

**Ballybeen Community Newsletter** 



# **Support Our School**

### Brooklands one-way system

Issue 5

Members of our community development, engagement & transport sub-group on a site visit round to Brookland's Primary School with Chris Lyttle MLA & Graham Salmon from the Transport NI, in order to observe the voluntary one-way-traffic system in place. It was good to see so many residents and parents adhering to the one-way school traffic system, designed to ease congestion and make access safer for children as well as easier for parents. Additional signage has been agreed on site with the Dept of Infrastructure and will be progressed! Our thanks to both Chris Lytlle MLA & Gavin Robinson MP for all their support with this



We appeal to our community that they continue to support our local Brooklands Primary School in making this one-way system work!

Observe the signs!

Keep our kids safe!

One Way System!

#### 3g Pitch & Play-Park

Our health & well-being sub-group met recently to review plans for the 3g pitch, facilities and play-park.

If all goes to schedule, we anticipate work to begin around October 2018 – until around March 2019 on the pitches, with a temporary changing facility in place until the completion of our sports facility.

We are particularly pleased with the footprint of the Play-Park within the new plans, that now includes disabled play equipment in response to feedback received from the consultation.

We are currently engaged with both Sustrans (funded by the Public Health Agency) as well as Lisburn & Castlereagh Council about enhanced cycling and walking routes around the perimeter of the site, to create a 'highway to health' that can benefit local residents, and are talking with Choice Housing, in regard to their proposed phase 2 housing plans, to ensure that this 'highway to health' finds some form of a continuation within their planning process and links effectively to this site.





# BAGIT Ballybeen Christmas

Bagit hosted a well attended Christmas celebration event on the 1st December with over 400 residents turning out to switch on the Xmas lights, enjoy the Xmas stalls and visit Santa in his grotto (specially made by our own BMMG's Men's Shed. Elim Church also assisted us with their Inside-Out bus, with state of the arts computer suite and xbox stations on board, which the young ones immensely enjoyed. An added touch was a snow-machine giving a lovely Xmas feel to the proceedings as the massive queue formed to visit Santa, who arrived by PSNI drawn Sleigh, and had to have a PSNI escort through the crowd.

The NIHE's Community Cohesion Unit supported this event with some funds for the Grotto, and winter-warming packs (gloves, hats & hot water bottle) that were distributed to 40 residents. Ballybeen Improvement Group were also able to produce a pocket-guide directory of community services with these funds.

Our thanks to Stuart Cordner for the winter-warming packs, to the PSNI neighbourhood team for the selection boxes and Landmark East for supplying the Xmas tree.









# Colin Glen study visit

Jubilee Allotments on a best practice study visit with Ballybeen Improvement Group to Colin Glen Allotments on 18th January. Lots of learning exchanged and plenty to think about. Our thanks to the NIHE's community Cohesion Unit, Lisburn and Castlereagh Council's Community Development & Good Relations dept for facilitating/supporting this, and thanks also to Annie Armstrong from the Colin Glen Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership for facilitating a useful conversation. The NIHE have since offered our allotment group a small amount of funding for site development purposes and continue to liaise about plans to develop the site further.







Thanks to Aengus Hannaway and Pamela Johnston from the NIHE for turning up for the discussion afterwards.

## **Ballybeen in Bloom**



Job done at ARRON house. Over 100 daffodils planted on site. Thanks to Sammy Bowers for the planting and Lisburn & Castlereagh Council for supplying the bulbs.

Planting has also occurred at the Salvation Army & Methodist Churches in the Estate to add a vibrant spring colour.

The Jubilee Allotments are now engaged in planting at Brooklands Primary School (8th Feb), with the ecocommunity learning teacher Fiona Smart, Marie Shields (Classroom Assistant) and a group of 15 p7 pupils on site. The enthusiasm of the young people was amazing, and they have identified further sites for follow-up planting in an outdoor classroom environment.





A very successful first night for our new 'HENS SHED'

The Hens shed is completely separate from our Men's shed and is open to any ladies in the area wanting to get involved in handycrafts and model making. For any info contact Hazel or Nichola

BMMG Men's Shed have also recently taken on a project to improve the community garden courtyard within the Enler Centre, and will be working on this over the coming weeks.

Our Men's shed lunch club is back on a Wednesday 12-2pm. New faces are appearing every day and keen to get involved. Remember folks, our doors are open to anybody.

If it's a cuppa tea and a yarn your looking for or you have skills that you'd like to share then give us a shout.



#### DUNGOYNE FC UPCOMING EVENTS

06's Barcelona Cup from 6-11th April 2018

08'd Blackpool Cup from 25-27th May 2018

08's A 32 team tournament at Billy Neil Pitches on 4th March 2018 we encourage the local community to come along, support and enjoy!

