



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter, we hope that it will prove a useful resource for local groups to let people know what they're planning and also keep you up-to-date with what events others in the area are running.

If you would like to contribute an article about your group or an event you have recently run for our next newsletter, which will be published in December, email it to curg@btconnect.com.

Coleraine Ulster Scots Centre Trip to Monreagh

Over 50 adults and children enjoyed the recent visit to Monreagh Ulster Scots Heritage Centre, Greenan Fort, Inch Island and the Famine Village at Doagh Island organised by Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre.

At Monreagh, centre manager Dr Brendan Scott, told of the impact of the Plantation on Co. Donegal and the legacy of Ulster Scots emigrants to nations such as the United States of America. Local historian, George Dallas, accompanied the group and gave an insight of the history of many of the places along the route, including Ballykelly, Eglinton, and Londonderry.



What's On

Sat 24 Sept	Bus Trip to Enniskillen Castle & Museum. For further details contact Blaugh LOL 256
Tues 27 Sept @ 8pm	KJB - The Book That Changed The World Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre
Fri 14 Oct	Gospel Concert in Coleraine Town Hall. For further details contact Ballinrees LOL 1032
Sat 15 Oct	Bus Trip to Somme Heritage Centre & the Ulster Museum. For further details contact Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre
Sat 15 Oct	Auction in Blaugh Orange Hall at 12 noon
Thur 27 Oct	Charity Concert in Ballywillan Orange Hall. In aid of Coleraine Coronary Care Unit. For further information contact Ballywillan Cultural Group
Sat 29 Oct	BBQ in the Coronation Club, Ballyrashane. For further details contact Coleraine WLOL 78
6 - 11 Nov	Gospel Mission (various venues) organised by Co. Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge.
Sat 26 Nov	BBQ in the Coronation Club, Ballyrashane. For further details contact Eden Accordion Band

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Coleraine Twelfth Festival enjoyed another successful year with numbers up at all events. On Friday 8th July organiser's welcomed a junior Lodge from Canada who were visiting Northern Ireland to the festival. As part of their visit the children enjoyed a visit to Dunluce Castle with some of the local children taking part in the festival. The Mayor, Ald. Maurice Bradley, welcomed them to the Mayor's Parlour and they finished the day off at the family fun evening in Christie Park before heading back to Bangor.



Co. Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge Gospel Mission 6th - 11th November 2011

Sunday 6th - Rev. Joseph Andrews, Terrace Row Presbyterian Church, Coleraine - **GOD**

Monday 7th - Rev. Gareth Stewart, Ardinariff Orange Hall - **SIN**

Tuesday 8th - Rev. Raymond Devenney, Main Street Presbyterian Church Hall, Garvagh - **GRACE**

Wednesday 9th - Rev. Keith McIntyre, 1st Magherafelt Presbyterian Church - **FAITH**

Thursday 10th - Rev. Raymond Kelly, Maghera Presbyterian Church - **REPENTANCE**

Friday 11th - Rev. Alistair Smyth, Tobermore Orange Hall - **THE LAST THINGS**

Bannside Fife and Lambeg Drumming Club

Bannside Drumming Club has been working in the Coleraine area for about 10 years to preserve the fifeing and Lambeg drumming tradition. The sound of the Lambeg was in danger of being lost completely in the area with the last drums being played about fifty years ago by drummers accompanying Blaugh LOL 256. These drums are still kept by the Lodge in Blaugh Orange Hall.

The club, formed by William (Tubes) McIntyre, Willie McFetridge and Peter Crawford, now practice in Killowen Orange Hall and run classes in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre.



Members of the club have enjoyed great success in Lambeg & fifeing circles and congratulations go to Mark 'Rocky' Roxborough and Steven Collins who won first place at a recent competition, attended by fifers and drummers from all over the province,

organised by Ballymarlow Fife and Lambeg Drumming Club.

Ulster Scots Summer School

Coleraine Festival Committee ran a very successful summer school in the Ulster Scots Resource Centre at the beginning of August.



Approximately 25 children, ranging in age from 6 - 16 years, took part in a variety of cultural activities. In addition to accordion, tin whistle, bagpipe, fife and Lambeg drum lessons,

there was also Scottish Country dancing and they enjoyed history & drama with local historian George Dallas. At the end of the scheme the children put on a concert, The King's Feast, for parents and friends where they showed off their newly learnt skills. On Wednesday 3rd they travelled to Omagh for a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park. The children were so keen to continue learning about their culture and heritage that a Saturday morning club is now running in the centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm every week. For further details phone Joanne on 70359412.



TARTAN TALK

The links between Ulster and Scotland stretch back to earliest times when the people who made their home at Moundsandel are believed to have made the short sea crossing from Jura. The land at this time would have been heavily wooded and these hunter-gatherers, travelling up the river, probably chose the site because the nearby river would provide an abundant supply of food. Evidence of the earliest known human settlement in Ireland, dating from about 7000 B.C., was excavated from the site in the 1970's.

