



# GILFORD COMMUNITY FORUM

'BRINGING GILFORD TOGETHER'



**FRIDAY 29TH JULY**

**ENTRANCE FEE £2.00. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
GILFORD LEGION, AND RUN FROM 7.00PM TO 10.00PM**

Our Wednesday night youth group is organising the talent show to end all talent shows! It costs £1.00 per act to take part and you can register your star act by filling in the application form found on the back of flyers, by calling into Gilford Resource Centre, emailing sarah.mcneill@banbridge.gov.uk, or by

sending a message on our Facebook page 'GCF Gilford'. Acts should be 3 minutes or less in length and all participants must be under 16 years of age. All proceeds will go to Action Cancer so come along to support a charitable cause and have a great night out!

## AUTUMN TRAINING PROGRAMME

Gilford Community Forum would like to offer local people the chance to learn new skills and brush up on old ones. The following courses will take place locally and cover 4 sessions each at most, dates to be confirmed. If you have any training needs that aren't met here please get in touch with Sarah at the resource centre.

- FIRST AID**
- FOOD HYGIENE**
- CHILD PROTECTION**

To express your interest in participating in any of these course please get in touch with Sarah at the resource centre. A nominal fee will be charged per person, per course.



## BANBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

**Banbridge District Council  
Gilford has organised two  
fun activities for 5-10 year  
olds in Gilford.**

**5-7 year olds  
Wednesday 10th August  
11.00am – Storytelling with Steve  
Lally in Gilford Library**  
20 places available – must be booked  
through Sarah at Gilford Resource  
Centre by 27th July  
Cost: £2.00 per child to be paid on the  
day

**7-10 year olds  
Thursday 11th August 10.00am-  
12.30pm – Plasticine Dragons  
and Unicorns arts activity with Jim  
Russell in Gilford Resource Centre**  
10 places available – must be booked  
through Sarah at Gilford Resource  
Centre by 27th July  
Cost: £5.00 per child to be paid on  
the day

## CONTACT US

### GILFORD COMMUNITY FORUM

Gilford Resource Centre  
36 Dunbarton Street  
Gilford

Tel: 028 3883 1414

*Open Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday 10.00 - 4.30pm*

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Gilford Community Newsletter

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## WELCOME

"Welcome to this jam-packed edition, we think you'll find something for everyone! Don't forget, if you've anything you want included in the Autumn newsletter, whether it's a piece of news, an upcoming event you'd like to plug or even a joke, contact us at the resource centre and we'll do our best to accommodate you. Have a lovely summer and let's hope it's a hot one!"

## ABCD PROJECT



A group of young teens from Gilford recently took part in the cross community and cross border 'ABCD (Addressing Beliefs Culture and Diversity) Project' with young people from Armagh and Sligo and Neighbourhood Policing representatives

from all three areas. The group visited places of historical significance like the Walls of Derry, Shankhill and Falls Road, and Dublin in a bid to understand more about their own cultural traditions and those of others. The project culminated in

a weekend residential to Sligo with surfing, basketball, a BBQ and a visit to the local Garda station. The young people all hope to meet up again in September.

## JOB CLUB

Need helping looking for work? Want to improve your interview skills? Come to the Gilford Community Forum 'Job Club' each Thursday from 3.00-

4.00pm to build your CV, fill in job applications, use our computers to look for jobs online.

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## APPLE BLOSSOM TOUR

Thirty over-50s recently enjoyed a trip around apple blossom country in Loughgall, despite the blossom having disappeared in a gust of wind a fortnight before! Barbara Ferguson, our tour guide, gave a wonderful potted history of the area and a peek at the McAllister orchard for a look at how a family orchard operates. Following this we visited Dan Winter's Cottage near the Battle of the Diamond site where we were treated to a lovely spread courtesy of Mrs. Hilda Winters, the current resident.



## CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT GILFORD COMMUNITY CLUB

Gilford Community Club, Castle Hill, has arranged a 3 day activity programme for young people aged 7-12, organised through the Banbridge District Council 'Active Communities' programme:  
Wednesday 24th August 2.00-4.00pm- Volleyball and Games  
Thursday 25th August 2.00-4.00pm- Volleyball and Dance  
Friday 26th August 2.00-4.00pm - Football and Games  
FREE!! No need to book, just turn up! Proper footwear should be worn - no black soled shoes.

## GILFORD SUMMER SCHEME

### Monday 15th August

10.00-12.00pm - REACT Ltd will deliver a fun, interactive drugs and alcohol awareness session to kids aged 8-11 years in Gilford Resource Centre. FREE OF CHARGE, SNACKS AVAILABLE!

