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TITANIC MADE IN BELFAST

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WELCOME

Introduction by The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Belfast,
Councillor Tom Ekin

Belfast has been referred to as "... no mean city" and it would be quite justifiable to say "Titanic was no mean ship from no mean city". As the 19th Century ebbed into the 20th, Belfast was a site of economic and industrial power whose sphere of influence was more global than local. The Titanic was the biggest man-made moving object of its day and sailed away from Belfast to the cheers of Belfast citizens, proud of this magnificent achievement. For many years, the disaster that befell the ship was felt deeply in the city of her birth and her name was synonymous only with the tragedy. At long last, Belfast is reclaiming her pride in the construction of the ship and the craftsmanship of the workforce. At this week long **TITANIC – MADE IN BELFAST** event, the story of Titanic and her part in the rich cultural and industrial heritage of the city is being re-discovered for citizens of the new 21st Century.

THE LAUNCH

TITANIC – MADE IN BELFAST will be officially opened on Saturday 26th March at 10am in Belfast City Hall, by the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Tom Ekin and one of Belfast's oldest citizens, John Parkinson, President of the Belfast Titanic Society, who, in 1912, saw Titanic sail away from the city.



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TITANIC AT HOME EXHIBITION
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (10am-6pm)
Great Hall, City Hall
Admission free, no ticket required

Though Titanic was on the world scene for only 13 days, there is little known of her three years of building here, not only in the wider world, but in the city itself. The Titanic At Home Exhibition seeks to bring that story into its proper place in the Titanic saga.

It is an exhibition, not only about the ship but about the city where Titanic was created on paper, constructed in steel and completed with pride. It is about the people, at all levels of society in the thriving, growing city, who contributed to the magnificent technological achievement that was Titanic and her sister ships, Olympic and Britannic. It is the story of the shipyard, which, in 1912, was the biggest shipyard in the world.

The Exhibition will also reflect what life was like on board this magnificent ship.



HISTORY OF SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING IN BELFAST EXHIBITION

Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (10am-6pm)



Banqueting Hall, City Hall
Admission free, no ticket required

In 1538 Queen Elizabeth I received her first report of Belfast from her Lord Deputy in which he remarked that it appeared to be a very suitable place for shipbuilding. Nevertheless it was not until the arrival of William Ritchie from Scotland in 1791 that shipbuilding, as an industry, really got established. Surprisingly, given the lack of raw materials and expertise, the industry grew until, at the beginning of the 20th Century, Belfast was renowned world wide for the quantity ... and quality ... of its ships. This exhibition charts the rise and fall of shipbuilding and shipping in the Port of Belfast. Ship models and drawings from the various ages, on loan from, amongst others, Ulster Folk & Transport Museum and Harland & Wolff, enable the visitor to view the impressive development and evolution involved...right up to 2003 when the last ship built here was launched.

Thousands of workers were employed in shipbuilding and their memories are shared with us in an invaluable archive, *The Shipyard Memory Wall*. The Shipyard Memory Wall is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the rich heritage of the shipyard. Former shipyard workers, their families, old residents of East Belfast, shop keepers and other workers hold a wealth of invaluable archive material about the life and times of the shipyard. *This display is collated by Red Lead Arts.*

TITANIC ON FILM
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (10am-12.30pm and 2.30pm-6pm
 - film shown every 30mins)
Reception Hall, City Hall
Admission free, no ticket required

Titanic has been seen on the silver screen since 1912, the year of the sinking, when the first ever film about her was produced, with a survivor playing the lead. There have been numerous films and documentaries in the intervening years but film of the ship herself is very rare. Take this opportunity to view rare footage of the ship and the aftermath of the sinking, from film thought lost but re-discovered in the not so distant past. This little piece of history lasts for 30 minutes.