07's Liverpool from 2-4th March - will be playing different academy sides

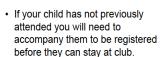
03's Blackpool Cup from 30th February-2nd March 2018

09's Scotland Cup (Ayr) from 25-28th May 2018



#### Kid's Club

Every Thursday 6:30pm-7:30pm For young people P1 to P7



No charge for club

At The Salvation Army, Enler Park East, Dundonald



Email: psalvationarmy.org.uk

WHO? For anyone who is unemployed and looking for help to seek out employment and gain needed skills.

#### **NEED A POSITIVE STEP BACK TO WORK?**

The Satvation Army has extended its Employment Plus to the Local Centre in Dundonald to provide information and guidance for those looking to progres

ter access for Job Searches CV Creation Employment Support

Chaplaincy Friendly environment

#### **Every Friday** 10am to 12 am

#### Free certificated courses available

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Our volunteers are delighted with the success of the new Dundonald Ladies Knit & Natter Group., now in its 3rd week, with 40+ ladies attending. Beginners, experts of all ages. Lots of concentration, chatting and plenty of laughs. Bringing ladies from the community together, to make new friends and catch up with familiar faces. "When women support women, incredible things happen "Thanks to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the funding to make this happen!

# KICK FIT



GET FITTER



BE SAFER



WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE BOOTCAMP

Wed 24th Jan – 14th Feb

**6.30-8.00pm, Moat Park Pavilion**Register by contacting Emma via the Dundonald Ladies Group facebook page

DUNDONALD Ladies Community Group

TRAINING IS FREE thanks to Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership and Carryduff Olympic Taekwondo A anyone would like to register for Knit & Natter or KickFit please contact the group Secretary Emma Hughes on 07849 312760. Facebook & Twitter @dundonaldladies

### Youth Page

Brooklands Youth Centre held our annual Intergenerational Christmas dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

It was a great success with around 50 of our locals enjoying good food and a great atmosphere.

We would like to thank our sponsors Asda, Brown's Funeral Service, The Village Kitchen and local schools for their support in this event.

Of course we could not have done this without our fabulous young people, who helped serve the meals and chatted with those who came.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!





Gortatole Residential: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018
We're just back from a fantastic weekend at Gortatole
Outdoor Education Centre, Enniskillen. Activities included Archery, Climbing Walls, Orienteering, Team
Games, Group Games, Dancing, Pool, Table Tennis,
Uno, Heads Up and Dobble! All the young people
learned a few new skills (no excuses for not making
their beds at home now) or honed some that they hadn't done for a while. Brilliant bunch of young people,
who were a pleasure to take away on this residential.
All looking forward to another one!

Young People from Ballybeen Women's' centre Peer Education Project participating in a Good Relations and Civic Leadership Programme. This programme is funded through Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and delivered by TIDES Training.



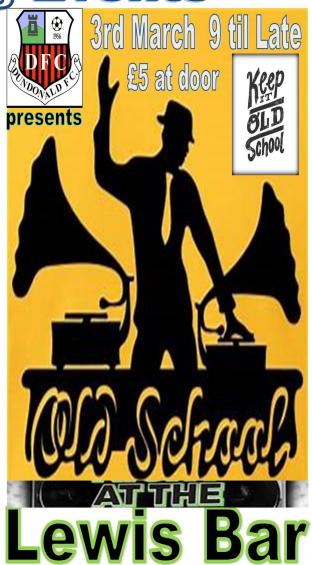


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@ Lewis Bar Function Room On Friday 9th March 7-9 pm







**Pride Of Ballybeen Flute Band Competition** Fri 4th May 7-10.30 pm . Starts at Ballyoran Centre

Well done to the Pride of Ballybeen in being awarded £3,510 from the Arts Council NI towards purchasing new musical instruments, and special mention of Norman Burns (Band Treasurer), who worked very hard on the application with BIG's Development Worker John Howcroft. Our thanks to the Arts Council NI for supporting us with this grant that will aid our development.



STARTER & MAIN-COURSE MONDAY-THURSDAY 3-8PM

## Pensioners Mondays

12-5pm Main-Course £6



STEAK NIGHT

THURSDAY 5-8PM FROM £10\*





### Mothers Day Gourmet Carvery

#### SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

Selection of Starters...

- Chefs soup's — Hot & Cold Starters —

- Selection of Salads & Breads -

#### main course

- CHEFS CARVETY ROAST'S - SELECTION OF SPECIALS - Fresh Market Vegetables, Potatoes, Rice & Chips

STARTER & MAIN COURSE - £17.95 STARTER, MAIN COURSE & DESSETT - £21.95 KIDS CAIVETY (OR CHOICE OF KIDS MEAL) - £7.50



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# Breakfast served daily from 5am at McDonalds® Dundonald

