

Welcome to Streets Ahead, a magazine for businesses in Antrim, Crumlin, Randalstown, Toome, Templepatrick and Parkgate. The aim of this magazine is to help keep the local business community fully informed about initiatives and projects taking place in our towns and villages involving the Council and our partners.

## ULSTER RALLY ARE GO...



The lights are on once again as we welcome back the Todd's Leap.com Ulster Rally to its original home town of Antrim. Following two hugely successful events in 2009 and 2010, the Rally will once again return to Antrim to stage what is sure to be an action packed weekend.

Kicking off on Friday 19th August at Market Square, the competitors will tackle many stages throughout the Borough before finishing off on the Saturday afternoon at Junction One. The Service Park throughout the weekend will also be hosted by Junction One, where members of the public will be able to have a walk around and watch the teams at work. Rally Headquarters will be based at the nearby Holiday Inn Express Hotel.

Philip Murray, Event Director is delighted to be bringing the Rally back to Antrim, "We have enjoyed two extremely successful events here in Antrim and the fact that we made history by becoming the first event to win best round of the British Rally Championship two years running is a testament to the excellent facilities and services that are available here in Antrim."

Last year the Rally attracted over 27,000 people to the area including 150 competing crews, many of which travelled from as far as Holland, France, Australia, Iceland and Finland to compete in this high profile and prestigious event. We are looking forward to some great performances this year as the competitors tighten their straps and take on some of the trickiest stages the island has to offer."

So come along to Antrim Town Centre and Junction One on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th August and enjoy the thrill of the racing from some of the top rally teams and privateers throughout the UK.

For more information contact Ulster Rally  
[www.ulsterrally.com](http://www.ulsterrally.com)

Todd's Leap.com is an outdoor adventure centre for big kids, with activities including paintballing, off-road driving, target shooting, climbing wall, archery, clay pigeon shooting and much much more!

Check out their website for more details:  
[www.toddsleap.com](http://www.toddsleap.com)



# Free Events for you – in Antrim Library



years, as well as writing column in the Newsletter on the language. He is a freelance journalist on this subject and at this library event, he will launch a book on the Ulster Scots language.

**Antrim Library also holds a range of regular events in the library, including:**

- **The Adult Reading Group** - meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.  
If you're interested in reading and chatting about a range of books in a relaxed and welcoming environment, please come along and join this group.
- **Saturday Storytime** - takes place every Saturday from 11.30am - 12.00pm. Children age 5 - 9 are invited to come along every Saturday morning to Storytime.
- **Junior Reading Group** - meets every fortnight on a Wednesday from 3.30pm - 4.15pm. This group is open to boys and girls age 6 - 11 who enjoy reading and would like to meet new friends, chat about books, have book-related fun and lots more.
- **Rhythm & Rhyme** - meets fortnightly on a Tuesday from 10.30am - 11.30am. Parents / Carers are welcome to bring their babies and pre-school children to the library to enjoy stories, songs and rhymes. Everyone welcome. (There will be no sessions during July and August).

**Maria Higgins, Branch Library Manger, Antrim Library, explains:**

*"We hope that the range of events taking place in Antrim Library will encourage people of all ages to visit this library and make the most of the impressive facilities available. We would like to invite all existing and new members to come along to enjoy this programme of events, all of which are free."*

For further information, contact Antrim Library:  
10 Railway Street, Antrim BT41 4AE  
T. 028 9446 1942 or  
E. [antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk](mailto:antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk)

For details of all events taking place in libraries across Northern Ireland, go to [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)

**Libraries NI is pleased to announce a schedule of forthcoming events in Antrim Library.**

**All these events are free and everyone is welcome to come along.**

- **BBC Northern Ireland's Community Archive** - Antrim Library is one of four libraries across Northern Ireland taking part in 'Our Place', a pilot initiative involving the BBC and Libraries NI. This initiative allows local people to view a selection of BBC features and reports about the Antrim area, by accessing recordings from BBC Northern Ireland's Community Archive. Up to twenty short video clips have been selected, providing a fascinating glimpse into community life in Antrim. To find out more and to access the BBC archive recordings about people, places and personalities from Antrim, please ask staff in the library.
- **Silver Surfers' Day** - will take place on 20th May 2011, when libraries across Northern Ireland will be opening their doors to 'seniors' and offering free training on how to use the Internet.  
If you're over 50 and would like help on how to start using a computer and the Internet, then ask a member of staff for more information about Silver Surfers' Day.
- **Homework Help with Britannica Online for parents and children** - on Thursday 2nd June, from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. This event is suitable for children age 9 - 11, along with their parents. Places are limited so please pre-book.
- **Liam Logan Book Launch** - on Tuesday 7th June, from 6.45pm - 7.45pm.  
Liam is a fluent Ulster Scots speaker and presented a weekly Ulster Scots show on BBC Radio Ulster for six