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TITANIC SCHOOLS INITIATIVE EXHIBITION - 'FROM TIMBER TO TITANIC'

Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April (10am-6pm)

Rotunda, City Hall

Admission free, no ticket required

The Titanic Story has intrigued children of all ages for decades. Belfast City Council has invited schools from places touched by Titanic to take part in the Schools Initiative and to display their efforts as part of the **TITANIC – MADE IN BELFAST** celebrations. Those invited to take part are from Belfast, her home, Liverpool, her place of registry, Southampton, from where she set sail and Cobh, in Co Cork, her last port of call. All the work will be on display in the City Hall, during the event.

THOMPSON DRY DOCK IMAGES

Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April (10am-6pm)

Rotunda and Great Hall, City Hall

Admission free, no ticket required

This exhibition takes as its inspiration the 20th Century ship building boom that saw the emphasis shift from cargo vessels to luxury liners. Titanic is the ship that, probably more than any other, symbolises and embodies the aspiration of the time. Thompson Dock, the graving dock or dry-dock, where these ships were fitted out, is now in a state of dereliction due to the demise of the shipbuilding in the city.

Thompson Dock, then the largest dry dock in the world, was built especially for the Olympic Class liner, of which Titanic was the second. Furnished with forgotten icons, wall paintings and hieroglyphics, the cut granite and keystones bear witness to the craftsmen who built it and the entrances and terraces to those who toiled daily in its confines. Like an archaeological dig the photographs peel back layer upon layer to reveal the artefacts of a disappearing culture.

LIVING HISTORY

Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April (11am-6pm)

City Hall

Admission free, no ticket required

To bring the story alive and to create the atmosphere of Belfast at the turn of the 19th Century, characters in period costume will gather in the City Hall, at various times. There will be four mini-dramas, recreating snapshots in time of the Titanic story, both here in Belfast and also on board the ship. These will reflect on how the shipyard workers' family, the workers themselves, both manual and management and the owners of the yard coped with life, and building the biggest ship in the world, at that time. What must the passengers who sailed on this wonderful creation have felt? Be transported back to 1912 by eavesdropping into the various interactions.

TITANIC MEMORABILIA ROADSHOW 28th & 30th March, 1st & 2nd April

(10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm)

City Hall

Bring along your own piece of Titanic history and have it valued!

Titanic spent more time in Belfast than anywhere else and, as most of the White Star Liners were built in Belfast, there may be many artefacts out there treasured all these years by the families that own them.

Henry Aldridge and Son, of Devizes in Wiltshire, are the world's leading auctioneers of Titanic and White Star Line Memorabilia and their experts will be available to cast a knowledgeable eye over these local, perhaps never seen before, items.

Please note that only small handheld items can be viewed and valued. For further information please contact Henry Aldridge & Son on 01380 729199.

TITANIC BOAT TOURS

Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April

(11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm and 5pm - tour lasts approximately 1 1/4 hours)

Donegall Quay

Tickets £5, available from the Belfast

Welcome Centre

The shipyard, where Titanic was built, no longer reverberates to "the song of the hammers" ... the sound of thousands of men building ships of steel, to sail the world. What remains of that era can be seen and appreciated from, no better

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place, the water itself. A boat trip from Donegall Quay to the gates of the Thompson Dock, with the history being retold by an experienced guide, is a very special experience.

BUS TOURS OF QUEEN'S ISLAND
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (11am and 2pm - tour lasts approximately 2 hours)
Leaving from City Hall
Tickets £5, available from Belfast Welcome Centre

In April 1861, Edward Harland and Gustav Wolff first entered into formal partnership and Harland and Wolff was created. At its peak, it was the biggest shipyard in the world and employed more than 30,000 people. Titanic's keel was laid in March 1909 and she sailed away to prepare for her maiden voyage on 2nd April 1912. An experienced guide will take you back in time, to the route taken by those thousands of shipyard workers as they made their way into work, along Queen's Road, through the Time Offices and onto the Titanic slipway. The Drawing Offices where the plans were drawn up, under the expert guidance of Thomas Andrews, can still be viewed. The final stop is at the Thompson Dry Dock and the Pump House.

The tour lasts approximately two hours, and we suggest you have appropriate footwear and clothing.

