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Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

COLIN NEWS

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Paul Rankin Visits
St Colm's School

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Colin News. In this newsletter we aim to promote the good work and positive initiatives happening in the Colin Community.

The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership along with community organisations, representatives and government bodies work together to address the issues which affect the lives of the people living in our community.

The Vision for Colin

“A neighbourhood, where people are happy to live, play, work and study. A community where families feel safe, people are respected, supported and where the achievements of local people are celebrated “

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COLIN CARE RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The Social Economy Project Colin Care has been approved for inclusion on the EHSSB Approved List For The Provision Of Domiciliary Care. This is great news for the new care company.

Care co-ordinator Mrs Phyllis McQuillan explained how this achievement has benefited the company and the community,

“As we are now on the approved list of carers we will be taking on a lot more care packages. As a result we will be employing more staff which means more jobs for the Colin community. These extra care packages allow us to train our staff at a higher level including NVQ level two in Care and there is also room for promotion within the company, as two members of staff have taken on a mentoring role for new staff.”

Annie Armstrong, chairperson of the Colin Health For All Subgroup explained that this accreditation allows them to provide a first class care service for the Colin community.

“Colin Care is very much community based as they employ local people to care for local people. This is very important as their elderly or vulnerable clients can feel safe as they may know the people caring for them as they live in their local area. This also creates more jobs in Colin and in turn will help to boost the local economy. Colin Care is a not-for-profit company and therefore all of their earnings go back into the community.”

To find out more about Colin Care contact Phyllis Mc Quillan on 02890 623813 or write to us at Colin Care Project, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Unit 4, The Colin Centre, Stewartstown Road, Belfast BT17 0AW



MAJOR FUNDING FOR THE COLIN AREA



(L-R) Tim Duffy Colin Glen Trust, Jonathan Craig (Lisburn Mayor), David Hanson Minister for Social Development, Ciaran Sheehan Chairman CNP, Jim Carlin CNP on a visit to the Colin Area the Minister for Social Development David Hanson announced funding for a number of projects in the Colin Area.

PROJECTS BEING FUNDED

- New play equipment in Lagmore **£39,500**
- A new multi-use games area at White's Rise **£265,900**
- Work to improve the appearance of sites associated with anti-social behaviour including Colin Glen Forest Park and the Colin Valley Golf Club **£90,825**
- Four community development workers for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership **£133,474**
- The appointment of a specialist consultant to complete a feasibility study for the proposed creation of a town centre for the Colin area **£150,000**

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR LAGMORE DRIVE

Lagmore Community Development Partnership has been given funding for a much needed new playground in Lagmore Drive.

This facility will benefit children living in the Glendowan, Altan and Fox's Glen housing estates as well as those whose parents are participating in the nearby Surestart programme.

Father John Forsythe, Christ the Redeemer Parish explained that the play park will be primarily aimed at 0 - 3 years olds. It will be an educational/ play facility where children from the nearby playgroups can come together to play and learn in a supervised and safe environment. The park will include slides, swings, and education activities with a special emphasis placed on ownership for the children so that they feel that the park belongs to them.

POLEGLASS ABC

Poleglass Amateur Boxing Club has devised a 3 year Sports Development Plan from January 2006 to January 2009. The plan outlines the vision that members of the club and residents of the Colin Area have to influence sports and community development in Colin.

Poleglass ABC has a vision to be recognised as the premier junior boxing club in Ulster, successfully competing at all levels of amateur competition.

The boxing club has now outgrown the small unit that they have been using at an old horse stable in the Poleglass Area for the past ten years. Poleglass ABC wants to develop a state of the art indoor and outdoor Community Health facility on land that they have secured at the Sally Gardens Community Centre.

The new facility will incorporate a fully equipped

training gym, Health & Fitness suite and accommodation for showering and a Committee/Training Room. The facility will have dual use as a boxing club and a local health suite, providing a whole range of sports training and fitness activities aimed at boxing development to competition level and Health & Fitness for the wider community.

