

WCA Whitehead Community Association *Whitehead Community News*

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Editorial

Is there anywhere any better to be than Whitehead on a sunny day. We really are lucky to have all that is on offer in our small Town. With a busy summer ahead of us, I thought it might be a good time to give you a insight into what is to come. The Community Association is busy organising the summer festival and as always there is too much to do and too little time. One of the highlights will as every be the Festival Fair which will be held on Saturday 26 July. If you're interested in having a stall or running a game contact Martin Clarke on 07743 571549 to register your interest. The raft race will be held on Saturday 2nd August and this year is in aid of the emergency services. The yacht club will be taking the lead as always and are planning a day of entertain-



ment to last into the evening and culminating in the traditional firework display to signal the end of the festival. Whitehead will again be entered into the Ulster and Britain in Bloom competitions, after winning the Ulster and gaining a Bronze Medal in the Britain in

Bloom. It always amazes me that a huge amount of the work toward the flower displays around the town is carried out by a willing group of volunteers. The judges will be looking, as always for community involvement so do your best to plant up a window box and show your support.

Job Vacancy

**General Handyman
12 hrs per week**

The Community Association is looking for a community minded and self motivated individual to join the Community Centre Team. Are you willing to work flexible hours, do routine maintenance, set-ups, and assist in the running of a busy and varied workplace. If so contact the Centre Manager for further information. Closing date for applications - 30 June 08



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The Genesis Drop-in Centre - Could you be a Volunteer?

The Genesis Drop-in Centre has been open for some nine years. The Centre came about following discussion by representatives of churches in Whitehead about how a service could be developed among young people who have little or no connection with other youth services. Over the years most churches, businesses and others have made a significant and sustained contribution in both financial and personal terms. For this

we continue to be most grateful. There continues to be scope for people to make a contribution as volunteers. This could be for as little as one or two hours a week, or perhaps every two weeks. Previous experience is not required though anyone interested would need to enjoy working with teenagers, aged 13 – 17 years. It is helpful if volunteers have an interest or skill to offer as this provides a point of interest and helps in develop-

ing relationships. However, helping at the coffee bar is really valuable too. Genesis is open most afternoons 3.30 – 5.30 and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Genesis offers initial training and orientation to all volunteers, spread over a few weeks, and subsequent support. If you would like to find out more about volunteering please telephone Norman Chambers (9337 2343) or Allan Grier

Steam Railway Plans for Change - Have Your Say!

The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland (RPSI), owners of the steam railway site in Whitehead are currently exploring potential options with the Heritage Lottery Fund for future development. As part of the review process the



RPSI are keen to hear the views and opinions of you, their

neighbours in White-

head and as such they wish to draw your attention to the online questionnaire on their website which they would ask you to visit and to complete (www.rpsi-online.org) or alternatively to either email or phone the consultant Kevin McCaughan directly on advantage2@btinternet.

Whitehead - What's Happening

Beach Clean Up 6 Jun 08 6:00pm

Harbour Car Park

Did you know that most beaches have on average 2000 pieces of litter per kilometre so why not join the Whitehead Carbon Club at their Beach Clean Up and help to keep our

shore front looking it's best

Whitehead Summer Festival

21 Jul - 02 Aug

This years festival will be better than ever with all the usual activities including the festival fair and this year the raft race will be held on Sat 2 Aug ending in a spectacular firework display and evening entertainment.

Music Workshop 21 Jul - 25 Jul 08

Whitehead Community Centre

Are you interested in music? Do you play an instrument? Are you a member of a band? As part of the Whitehead Festival we are hosting a week-long music workshop to improve your writing, singing and playing.

Culminating in a concert to celebrate all you have learnt. The workshop has been funded by Awards For All which means it is of no cost to you. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity. To get your name down or for further information contact Stephen, the Centre Manager on 02893 378077.

Calling all Stall Holders and Local Organisations

The Community Association is planning to host a Victorian Street Fair in November/December and are looking for stalls and entertainment with a Victorian theme. If you are interested call Martin Clarke on 07743 571549 to register your interest

Weekly Activities at the Community Centre

Mondays

Walking Group 9:30am

The Walking Group meets every Monday and sets out from the Community Centre and offers the chance to do low impact exercise in the company of like minded individuals, followed by a refreshing cup of tea.

Whitehead Danceworks 5:30pm - 9:30pm

An outstanding opportunity to learn modern dance in a friendly and fun environment for ages 5 and up.

Tuesdays

Weight Watchers 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Welcoming and supportive, all you need to for your weight lose programme.

Boxercise 8:00pm

For men or women an hour of high octane exercise for all round fitness.

Wednesdays

Floral Art 2:00pm

Interested in spectacular flower displays, then this class is for you.

Bingo 8:30pm

Affordable, fun and local this is a great night out with a chance to take home the big prize.

Thursdays

Fencing 7:00pm

Zoro has nothing on this class, learn to lung and repost in this exciting sport.

Fridays

Over 50's Keepfit 10:30am

Keep fit to 60's music in a fun atmosphere, low impact and friendly class.

Ju Jitsu 6:00pm

Beginners to experts taught in separate classes. Build confidence and strength.

Sport & Leisure

Whitehead Danceworks Shines in Lisburn



On Sunday 9th March, 80 dancers from Whitehead Danceworks took part in the Northern Ireland Creative Movement and Aerobic Championships. It is a tough competition with teams from all over the province competing at a high standard but the Whitehead teams confidently held their own, spinning and kicking their way to success!



The competition began for the Primary section in which 20 girls aged 5-7 performed a seventies routine in dazzling purple flares. This went down well with the large audience and the girls at the end. In the Primary Plus Section the girls had worked hard and just missed out on a routine was impressive and they were



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Well done to all the dancers who competed, their hard work and enthusiasm shone through as usual, as did their sports-



Boxercise Hits the Spot

The latest addition to Whitehead Community Centre's regular sessions is proving to be a huge success. For those of you who have not come across boxercise before, don't worry it doesn't involve getting in the

ring one on one. It does however involve getting stuck in. Suitable for all ages, men and women it is ideal for fitness, weight loss and toning. Sessions run weekly starting at 8 pm on Tuesday nights and cost £4.

Circuit Training is on it's Way

If you're serious about getting fit or losing weight then circuit training is just what the doctor ordered. Ideal for all fitness levels, age or sex it is a full body workout that changes every week to keep you interested. For further information keep an eye on the Whitehead website listed below or pop into the Community Centre during June.

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