WALKING TOURS - THOMAS ANDREWS' BELFAST
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (Daily at 2pm - tour lasts approximately 40 minutes)
From Titanic Memorial, City Hall
Tickets £2, available from Belfast Welcome Centre

There is still much of Belfast, which, if he came back today, Thomas Andrews would recognise. When designer of



Titanic, Thomas Andrews and his young wife, Helen, set up home in the city in 1908, it was a thriving, bustling industrial city, so different from the market town it had developed from. Helen would have enjoyed shopping in the very grand Robinson and Cleaver department store, with, perhaps, afternoon tea in the Grand Central Hotel. Allow yourself to be taken back to that elegant age by your very experienced guide.

'STONE TITANIC' TOUR
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (Daily at 4pm - tour lasts approximately 40 minutes)
City Hall
Free admission but ticket required.
Available from the Belfast Welcome Centre

Lord Pirrie was Chairman of Harland & Wolff when Titanic was conceived and built. He was also an ex-Mayor of Belfast, and was created the first Freeman of the new city. The splendour and grandeur displayed so proudly and created so magnificently by the craftsmen of Belfast in the interiors of City Hall were reflected in the public rooms onboard Titanic. Indeed, a visit to the Stone Titanic is not to be missed.

Access information: Ramps front and rear with access by lift to all floors. Induction loop system at Reception and in main rooms. Staff trained in Sign Language (BSL).

LAGAN LOOKOUT VISITOR CENTRE
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
 (Open daily, times vary)
Lagan Weir
Admission charges, Adult £1.50, Children £0.75, Family £4.00, OAP £1.00
For further information and bookings please contact: 028 9031 5444

The Lagan Lookout Visitor Centre is an interpretive centre for the Liganside area and provides an accessible and informative venue to find out more about Belfast's past and its rise into today's modern city. A visit to the Lookout will provide you with information on the growth of Belfast over the last 300 years, from its beginning as a trading port, following its rise through Victorian times and the Industrial Revolution.

An attraction of the Lookout is a five foot replica of the world famous, RMS Titanic.

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TITANIC TALKS

Saturday 26th March to

Wednesday 30th March

(Daily at 1pm)

Reception Hall, City Hall

Free admission but ticket required.

Available from the Belfast Welcome Centre

There will be a series of illustrated presentations, given by various speakers, on different aspects of *The History of Shipping and Shipbuilding in Belfast*. Each presentation will last for approximately 1 hour. Topics to be included are:

Saturday 26th March 2005

'The Ritchie Brothers and the start of modern ship building in Belfast'

An informative talk by Councillor

Nelson McCausland, MLA

Commercial shipbuilding has been a permanent feature of Belfast from the late 1700's, when William Ritchie transferred his Scottish business to the town of Belfast. This talk will focus on the Ritchie brothers and the development of ship building in Belfast.

Sunday 27th March 2005

'The Auld Hand'

Grass root memories of the Harland & Wolff shipyard and Titanic through the medium of poetry from Albert Haslett a retired shipyard worker, in conjunction with East Side Arts.

Monday 28th March 2005

'The Wee Yard'

An illustrated presentation by John Lynch and Brian Walker recounting the history of the Workman Clark shipyard.

One of Britain's leading shipbuilders yet often forgotten when discussing shipbuilding in Belfast. Who were Frank Workman and George Clarke? What ships did they build? Who did they build ships for? And why did they go bankrupt? Find out the answers to all of these questions and more at this enlightening presentation.

Tuesday 29th March 2005

'Boats and Hats'

An illustrated talk by William Austin and George McAllister, with memories and stories of the shipyard.

Retired former workers from the shipyard both men started work in the 1940s. They will recall their time at Harland & Wolff, known throughout the city as 'the Yard'.

Wednesday 30th March 2005

"Back to Titanic"

An illustrated talk by Glenn Reimer who works for Partisan Pictures, New York City.

Glenn accompanied Dr Robert Ballard, who first discovered the wreck of Titanic, back to the site, as co-producer of a live broadcast for National Geographic Channel, from the middle of the North Atlantic.

TITANIC STORYTELLING

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March

(11am-5pm, on the hour - sessions last approximately 30 minutes)

Council Chamber, City Hall

Free admission but ticket required.

