



Community News

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Welcome to the first edition of the DCA Community News for 2011

Since the last edition of the Community News we have held a number of quite successful events. The Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens was again a well supported and very enjoyable evening and the music provide by Martin Boyle went down a treat! The Coffee Morning in November (held in conjunction with Drumahoe Primary School) raised an amazing £650 for the Children's Cancer Charity. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this effort. Unfortunately, due to the severe weather, the Children's Christmas Outing to Barrontop Funfarm had to be cancelled and instead they had an enjoyable morning at the Bowling Alley followed by a visit from Santa when the bus returned to the village. The Go-Kart Racing was enjoyed by the small number who were able to go but we now realise that a Saturday is not the best day for this type of outing and in future we will make alternative days and times.



Citizens Advice Bureau

The open sessions of Citizens Advice Bureau have now ceased but anyone wishing to have a consultation may still do so, on a Wednesday evening in the Drumahoe Primary School, by prior appointment. To make an appointment please 'phone/text 07890 824 156 or email: LManDerryCAB@citizensadvice.co.uk (for reasons of confidentiality you don't have to give personal details) and you will be contacted with a date and time for your appointment.

LADIES SWIMMING CLASSES



We are arranging to hold daytime swimming classes for ladies in Lisnagelvin Leisure Centre. Whether you are a swimmer, non-swimmer or someone who has previously swam but needs to re-built their confidence, then these sessions are for you. As the number of places is limited you need to reserve a place by contacting **Susan on 07730 506 467**. You will be advised of dates and times in due course.



DRUMAHOE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUBLIC MEETING *FUTURE NURSERY/PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE DRUMAHOE AREA*

**A meeting will be held
at 8:00 pm in the School Hall
on Tuesday 22nd March 2011**

Parents of Drumahoe P.S. & Drumahoe Community Playgroup as well as parents of prospective Pre-School pupils are warmly invited to attend a Public Meeting re: future pre-school provision in the Drumahoe community.

Parking will be available in both the School Car park and the former Faughan Valley/Lisneal site.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors Advice.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are not a regulatory requirement but the HSENI strongly recommends the use of audible carbon monoxide (CO) alarms as a useful back-up precaution. They must not be regarded as a substitute for proper installation and maintenance of gas appliances by a Gas Safe Registered engineer.

Please be aware that Carbon Monoxide can be produced by any fossil fuel burning appliance such as Wood, Coal, Oil and Gas (both LPG and Natural Gas).

Before purchasing a CO alarm, always ensure it complies with British Standard EN 50291 and carries a British or European approval mark, such as a Kitemark. CO alarms should be installed, checked and serviced in line with the manufacturer's instructions.

You can be particularly at risk from CO poisoning when you are asleep, because you may not be aware of early CO symptoms until it is too late. Having an audible CO alarm could wake you and save your life.

Precautions.

- Make sure rooms and heaters are well ventilated.
- Have your chimneys and flues checked regularly.
- Make sure boilers and heaters are maintained and serviced regularly.
- A Carbon Monoxide Detector will measure the concentration of Carbon Monoxide in a room and sound an alarm if the CO concentration is higher than permitted.
- Typical cost between £20 to 30 for a detector and are available from any good DIY suppliers/stores.
- Installation and usage instructions for the detectors will be supplied with the unit and should be followed carefully.

Most detectors will require replacement every 3 to 5 years (dependant on manufacturer) over a period of time please ensure that you read the manufacturers recommendations as relates to replacement intervals.



Use your blue bin. Derry City Council are making it easier for you to recycle. More can go into your blue bin.

- ◆ PAPER, CARDBOARD & CARD
- ◆ FOOD TINS, DRINK CANS, LARGE TINS & AEROSOLS
- ◆ CARTONS, PLASTIC BOTTLES, PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS
- ◆ MIXED TEXTILE & CLOTHING (Give charity shops first choice)
- ◆ SMALL APPLIANCES (e.g. Irons, Toasters, Mixers)
- ◆ BATTERIES

Blue Bins CANNOT take:

- Plastic raw meat trays
- Shredded Paper or plastic window envelopes
- Nappies
- Tissues
- T.V.s, microwaves, computer monitors, **NOTHING WITH GLASS**
- General rubbish, plastic bags or food waste
- Glass
- Continental quilt

It is very important that all plastic food containers are emptied and washed out before they are placed in the blue bin, **NO** trays that have held raw meat are permitted!

RECYCLING HELPLINE 028 7137 4107—Thank you for recycling!

In the next issue of the Community News (at the end of April) we hope to be able to provide details of a number of courses and events which the Association are planning.