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The World Police & Fire Games, opening ceremony, Thursday, August 1, live streaming online at bbc.co.uk/ni from 6.30pm

BBC Northern Ireland brings live, full coverage of the opening ceremony of the 20th World Police & Fire Games in Belfast next month.

Live pictures will be beamed across the world through online streaming from the opening ceremony which takes place on Thursday, August 1 in the grounds of the King’s Hall complex. To access the live stream log on to bbc.co.uk/ni

Coverage will begin from 6.30pm (BST).

BBC NI cameras will also be recording at the opening event for a special one-hour highlights programme to be shown shortly after the ceremony. Transmission details to follow.

Presented by Gavin Andrews and Claire McCollum the highlights programme will look back at the colour and spectacle of the opening ceremony as well as meeting up with some of those who have travelled from far and wide to take part in some of the events across the 10 days.

Peter Johnston, Director BBC Northern Ireland, said: “BBC Northern Ireland is delighted to be the official broadcast partner for this prestigious sporting event, with coverage of the opening ceremony across TV, radio and live online, as Northern Ireland prepares to welcome thousands of competitors and their families from across the globe.”

Over the course of the 10 days BBC Sport NI will be reporting on various events for BBC Newsline. The programme will also be live from the opening ceremony on August 1.

There will be further coverage of the games on BBC Radio Ulster including a number of outside broadcasts from across some of the different events.

Talkback will resonate to the sound of leather on willow as the World Police and Fire Games get under way. Wendy Austin will be live at the Stormont estate on Thursday, August 1 from 12-1-30pm, where the cricket competition will be in full swing.

Along the way she’ll hear from athletes from across the globe and try her hand at the hose drag and stair climb to find out what fire fighters put themselves through on a daily basis.

Later that day, Alan Simpson will bring his afternoon programme from the King’s Hall complex on between 3 and 5pm looking towards the opening ceremony of the games in the evening.

Anne-Marie McAleese and the Your Place and Mine team will head to Donard Park in Newcastle on Saturday, August 3 from 8.05 to 9.05am - the location for the WPFG mountain running event, while Hugo Duncan will be at the Titanic Slipway on Wednesday, August 7 from 1.30-3pm, where the WPFG Ultimate Fire Fighter competition will take place.

Further BBC Radio Ulster programmes including Gerry Kelly, Summer Club and The Saturday Magazine will be reflecting the games throughout the 10 days.
Undertone Mickey Bradley to present new music show on BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle

**The Mickey Bradley Show**, starts Tuesday, August 13 at 8pm on BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle

**BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle is pleased to announce the addition of ‘Undertone’ Mickey Bradley to its evening music schedule.**

Mickey will present his new weekly, two-hour programme *The Mickey Bradley Show* every Tuesday night from 8pm-10pm, starting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – which also happens to be his birthday.

A life-long music fan, Mickey has bought, borrowed and blagged an enviable amount of records over the years and his new music programme will see him play everything from vintage vinyl through to the best up and coming new talent, from Slade through to Soak.

Born in 1959 in Londonderry, Mickey helped form seminal Derry punk band The Undertones in a tent in 1974. Mickey was bassist in the band with Billy Doherty on drums, brothers John O'Neill on rhythm guitar and Damian O'Neill on lead guitar and Fergal Sharkey later joining as vocalist. Between 1975 and 1983 the band went on to become a pop phenomenon with hits such as Teenage Kicks, My Perfect Cousin and Jimmy Jimmy. The band originally split in 1983 before reforming in 1999 with new singer Paul McLoone and they remain together to this day.

As well as being bassist in The Undertones, Mickey Bradley is a producer on BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle and currently co-presents Pure Culture on BBC Radio Foyle every Monday to Friday at 10am and BBC Radio Ulster on Sundays at 12.30pm. Mickey started his BBC broadcasting career in 1986, presenting the music programmes Mickey’s Monkey and The Bottom Line before moving to produce Gerry Anderson in 1989. He also presented *After Midnight With Mickey Bradley* on BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle from 2007-2012 in which he played songs from the punk and new wave era.

The new programme, which will be broadcast weekly from BBC Radio Foyle, will see Mickey delve even further into his record collection which he is looking forward to sharing with listeners.

Mickey says: “I can’t wait to start the new show, a chance to play those rockin’ little records, as Chuck Berry once said. And unlike my last BBC Radio Ulster show, I have thrown off the self-imposed time constraints – so I can play records from this century as well as the last. What have they got in common? They’re all meaty, beaty, big and bouncy - another borrowed phrase. “The programme will feature the likes of The Who, The Sex Pistols, Dusty Springfield, The Clash, The Shangri-Las, Velvet Underground, David Bowie, Them – as well as the bands who will never have a documentary made about them on BBC Four!”