Available from the Belfast Welcome Centre

The art of storytelling is not dead but enjoyed by children everywhere. The storytelling is especially for children, to allow them to escape into the realm of fantasy, into the myths and legends built up around the fascinating story of Titanic. This experience is suitable for those aged from four to ten ... but should delight children of all ages.

NAVAL VISIT

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March

(1.30pm - 4.30pm)

Queen's Quay

Admission free, no ticket required.

Queuing possible and restricted access may apply

The return for a third year of a naval vessel, offering the opportunity for visitors to get a taste of life at sea. Venture to Queen's Quay where you will board the ship and experience the unique environs of a naval vessel.

TOURS OF HMS CAROLINE

Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April

(10am and 2pm - tour lasts

approximately 3 hours)

Alexandria Dock

Admission free but ticket required.

Available from the Belfast Welcome Centre.

Pre-booking essential (numbers limited to 16 per tour)

The Royal Naval vessel HMS Caroline, a light cruiser laid down in 1914 (just 18 months after Titanic sailed), is the only surviving warship afloat from the World War I Battle of Jutland. Now the Headquarters of the Royal Navy Reserve in the Province, Caroline has been in Belfast since 1924. This is a working vessel so access is limited and for

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operational reasons, photographic ID will be required at the time of the visit. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear as the tour can involve ladders.

**HMRT GOLDEN CROSS RAFYC
SEARCH & RESCUE TUG**
Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April
(11.30am-4.30pm)
Abercorn Basin
Admission free, no ticket required.
Queuing possible and restricted access may apply

The *HMRT Golden Cross* is one of Britain's oldest fully operational Standby Rescue vessels. The tug celebrates her 50th Anniversary in 2005 and visitors will have the opportunity to encounter the inimitable surroundings of this tug which has so far saved over 60 ships, 3 oil rigs and over 350 lives in her lifetime.

In addition a Sea King helicopter from the Royal Air Force Search & Rescue will arrive over the Abercorn Basin, on **Monday 28th March at 1.00pm**, to carry out a Search & Rescue demonstration. This display will be subject to weather conditions on the day and operational priorities.

STEAM OVER BELFAST LOUGH
Saturday 2nd April
From Central Station - times to be confirmed upon booking
Tickets £5 concessions, £7 adults, available from the Belfast Welcome Centre
Admission to Ulster Folk and Transport Museum is included in the train ticket cost

Sample Edwardian style train travel from Belfast Central Station to Cultra for the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum to bring you back to the time when Titanic was built. A preserved steam locomotive hauls your train consisting of carriages recently restored to a period style. Co-ordinated by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland.

THE LOCH LAO STORY
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th March
(7.00pm - performance lasts 2 hours, including interval)
Council Chamber, City Hall
Tickets £5, available from Belfast Welcome Centre
A Ceoltóiri Loch Lao production directed by Patrick Davey

This concert of traditional Irish music with a maritime theme uses a variety of music, visuals and narration to tell the story of some important events in the history

of Belfast Lough, as seen through the eyes of *The Blackbird of Belfast Lough*.

The music and songs will be performed by the young musicians of Ceoltóiri Loch Lao, using a wide variety of instruments including tin whistles, flutes, uilleann pipes, harps, guitars, fiddles, bodhráns, concertinas and vocals.

TITANIC – BIRTH OF A LEGEND
Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm
Venue and admission details to be confirmed upon booking
Tickets available from Belfast Welcome Centre
Produced by ITV-Granada, the Premiere showing of 'Titanic-Birth of a Legend' will be screened with a limited audience

Most people know how Titanic met her tragic end but very few know of how she came to be constructed, and of the Belfast men who built her. 'Titanic-Birth of a Legend' tells the story of the building of Titanic, using drama, rare archive footage and computer graphics to recreate the life and times of those men in the early 20th Century. The programme reflects the incredible achievement of the workforce at Harland and Wolff and the vision of men like Thomas Andrews and William Pirrie. Through the programme, follow every stage of Titanic's development and construction until she finally sails down Belfast Lough.

