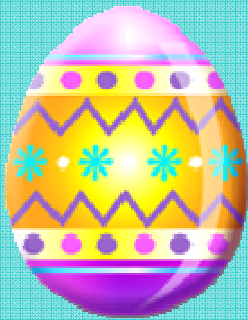


### Important Dates –

- Easter Night out  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
April – meet at  
the Kitchen Bar  
at 7.30pm.
- Council meeting  
– 24<sup>th</sup> April  
2009.
- Volunteer  
Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup>  
April 2009.



## Hello and Welcome

Hi everybody and a Happy Easter to you all. I hope you all get your own body weight in chocolate especially those of you, like me, who were off it for Lent.

I would especially like to welcome all our brand new shiny and enthusiastic volunteers who will be reading my rambling output for the first time. Yes the course

is complete and *Child* finally has some new blood. I am as proud as a really big proud thing. Sorry a severe lack of imagination took hold there.

I have joint winners of the competition for last time. Their emails arrived within minutes of each other and I didn't think I was fair to separate them (although Paul's arrived first). The

Monty Python who wrote Nicobobinus was Terry Jones. Congratulations **Paul Sheridan** and **Chris Steele**. Sorry I still haven't figured out how to make the names flash yet.

Read on my lovelies a veritable feast of information awaits you.

Jill

## Council News

As you can see, Council are having their next meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April and apparently it is going to be a big one.

The first holiday, for the younger kids, is booked and confirmed for Castlewellan Castle, preplanning on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July and ending on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. The adolescent holiday is still in the ether, but the decision will be made then.

I will be sending out the availability forms in early

May, once everything has been sorted and we know where we are.

Also we got some money, hurray, and how to spend all that lovely lolly will also be decided upon.

## Easter Drinkies

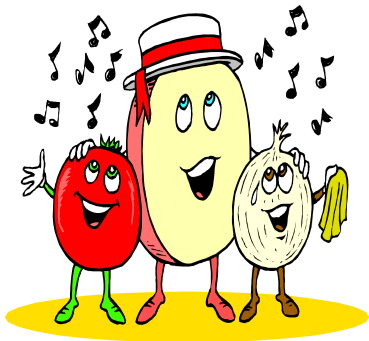
Yes, Henry is doing it again, no not that. After the runaway success of the Christmas get together and flushed with achievement he has organized another event.

We meet at the Kitchen Bar, down the side of Victoria Square at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, that is next week folks. Go for something to eat and of course a few units of alcohol if you so desire.



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*What book and excellent film has the superb line "Hello my name is Inigo Montoya, you killed my father, prepare to die"*



## Access NI

For anyone who has filled out one of these babies in the past I apologize coz you are going to have to do all over again. It would be great if we could get as many volunteers registered as we can before the summer.

If you want to work or visit the holidays this year it is a must.

I have attached a blank form, you need to print it

out and fill it out in black ink and in capitals. Once you get going it is not so bad. We are going for the basic clearance.

Martin is our bloke on this and lucky me, although I am still awaiting the confirmation of my registration.

Once you have the form complete drop me an email and I will let you know about the ID's and

where to send your form.

I appreciate we all lead busy lives and that this is a pain, however it must be done.

For those of you who completed their forms on the course, you can sit back smugly and relax.

## Volunteer Group News

We have been so busy you will be exhausted just reading this article.

The Group Leader course has been completed and a great bunch of new volunteers have joined our little *Child* community.

Hopefully you will get to meet some of them on the soiree on Sat 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have also updated our Policy booklet and Siobhan has done a

wonderful job on a swanky Song Book. They are available right now, this instant on the website, thanks Gerry. The new Group Leader booklet is up there too, how organized are we?

I am still on the case for First Aid Training. I know I keep banging on about it but it is beneficial, not only to *Child* but also in your

everyday life. If anyone is interested and hasn't contacted me yet, come on the more the merrier.

## Pre Summer Day

We are hoping to run a pre summer day this year, towards the end of June. We were thinking it would be great to utilize our own volunteers experience and include workshops on songs, games, crafts and

drama. If anyone would like to help us out with any of these ideas please get in touch with me and let me know where your talents lie.

We also hope to run an

organized activity, caving has been mentioned, and then of course the usual food and drink afterwards.

Full details will be in the next edition.