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Welcome to the latest edition of the Carrickfergus  
Community Forum newsletter.

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Janice Cherry, Community Support Office has secured funding from the Community Relations Council to take a group of people from Carrickfergus to Dublin on 25th & 26th March 2011. The trip will include visits to St Michans Church of Ireland & underground vaults, Lord Mayor of Dublin Mansion House. St Patricks Cathedral, Kilmainham Gaol, Battle of the Boyne Visitors Centre & the War Memorial Gardens.

Janice has also organised a trip to visit Irish President Mary McAleese on Monday 14th March. There will be 49 people from Carrickfergus attending.

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE STILL  
AVAILABLE FOR THE BOAT FACTORY BY DAN  
GORDON. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST  
COME FIRST SERVED BASIS SO BOOK NOW TO  
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!**

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## GREENISLAND YOUTH CLUB

Greenisland Youth Club have produced a recipe book called "Recipes for a Healthier You" which was compiled by the members and staff at the Greenisland Knockagh Youth Centre who made and tested all the recipes. The project was funded by the NIHE Small Pockets of Deprivation Fund.

We will be printing recipes from the book each month in our newsletter

### SPANISH CHILLI POTATOES

The name of this Spanish Tapas dish, *Patatas Bravas*, means fierce, hot potatoes. You can always reduce the amount of chilli to suit your tastes.

#### INGREDIENTS

**SERVES 4**

1kg / 2lb new or salad potatoes

60ml / 4tbsp olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

15ml / 1 tbsp tomato puree

200g / 7 oz can chopped tomatoes

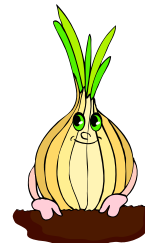
15ml / 1tbsp red wine vinegar

2-3 small dried chillies, seeded and finely chopped, or 5ml/2 tsp hot chilli powder

5ml/2tsp paprika

Salt & black pepper

Fresh flat leaf parsley sprig to garnish



#### METHOD

- 1 Boil the potatoes in their skins for 10 - 12 minutes or until just tender. Drain well and leave to cool, then cut in half and reserve.
- 2 Heat the oil in a large pan and add the onions and garlic. Fry gently for 5 - 6 minutes until just softened. Stir in the tomato puree, tomatoes, vinegar, chilli and paprika and simmer for about 5 minutes.
- 3 Add the potatoes and mix into the sauce mixture until well coated. Cover and simmer gently for about 8-10 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Season well and transfer to a warmed serving dish. Serve garnished with a sprig of flat leaf parsley.

## JACKSON DAY IN CARRICKFERGUS

Come and help celebrate Andrew Jackson's birthday on Tuesday 15 March 2011 with a day of fun-filled American and Ulster-Scots themed activities and entertainment!

### Daytime Entertainment

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Location: Andrew Jackson Cottage, Boneybefore, Carrickfergus

Come and see at first hand the Andrew Jackson Cottage, where the family of Andrew Jackson lived until emigrating to the States. Featuring tours, re-enactment, a visit from Jackson himself on his birthday and bluegrass music!

**Admission free.**

### Evening Entertainment

Time: 6pm - 8.30pm

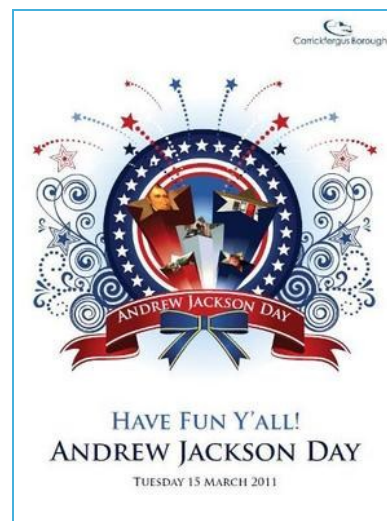
Location: Castle Green, Carrickfergus

Featuring live music from the Broken String Band and the Transatlantic Hillbilly Band, children's arts and crafts activities, entertainers, a visit from Andrew Jackson himself and a finale fireworks display courtesy of the Army Benevolent Fund.

**Admission free.**

**For further information please contact: Stacey Ferguson on 02893 366666 or visit**

**[www.carrickfergus.org](http://www.carrickfergus.org)**



## ULSTER SCOTS BROADCAST FUND

Northern Ireland Screen have announced the first and second calls for the new Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund. Northern Ireland Screen will oversee the new Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund (the 'USBF') with an anticipated budget of £1million per annum over the next five years from 2011 to 2015.

