

Portballintrae News

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PORTBALLINTRAE VILLAGE HALL IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



It has taken many years and some said it would never happen, but the day has finally come when Portballintrae has a meeting place to call its own. The state-of-the-art building includes many ecologically advanced features such as a biomass heating system, solar panels, low energy lighting system and a living roof. The 150-seat hall can be subdivided by means of a movable wall. The meeting room, with flat screen TV, holds up to 30 people. There is also wi-fi throughout the building and a wireless audio system with loop. Other features include mothers' and fathers' baby changing facilities.

The building was constructed under the supervision and funding programmes of Coleraine Borough Council and with a grant of £200,000 from the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council through the European Union (EU) Building Sustainable Prosperity Programme.

Council support was the key in getting this project realized. "At Council we recognise the importance of such centres to the residents of the Borough; they are the hearts of every community stated Mayor of Coleraine, Cllr Sandy Gilkinson. I am pleased that the new Portballintrae Village Hall is fully functional and now up and running, it is great to see an initiative that the community has worked so hard to make happen finally come to fruition."

Alex Carmichael, director of Leisure Services for Coleraine Borough Council said, "We are delighted with this new state of the art community centre, with its many environmental features and hope that it brings many good years of service to the local community."

The Northern Ireland Rural Development Council,

which first involved Portballintrae in the Vibrant Villages Programme in 2005, was an integral part in funding the project, but also provided support through a programme of public consultation, with the result that the design of the centre brought back a much needed facility by incorporating a shop for the village. Eamon McMullan, RDC said: "It is great to see what an excellent facility has been provided here in Portballintrae thanks to the hard work of Portballintrae Residents' Association, in Partnership with Coleraine Borough Council. We are proud to have supported Portballintrae Residents Association in this development and look forward to hearing of their continued success as the building becomes available to the local community for classes, community activities and meetings and hope that that it contributes to the development of a vibrant community in Portballintrae over the years to come."

In the weeks to come there will be classes which will include arts and crafts, photography and exercise sessions just to name a few. We are also looking to hold quarterly village meetings on the weekends so that everyone can come and get involved in community issues.

Ian Binnie, chairman of the Portballintrae Residents' Association said, "We are delighted that the village hall is now complete and will shortly be available for use. It will be wonderful to have a proper home for the Residents' Association and for other groups to use for their meetings."

Coleraine Borough Council and the Rural Development Council are planning an official opening day ceremony in the near future to include fun for the entire family.

Keep an eye out for more details.



Your Store Opening in June!

“Your Store” to Open Soon

It has been more than 15 years since the last shop closed in the village and we are more than proud to announce that there will be a very useful and well-priced grocery store opening in the next few weeks. Coleraine Borough Council has awarded Joseph McLaughlin the lease to operate a shop in the space which will be open 7 days a week from 8.00 AM to 9.00 PM. The store is part of the YOUR STORE chain, which operates throughout Belfast and England.

They are more than happy to take special orders and are planning to have a home delivery service. With the prices of petrol going ever higher, it is nice to now that we no longer have to leave Portballintrae to do a shopping or just get a pint of milk. Your Store is here for you.

Portballintrae CSSM

Portballintrae is an idyllic place. Peaceful, tranquil, serene... And then CSSM comes to town! All of a sudden wacky games, silly songs and bright colours seem to take over!

CSSM (Children's Special Service Mission) is a fortnight-long children's holiday mission run by Scripture Union. It's been happening in Portballintrae for many years, and the team are always made to feel very welcome.

CSSM provides a great environment for children from the ages of 4 - 18 to meet friends and take part in so many activities during their summer holidays, but most importantly it aims to teach children and young people more about Jesus Christ and communicates the Bible message in a fun and relevant way.

This year, CSSM runs from the 5th to the 17th July. Our first event will take place at 6.30 PM on Sunday 5th at the new Village Hall in Portballintrae.

Children and families are very welcome. Keep your eye open for posters and leaflets with all the information for the various age groups during the fortnight.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST CHANCE TO SEE THE NEW HALL

Village Hall Information Day
4 July 2009 12 to 2.30 PM

The Portballintrae Residents Association is holding an open day on the 4th July 2009. Come along and take a tour of this beautiful new building and find out about upcoming events and classes. There will be face painting for the kids, a photo exhibit about Portballintrae, a solar telescope, a portable planetarium and talks on the history of the village.

