



NEWSLETTER

December 2011

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter, we had intended publishing quarterly but we decided we'd push out an other issue before Christmas due to the fantastic response to our September edition. We'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

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 March, email it to curg@btconnect.com.

Coleraine Ulster Scots Centre Trip to the Ulster Museum and Somme Heritage Centre

Saturday 5th November, a beautiful Autumn day, was a particularly poignant time of year for a visit to the Somme Heritage Centre in Newtownards. This was a very moving trip where the exhibits told of the horror endured by the young men who fought at the Battle of the Somme. Conditions in the trenches must have been horrific and it made the sacrifice made by the troops very real when standing at the cenotaph later in the week.

On the way through Belfast we stopped at the Ulster Museum and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were in agreement that we would of needed a lot more time to get round everything.



What's On

Wed 7th Dec at 8pm	The 'B' Specials - a talk by Oliver Gibson in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre
Sat 17th Dec 11am-3.30pm	Tea/coffee, scone, mince pie & shortbread £3 Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre
Fri 30th Dec at 8pm	New Year's Ceilidh - music by the Keynotes Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre Tickets £5 including supper
Fri 20th Jan at 7.30pm	Burn's Night in Kilrea Orange Hall with the Grousebeaters & Stuart Buchanan. £10 including supper. Contact Billy 07976974132
January (date to be confirmed)	Londonderry District No.1 LOL Burn's Supper in ABOD Memorial Hall, Londonderry. Contact Colin for details colin05campbell@btinternet.com

*To include your event in our next issue ring 70359412
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Kid's Saturday Club



After the successful summer school in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre it was agreed to start a Saturday Club for the kids to learn more about their history and rich cultural heritage. Every Saturday morning from 10.30am the children enjoy history & drama, arts & crafts, music including Lambeg drumming, accordion & tin-whistle and a bit of Scottish Country dancing.

They are also learning to speak Ulster Scots and are busy working towards their Christmas concert which will be on Friday 16th December.

If you'd like more information ring the centre on 028 70359412.

2012 Music & Dance Tuition

Flute & Drum

Ballywillan Flute Band - Tuesdays @ 7pm. Contact Andrew on 02870834969 for further details.

Ballinteer Flute Band - Mondays from 13th February. Contact Edward on 07752798060 for further details.

Glenkeen Fife & Drum Band - Wednesdays @ 7.30pm. Contact Alan on 07745189586 for further details.

Aghanloo Flute Band - Mondays @ 7.30pm. Contact Alan on 07909951652 for further details.

Pride of the Bann Flute Band - Mondays @ 7pm. Contact any member of the band for further details.

Castleroe Star of the Bann Flute Band - Mondays. Contact Mark on 07565096373 for further details.

Ballysally Cultural Group - Tuesdays @ 7.30pm. Contact Helen on 07858518005 for further details.

Accordion

Blackhill Accordion Band - Wednesdays @ 7.30pm. Contact George on 07789705057 for further details.

Eden Accordion Band - Mondays. Contact Louise on 07546287567 for further details.

Bagpipes

Ballinrees Pipe Band - Tuesdays @ 7.30pm. Contact Jack on 02870356964 for further details.

Lambeg Drum & Fife

Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre, Wednesdays @ 8pm

Scottish Country Dance (Adults)

Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre, Thursdays @ 8pm

Scottish Highland Dance (Children)

Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre, Wednesdays 2.30pm & 3.30pm. Contact Joanne on 02870359412 or 07814264584.



The Wee Lads & Lassies meet every Saturday in the Eden Orange Hall outside Bendooragh where they learn to play accordion, tin whistle and fiddle. They are also learning to speak the Ulster Scots language and a bit of Scottish dancing too!

There are about 20 children ranging in age from 5 - 14 years and they have been performing together as a group for two years, having appeared at Coleraine Twelfth Festival and many other local concerts. If you would like further information contact Louise on 07546287567

TARTAN TALK

One of the most famous battle units in American history is the Original Stonewall Brigade - trained and first led by Gen. Thomas J. Jackson, himself of Scots-Irish lineage, the Stonewall Brigade had a makeup and personality unique among Confederate units, it is estimated that at least 40 percent of its members were of Scots-Irish descent. John Jackson, the general's great-grandfather was born in Coleraine around 1716 and emigrated to America in 1748.