The USBF will provide finance for the production of film, television or other moving image projects relating to the Ulster-Scots heritage, culture and language in Northern Ireland. The aim of the Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund is to ensure that the heritage, culture and language of Ulster-Scots is expressed through moving image.

For more information and to visit guidelines and priorities please visit :

[www.northernirelandscreen.com/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund.aspx](http://www.northernirelandscreen.com/ulster-scots-broadcast-fund.aspx)

To request an application form, please email [usbfb@northernirelandscreen.co.uk](mailto:usbfb@northernirelandscreen.co.uk)

Or contact Richard Williams, Elsie Brown or Jonny Kane on 028 9023 2444



## YMCA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Carrickfergus YMCA signed the contract with Dixons construction to build a new building with a total project cost of £1.2M. It will be an exciting new centre in the Irish Quarter of Carrickfergus. It will have three stories with connecting lift and it will include a single storey Multi-Activity Hall of 2,500 sq ft (238 sq. metres). The design provides total usable floor space of 9,755 sq. ft. The accommodation provided will consist of:



### **Ground floor**

- ◆ A Large multi-purpose activity space 2560 ft<sup>2</sup> (238 m<sup>2</sup>)
- ◆ An Adult Programme Room / Kitchen facility -280 ft<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Two units for community partners with their own street entrance .

### **First Floor**

- ◆ Youth and Group Work area with staging for events
- ◆ Social Area Youth Information Point for advice and a café area
- ◆ An Administration / Reprographics Room -190 ft<sup>2</sup> ( 17.6m<sup>2</sup> )

### **Second Floor**

- ◆ Group work class room -576 ft<sup>2</sup> ( 53.5 m<sup>2</sup> )
- ◆ IT Suite
- ◆ 2 x class rooms each- 645 ft<sup>2</sup> (60 m<sup>2</sup>)



*Front -R Hunter -chairperson and DJ Dixon of Dixons Construction signing the contract. Rear L-R Paul Anderson – architect , Jim Dunlop – Design team ,Bob Loade –General Secretary*

The YMCA expects to open the new building, which is part-funded through the EU's PEACE III Programme, in early 2012. It is intended that a range of activities will take place in the building such as keep fit , young peoples drop in , youth leadership training , education and skills development and programmes to meet the needs of the community . The board of Carrickfergus YMCA is planning for a vibrant centre where all members of the community can meet ,learn new skills ,develop and above all have fun Carrickfergus YMCA would like to thank the local businesses ,the council and MLA's for all their support in making this happen .We would also like to thank our funders the International fund for Ireland ,Department of Education youth branch ,Ulster garden Villages ,Carrickfergus Borough Council Irish Salt Mining & Exploration Co , TBF Ministries and the CAN PEACE III partnership who receive funding from the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body .

## THE TALKING NEWSPAPER CARRICKFERGUS

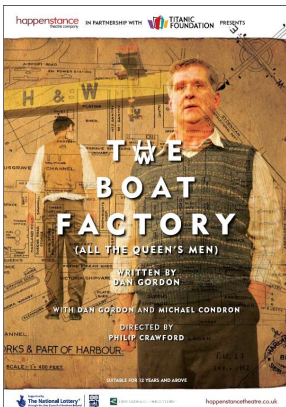
A NEW method of bringing the Talking Newspaper to homes in the Borough is being introduced. Up to now around 130 people have enjoyed the service each week via a tape recording. The tapes, however, are being replaced by CDs in a *Lions Clubs of Carrick, Ballyclare and Larne* initiative. Charlie Hilditch, of Carrick Lions, explained: "We have just this month moved to issuing CDs rather than tapes. The second edition went out last Wednesday. "It will be simple for people to use. If you rely on a tape recorder and have no CD player, we will help to supply one for someone who has difficulty accessing one." Running for over 35 years, the Talking Newspaper features news from local papers in the area including the Carrick Times with the master tape made at the North Eastern Education and Library Board headquarters.

The Blind Centre for Northern Ireland has donated over £1,000 for equipment such as a laptop and microphone, while Lions is providing the discs.