## Omniplex Cinemas opens ahead of schedule at Junction One and brings a 'first' for Ireland

Omniplex, the largest cinema chain in Northern Ireland, opened a new £3 million multi-screen cinema at Junction One Retail and Leisure Park on 22nd April 2011, two months ahead of schedule and including a first for Ireland. The first phase of the all digital cinema complex comprises 9 screens and features state-of-the-art stadium seating for up to 1300. Next month will see the opening of the second phase, an Omnimaxx theatre which will house the largest cinema screen in Ireland. The 24,000 sq ft entertainment and multi-purpose conference facility has created 60 full and part-time jobs.

Omniplex and Omnimaxx will not only be screening the latest blockbuster films but will also be transmitting one-off productions and live sporting events, musicals and concerts such as the JLS show on 7th June 2011.



# Pirate Boat Race Challenge



**A** hoy me hearties! For a fantastic family fun day out by the water's edge, Antrim Lough Shore Park is the place to be on Saturday 11th June from 12 noon until 5pm with teams of 8 competing against each other in replica pirate ships. A grand finale will decide the overall Pirate Champions. Spectators can dress up as pirates and prizes will be awarded for the best dressed pirates!

There will be a range of family entertainment including boat trips around Lough Neagh. For the younger members of the family, there will be an opportunity to take part in a pirate treasure hunt, meet animals from McMullans Mobile Farm and also mingle with popular cartoon characters.

Karen Steele, Development Manager (Visitor Servicing) with Antrim Borough Council says: *"The Pirate Boat Race will be a family fun day for all, with teams competing against the clock in aid of a very worthy cause, Lough Neagh Rescue. This is an opportunity for residents and visitors to have a great day out and for competitors to enjoy a spirit of comradeship with their team mates."*

Lough Neagh Rescue is the first response, search and rescue Lifeboat Service committed to preserving and saving life on Lough Neagh and its associated waters.

**Lough Neagh Rescue Chairman Trevor McKee is inviting companies to enter a team. He says, "The Pirate Boat Race is a fantastic teambuilding opportunity. We are delighted to be working in partnership with Antrim Borough Council and I would encourage any companies who would like to take part to contact me as soon as possible to secure their place."**

For further information or if you would like to put a team forward, please contact:  
Trevor McKee, Lough Neagh Rescue  
T. 07982 672434  
E. [chairman@loughneaghrescue.co.uk](mailto:chairman@loughneaghrescue.co.uk)  
[www.loughneaghrescue.co.uk](http://www.loughneaghrescue.co.uk)

or contact Karen Steele, Antrim Borough Council  
T. 028 9446 3113

# Art for Schools



More than 100 pupils from nine schools across Antrim Borough participated in the very popular bi-annual Art for Schools Project. This initiative, brought to Antrim by Castle Mall, aims at enriching pupil education through art.

Resident artist, Jolie Dennison, spent a week over March and April teaching children how to paint a spring inspired motif onto canvas. The event took place on mall and at the end of each half day session, pupils could display their finished work in the gallery space on mall, where their art could be admired for the next month. Pupils can then take their work home for their canvases to take pride of place in their living room!

Theresa Murray, Castle Mall Centre Manager says, *"We are very proud of this bi-annual event. It is enormously popular with schools and customers and is a great opportunity for children to get creative and improve their skills in art. We look forward to continuing the success of Arts for Schools this Autumn, when the next session commences."*



## OPEN COFFEE ANTRIM

If you are a business operating in the Antrim area or wish to meet local businesses then why not come along to our informal networking events 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the **Grill Bar, Dunsilly Hotel Antrim** on the **2nd Thursday** of the month.

*Business Networking... no pressure, just a chat!*



# Toome Village Masterplan

The Toome Village Masterplan sets out a shared vision which will inform the future development of the village; it includes improvements to existing buildings and spaces along with the potential for new development.