Jim Carlin, Manager of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership said;

“We would like to commend the local boxing club in their efforts and success at putting this impressive Sports Development Plan together. It is clear that this proposal will benefit the whole Colin area and improve sporting facilities for the community. We have worked closely with the boxing club over the last year and were very impressed with the level of sporting achievement that they have reached. We have no doubt that with the work carried out around this development plan they will accomplish all of their sporting goals.”



(L-R) Jim Carlin CNP, Stephen Trainer Sports Council, Charlie Brown Poleglass ABC, Pete Brady Poleglass ABC, Martin Brady Poleglass ABC, Ralph McKay Poleglass ABC, Angela Nelson Sinn Fein

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE YOUTH CLUB

Our Lady Queen Of Peace Youth Club began one year ago in March 2005. The Youth Club opened in November 05; now has over 150 members, with average nightly attendance standing at 105 young people aged 10yrs and older. The club operates from OLQP Parish Centre 7.30 - 9.30pm on Tuesdays. Activities include pool, snooker, table tennis, play station games; art and craft; dance mats, music, computers etc.

Our Lady Queen Of Peace Youth Group have currently received funding through Sports Relief and are undertaking 5 sessions of football coaching for U14 male members. They have been joined by members from Saints Youth Club in order to lay solid foundations for good partnership working in the area. The 17 young males attend the coaching on Tuesday nights at St Luke's Multi Use Games Area in Twinbrook. An IFA registered coach, Tanya Watson from Twinbrook, is delivering the coaching and Ken Duncan of IFA has also been supportive of this local initiative.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in the youth club, contact the parish office for more information. 90616300.



Funding Information Evening

Attention all Community Groups, Sports Clubs and Schools.

Is your group in need of some valuable financial assistance to help deliver it's sporting programmes ?

Are you unsure of how to go about tapping into these resources ?

Would you like to find out exactly what type of projects your local council will help fund ?

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES** then why not come along to a

“Funding Information Evening”

Come and listen to representatives from all the relevant funding bodies :

On Monday 26th June 2006 in Brook Activity Centre 7pm - 9pm

What have you got to lose ? Only money !!

COLIN SUMMER FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and Lisburn City Council are organising a Colin Festival of Sport which will be held on the week of 14th - 18th August 2006.

The aim of the Festival is to get as many children (boys and girls) as possible aged 8 - 13 years to the Brook Activity Centre for 1 week to compete in a variety of indoor and outdoor sports

This will involve structured competitions, including Soccer, Gaelic, Camogie, Hurling etc.

At the end of the week a presentation of prizes will be made to the winners of competitions. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event or to find out more information please contact Kevin Madden on 07813890504



ST LUKES CELEBRATION GARDEN



The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has recently secured funding from Belfast Regeneration Office (Outer West Team) and the Common Ground consortium for a Celebration and Reflection Garden. The artist, Mr Ross Wilson is currently working with the Primary 7 children from St Luke's Primary School on designing a portrait of the sculptures head.

Ross explained, "This is an opportunity to allow the children to use their imagination and generate ideas on what they think the young contemporary sculpture of St Luke should look like. Each child produced a small individual portrait and the class is now in the process

of painting a large 4ft x 4ft final portrait. This exercise allows the children to identify with the Sculpture and the Garden as they have had an input into designing it."

Mr Gerry Newton, teacher of the P7 class working on the portrait explained how this project was benefiting the children.

"The children have really come to appreciate the hard work that is put into a project like this and are delighted that they have been involved in something that will be in the school for many years to come. They now have a real sense of ownership towards the statue of St Luke as they are contributing towards a project that will benefit the whole community."

Anyone who wishes to take part in this project by offering a handmade heart containing a symbol or a line from a poem or prayer remembering their loved one please contact Annie Armstrong at 90623813

ST COLMS - ROTARY CLUB

INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNER

Charlene O'Hara, a year 14 student at St Colm's High School was one of the winners of the Rotary youth development leadership competition which enabled her to visit the European Parliament.

