Get on the bus – Santa's Sweet Factory Tour is back

THIS Christmas will see the return of the original Santa Bus. CitySightseeing Belfast have once again partnered with Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory to bring back Santa's Sweet Factory Tour.

Children and parents will board Santa's Christmas double deck bus at High Street and once checked off by one of Santa's elves will be brought to meet Santa as he prepares all the sweets he needs to deliver across the world on Christmas Eve.

Once you arrive at the factory, everyone will be escorted into a world of sweet wonders and festive smells. Santa and his elves have taken time out of their very busy schedules to give you this VIP tour in their sweet factory. Watch how the sweets are made and maybe get a taster for yourself.

Everyone will get a chance to speak with Santa and he will ensure that everyone gets a Christmas treat…. If you have been good!

After everyone has had a chance to visit Santa's sweet shop and received their gift, the Christmas bus will be boarded once again to take everyone back to the city centre.

Since it is the time for giving, this year CitySightseeing Belfast are also donating a portion of the ticket sales to two fantastic local charities who give so much already to those in need.

The first is Northern Ireland Air Ambulance. This charity has helped so many lives living in Northern Ireland. It works in partnership with the Ambulance Service who provides lifesaving medical teams. Their dedication is to responding to serious trauma emergencies in effective and life-saving time. Even when the helicopter is unable to fly they have a rapid response vehicle on standby.

Volunteers

The second charity is SOS Bus NI. This caring charity was created in 2007 dedicated to making sure that no-one is left alone on our streets. SOS Bus volunteers man the big yellow buses with support vehicles between 10pm and 3am during the weekends. Their main aim is to create a safe area in our city where the vulnerable can go for support. They also have a food programme that delivers food to the many food banks and shelters that feed those living in poverty.

The Santa Bus tour will start on 2nd December and will run until 23rd December. The tours will run twice daily at 15.30 and 18.30 departing from High Street, outside Office shoe shop.

Prices are £13.00 for children and £11.00 per adult. There is also a family ticket available (2 adults & 2 children) £45.00

Tickets available from www.citysightseeingbelfast.com or calling 02890 321321.

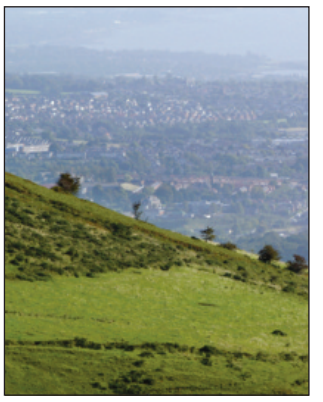
Athmhúscailt an Fhathaigh

"Tis of a famous highwayman a story I will tell,
His name was Naoise O'Haughan, in Ireland he did dwell.
And on the Antrim Mountains he commenced his wild career,
Where many a wealthy gentleman before him shook with fear."

LE CONCHUR MAC SIACAIS

SNA sléibhte os cionn an Uachtair Chluanaí, agus timpeall chathair Bhéal Feirste, ó Dhubhais go Beann Mhadagáin, a bhí chónaí ar Naoise Ó hEocháin, ropaire Chontae Aonroma. Scéal ó thús an 18ú aois, atá cluúiteach i measc chos mhuintir na cathrach, agus a imríonn ról mór i dtionscadal timpeallachta agus oidhreachta Ghlór na Móna, 'Athmhúscailt an Fhathaigh'. Ag díriú ar oidhreacht an Uachtair Chluanaí, agus ag cur ócáidí scéalaíochta, turais champála, féiltí, agus obair ghrúpa óige chun chinn, tá rath tagtha ar úsáid an tsléibhe i measc lucht an cheantair mar gheall ar an tionscadal úr. Is aoibhinn an radharc atá ar leic an dorais ag an lucht áitiúil, agus is príomhaidhm an tionscadail rannpháirteachas an phobail a spreagadh chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an obair thábhachtach athghiniúnach atá ar bun faoi láthair, agus atá déanta sna blianta a chuaigh thart.