Mr Hilditch added: "We will supply the discs and would appreciate it if people put them in the supplied envelopes and post them back to the Ballymena freepost address."

**Encouraging feedback on the content, Mr Hilditch continued; "Local groups who have anything they want to put out we can arrange that on the Talking Newspaper. Anyone interested in helping to talk into it can get in touch on 028 93 362361"**

## THE BOAT FACTORY BY DAN GORDON



2nd of July 1945: world war 2 is in its final throes and the cold war is about to begin; Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly star in 'Anchors Away' and in Belfast 's Harland & Wolff Titanic Shipyard, preparations are being made for a post war world.

Regarded as the biggest and best there is. It had a power station, docks, machine shops, engine works and saw mills. If you can dream it - they can build it! Painters, plumber, riveters, joiners, copper-smiths, fitters, burners, electricians, riggers and shipwrights: there were 67 different trades and nearly 200 acres of land; 1700 ships built between here and the Clyde and 35000 men employed at its height.

### THIS IS THEIR STORY

**DATE : 17TH MARCH 2011 JUBILEE HALL CARRICKFERGUS**

**Tickets will cost £5.00 and will be available from Carrickfergus Community Forum**

**CONTACT: carrickcommunity@btconnect.com or**

**'Give your child a SureStart in life'** SureStart is a government initiative that works in partnership between community, voluntary and statutory organisations to support families in communities with children aged 0-4 years. In Northern Ireland there are 31 SureStarts.

**Horizon SureStart is based within Sunnylands Primary School. We have our own entrance in Sandes Court, so look out for our Horizon SureStart sign! Our team works to provide services for families living in the Sunnylands, Northlands, Clipperstown and Love Lane Wards in Carrickfer-**



**If you are expecting a baby or have a child aged 0-4 years, these are the weekly groups that will be available during term times. At these groups our team and guest speakers will be available to offer you advice and support on health and development of your growing child and family matters.**

**Creche is available if required and all programmes are FREE!**

**Antenatal Support Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 3.30pm-4.30pm**

**Baby Club (for up to 12mths) Weekly Fridays 10am-12noon**

**Wonderful Ones (1-2yrs) Weekly Mondays 11.30am-12.30pm**

**Busy Bees (2-3yrs) Weekly Thursdays 1pm-2pm**

**Mini Explorers (3-4Yrs) Weekly Tuesdays 1pm-2pm**

**Breastfeeding Support Group 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month - 11.30am-12.30pm**

**Little Acorns (Additional Needs Support Group)  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 1pm-2.30pm**

**Young Mums Group (under 19s) – Weekly Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm**

#### **Other Groups Available**

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| *Nurturing Programme                       | *Cook-it Programme                     |
| *Creative Crafts                           | *Health & Fitness                      |
| *Self Esteem Development                   | *Family Support Service                |
| *Baby Massage & Baby Yoga (parent & child) | *Stay & Play Sessions (parent & child) |

#### **Calling All Dads!!**



We know you have an important role in family life - that's why we want to offer you the opportunity to come to Horizon SureStart and help us to support you and your family. If you would like to be involved in our Dads Group or any of our programmes, please call and let us know.

**Family Health Fair**  
***Take time to look after  
yourself and your family***

**Friday 8th April 2011, 10.00am-12noon**  
**At Sunnylands Primary School, Carrickfergus**

***\*\*For all the  
Family \*\****

***\*\*FREE Healthy  
Snacks \*\****

***\*\*FREE Fruit  
Smoothie \*\****

- ♦ **FREE ENTRY**
- ♦ **FREE Holistic Treatment**
- ♦ **FREE Health Check**
- ♦ **Blood Pressure**
- ♦ **Cholesterol**
- ♦ **Blood Sugar &  
More**

**Free Entry to win a hamper,  
beauty treatment, family swim  
& much more!**

***PRIZE DRAW***

***\*\*FREE Men's  
Health Check\*\****

***\*\*FREE Men's  
Haircut\*\****

**Plus free advice on:- Stress Management, Stopping  
Smoking, Home Safety, Cancer Prevention....Plus  
much much more!**

**Please contact us on 02893 359734 for more information**

## PLAY YOUR PART IN INCREASING DIVERSITY AND SUPPORT A SCHOOL

The Department of Education is seeking expressions of interest / applicants from the voluntary and community sector to serve on school Boards of Governors. The aim is to improve the diversity of representation from the local community on Boards of Governors across Northern Ireland.