Charlene along with the other winners and leaders met in Dublin in the European parliament offices to be given a formal send off by Eoin Ryan. After travelling to Paris and spending the day there, she set off for Strasbourg.

To begin the session Charlene and the rest of the group were addressed by the President of the European Union. After a question and answers session everyone broke into working groups made up of representatives from each country. As elected chairperson she had to over see the debate and write up a report.

Charlene said, "Looking back on the trip it was an amazing opportunity, and I feel it was a great privilege to represent my country and my community on such a level."

LANGUAGE BAGS

Naiscoil na Fuiseoige in Twinbrook is working with various other organisations to tackle speech and language problems for pre-school children.

There are still too many children waiting to be assessed for speech therapy in NI, the Commission for Children and Young People has warned. It said 2,000 were still waiting for assessment, while 3,500 who had received recommendations for therapy had not yet begun treatment. In one area of NI, the delay between diagnosis and treatment is two years.

In order to tackle this very serious problem Baxter International Foundation funding through the Royal Group of Hospitals, Naiscoil na Fuiseoige and Down & Lisburn Trust Speech and Language Therapists have developed a bi-lingual speech and language programme through Irish for Pre school children.

Speech and language help for bi-lingual children has always proven difficult. The schemes used through the medium of English are not easily transferable into another language to still remain effective.

Staff have been trained and resources have been produced to enable parents to participate in the scheme in their own homes.

OFF LICENCE CAMPAIGN

The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and all local Off Licences have agreed a 'Code of Practice for Off Licences' outlining strict guidelines which they will adhere to.

The Charters will be prominently displayed in every Off Licence in the Colin Area to deter underage drinkers and to encourage and remind staff that they have the right to turn customers away if they are underage or are suspected to be supplying children with alcohol.

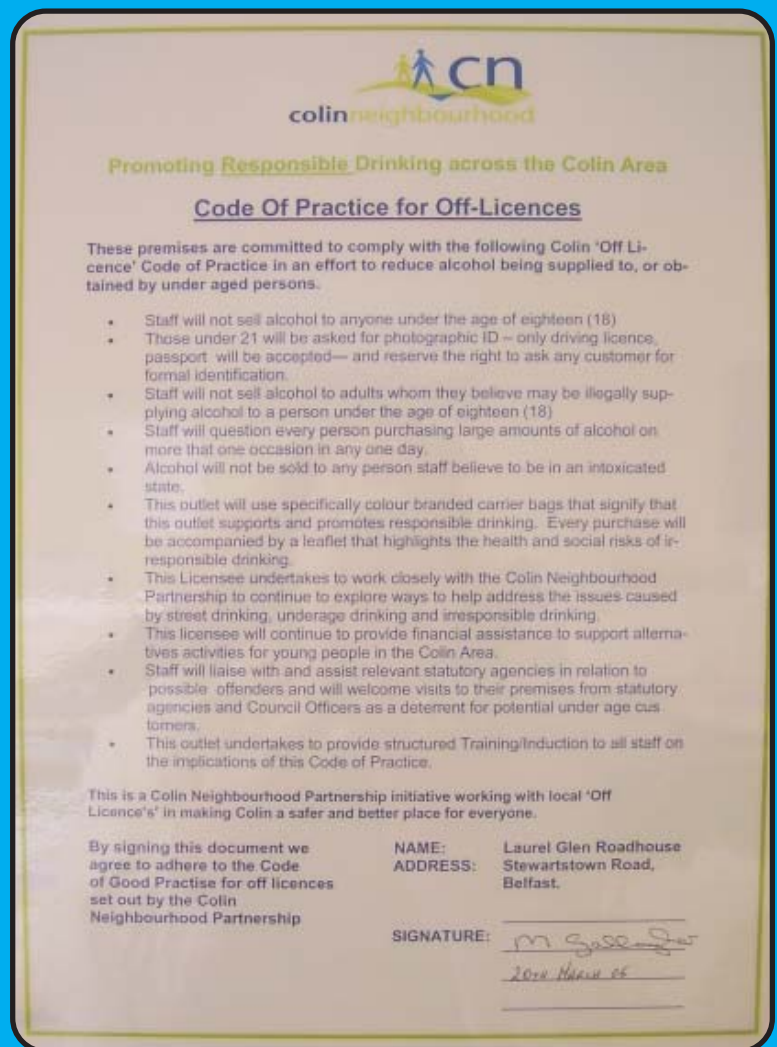
The campaign has two main messages. one is aimed at deterring adults from buying alcohol for under 18's and the other at discouraging young people from abusing alcohol.