BELFAST AS IT USED TO BE
Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd April
(7.00pm - performance lasts 1 1/4 hours)
Reception Hall, City Hall
Tickets £5, available from Belfast Welcome Centre
A Red Lead Arts production with music by Maurice Leyden.

Explore Belfast's rich industrial heritage and leap back in time through film and re-enactments to when Belfast led the world in the industrial pioneering of ship building, linen manufacturing and rope production.

Witness filmed interviews of individuals working in various industries tell their story of life at work. Re-enactments will provide a wonderful opportunity to hear and see the shared history in a wealth of stories that circulate the city.

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BELFAST TITANIC SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER Saturday 2nd April Café Parisián, Odyssey Pavilion

Each year the Belfast Titanic Society hosts a Formal Dinner in memory of Titanic. This year, Captain Smith will start guests on a voyage of discovery and during the evening will introduce characters involved in the Titanic saga. These will include such personalities as Lookout Fredrick Fleet, who gave warning of the iceberg and Thomas Andrews who designed the ship. With food and music reflecting the era and guests in period costume or Black Tie, this will be an 'Evening to Remember'. Tickets are £50 per person. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

For information and bookings please contact the Belfast Titanic Society on 028 9147 0029.

TITANIC BAR & GRILL WHITE STAR LINE MEMORIES MEMORABILIA Saturday 26th March to Saturday 2nd April Open daily Odyssey Pavilion, Queen's Quay



Odyssey Pavilion and Titanic Bar & Grill are delighted to welcome White Star Line Memories to the complex, the perfect chance to grab a cup of coffee and purchase a Titanic souvenir.

Titanic Bar & Grill takes you on a trip back in time to 1912 where amongst the Titanic memorabilia on display is a set of tools that were used by James Carnaghan, a carpenter at Harland & Wolff while building the Titanic and a copy of the Northern Whig Newspapers from 1912.

Its design has a ship's feel to it with a fine display of Titanic and maritime memorabilia. The restaurant area offers huge leather booths featuring photographs of the Titanic being built which dominate the room, giving a sense of the sheer scale of the ship builders' job. The showpiece is a giant map charting the journey of the luxury liner to its final resting place.

Titanic Bar & Grill has something to offer everyone with a European style menu geared to meet a wide range of tastes.

Please note the following Titanic related events occur outside the main **TITANIC – MADE IN BELFAST** celebrations but are also recommended as events not to miss.

'A NIGHT TO REMEMBER'

**Sunday 10th April at 8.00pm
The Strand Cinema, Belfast
Adult £4.00, Concession £3.50**

For further information please contact the Belfast Film Festival on 028 9032 5913

This highly detailed dramatisation of the infamous maiden voyage of the Titanic, 'A Night to Remember', is being screened as part of the annual Belfast Film Festival. From the attendant excitement of the ship's departure, the narrative proceeds inexorably to the vessel's sudden collision with an iceberg in the frozen waters of the North Atlantic, then painfully recounts the mad scramble for survival that followed. The film is based on Walter Lord's book of the same name.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

**Friday 15th April at 12 noon
Titanic Memorial, Belfast City Hall**

A simple ceremony commemorating all the local people who lost their lives that fateful night will be held at 12 noon on Friday 15th April, the 93rd anniversary of the sinking. The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Tom Ekin, representing the citizens of the City and John Parkinson, President of the Belfast Titanic Society, representing the worldwide Titanic family, will lay a wreath in memory of those who died. The wreath will be laid at the Titanic Memorial, which was built by public subscription, in the grounds of the City Hall. All welcome.

Please note: Many of the sites used during the festival are industrial by nature. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor weather.

Thank you to Belfast Harbour Commissioners, Belfast Industrial Heritage Limited, Belfast Titanic Society, Harland and Wolff, Lagan Legacy, MAGNI, Titanic Bar & Grill, Titanic Quarter Limited, White Star Memories, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and Henry Aldridge & Son Auctioneers.

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or: www.gotobelfast.com
or call into Belfast Welcome Centre,
Donegall Place.
Tickets on sale Friday 25th February 2005**

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