Fergus Keeling, Head of Radio, BBC Northern Ireland, says: “Mickey has played a vital role in Northern Ireland’s musical legacy and his sheer love of music is infectious. We’re delighted that he’s part of BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle’s specialist music presenting team who are passionate about bringing their knowledge and enjoyment of the music they love to listeners.”

Mickey is married to Elaine Duffy and has four children: Alice, Frank, May and Jim.

The *Mickey Bradley Show* starts on BBC Radio Ulster/Foyle on Tuesday, August 13 at 8pm. 92–95FM & DAB digital radio, digital TV and online at bbc.co.uk/radioulster.
Anne Marie McAleese takes to the links for a round or two of golf in a new four-part series on BBC Radio Ulster.

Over four weeks, special guests join Anne Marie - and her prized 'Big Bertha' driver - for a few fun holes of golf on a variety of courses across Northern Ireland, painting pictures of the location, telling their stories, and sharing their tips about the sport they love and life in general as they try to hit that all important birdie or hole in one!

In the first programme of A Round With Anne Marie, beginning on Sunday, July 28 at 1.30pm, the presenter and self-confessed golfing enthusiast is joined at Belvoir Park Golf Club, Belfast, by singing star Rose-Marie and snooker legend Dennis Taylor.

In programme two Anne Marie is joined at Fortwilliam Golf Club, Belfast, by comedian Roy Walker and motivational speaker and leader of the Wee Binnian Walkers, Veronica McCann, while she travels to Cushendall Golf Club for the third programme in the series, meeting up with Father David Delargy of the classical musical group 'The Priests', and long distance runner and conqueror of Everest, Hannah Shields. Lough Erne Resort in Enniskillen is the location for the final programme as Anne Marie heads out on the course with its Head Professional Golfer Lynn McCool and comedian William Caulfield.

Snooker legend Dennis Taylor and singer Rose-Marie get on course with Anne Marie McAleese in the first of the four-part series A Round With Anne Marie on BBC Radio Ulster

Anne Marie said: "I’ve been playing golf on and off since I was knee high to a daisy. I’m not Rory McIroy but in my heyday I represented Ulster and Ireland, although I haven’t played competitively for a long time. When I moved back to Portstewart earlier this year I fell in love with the game all over again. There’s nowhere I’d rather be on a good day than on a golf course. I’m not keen on playing in the rain but the chances of not getting wet here are slim. It rained heavily at Lough Erne in Fermanagh but we kept our heads down and walked faster.

“It was great chatting to all the guests – golf is a great leveller. People are less inhibited on a golf course and tend to open up a bit more. Although it’s quite hard to talk and play, we got the hang of it! Rose-Marie’s handbag slung round her trolley is an image I’ll never forget. Roy Walker’s explanation of what ‘Fore!’ means is priceless. Dennis Taylor is almost as good on the golf course as on the snooker table. We had to run to keep up with Hannah Shields, William Caulfield looks the part and Lynn McCool is a golfing genius. Veronica McCann, meanwhile is fearless and Father David Delargy was hoping for some divine intervention. In between lost balls, bunkers, trees, rough, some incredible shots, we talked and laughed and sank a few putts too.”

A Round With Anne Marie can be heard on BBC Radio Ulster, Sunday, July 28 at 1.30pm and is repeated on Thursday, August 1 at 7.30pm. 92–95FM & DAB digital radio, digital TV and online at bbc.co.uk/radioulster.
BBC Sport NI is bringing coverage of the International Milk Cup tournament to a worldwide audience

Elite Final, Friday, August 2 on the Red Button

This summer BBC Sport NI showcases the cream of the world’s young footballing talent, bringing coverage of the International Milk Cup tournament to a worldwide audience.

As BBC Sport NI enters its ninth year as host broadcaster, it remains dedicated to delivering quality coverage on the Red Button and on BBC Sport online.

With teams from five continents competing, the tournament culminates with a live broadcast of the Elite Final from the Ballymena Showground on Friday, August 2 on the Red Button.

The Elite and Premier finals and highlights of the Junior final will be streamed live on our website, bbc.co.uk/sportni on Friday, August 2 and football fans can view highlights of the competition each night online and on the Red Button.

Fans can also follow all the action and leave their comments on the BBC Sport NI Milk Cup Facebook page.

Shane Glynn, Editor, BBC Sport NI says: “The Milk Cup has attracted a who’s who of top footballing talent from across Europe, and the world. It’s a tremendous event, which showcases local sport, and indeed the country as a whole, to a global audience. A glance at the teams who’ll be competing this year suggests we’re in for some great football, and we’re delighted to continue our involvement with the competition that has established itself as one of the best of its kind.”