You will be able to sign up to use the hall for your event or group as well as sign up to join some of the groups that are starting such as art and crafts workshops, photography groups, yoga classes, and exercise classes including pilates.

We also want to hear what type of events you would like to see held in the village. It promises to be an informative afternoon.

Portballintrae Residents' Association New Committee for 2009-2010

The Portballintrae Residents' Association is pleased to announce the new office bearers and general committee members for the following year:

Chairman	Ian Binnie
Vice-Chairman	Joyce Rankin
Secretary	Suzanne Mortimer
Treasurer	Brian Beesley

Also members of the General Committee are:

Sandra Conn, Kerrie Laverty, Martin MacLaine, Fran Milligan, Gail Morrow, and Alastair Rankin.

Any full or part time residents of Portballintrae, including caravan owners, are eligible to join the Association.

The membership fee is only £5 per person.

To join contact the treasurer, Brian Beesley by Email at: bjb@bbhvig.uklinux.net or use the form on the last page.

Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7.30 PM. We are also going to try and hold a Saturday quarterly meeting to reach our part-time residents.

Our next meeting will be held in the meeting room at the new Village Hall on 14 September 2009 at 7.30 PM.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Exercise your Body and your Imagination

This fall you can give yourself a real workout. The Portballintrae Village Hall will be the venue for many exciting clubs, classes and events.

Art classes with Penny Ramalho are to be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM there will be an art club. There is no pressure just come along and create with fellow artists. Come to the Open Day on the 4th July and Suzanne Mortimer can tell you more. Or you can call her at 028 20732685 or secretary@portballintrae.net.

For a more physical workout, Pat Montgomery, a fully qualified Pilates Instructor, has been teaching health related fitness, including exercise to music, strength and tone classes, and Pilates for about 20 years. The Pilates programme is suitable for all abilities and it soon becomes an integral part of your fitness regime. Pat is looking to start classes in September on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and will consider evening classes if there is demand.

If you are interested come sign up on Open day, 4th July or contact her at 07762891833 or Email p_j_montgomery@hotmail.com.

Portballintrae Village Hall Charges & Booking Info

The charges are as follows:

Main Hall	£5 per hour
Main Hall (Profit Making)	£10 per hour
Committee/Meeting Room	£1.50 per hour

Please note: Kitchen is included in your Booking Charge

Maximum Room No's

Main Hall	150
Committee Room	20 – 30

To make a booking or more info contact: Joanne Stewart, Coleraine Borough Council; Tel: 028 7034 7234

Portballintrae Grass Cutting Disposal Service

Every Saturday from 8.30 to 11 AM until the end of August, Coleraine Borough Council will have a truck at the main car park to pick up your grass cuttings. We want to thank Tommy Neill and the Technical Services department for providing this free service.

Portballintrae ProBus Club

The Club was founded in 1993 and is closely associated with Ballymoney Rotary Club. It currently has 38 members who meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, except during July and August, at Bushfoot Golf Club.

Meetings commence at 11 AM with tea and coffee available from 10.30 AM.

For further information please contact:

Philip Browne 14 Bushfoot Rd, Portballintrae
BT57 8RR Tel: 028 207 31615

James Milligan 18 Bushfoot Rd, Portballintrae
BT57 8RR Tel: 028 207 31868

Mike Meyler 56 Bayhead Rd, Portballintrae
BT57 8SA Tel: 028 207 31211

Local Artist Sale in Village Hall



Portballintrae Residents' Association is staging a one-day sale of Irish Art on **Saturday 22nd August 2009** from 11 AM to 4 PM.

The vast majority of the 80 - 100 pieces of artwork on sale are by very accomplished and accredited artists many of whom are from North Antrim including James McKendry, Edith McClelland, Eamonn F. Murphy, Michelle Carlin, J P Rooney, Sam McLarnon, Donal McNaughton, David Wight, Harry McMahan, Nicholas Finn, David Howes, Derek McAfee, Nigel Allison, Shipley Ramalho, Suzanne Mortimer, Marie Carroll, Sam Dolman and many others.

There will also be a raffle to win a painting by the popular artist Michelle Carlin.

A selection of the pieces of artwork can be viewed at www.longmountaingallery.com. This is a buy and take event.

All proceeds from the raffle along with a portion of the art sales will help fund a portable stage for the village hall. For more information contact Suzanne Mortimer at 028 2073 2685.

