

Portballintrae News

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Portballintrae Residents' Association Annual General Meeting 3rd April 2010



*Official Opening Day of
Portballintrae Village Hall*

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Portballintrae Residents' Association will be held on Saturday 3rd April at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. All paid-up members of the Association are eligible to vote. The annual dues are £5 and must be paid before the start of the AGM. If you are a fully paid-up member and would like to stand for a place on the general committee or be elected as an office bearer you must notify the Association no later than 1st March 2010 in writing or by e-mail. State your name, address in Portballintrae and contact details. You must be willing and able to attend at least 60% of regular meetings and be available to attend a minimum of 3 general committee meetings throughout the year.

Use the nomination/membership form on page 3.

There are also 4 amendments to the association constitution that will be tabled for a vote at this meeting. They are:

- 1: The AGM must be held within 15 months of the previous year versus only in April.
- 2: All members' subscriptions must be paid by the 1st March preceding the AGM.
- 3: Anyone wishing to be an Office Bearer or sit on the general committee must be a fully paid-up member for at least 1 year.
- 4: The accounting year will run from 1st January through

For more information call Suzanne Mortimer at 2073 2685 or Joyce Rankin 2073 2922.

Regular April Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Portballintrae Residents' Association will be held immediately following the AGM. All residents full and part-time are encouraged to attend. Come with your concerns or just to find out what's new. Tea/Coffee will be served.



2009 in Pictures

Last year was full of many firsts for Portballintrae. We saw the opening of our new Village Hall; our first local Art show; our first Hallowe'en Festival Parade and our first Christmas Pageant and procession. The Portballintrae Residents' Association would like to thank everyone involved: Alderman Toye Black, Councillor Robert McPherson, Mayor Sandy Gilkinson, Coleraine Borough Council, The Bayview Hotel, Bushmills Inn, Portballintrae's Your Store, Ballytober Primary School, Victor Scott and the Glebe View Clydesdales, and all the volunteers and attendees. If I have left anyone out it is only because of space. We look forward to a new and promising year and hope to see you at one of the many interesting and fun upcoming events.

Upcoming Village Hall Events

Saturday 13th February

Arts and Craft Fair

Featuring local artisans from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. You will find everything from oil paintings to jewellery and much more. Refreshments are available and entry is free!

Photo workshop with renowned North Coast Photographer Art Ward

This hands-on workshop will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All you need is an appreciation of the beauty of the area and a willingness to have a go. The workshop's atmosphere will be supportive for photographers of all levels. Cameras can be supplied. Also - if anyone has an old gem of an image that they'd be happy to share, please bring it along and we can help to scan it for posterity!

Line Dancing & Light Supper in aid of Haiti Disaster Relief

Get your cowboy boots on and get ready for a rousing good time! Entry is £5 with all profits going to the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 6th March

Celebrate World Friendship Day

The Causeway Coast Friendship Force & Portballintrae Residents Association present a musical afternoon with the award winning **River City Chorus** from Exeter along with two local accomplished singers: Neil McKeown and Natasha Spence. There will be something for everyone: Country, Pop, Spirituals and much more. The concert runs from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. with doors opening at 3 p.m. Entry is £5. For more information call Suzanne Mortimer at 2073 2685.



"Picture This! Portballintrae"

"Picture This! Portballintrae" is helping the Causeway AONB celebrate 20 years of its designation as an area of outstanding natural beauty. The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and locally based company Awakin would like to thank the kind and generous contributions of Portballintrae Residents and Bushmills Primary School for their participation in 'Picture This! Portballintrae' - a short project celebrating Portballintrae's unique environment, people and heritage through picture. If you'd like to see the fruits of this project please search out 'Portballintrae Picture This' on Facebook. The project will also be highlighted through the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust website www.ccght.org in the near future.

Change to March Meeting

To help Bushmills Sure Start, The Portballintrae Residents' Association has agreed to change the March monthly meeting time to 8 March 2010 at 3 p.m. As usual, the meeting is open to all.

Calling all Weight Watchers

With the days beginning to get shorter thoughts naturally turn to the summer. Will you be ready to get into that swimsuit? We are hoping to bring Weight Watchers to the Village Hall. We only need a total of 20 people to start. You can call Joyce at 2073 2922 or Suzanne at 2073 2685 to express your interest. There is also a sign up sheet in the hall.

Wednesday Night is Keep Fit Night! Mixed ability circuit training



Portballintrae Village Hall
Every Wednesday Night
7p.m. to 8 p.m.
Contact Shirley Jackson
07837 888986
£ 4 per session

Portballintrae Pilates Update

When Pilates classes started in the Village Hall in September 2009 I had no idea how it would go. We now have a group of around 15 to 20 from the village and surrounding area. The programme is easy to follow and fun to do and everyone has noticed a difference in their flexibility, posture and strength. One unexpected bonus is the feeling of belonging to a vibrant community--we have a cuppa and chat after the class and new friendships have formed. The facilities are great--clean, warm and welcoming. Jimmy does a magnificent job. Join us-- we meet 10.30 a.m. every Thursday. Beginners are made welcome and the programme is adaptable for every age and ability. My thanks to everyone who has supported our new venture and stayed to benefit from this world-renowned exercise programme. Contact me, Pat Montgomery, at 07762891833.

Scottish Country Dance Classes

Every Monday night from 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Beginners are welcome and all that is needed is something light on the feet. No partner is necessary so come and enjoy a fantastic way to exercise and meet other dancers enjoying the fun. Contact May Rooney at 7035 2050 or Anne McLaughlin 2073 1063

Security Notice

It is important that when you are away from your home in Portballintrae for a length of time, arrange to have a neighbour remove mail or parcels such as yellow pages from your doorstep.

If you see any suspicious behaviour or in an emergency call the PSNI at 999.

For non-emergencies call 0845 600 8000
When reporting vandalism or other incidents ask for an Incident Number.

New Art Class/Art Exhibit

Starting Wednesday 11th February at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. The Art and photography sale are planned for the weekend of 21st August 2010. Anyone interested in attending the class or exhibiting at the sale contact Suzanne Mortimer on 2073 2685. It is a great opportunity for all our local talent to show their work and it was a very successful event last year. Volunteers would also be appreciated.

Portballintrae Residents' Association Membership/Nomination Form

Name:

Address in Portballintrae:

Contact Telephone

Email:

Check as many as apply:

Dues for 2010 year enclosed (£5 per member)

I am currently a member of the Association

I am submitting my name for a place on the General Committee

I am submitting my name for nomination as an Office Bearer (Please state which office you would like to be considered for and any qualifications)

For Membership/Dues ONLY send to: Treasurer, 15 Benbane Park, Portballintrae BT57 8RP

For all others submit to: Secretary, 34 Benbane Park, Portballintrae, BT57 8RP

Support your local businesses

Bayview HOTEL

Live music every Friday and Saturday nights. Stop by and see the newly renovated Porthole Bar and Restaurant with one of the most spectacular sea views on the whole of the Causeway Coast. Call 028 2073 4100 for reservations/more information.



Located in the Main Car Park next to the Portballintrae Village Hall. We are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. We have everything you need from newspapers, milk, bread and even local free-range eggs.



As of October 2009 the Bushmills Inn is the first hotel on the Causeway Coast to be awarded 4 stars by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board. From inglenook turf fires to hayloft snugs, there's something to find behind every door – a secret just waiting to be unlocked. The welcome is warm and the fire always lit. So pull up a chair, there's always room for a friend. Call 028 2073 3000 for more information.



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