I measc na n-imeahctaí a thit amach ó tús na bliana, bhí roinnt dírithe ar an óige, agus roinnt eile dírithe ar an phobal níos leithne. Eagraíodh turas campála agus scéalaíochta ar an tSliabh Dhubh i mí na Bealtaine, i gcomhpháirtíocht le heagraíocht phobail áitiúil. Rinneadh an champáil mar pháirt d'Fhéile na gCloigíní Gorma – féile phobail nua a bhí curtha chun chin ag foireann Ghlór na Móna, foireann óige an Upper Springfield Development Trust, agus foireann óige Newhill, le dul i ngleic le fadbhanna sláinte, trí mhéan



Sliabh Dhubh

deiseanna sláinte agus folláine a fhorbairt sa cheantar. Chomh maith leis an champáil, eagraíodh roinnt imeachtaí i rith Fhéile na Carraige, a thit amach ar an mhí seo caite. Mar pháirt de Dhúshlán na Dubhaise, imeacht óige a bhí eagraithe do dhaltaí sna Gaelscoileanna áitiúla, bhí na rannpháirtithe ábalta gníomh tógáil foirne a dhéanamh trí mheán na Gaeilge, i suíomh nádúrtha. Bhí deis ag an ghrúpa áilleacht nádúrtha na gcnoc a fheiceáil ar shiúlóid a chuidigh lena sláinte agus bhfolláin. I rith Taiscéalaí, imeacht eile a bhí dírithe ar na daoine óga agus déagóirí ó na cumainn óige Gaeilge i mBéal Feirste, bhí na baill in ann camcuairt a dhéanamh le féachaint ar áilleacht nádúrtha, agus mar aon leis sin, bhí deis acu éisteacht le stair áitiúil an tsléibhe. Ag tabhairt fúthu ar lanna na Dubhaise, d'aimsigh siad stair ó aois na cré-umha, agus scéaltaí ceilteacha. Críochnaigh a n-aistear le scéal Naoise Uí Eocháin, agus cupán de sheacláid the ag an chaife bheag ar an Dubhais féin.

Taobh thiar den tionscadal atá maoinithe ag an Heritage Lottery Fund, tá foireann óige Ghlór na Móna ag obair go seachtainiúil le roinnt déagóirí ón cheantar ó mhí na Bealtaine, chun obairghrúpa timpeallachta a dhéanamh, agus chun cartlann a thógáil. Beidh an t-ábhar cartlainne curtha i dtaispéantaa a bheith seolta ag tús 2018. Déanfaidh an chartlann tagairt den obair feachtasaíochta agus timpeallachta, agus an stair áitiúil, a bhí baillithe ag oibrithe pobail ón Uachtar Chluanaí, idir 1980-2010. Le blianta beaga anuas, afách, tá laghdú suntasach tagtha ar líon na n-imeachtaí pobail a bhíodh ar an tsliabh, agus d'ísligh líon na ndaoine a bhain úsáid as an tSliabh Dhubh chomh maith. Ag an am chéanna, tá ardú tagtha ar fhadhbanna sláinte sa cheantar, go háirithe fadhbanna sláinte mheabhrach. Leis na smaointe seo ina gceann, tá baill an tionscadail gnóthach faoi latháir ag obair i dtreo thús na bliana úire, ina mbeidh deis ag an phobal súil a chaitheamh ar an táispeantas cartlainne i Gael-Ionad Mhic Goill. Tá dóchas ag Gaeil óga an Uachtair Chluanaí fós, go bhfuil sé de cheart agus gur féidir an fathach a athmhúscailt!

Santa's Sweet Factory Tour

Come join us both at City Sightseeing Belfast and Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory!

- Board Santa's own bus
  Santa's bus has been transformed into a sleigh!
- Storytelling by Santa's Elves
  Learn how Santa travels around the whole world...
- Meet Santa at his Sweet Factory
  Santa will give each boy and girl a Christmas treat.

We are donating a portion of the ticket sales to two fantastic charities, Northern Ireland Air Ambulance and SOS Bus N.I.

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