Mark you calendar for some fun in Portballintrae

Now that we have the new hall, we are looking forward to a lot of family fun events over the new few months. Plan to attend the **Portballintrae 4th annual Hallowe'en Festival** on **the 30th and 31st of October 2009**. There will be 2 whole days of fun and prizes and of course the spectacular Fireworks Display over the Harbour sponsored by the Bayview Hotel.



Also mark the **12th December** for our **Christmas Tree Lighting Party**, which this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. Santa may even have a few surprises in bag for you!

There will be more information and complete programme schedules in the next **Portballintrae News** that will be available in September.

Manor House B&B

51 Beach Road
Portballintrae
BT57 8RT
Phone:
028 2073 2002

www.portballintrae.com

Established Guesthouse on the seafront with five en-suite family bedrooms, all modernised to a high standard. Most bedrooms and the dining room have uninterrupted sea views of the Atlantic Ocean.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC Exhibition

Wednesday July 1st - Sunday 5th 2009

DUNLUCE PARISH CENTRE Priestland Road, Bushmills

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
July 1	2 - 5pm	5 - 7 - 9pm			
July 2	2 - 5pm	5 - 7 - 9pm			
July 3	2 - 5pm	5 - 7 - 9pm			
July 4	11am - 4pm				
July 5	2 - 5pm				

Adults £2
Children Free

For more information
028 2073 0537
028 2073 1221
email admin@portballintrae.com

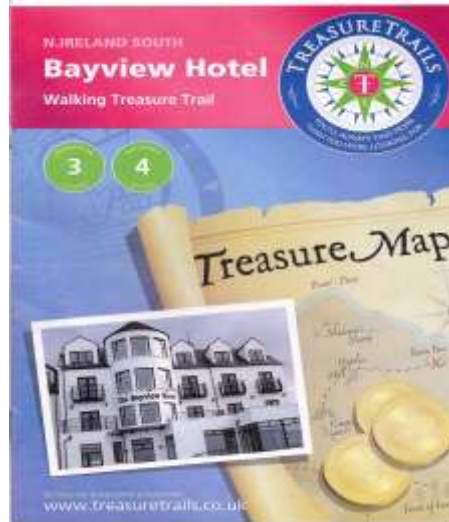
Proceeds to Christian Aid projects and Church Renovation Fund

Put Yourself in the News

Portballintrae News and Portballintrae.net, the website, are for and about the village. If you would like to publicise your groups' events or your business, we are offering the opportunity to be included on the website and/or the newsletter. It can be as simple as a link or a full display ad. For more information call Joyce Rankin at 028 2073 2922 or e-mail info@portballintrae.net

Bayview Hotel is a real treasure

The Bayview Hotel is sponsoring a treasure trail with the proceeds to go to the Caring Caretaker in Coleraine. The trail is approximately 4 miles and runs from the village through the golf course to Bushmills ending at the Distillery.



Cost per entry is £5 and the prize is an all-inclusive weekend (not including drinks) at the Bayview.

The draw will be held in October. It is suitable for the entire family so come out and support the Bayview and the Caring Caretaker.

Call 028 2073 4100 for your map or get in online at www.treasuretrails.co.uk

Bayview Hotel Entertainment Schedule

June 27th Johnny T

July 4th John McGrath

July 11th Jason McAllister

July 12th Kevin Hughes

July 18th Johnny T

July 25th Tom Laverty

And watch out for some traditional music nights throughout the summer weeks.

Also our Face Book social web site can be accessed if you are a member of Face Book; it's a fun site and a great way of keeping in touch with friends throughout the world!

Dunluce Presbyterian Church

Sunday morning services during July and August will be at 11.00 a.m and tea/coffee and biscuits will be served in the church hall following the services.

There will be no evening service in the church, but a joint Epilogue Service will be held in the Dunluce Parish Centre from 9.00 to 9.30 p.m. each Sunday evening.

Portballintrae Residents' Association Membership Form

Name:

Portballintrae address:

Home address (if different from above)

Contact Telephone:

Email:

Enclose £5 per person--Make cheques payable to Portballintrae Residents' Association and send to: Treasurer, Portballintrae Residents' Association, 15

The **Portballintrae News** will be available for pickup at local tourist boards, the Bayview Hotel, Manor House B&B, Bushmills Post Office, select local newsagents and the Portballintrae Village Hall. (Supplies limited)

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