



CRDA 75 Club

The CRDA 75 Club is a fund raising method to help Cloney Rural Development Association have a sustained means of income to help run the new ACORN Centre.

The club is opened up to 75 members initially who wish to contribute in following ways, these are:

- £120 per year (Lump sum or standing order)
- 2 x £60 (Lump sum or standing order)
- 4 x £30 (Standing order only)
- £10 per month (Standing order only)

(minimum 12 month contribution)

This will generate a monthly amount of £750 with £400 going into a monthly draw for the 75 club members. The prizes allocation will be as follows:

- 1st £150 2nd £100 3rd 3 x £50

This means there is a total of 60 prizes in the year. The chance of winning a monthly prize is 1 in 15. Members who sign up will also be eligible for a 25% reduction when booking the new ACORN Centre. The draw will take place on the first Monday of each month and results will be displayed on the new CRDA website at www.crda-online.com

What to do next?

If your interested contact any committee member, email us at info@crda-online.com or visit our website at

www.crda-online.com

Alternatively contact the PRO at 07732 834 526 - Your support is needed!

CRDA Junior Wordsearch

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 CROSSKEYS NEWFERRY PARADE
 PATRICK IRELAND MARCH
 SNAKES SLEMISH SHAMROCK



Come along to our St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Acorn Centre

Sat 15th March

6pm-8pm

Music Dance and Song

Light refreshments provided

Everyone Welcome

All musicians come along and join in



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Welcome once again to our Newsletter. We hope you are enjoying our new facilities within the Acorn Centre—whether you've visited for education, entertainment or simply a chat! We have quite a few things to introduce this time out. Firstly we have launched a brand new website www.crda-online.com. We welcome all comments about what CRDA are doing, you can add your comments to the online guestbook. We particularly welcome comments from the youth club, we really want to know your thoughts. We have also launched a fundraising package to help ease the financial hangover from the completion of the ACORN centre and also to help us to put us in good shape to begin phase II of the build which we calling the 'HUBS project'. CRDA are working tirelessly to set in place a modern spacious and fully resourced centre to cater for everyone in the community. Let me introduce 'CRDA 75 Club', details can be found within this newsletter and also on our website. If you want to get in touch to support the 75 club, we would love to hear from you, contact details can be found on this newsletter and on the website. Note CRDA are a very capable and experienced group and your personal information from 'CRDA 75 Club' will be held in strict confidence. Good luck to everyone in the draw!

Gerard Kelly ~ Chairperson

Email cloney@nacn.org ~ Tel 07725 056 644

Useful Contact Numbers...

Ahoghill Health Centre	028 25 871200
Portglenone Health Centre	028 25 821551
Doctor On Call	08705 329024
Antrim Hospital	028 94 424000
Fr O'Hagan	028 25 871351
Fr Aidan Keenan	028 25 821218



Forthcoming CRDA Events at a glance

★Every Monday	Ceili Dancing 8pm
★Every Tuesday	Youth Club (Primary) 7pm
★Every Wednesday	Irish Dancing 6pm
★Every Thursday	Youth Club (Post Primary) 7pm
★Sat 15th March	St. Patrick's Day event 6pm
★April (date tbc)	YAH 'Oklahoma' outing
★May (date tbc)	YAH trip to Derry City



www.crda-online.com

The new CRDA website is up and running. Local IT consultant John Friel designed the website at the request of CRDA after we secured funding from the Rural Development Councils HUBS project. The site will keep members and the wider community informed of CRDA's activities.

The website contains a Latest News section and an events section. Web-users can now book rooms in the ACORN centre availing of the online-booking facility. There is a Buy & Sell section to place ads. The Photo Gallery will record images of events. Why not visit www.crda-online.com to keep up to date.

The CRDA is accepted as a charity by the Inland Revenue under reference XR50822

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK
 If you would like a free Home Fire Safety Check, please telephone 028 9260 0477 where you should leave your name, address, postcode and telephone number. Someone will call you back within five days to arrange a suitable time to carry out the safety check. Two local fire personnel will carry out a fire inspection of your home and provide and fit a ten year battery smoke alarm if necessary, free of charge. They will give suggestions to help improve fire safety within your home, including fire escape plan.

ENERGY SAVING TOP TIPS
 The Energy Saving Trust advice centre offers free comprehensive advice and support on energy efficiency, renewable energy technology and low carbon transport, helping you to **save money, energy and the environment**. The following top tips can help you save energy and more important, to help climate change

1. Take a free home energy check... Fill out the energy saving Trust questionnaire online at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/northernireland or call free phone 0800 512012. You will receive a tailored report highlighting the energy saving measures you could employ to save up to £250 a year on your house hold energy bills
2. Switch off appliances and the lights when not in use and close curtains at dusk to stop heat escaping through the windows
3. Don't leave appliances on standby and remember not to leave appliances on charge unnecessarily
4. Turn the thermostat down. Reducing the room temperature by 1 degree could cut your heating bills by up to 10%

Telephone the Energy Saving Trust advice centre on freephone 0800 512 012 to find out more.

The CRDA Newsletter can be obtained at the following premises:

- ACORN Centre
- Crosskeys Inn
- Dougans Portglenone
- Dougans Ahoghill
- Credit Union Portglenone
- Gaults Supermarket

 ★ Anyone wishing to contribute to, or advertise in the next ★
 ★ issue of the CRDA newsletter, please contact Paddy ★
 ★ Graffin, PRO at 07732 834 526 or ★
 ★ e-mail info@crda-online.com ★
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WANTED: Used Printer Cartridges
 The George Sloan Centre in Ballymena receive income from collecting used printer cartridges.