School Boards of Governors play an important strategic role in working with the principal to agree school policies and plans that support the provision of a high quality education experience for pupils and to achieve high standards. The Board of Governors acts as a corporate body in setting the strategic direction for the school and in taking decisions about a wide range of governance matters including the management of the school budget, staffing and employment issues.

Boards of Governors of grant-aided schools serve a four year term of office and a number of posts remain to be filled. Additional vacancies regularly arise as individual governors may resign during their term of office.

An overview of the role and responsibilities of school governors is available on the Department of Education website and by following the links from the communityni website at <http://www.communityni.org/news/support-school-0>.

**You are invited to submit an application by 31 March 2011. If you want to get involved or would like to find out more please contact**

**Paula Sandford on 9127 9404 or email [paula.sandford@deni.gov.uk](mailto:paula.sandford@deni.gov.uk)**



### BARN DANCE & CHINESE BANQUET

The CITHRAH Foundation are holding a **Barn Dance** to raise funds for the Tracy Goodacre trust (providing support and upkeep of the family room in the Cancer hospital BCH)

**DATE & TIME: Saturday, 12th March, 7.30 -- 10.30pm.**

**The tickets are £7, with supper provided.**

The Cithrah Foundation are having a **Chinese banquet** in the Bambou in Templepatrick, a 4 course meal with a table quiz and fun after on March 17th At 7.30 tickets are available at the Drop in at 29 West street or from individual committee members

**DATE & TIME: March 17th at 7.30 pm**

## POLICE ROUND UP

- ◆ On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February police received a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Governors Place. Four tyres had been slashed sometime during the weekend
- ◆ On the afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February police received a report of the theft of a mobile phone from a van on the Station rd, Greenisland.
- ◆ On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February police received a report of the theft of home heating oil from a house on the Watch Hill Rd, Carrickfergus. It's thought the theft occurred sometime between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the time of the report.
- ◆ In the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February a motorist report that a youth had thrown a brick at his car while he was driving along Prince Andrew Way, Carrickfergus. Damage was caused to the screen.
- ◆ On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February police received a report of a burglary in Harwood Park, Carrickfergus.
- ◆ On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February police received a report of a burglary in Hillview Rd, Carrickfergus between 5.30pm and 9 pm.
- ◆ On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February police received a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Oakwood Rd. The windscreen had been smashed by someone throwing stones at it.
- ◆ On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February police received a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Salia Ave. The tyres had been slashed sometime during the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February.
- ◆ On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February police received a report that motor vehicle had been damaged while parked up in Ederny Walk.
- ◆ On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February police received a report of the theft of equipment from a boat in Whitehead Boat Park.
- ◆ Police are investigating an allegation of assault at Cheston Close, Carrickfergus. On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February four masked persons forced their way into a flat and assaulted the occupant who received minor facial injuries.

**Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to contact Carrickfergus police on 0845 600 8000. Alternatively, information about crime can be passed anonymously to the Crimestoppers charity by calling 0800 555 111.**

## 4 TIER SECURITY PACKAGE AVAILABLE FROM CARRICKFERGUS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Four Tier System is aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime and specifically deals with crimes perpetrated against vulnerable members of our community.

This is a confidential service that is provided free of charge and is not means tested.

The scheme is available to all members of our community who have been a victim of crime or are considered at risk with particular emphasis on assisting the following:

**Vulnerable persons**

**Victims of crime**

**Victims of domestic violence**

**Disabled people**

Subject to a free security assessment people may be entitled to the following free equipment::

*Level 1 – Door bar or chain, Personal Alarm, UV Marker Pen, Wrist Alarm,  
2 window alarms and alarmed doorstep*

*Level 2 – Door Unit - peephole & intercom*

*Level 3 - CCTV Camera(s), sensor light, dusk to dawn lights*

*Level 4 – Short term home alarm monitored by call centre (provided by Orbis A  
Alarms when home owner is in hospital)*

**Referral forms are available from Carrickfergus Community Forum. Please ring 02893 359777 for more information.**





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**We would love to hear from anyone who wishes to contribute to this newsletter whether it is to advertise an event or just to submit an article about what you do.**

**If you would like to contribute to this newsletter or have an event you would like to advertise, please contact Lucy at the office.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS**

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