



# Community News

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## Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner



*The D.C.A. senior citizens Christmas dinner will be held on*

***Thursday 24th November 2011***

***in Drumahoe Primary School.***

***doors open at 7:00pm dinner 7:30pm***

**Tickets (Seniors) £7.50**

**Other Guests £10.00**

***A four-course meal will be served  
followed by Music and Dancing***

***Music by Martin Boyle***

*Tickets may be purchased from*

***Jean brown (028) 7130 1716***

***(on or before Friday 18th Nov)***



***Tickets limited to 80 so early purchase is advisable***

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND VISIT BY SANTA



This year the Drumahoe Community Association in partnership with Drumahoe Primary School are having a Christmas Carol service and visit by Santa at 6.30p.m. on Tuesday 20th December.

We hope to encourage all residents of Drumahoe no matter what age to get together and spread the Christmas spirit.

### WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

Most people do not need to make a claim for Winter Fuel Payment because the Department for Work and Pensions should pay it automatically. Most of those aged 60-79 will get £200 instead of last year's £250. Those who are 80 or older will get £300 instead of £400 last year. (Amounts are per household). Payments will be made in November or December. If you have not received an automatic payment by the end of December, you should contact Citizens Advice Bureau Tel: 71362444 or 369401

### COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS

Social fund payments are available (paid automatically) for periods which are designated as periods of cold weather. Each postcode area of the country is linked to a weather station. This sends information on the temperature it forecasts/records for its own area to the Department for Work and Pensions. The weather station must either forecast or record an average daily temperature over seven consecutive days averaging 0°C or below. Payments are £25.00. Only people on certain Welfare Benefits will qualify.

# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO BALLYMENA



**on Saturday 26th November**

The bus will leave  
Drumahoe Primary School  
at 9:00am sharp  
and will depart Ballymena  
at 4:00pm

**Price £5 per person Bus Only  
or £13 for Bus & 2-course meal at Wots Cooking**

**As places are limited please contact  
Susan on 07730 506 467 to reserve a seat  
(on or before 19th November)**

## **Citizens Advice Bureau**

The open sessions of Citizens Advice Bureau have now ceased but anyone wishing to have a consultation may still do so by contacting CAB directly on Tel: 71362444 or 369401 or *email*: LManDerryCAB@citizensadvice.co.uk. If you are unable to attend the CAB office in Spencer Road, an appointment can be arranged locally at Drumahoe Primary School.

## **KEEP FIT CLASSES** (Tutor: Claire Lightowler)

Each Tuesday between 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost - £3 per night

*Organised by Drumahoe Primary School*





## Bus Shelters

We have contacted the council to discuss the possibility of bus shelters being placed at the following stops:-

Cost Cutters, Faughan Valley School, The Three Mile House and Faughan View Park.

***Can we ask for residents views on this mater ASAP ?***

Please contact a committee member directly or by email to [info@drumahoe .org](mailto:info@drumahoe.org)

## Parking on Footpaths

A number of residents within the Drumahoe area rely on wheel chairs to get around the village and find it increasingly difficult due to cars being parked on footpaths outside people's houses.

***Can we ask you all to consider other residents when parking vehicles outside your houses?***

## Winter Weather

We are in talks with the roads service at present to try and arrange a secure area within the village that grit can be left in times of severe weather for use by the residents of Drumahoe only. We are looking for people in different streets, estates etc to co-ordinate the distribution of grit for their own area. Anyone who would like to help can do so by leaving their details with Kyle on 07599 221176. We would ask all of our residents to ensure that the elderly and unwell neighbours are offered all help and assistance needed if we are hit with severe weather again this year.