The Masterplan was commissioned by Antrim Borough Council through GROW South Antrim and developed by The Paul Hogarth Company with guidance provided by a Steering Group of local stakeholders. As one of three plans being developed simultaneously for Toome, Doagh and Whitehead, the Masterplan seeks to identify a range

of initiatives that will improve and enhance the village over the next 5 - 15 years.

By studying and thinking about the village holistically, individual projects can be coordinated to maximise their collective contribution to making Toome a better place in which to live, visit, work, invest and play.

Subject to the availability of funding and to consultation with landowners and statutory agencies, key projects as set out in the agreed Action Plan will be taken forward by a range of different stakeholders.

## Masterplan Initiatives

- A1 Toome Marina** - Marina, associated development and car parking
- A2 Marina Canal** - Waterway from River Bann to TIDAL Industrial Estate
- A3 Main Street** - High Quality Public Realm (paving, parking etc)
- A4 Market Square** - High Quality Public Realm (paving, parking etc)
- A5 Roguery Road** - High Quality Public Realm (paving, parking etc)
- A6 River Bann / Marina Canal Civic Space** - Waterfront civic space
- A7 Main Street Civic Spaces** - High Quality civic spaces
- A8 Village Park** - Pocket Park within Marina setting
- A9 Wetlands** - Wetlands parkland (walkways, seating & lighting)
- A10 McCorley Memorial and Public Art** - Repositioning of memorial and public art at marina
- A11 Eels Fishery** - Partial refurbishment including tourist facilities
- A12 Village Centre Car Parking Opportunities** - New surface car parks and associated works
- A13 Improved Transport Infrastructure** - New pedestrian and vehicular routes
- A14 Frontage Improvements** - Rerendering, repainting, glazing and signage
- B1 Erin's Own Cargin GAA Club** - Redeveloped clubhouse and car parking facilities
- B2 Community Building** - Community Facility within riverside setting
- B3 Walking Routes** - Dedicated walking routes throughout village
- C1 Urban Waterfront** - High Quality Public Realm (paving, parking etc)
- C2 Toome Bridge** - Improvements to existing pedestrian walkways
- C3 Toome Castle** - Excavation, landscaping and gateway markers
- C4 Toome Canal** - Civic Space
- D1 Mixed Use Development** - Mixed use opportunities (Village Core)
- D2 Residential Development** - Residential opportunities throughout village
- D3 Light Industrial Development** - Employment opportunities (TIDAL Industrial Estate)
- S1 Frontage Improvements Scheme** - Condition surveys and frontage improvements
- S2 Interpretation, Orientation and Public Art** - Co-ordinated Programme of Signage and Public Art
- S3 Pathway Network** - Identification of dedicated pathways within village
- S4 Public Realm Enhancement Scheme** - Rolling out of public realm improvements within village
- S5 Joint Village / Town Partnership Scheme** - Identification of community and tourism events



To download the Masterplan report, please visit [www.antrim.gov.uk/masterplan](http://www.antrim.gov.uk/masterplan)

To find out more and to let us know how you can play your part, please email: [info@antrim.gov.uk](mailto:info@antrim.gov.uk)

## Shared Vision

*"As a key location along the All Ireland Waterways Network, Toome will reinvent its relationship with the River Bann and Lough Neagh to become a vibrant and attractive tourist destination which capitalises on its strategic waterfront setting and historic Irish pioneer origins.*

*Well connected and safe residential communities set within a wider wetlands environment, coupled with a strong local based mixed economy, will ensure that Toome becomes a welcoming and affordable place in which to live, visit, work and play."*

\* All proposals subject to further feasibility testing, consultation, planning and available funding

## Businesses in the Antrim Borough reminded of their duty to manage asbestos

**E**nvironmental Health Officers have been taking part in a province wide initiative, in partnership with the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI), to remind businesses of their duty to manage asbestos on their property. Officers have been carrying out inspections of a number of non-domestic premises throughout the Antrim Borough, to check the level of compliance with asbestos regulations.

The 'Duty to Manage' law requires those responsible for maintenance and repair of non-domestic premises, to assess whether there is any asbestos in their buildings, and, depending on its condition, either remove it or manage it – making sure that maintenance activities carried out do not expose tradesmen or others within the building to any avoidable risk.

Tradesmen who carry out building maintenance and repair are particularly at risk from exposure to asbestos fibres. They are more likely to disturb or damage asbestos containing materials and often don't realise what they are working on.

