

It's all going on down in Doagh!

DOAGH Village Community Association introduces its inaugural series of Autumn Concerts in September and October 2008. These will be held in St Bride's Parish Church, Doagh, in co-operation with Rev Paul Redfern and the Select Vestry.

The first concert will take place on Friday, 5 September at 7.30pm and will be given by the accomplished French pianist Thibaut Guillois. The second concert is on Thursday, 30 October, given by French soprano, Béatrice Tronel, also in St Bride's. Several members of DVCA had attended concerts by both performers in Mont Dol in Brittany to celebrate the on-going activities presently being organised between Doagh and Mont Dol.

A follow-up performance by both musicians will take place at the Braid in Ballymena on the evenings following the Doagh performances, to facilitate anyone from surrounding towns and villages to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Members of Mont Dol Initiatives, who have already visited Doagh last November, will attend the concerts. Financial support has been given for the project by Newtownabbey Borough Council as part of the celebrations for the

Andrew, at 93340570 or the Secretary, Bob Adams, at 93341913. Seats will be limited so allocation will be

on a first come / first served basis!

For the performances at The Braid Museum and

Arts Centre in Ballymena. Tickets will be £5.00 for Adults and £3.50 for children.



French soprano Béatrice Tronel who will be giving a special performance in St. Brides Parish Church, Doagh. SE3213



Everybody needs good neighbours!

NEW Mossley, Newtownabbey will be the stage for a 'Meet the Neighbours' event on Saturday 16th August. During the day representatives from a variety of nationalities and organisations are coming together to provide entertainment and information, all designed to promote inter cultural awareness and understanding in our society.

'Meet the Neighbours' Day has been organised by the Housing Executive's Newtownabbey 2 Housing Community Network (HCN), supported by the Housing Executive's Community Cohesion Unit and the local District Office.

The event will take place at Ballycraigh Way, New Mossley, in the vicinity of New Mossley Presbyterian Church.

HCN member Agnes North is delighted that the event is taking place for a second year and said: "We were really pleased at the response and enthusiasm from participants and visitors at last year's 'Meet the Neighbours' day and so were spurred on to hold another event this year.

"Once again, the Housing Executive's Neighbourhood Wardens, John Read and Connor Smith have worked tirelessly with us to make sure we have another successful day and I am confident that this will be the case. Starting at 10.00 a.m., there will be a whole host of entertainment including music, dance and food demonstrations from around the world, running throughout the day. In addition, there

will be a wealth of information and advice available from the wide range of voluntary, community and statutory agencies also taking part on the 16th, so I want to encourage residents from across the Borough to come along, have fun and 'Meet the Neighbours'."

Commenting on the event Jennifer Hawthorne, Head of the Community Cohesion Unit said: "Meet the Neighbours' is an excellent example of a local community's aim to promote and encourage understanding of the different cultures within our society and so I am delighted to support this event. Community cohesion is about neighbourliness, nurturing respect amongst and within communities for the benefit of everyone, and events such as this are important tools in achieving this goal.

"The Housing Executive, through its Shared Neighbourhood Programme, is committed to working in partnership with local communities and partner organisations to facilitate community development and good relations across Northern Ireland.

"I commend the Housing Community Network and local Housing Executive staff for organising this initiative and also the wide range of organisations who have again so willingly agreed to participate. I hope that the 'Day' will be well supported by the Newtownabbey community and beyond, and be a blueprint for other areas."

Coaching for Christ returns to Ballyclare

AFTER the phenomenal success of last time, Coaching for Christ returns to Ballyclare this week for another coaching week in association with Ballyclare Baptist

The tournament comes to an end on Thursday evening (7th August) when a special 'World Cup' competition takes place and on Friday night there will be a