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Welcome to the third edition of Seaforde News which is published on an occasional basis by the committee of Seaforde and District Community Association.

Since our last edition, we have run two very successful children's summer schemes in conjunction with our neighbours in Clough. We have refurbished the village pump and reinstated it to its original site on Main Street. As we go to press a new village bench is waiting to take up position beside the pump.

We began the Autumn season with our first fundraising event of the year - a well attended Pub Quiz in September. Our popular dance class has now resumed and meets



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in the Young Farmers' Club Hall each Wednesday at 7.30pm. The class continues to be well attended with Jive being a firm favorite, but waltz, quickstep and the Cha-cha-cha also feature.

In our last edition we announced the formation of Harmonic Progression, our Seaforde ladies' choir. The choir has been very active since its formation last year putting on an excellent Christmas Concert in

December and a Spring Concert in May. Members of the choir organized a Pub Quiz in October in aid of 'TinyLife'. The ladies are currently rehearsing for their 2017 Christmas Extravaganza.

At present the committee is hard at work organising a Christmas Fair and planning the installation of a village Christmas tree (see Page 2).

We have also been working hard on how we engage with you, our residents, and recently launched an online presence on Facebook, Twitter and our own home on the web at seaforde.org.uk to keep you up-to-date with what's happening in Seaforde throughout the year.

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Some of the children who attended the Summer Scheme in August got the opportunity to handle many exotic creatures and see Vikings in action.

Community Christmas Tree and Fair

As we go to press plans are well advanced for Seaforde's first ever (so far as we know) village Christmas tree.

Thanks to funding which we have received from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the generosity of the Forde family, Seaforde will have its own Christmas tree this year.

The tree is currently growing in the Forde estate but soon it will be in position at the front of the Young Farmers' Club Hall. Organising funding, installing the necessary foundations and electrical supply and sourcing lights and

decorations have been a much bigger undertaking than anyone would have imagined! But, hopefully, the tree will be in position for the big switch-on on 25 November.

A craft fair will be held in the YFC Hall on the afternoon of 25 November when a number of local stall holders will be showing off their wares. As well as craft work there will be cakes, pickles, hats and fashion. There will also be tea, coffee, non-alcoholic mulled wine and shortbread available. Artwork by children from some of the local primary schools will be on display in the

hall. The fair will run from 2pm until 5pm.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will come along and support this event and help to make it a memorable occasion. A voluntary contribution in aid of the community association will be payable at the door.

It is also hoped that a certain elderly gentleman with a white beard and red suit will be present and he may well have a small gift for the children.

Harmonic Progression (our cross-community Ladies' Choir) will be singing a number of Christmas songs before the lights of the tree are switched on for the first time at 4.30pm.



James Frost (Chairman of the committee) stands in front of our Christmas tree in its current position on the Forde Estate

Fundraising for the Community

Two pub quizzes were held recently in the Lakeside Inn.

The first one, held on Friday 8 September, was organised by the Community Association to raise badly-

needed funds to help in the day-to-day running of the association. This was a very enjoyable and well-attended evening.

The second quiz was organised by members of

Harmonic Progression and it was held on Saturday 14 October in aid of 'TinyLife'. This proved to be another very successful evening with £825 being raised for this very worthwhile cause.

The choir will be in action again on 14 December when their Christmas Concert will be in aid of Daisy Lodge and Guide Dogs NI.



A packed Lakeside Inn hosted two very successful quizzes. Many thanks to everyone who supported these events so generously.

During the year



Harmonic Progression in rehearsal.



The village pump which has been restored by Willie Watson (Drumcaw Steel Works) with the help of funding from Down District Council.



Patricia Morgan presents members of the RNLI with a cheque from the proceeds of the spring concert.



Two lucky winners of some of the prizes on offer at the Community Quiz.



Some of the children who attended the Summer Scheme enjoy an ice-cream.

Meet the Prickles

Come and meet your prickly Neighbours at the Seaforde Christmas Fayre on 25 November.

The Prickles family will be attending the event in force. We will be running a competition for younger and older attendees to search for each of the Prickles family.

Each member of the Prickles family has his or her own personality. There is Horace, who is married to Dolly, Holly Ivy Prickles, Aunt Hattie Prickles, Hugo Woody Prickles, Spike Prickles and Baby Lottie Prickles. Who knows? - by 25 November there could be a few more members of this amazing family!



Here is Holly Ivy Prickles. She was born just before Christmas and christened Holly. She loves ribbons for her hair. Holly lives under a garden house in Coach Horse Lane. She is one of the younger members of the family.

Ideas wanted

The members of the committee try very hard to add something positive to the life of our little village and the surrounding area.

We are always looking for ideas for projects or activities which would benefit the local population. If you would like to suggest something in particular, please do let us know. Our contact details are below. We may be able to obtain funding for classes in a particular activity such as pilates, but if no one is interested, it is not worthwhile. Let us know **your** ideas.



Trees

Trees are short, and trees are tall,
And some drop leaves to scuff in
Fall.

Trees are fat, and trees are thin,
With windows where the sun looks
in.

Trees are big, and trees are small,
But Christmas trees are best of all.



HARMONIC PROGRESSION
Community Choir for Women in Seaforde



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT



Songs - Carols - Sketches - Raffle

Fun for all the Family

Thursday 14th December
7.30pm YFC Hall Seaforde

£5 donation at door (£3 concession)



All proceeds go to
Daisy Lodge and Guide Dogs NI

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25 November
2pm - 5pm
YFC Hall



- * **Craft and cake stalls**
- * **Tea, coffee, mulled wine and shortbread**
- * **Christmas Choir**
- * **Santa Visiting!**



Seaforde Christmas Tree Switch on at 4.30pm