Proper management of asbestos will prevent people dying from asbestos related diseases in the future. In the last four years, there have been over 300 asbestos-related deaths in Northern Ireland, with this number expected to rise. Only by preventing or minimising exposure to asbestos will asbestos-related diseases eventually be reduced.

During January and February 2011, Environmental Health Officers completed a series of planned inspections of businesses built before 2000.

During March, businesses received a letter from EHOs reminding them of their duty to manage asbestos and advising them that the matter will be discussed during future visits by the Environmental Health Department.



**For further information and advice, contact:**  
Antrim Borough Council, Environmental Health Section  
T. 028 9446 3113

## There's Something Fishy Going On!

**G**et ready for a major, new festival from 21st – 28th May. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Councils are hosting the South Antrim Fishing Festival to promote the excellent fishing opportunities for anglers. During the festival, there will be fishing competitions, fishing demonstrations from experts and free coaching sessions providing opportunities for novices to learn how to fish.

Three fly fishing competitions will take place throughout the festival at Straid Fishery, on Sunday 22nd May, Craigmore Fishery on Thursday 26th May and Tildarg Fishery on Saturday 28th May. Further information about the competitions can be found on the festival website [www.southantrimfishing.com](http://www.southantrimfishing.com)

The highlight of the festival will be the flagship event on Saturday 21st May in Market Square, Antrim. As well as the famous 'Belfast Continental Market' and children's entertainment, Jenny Bristow, Ireland's Good Food Ambassador, celebrated chef and author will be showcasing her skills as she demonstrates how to cook fish and seafood at her masterclasses. There will be lots of food stalls, and to keep the 'fishy theme' there will be fly tying demonstrations.

The festival is being funded by 'GROW South Antrim' through the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme.

**For further information and to register for the fishing competitions and coaching sessions, please contact Antrim Borough Council**

**T.** 028 9446 3113 or

**E.** [fishing@antrim.gov.uk](mailto:fishing@antrim.gov.uk)





# South Antrim Fishing Festival

Hook it & Cook it

[www.southantrimfishing.com](http://www.southantrimfishing.com)

21st - 28th May

# 2011



To book the Fishing Competitions or Free Coaching Sessions, please contact Antrim Borough Council: T: 028 9446 3113, E: [fishing@antrim.gov.uk](mailto:fishing@antrim.gov.uk) or download registration forms from [www.southantrimfishing.com](http://www.southantrimfishing.com)

**Friday 20 & Saturday 21 May**  
9am - 6pm  
Continental Market  
Market Square, Antrim

**Saturday 21 May 11am - 5pm**  
**Flagship Event,**  
Market Square & Old Courthouse, Antrim  
The first-ever South Antrim Fishing Festival kicks off in Antrim town centre with fly tying demonstrations, fish stalls, arts & crafts as well as children's entertainment. One of the highlights of the festival features Jenny Bristow, celebrated chef and author, showcasing her skills as she demonstrates how to cook fish and seafood at her masterclasses at 12 Noon, 2pm and 3.30pm.  
**Free Admission to Festival and Cookery Masterclasses (no registration required).**

**Sunday 22 May 10am - 4pm**  
**Fishing Competition\***  
Straid Fishery, Ballyclare  
T: 028 9303 8721

**Monday 23 May 6 - 10pm**  
**Coaching Sessions**  
Tildarg Fishery, Ballyclare

**Tuesday 24 May 6 - 10pm**  
**Coaching Sessions**  
Toome Linear Park, Toomebridge

**Tuesday 24 May 5.30 - 9.30pm**  
**Open Evening & Coaching Sessions**  
Trout & About, Ballyclare  
T: 028 9334 9084

**Tuesday 24 May 10am - 6pm**  
Continental Market  
Ballyclare Town Hall

**Wednesday 25 May 7pm**  
**Filming Screening of Jaws**  
Old Courthouse, Antrim  
To book tickets contact Boxoffice:  
T: 028 9446 3113

**Wednesday 25 May 6 - 10pm**  
**Coaching Sessions**  
Craigmore Fishery, Randalstown

**Thursday 26 May 6 - 10pm**  
**Fishing Competition\***  
Craigmore Fishery, Randalstown  
T: 028 9447 2806

**Thursday 26 May 6 - 10pm**  
**Coaching Sessions**  
Straid Fishery, Ballyclare

**Friday 27 May Open Day 3 - 9pm**  
**Coaching Sessions 5 - 9pm**  
Creeve Trout Fishing Lake, Randalstown  
T: 028 9447 8566