Jim Carlin, Manager of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership explained.

"This campaign is a joint effort between the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership and all local off licences to tackle a problem that affects our entire community. Under-age drinking is a big problem and young people find it too easy to get their hands on alcohol. Hopefully this campaign will raise the profile of this issue and show that we are all working together to address it.

Mr McKee from Saveways Off-Licence said," We want to work together with the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to reduce the availability of alcohol to under 18's. We do not sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18 and we hope this campaign will deter adults from being persuaded by under age drinkers to buy alcohol on their behalf. All off-licences across the city are working together in this initiative and we will be promoting this message by displaying posters and other merchandise in our outlets to show that we don't want alcohol getting into the hands of under 18's."

Opposite (L-R) Michael Gallagher Laurel Glen, Brendan McKee Saveways Off licence, Jim Carlin Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Gerard Hughes Hughes group signing up to the Off Licence Charter



PAUL RANKIN VISITS ST COLM'S SCHOOL

St Colms invited Master Chef Paul Rankin to their school on Tuesday 7th February 2006 to talk to the G.C.S.E hospitality class.

Principal Ms Imelda Jordan explained, 'In St Colm's we constantly review our curriculum to ensure that our pupils have access to a range of subject choices that are relevant, enjoyable and offer real qualifications valued by employers and Further Education providers. GCSE Hospitality is one such course which has proven to be extremely popular. We are delighted that Paul Rankin has taken time out of his busy schedule to pass on his experience and advice to our pupils'.

While there Paul packed in a practical demonstration, talked about his own career and the opportunities that are now open to young people both here and abroad.



Cecilia Boyle, Head of Department was delighted that her students were able to learn from such a renowned Master pointing out

"This was a rare opportunity for our pupils to meet a celebrity chef and to observe and taste the culinary delights that Paul created. Paul particularly inspired the male pupils who may not normally see the advantages of following this route.

Jim Carlin, manager of the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership welcomes the visit,

"This is a wonderful opportunity for St Colm's School and a great lift for the whole community. St Colm's is a major asset to the Colin Area and they deserve recognition and praise for all that they have achieved. Having a celebrity chef at the school will surely motivate the pupils in their studies and their attitude towards healthy eating. Mr Rankin's experience and guidance will be sure to inspire the pupils and teachers alike to be the best that they can be."

ISSUES AFFECTING KILWEE

The Credenhill, Forest Park, Netherlands (CFN) Residents Association together with residents in Chestnut Park, and Cherry Park, Twinbrook are vociferously challenging a proposed development at The Park, off Upper Dunmurry Lane.

Currently, the developer (Fider Homes) seeks to build 32 units (a mix of Apartment blocks, Duplex units and a small number of houses).

The Planning Service has received 135 letters of objection. Public meetings and a site meeting have been very well attended and local residents are absolutely furious that a valuable Woodland area has been completely decimated by the developer. Consequently, important habitats belonging to the natural environment have been completely destroyed.

For more information contact Bernard Moane on 07919513145 or at bernardmoane@yahoo.co.uk

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