Any used cartridges from home or work can be left in the new Acorn Centre.

A very worthwhile cause!

Contact Tracy on 07909731462 for opening times of the hall or give the cartridges to any committee member.

 ★ **What could you use the new** ★
 ★ **Acorn Centre for?** ★
 ★ Here's a few of our ideas what we think ★
 ★ the new centre could be used for. If you ★
 ★ feel you would like to host your event , ★
 ★ function or activity please feel free to ★
 ★ contact us. ★

- ★ ♦ Children's Birthday parties
- ★ ♦ 5-A-Side football
- ★ ♦ Basketball
- ★ ♦ Badminton
- ★ ♦ Volleyball
- ★ ♦ Cards
- ★ ♦ Bingo
- ★ ♦ Meetings
- ★ ♦ Drama
- ★ ♦ Fundraising Events
- ★ ♦ Quiz

★ The CRDA have delivered the new ★
 ★ community centre—now its up to you to ★
 ★ use it! ★

★ For Telephone booking please contact ★
 ★ Tracy McGuigan on 028 7965 1726 or ★
 ★ mobile 07909731462 ★

★ For online booking visit our website at [www. ★
 ★ crda-online.com](http://www.crda-online.com) ★

★ To email the group contact [bookings@crda- ★
 ★ online.com](mailto:bookings@crda-online.com) ★

★ **Rates may vary so please visit our website ★
 ★ for up-to-date information.** ★
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 ★ If you or someone you know does ★
 ★ not have access to this newsletter, ★
 ★ please inform us and we shall ★
 ★ endeavor to deliver the newsletter ★
 ★ to your/their door. ★
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Ceoltóirí Crosskeys (Loughbeg CCE)
 We are continuing run our Sunday sessions in the Crosskeys Inn
 12-15 3pm - 4pm 15-18 4pm - 5pm
 We have planned a trip to Glasgow 28th -30th March 2008 for our 15-18 age group. We are meeting up with another Comhaltas group St Roches who have been across to the Crosskeys on a number of occasions. There will be a number of traditional music sessions over the weekend for this age group. The aim is to encourage contacts and share tunes with fellow musicians.

We are now putting together our groups for this year's Fleadh competitions. The Antrim Fleadh will be in Cushendall 16th-18th May, The Ulster Fleadh in Castlewellan, Co. Down 25th -27th July and The All Ireland Fleadh in Tullamore, Co. Offaly 22nd-24th August.

Cloney Band
 As you may be aware by now the parades for St Patrick's Day are being held on Saturday 15th March.
 Our plan for the day is:
 ♦ Ahoghill Chapel 10am
 ♦ Draperstown for parades
 ♦ Parade from Crosskeys to Cloney 5pm
 Practice has resumed - any 'old' members very welcome to give us a 'pull out'.
 Irish Night in Acorn Centre on Saturday 3rd May. More details to follow.
Martin Agnew


CRDA Young at Heart
April: Oklahoma the musical
 An outing to Coleraine Riverside Theatre at the end of April to see Oklahoma.
May: A Saturday trip to Derry City
 Go shopping or walk along the walls with a tour guide and enjoy a meal on the way home.
 Dates and cost for both outings to be confirmed. For further information contact Anne Martin on 07955252570

May Allen School Of Dancing
Adult (inc. teenagers) Ceili Classes
 Every Monday 8 - 9 pm £3 per person
Irish Dancing classes
 Every Wednesday 6 - 7 pm £2.50 per person
The Acorn Centre, Cloney
 Everyone welcome
 No pre-registration - Just turn up on the night!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2008 WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH
Making World Connections
 The Bridewell, Magherafelt
 6.30pm Buffet supper
 7.15pm-9.30pm Cultural Celebration
 For further information contact Teresa Magee 02825878586

Youth Club
Tuesday 7pm-8.45pm (primary)
Thursday 7pm-8.45pm (post-primary)
 The re-launch of CRDA Youth Club based in the new facilities has been a great success, with over 50 primary-aged children and over 25 post-primary aged young people registered. Centre-based activities have been wide-ranging, including arts and crafts, sports and competitions. We have arranged outings for all ages including attending a pantomime, Dundonald Icebowl, a Celtic match and a drugs awareness play. We really need more parents and adults to support the work of the youth club, so if you feel you could donate an evening a month or act as an extra pair of hands on an outing, please contact us—your support would be very much valued. Contact Clare Neeson on 07749 689417 or Ciara Downey on 07988 755779.

Chair Aerobics
 The season of chair aerobics ends on March 5th. All those who attended have enjoyed it. If any one else would like to sample the activity they would be most welcome during the last two nights. Our thanks are due to Josephine, our tutor, for the enjoyment we have had.
Teresa Graham

 **Saint Mary's GAC Ahoghill**
 Following the on the field successes of 2007, this year is set to be a big year for the club off the field also. A fundraising drive has just commenced to complete the final phase of our club development. We have launched our prize draw with a Volkswagen Car as 1st prize. Tickets are £20 each or £50 for 3 and can be bought from any club member. The draw will be made at our first ever Gala Dinner to be held in Tullyglass House Hotel on 28th November 2008.
Declan Scullion (Chairperson)