**Friday 27 May 6pm**  
**Filming Screening of Finding Nemo**  
Old Courthouse, Antrim

**Saturday 28 May 11am - 4pm**  
**Fishing Competition\***  
Tildarg Fishery, Ballyclare  
T: 028 9334 0604

**Saturday 28 May 10am - 4pm**  
**Free Day's Fishing**  
Crumlin Glen  
To book contact Antrim Borough Council  
T: 028 9446 3113

**Saturday 28 May 11am - 5pm**  
**Flagship Event**  
Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey  
**Coaching Sessions 12 Noon - 4pm.**

\* Catch and Release competitions under Fishery Rules. 1st Prize £200, 2nd Prize £100, 3rd Prize £50 and a range of tackle prizes on offer. Register at the Fishery or at Antrim Borough Council



Thanks to our Festival Sponsors:



Six Mile Water River Trust, Straid Fishery, White O Morn

# Village Renewal Update

## Parkgate

Work is well underway on the preparation of a Village Plan for Parkgate. Once an agreed plan is in place, an application can be made to GROW South Antrim for funding to implement projects within the Village Plan.

## Templepatrick

Following an extremely well attended Village Meeting on 10 March 2011; further consultation is currently ongoing to inform the Templepatrick Village Plan. When all consultation has been carried out, work will begin on the preparation of a Village Plan.

## Public Internet Kiosks

Free internet access kiosks have been installed in four villages throughout the Borough. The kiosks are located at Toome House, Toome; Spar in Randalstown; Spar in Templepatrick; and Tesco in Crumlin. The kiosks will allow the public to access local Council and government information as well as providing free internet access.



# Castle Mall is Hooked on Fishing this May

Castle Mall is 'all aboard' in support of The South Antrim Fishing Festival which commences 21 May. Children's Entertainment company, Over The Moon, will be on mall on Saturday 21st May from noon to 4pm.

Children of all ages can join in this special fishing themed arts and crafts event. All participants will go home with their own fishy creations.

And to add to the sense of occasion and fun, be on the lookout for Castle Mall's Fisherwoman who'll be roaming the mall on Saturday from 12-4pm, giving out her latest catch of the day - chocolate fish!

Centre Manager Theresa Murray says, "Castle Mall is looking forward to the Council's initiative at bringing this festival to Antrim and we are keen to support this inaugural event. Customers and staff are in for a real treat and we look forward to seeing everyone on mall during the May time festivities."



# Coach Tourism Accolade for Junction One

Junction One, the Antrim based outlet shopping centre is leading the way in terms of coach tourism in Northern Ireland according to the Federation of Passenger Transport NI (FPT NI). The centre which opened in 2004 won its second Coach Friendly Award at the FPT NI's recent annual awards ceremony held at Galgorm Manor.

The FPT's Coach Friendly award is designed to recognise tourist attractions, shopping centres, towns and cities which make an extra effort to accommodate, attract and welcome coaches, passengers and drivers. This year's panel of judges chaired by Rob Orchard from trade magazine Bus and Coach Buyer, hailed Junction One as "Going that extra mile, continuing to improve its offer year on year and showing a clear commitment to the industry by engaging and understanding coach industry requirements."

Chief Executive of the FPT NI, Karen Magill, said, "The performance of our tourist attractions and the quality of visits is vital to the coach industry locally and I'm delighted that the number of establishments recognising the importance of coach visitors is increasing. However retail centre Junction One has implemented an extensive coach

and passenger strategy since opening nearly seven years ago and has developed their coach services offering top quality driver facilities including, rest rooms and shower areas, driver discounts and refreshments as well as special coach passenger discount voucher booklets."

"Junction One's coach business continues to play a key role in our sales and marketing programme and coach visitor figures for our last financial year (up to 31st May 2010) showed an increase of 30% on statistics from the previous year. At Junction One we aim to personally welcome our coach drivers and offer them excellent services, facilities and incentives whilst their passengers enjoy a good value shopping experience with additional discounts from over 40 Junction One stores. We're extremely proud to be the only visitor attraction who has won this category award twice." commented Junction One centre manager Leona Barr.



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