



# Ballymoney

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# Ballymoney – Enjoy Our Town this Christmas!



Mayor, John Finlay



Winnie Mellet, President of Chamber of Commerce

It gives me great pleasure to send you this year's new look Christmas events programme, keeping you informed of what is happening throughout the Christmas period.

Please support our Ballymoney advertisers who have helped to fund this year's exciting Christmas Programme. Together, they offer you a wide range of Christmas gifts, hospitality and essentials to make this holiday season very special.

From pantos to presents and recipes to radio, we have shopping and celebration all wrapped up!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2009.

## Message from Santa

"Hellooooooooooooo Ho Ho Ho!"

*Just wanted to tell you all about my recent shopping trip to Ballymoney. I was pleased to find that Ballymoney has many unique family-run shops, boasting top brands, competitive prices and a friendly personal service! And the coffee shops with their comfy seating and frothy coffee were just what a Big Man like myself needed!*

*If, like Santa, you're tired of being jostled and hassled when shopping in big cities or shopping malls in the run up to Christmas. If you're fed up with those long queues, Santa would tell you to make your way to Ballymoney for Christmas shopping. The shops here pride themselves on giving you the service you deserve, at a pace that leaves you feeling relaxed this holiday season. It was a leisurely shopping trip indeed!*

I look forward to visiting Ballymoney town again on Switch on Night on Thursday 27th November and again at the Fair on 28th November as well as 13th and 20th December. See you on one of those dates!!

*Santa.*



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## Santa visits the Christmas Fine Food & Craft Fair

Friday 28th November  
9am – 3pm,  
Castlecroft Square



Delicious chutneys, pastries and butchery, all home made or reared in County Antrim. Pick up a unique Christmas gift from a selection of jewellery (costume, glass and silver), glassware, ceramics and artwork.

Keeping the shoppers entertained, Gift "O" the Gab DJ Barry Thompson will provide on site music and craic while Paula McIntyre the Radio Ulster Saturday Magazine Chef, will provide samples of decadent recipes from her new book "A Kitchen Year". See page 11 for a recipe!

And don't forget, Santa will be making a special appearance at the fair, so call in and have a chat and maybe even get a present from Santa. Don't forget to bring your camera!! Proceeds from sale of Santa's presents go to

Compass Advocacy Network, a local charity for local people with learning disabilities.



## NEW IN TOWN! Benbrookes Restaurant

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9am-5pm  
Monday to Saturday.  
Late night opening  
Thurs 27th November  
7pm-9pm  
Closed Christmas Eve



If you'd like to know more about our crafts telephone the Town Hall on

**Tel: (028) 2766 0230**

## Annual Carols Together Event 2008

Mon 8th December, 7.00pm

Ballymoney's annual Carols Together event takes place on Monday 8th December beginning at 7pm in the Church of Our Lady & St Patrick – Castle Street, moving on at 7.20pm to Ballymoney Methodist Church in Seymour Street. At 7.40pm it moves to St Patrick's Parish Church on Church Street and then at 8pm to St James's Church, St James's Road. The evening concludes at 8.30pm with a light supper in the Town Hall.

It is intended that most participants will walk between each church therefore appropriate clothing is required. Those who wish may join in at any point during the programme.

### Everyone is welcome!

'Carols Together' is funded by Ballymoney Borough Council's Good Relations Programme.

**Ring 028 2766 0233 for more information.**

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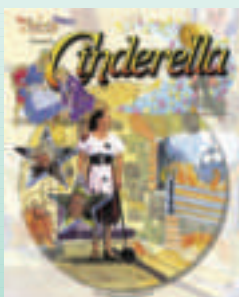
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# Cinderella

2nd & 3rd December

7.30pm, Ballymoney Town Hall



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**Christmas Lights Switch on Night**  
**Thursday 27th November**  
**6.45pm - 8.30pm**  
**High Street, Ballymoney**

**MUSIC & CRAIC!**

The best of Christmas Cheer  
with DJ 'Gift O The Gab'  
Barry Thompson

**SANTA COMES  
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## High Schools Musicians!

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Ballynagall School perform  
songs from The Sound  
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## USE FM!

Meet the presenters as  
they begin a 4 week  
broadcast in the Toon!

## Cheers After Show Party!

After the Switch on, 10-14 year  
olds are invited to an after  
show party in Cheers Youth Centre  
in Church St.

8.30pm

## Sing-a-long with Santa!

Santa leads the crowd  
in a sing song of  
Christmas favourites!

## Ballymoney's Got Talent!

Some of the finest  
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## Christmas Lights Switch On!

The Mayor and Santa  
will be assisted in their switch  
on duties by one lucky winner  
of the Ballymoney Times  
Switch On Competition

# fUSE FM takes to the airwaves again this Christmas!!

We are pleased to confirm that local radio station, fUSE FM, will be on air again in Ballymoney from 22 November to 20 December. The station will broadcast live, seven days a week, reaching audiences within at least 14 miles radius.