2.00-3.30pm - Belfast Circus School will be coming to Gilford to teach circus skills to kids aged 8-11 years. Try your hand at the tightrope, still walking, juggling and more! £1.00 per child- venue to be confirmed. Contact Sarah on 02838 831414 to confirm your child's place. Please note it is a condition that children MUST attend the morning REACT session before they can participate in the circus school workshop.

### Tuesday 16th August

10.00-12.00pm -REACT Ltd will be back to deliver a fun, interactive drugs and alcohol awareness session to kids aged 12-16 years in Gilford Resource Centre. FREE OF CHARGE, SNACKS AVAILABLE!

2.00-3.30pm - Belfast Circus School will be coming back to Gilford to teach circus skills to kids aged 12-16 years. £1.00 per person - venue to be confirmed. Contact Sarah on 02838 831414 to confirm your place Please note it is a condition that young people MUST attend the morning REACT session before they can participate in the circus school workshop.

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

### 20TH SEPTEMBER AT GILFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL 7.30PM

Due to demand a special evening has been organised for parents, guardians and relatives of local children and young people who wish to know more about current

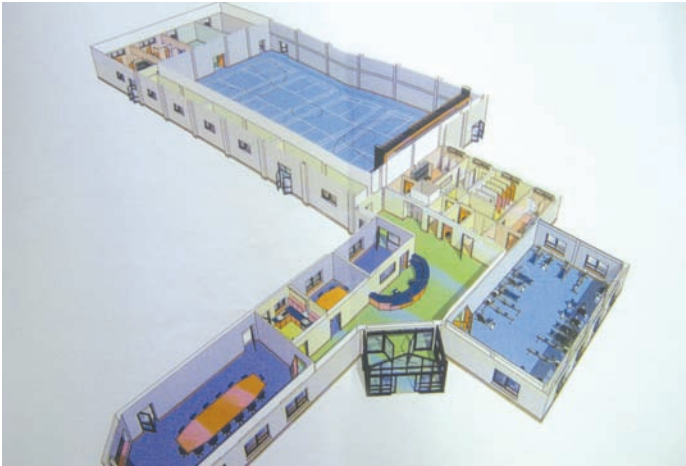
trends and associated dangers with drugs and alcohol as well as information on signs to look out for. There's no need to register for the session, just turn up on the night. The session will be facilitated by React Ltd.

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## GILFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE



Building work is progressing very well at the Stramore Park site of Gilford's new

community centre. To whet your appetite, here are a couple of photos from the centre

plans which are available for viewing in the resource centre

## MEMORIES OF THE MILL SCREENING

Our Gilford Mill film is ready to screen and the grand premiere is set for Thursday 30th June at Gilford British Legion. The mini-movie was made by BEAM Creative Network and a number of local people were involved: students from Gilford Primary School and St. John's Primary School and ex-Mill employees Teresa Fitzpatrick, Oliver Moore, Emily Curran and

Lily Uprichard. Supporting Actors Reggie McIlroy, Armand Gaillard, Reggie McBurney and Joe Doran provided the anecdotes, craic and musical entertainment! Thanks to Dr. and Mrs Lyons who invited us to film in their home, Dunbarton House.

Everyone is welcome to attend the screening which begins at 7.30pm sharp.

Ken McIlroy will reminisce and give us a potted history of the mill, there will be presentations by Brendan Byrne with photos from Gilford's past, Norman Kerr with a display and talk on mill processes and entertainment by local musicians, so come along for some fun and nostalgia. Tea/coffee and sweet things provided!

## 'SAVE GILFORD LIBRARY' CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support Gilford library at the public meeting on 22nd March! The committee continues to work hard to keep our library open. A group of committee members met with the Libraries NI board in April to make a presentation on what the library means

to Gilford and what we will do to help retain members and attract even more. And you can help too! We need you to join up if you're not already a member and if you are, borrow more books, and support the summer library events we are currently organising!

## NEW WEBSITE

Check out our new website [www.gilfordcommunityforum.com](http://www.gilfordcommunityforum.com)

Give your feedback by getting in touch with Sarah at [sarah.mcneill@banbridge.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.mcneill@banbridge.gov.uk).

## CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES AT RESOURCE CENTRE

Mondays	Alcoholics Anonymous 8.00pm-10.00pm
Wednesdays	Computer class (full) 10.30am-1.00pm 'Change That' art class 2.00pm-4.00pm
Thursdays	Calligraphy 10.30am-12.30pm Job Club 3.00pm-4.00pm
Fridays	Citizen's Advice drop-in 10.00-12.30pm

Please note that the art and calligraphy classes will be off for the July and August period and will resume in September.