised on our facebook and Instagram pages:

www.facebook.com/sirhanssloanecentre

www.instagram.com/sloanecentre/?hl=en

Websites

(1) Discover Northern Ireland

This is the official NI tourism website.

(2) Trip Advisor

Why not give us a review if you've been to the Centre or attended any events?

(3) Sir Hans Sloane Centre

Our website is currently being updated and improved but ALL activities are now advertised under the "News" section.

<https://sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk/>

For further information or to book any event:

1/ DM: Facebook or Instagram.

2/ Email: info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk

3/ Ring: 07896254153.

4/ Call in to the Centre.

If you would like to be on our mailing list then please email info@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk.

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