Speaking in advance of the month long broadcast, fUSE FM presenter Gary Blair said:



*"The fUSE team are delighted to be back on air, especially at Christmas. Every time we have run the station the response from the people of Ballymoney has been phenomenal. In July past, we received 20,055 texts in 28 days and that was incomparable with any other local radio station in the Province. I am certain the people of the Toon and the presenters will all make FUSE a roaring success again in November".*

So make a note to tune into fUSE FM on 106.2 FM from 22 November to 20 December, broadcasting live from 8:00am until 12 midnight and be sure to text your requests to 07936 007 888. For further information or advertising opportunities, please contact Gary on 07702 831341.



## **fUSE fm Christmas Ball**

### **The Manor Hotel**

Main Street, Ballymoney  
Fri 28 November 8pm to late

### **Wine & Cheese Reception**

followed by late night dancing.  
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## 22nd Annual Art Exhibition

13th - 22nd November

Ballymoney Town Hall



Always one of the most popular events in the winter programme, this exhibition offers local artists the opportunity to show their work. With a great mix of traditional and more contemporary styles and themes, there is sure to be something to please everyone so don't miss the chance to shop for an extra special Christmas present!

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## Candelight Procession and Carols Service

Thursday 18th December 7.00pm to 8.30pm

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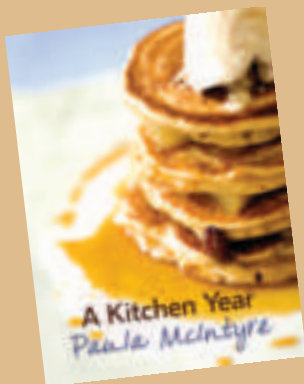
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## A Kitchen Year by Paula McIntyre



In her first cookbook, the Radio Ulster Saturday Magazine Chef, Paula McIntyre brings together a collection of recipes to tantalise the taste buds and inspire chefs of all abilities to try something new.

Cooking since the tender age of eight, the Ballymoney-born woman displays her repertoire of culinary skills to compile an exciting range of recipes, fusing the contemporary and traditional with equal aplomb.

With everything from chocolate brownies to butter-nut squash, risottos and the traditional roast, A Kitchen Year, contains a recipe for all tastes and times.

Focusing on seasonal, fresh ingredients; starters, main courses, fish dishes, baking and desserts are all covered and there is a special December chapter with ideas for ringing the changes over the festive season.



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To celebrate this launch, Paula has kindly shared with us, a recipe from her new book, "A Kitchen Year". Come along to meet Paula at the Ballymoney Christmas Fair on 28th November, where a limited number of signed books will be on sale as well as recipe samples.

## *White Chocolate, Orange and Cranberry Fudge*

There are two camps of fudge eaters – those who prefer it to be crumbly in texture and those who like it to be creamy and squidgey. I fall into the latter group. This fudge has a real festive feel, makes a great present and is the perfect ending to Christmas lunch.

50g dried cranberries  
25ml Grand Marnier  
juice and zest of 2 oranges  
375g icing sugar  
100ml whole milk  
75g butter  
275g good-quality white  
chocolate, chopped  
2 tablespoons double cream



Place the cranberries, Grand Marnier and orange juice in a saucepan. Bring to the boil and continue to simmer until the liquid has reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Grease and line an 8-inch baking tin with parchment paper. Mix the icing sugar and milk in a heavy-based saucepan. Turn the heat down to medium and cook for 1 minute to warm through. Add the butter and, stirring constantly, bring to

the boil. Without stirring, boil the mixture constantly for 5 minutes. Reduce the heat and add the chocolate and cream. Remove from the heat and stir until the chocolate melts. Stir in the cranberry mixture and orange zest. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking tray and chill until set. Cut into cubes when cold and store in a plastic container. This fudge will keep for up to 2 weeks.



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Thurs 4, Fri 5 & Sat 6 Dec 7.30pm.  
Tickets on sale from school office  
from 17 November  
£8 adults £6 OAPs & pupils U16

### Cheers Youth Centre

Mon 15 Dec 7.30 - 10pm **"Breakdancer"** Tel: 2766 6931

### Santa's Walkabout Ballymoney!! Bring a Camera!!



Sat 13th & Sat 20th December 11.30am-3pm

Santa will be visiting Ballymoney to get a few last minute presents, stopping along Main Street and Castlecroft Square, giving out sweets and having a chat. Be sure to have a camera handy as Santa is happy to pose for a photo or two!! And remember the much loved Pirate Boat from Picnic in the Park? It will be in Castlecroft both those Saturdays.

## Christmas Lights Switch On Competition

### www.ballymoneytimes.com **Ballymoney Times**

Would you like to nominate someone to switch on the Christmas Lights in Ballymoney on Thursday 27th November? Maybe you know someone special who would love to do this, perhaps a parent, employee or a teacher? So long as your nominee either lives or works in the Borough, is over 18, they are eligible. Please find your official entry form in 5th Nov and 12th November editions of the Ballymoney Times, who are kindly sponsoring this competition.

The winner will be notified by 20th November, intime for Switch On Night! Good Luck!



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