

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 18th March 2019

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Midland Rally Returns

Next weekend we

will see the Midland Rally return to the local area with stages taking place in the Killashee, Lanesboro and Cashel areas on Sunday. The rally always brings a great excitement and vibrancy to the communities not only with the drivers and co

pilots but also the huge crowd that follows the stages. The timetable as far as I can find out goes something like this, Service Area is Mastertech Business park first car due 11:38am. Stage 1 is around Killashee first car due 9:39am; Stage 2 is around Newtowncashel first car due 10:13am and Stage 3 is around Keenagh/Moydow first car due 11:28am. These stages will be repeated in the afternoon twice more.

Rally

programmes will be on sale in O'Brien's

We

wish drivers, co pilots and spectators a wonderful day and ask everyone to obey the stewards and be safety conscious throughout and have a fabulous and happy time.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Early

morning was bright, cheerful with a cold breeze, but the rain came at 9am and took the gloss of what we had hope was going to be a good day weather wise. The rain was intermittent throughout the morning but come the late morning the sun reappeared and started to brighten our expectations of a great afternoon for our parade through Ballyleague and Lanesboro. The day was brilliant as was the

presentation of all the floats and those that entered their floats should be rightly proud of creating a fabulous St. Patrick's Day in our community – we are rightly indebted to you all. The turnout along the route was huge, probably the biggest yet and once again it was a special time for us all to see so many lining the street to welcome the floats and especially for the hard-working committee that continues to do a wonderful job year on year.

As

usual local TD Eugene Murphy done a wonderful job and was his inimitable self as MC for the day- he never fails us. Joining Eugene on the viewing stand was Stephanie and Mark Abrams from Lanesborough, Massachusetts, USA, Fr. Mickey Reilly,

Adie Farrell, Gerard Farrell, Joe Flaherty, Michéal Carrigy, Mick Cahill, Paul Ross, Seamus Butler,

It

was another one of those magical days in our community. We seem to be building up great occasions throughout each year and we look forward seeing more big events happening month in month out.

The

adjudicators judged the following floats as winners: Best Overall Float – 12th Ballyboro Scout, Most Original Float – Lanesboro Fire Brigade, Best Club Float – Ballyleague Tidy Towns, Best Business Float – Tom Morris Hackney and Clarke's Bar, Best Vintage Float – Brendan Glennon Vintage Cars, Best Junior Float – Ballyboro Astro Turf Pitch, Best Dressed Window – Friends of Asthma.

The

five winners of the raffle were; Bill Murray, Ballyleague, Colin Burke, Ballyleague,

Martina Wallace, Erra, Mary Mc Gushin and Charlotte Bourke, Dublin each received a winners prize of €100 each.

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Coffee Morning in support of Daffodil Day and the Irish Cancer Society will take place in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Friday next 22nd March from 10am to 1pm. Your support can help greatly in the ongoing developments in the search for the cure for Cancer. Great work continues to be done and your support will mean a lot.

Mixed fortunes for the CBS

Cian

Glennon, Michael Dunne, Liam Ormsby, James Browne and Aaron Glennon son of Vinny and Jane omitted from last week's report were all part of the CBS Roscommon senior school panel that scored a comprehensive 5-22 to 2-11 win over Summerhill College Sligo in the Connacht Colleges B Football Final at the Connacht Centre of Excellence on Saturday last. They now go on to play the Ulster Final winners

This

was some compensation for the lads that played in the Connacht Rugby Final last Wednesday and ran into a stronger Garbally side. There is a great sense of pride in making history something the rugby players did and they can be rightly proud of their achievements.

The

Football Final had a particular significance for one particular family as Cian Glennon was a third generation Glennon/Murphy to play in the Connacht Final with the CBS. Cian's grandfather Tony Murphy (1 The Green) played in the 1950/51 final and lost but his feeling of loss was short-lived as that same year he won an All-Ireland medal with Roscommon Minors. In the Connacht final of 1986/87

Cian's father Ronan was on the losing side. Last Saturday the run of losses ceased and the sense of loss in Connacht finals for this particular family was lifted for good.

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numbers of photos are starting to come in in greater numbers and I would like to thank you for your search. As I look through them, they are bringing back great memories of the people and their families. I would encourage anyone else that has photographs of the Green, and stories to contact me. I am looking for all photographs of all residents of the Green right up to the present day – just a flick on your phone, camera, iPad and forward it to me at joea@iol.ie.

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Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Walter and Carmel Burke and family, Cloontuskert, on the death last week of Walter's brother Ignatius (Iggy) Burke, Willow Park, Athlone last week.

What we missed

Due to the fixtures pile up with a game scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and All-Ireland semi-final the following Saturday I never got the opportunity to mention the exploits of Mercy Ballymahon in the Leinster Senior C Championship. They had to play a North Leinster Final on Monday which they won, 2 days later on Wednesday they had to play a Leinster Final which they duly won to progress to the All-Ireland semi final scheduled for 3 days later on the Saturday. After serious negotiations the game was moved to the following Tuesday where they played their third vital game in 8 days and unfortunately came out the wrong side on the scoreline against a Patrician Academy, Mallow side.

Before

I commend our local players, I must mention the madness that the young men had to go through. Considering the majority of them are Leaving Cert you have to ask if the organisers have the interest of the young players at heart. 3 matches in 8 days is total lunacy when there are no exams during the summer to think of this schedule in the middle of the second last school term really beggars belief. Thankfully, I believe there were no injuries from the 3 games but that is just a lucky thing.

The

parish of Rathcline were privileged to have a magnificent eight players on the panel and we must surely acknowledge them for their incredible efforts. Oran Kenny, Cian Gilmore, Cronan Flood, Éanna Mc Grath, Bryn Peters, Seadhna Ryan, Richard Prior and Kevin Tansey all wore their school jersey with pride and there is no doubt that this talented eight will help drive the Rathcline club forward to great success when their turn comes in the Rathcline jersey.

Lough Ree 2000 Bridge Club

The

results of the competition held on Monday 11th March are: N/S 1st Kathleen Hanley and Mary Fallon, joint 2nd Kathleen Kelly and Joan Donlon & Una Clarke and Maureen Hynes, 4th Patricia Mc Gann and Joan Browne. E/W 1st Maura Hanley and Mary Mc Gushin, 2nd Katharine Harrison and Martha Byrne, 3rd Mary Jameson and Goretta Kenny, 4th Joan Donnellan and Noreen Dunne.

Do you need to Talk?

Struggling to cope with life? Would it help to talk about your problem in confidence? It doesn't matter who you are, how you feel or what happened to you. If things are getting you down, you can always talk to the Samaritans. The Samaritans are available on Freephone 116123, at all times 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

Alzheimer Café

The

next Alzheimer cafe will be held on this Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm. in the room at the back of Longford Credit Union. Entrance and car parking facility are at the rear of the building, between Longford Shopping Centre and Longford Motor taxation office. Guest Speaker on the night is Marie Mc Givney PHN, and her topic is Caring for people with Dementia. This is an information and social evening with tea, coffee, and refreshments been served. Anyone who is affected by Dementia is welcome to come. For more information you can contact Eileen or Breda on 085 8724475 or Longford ASI office on 043 3348402 / 3347221.

Lanesboro Bridge Club

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results of the competition held on Wednesday 13th March are: N/S 1st Catharine Harrison and Mary Farrell, 2nd Una Clarke and Eileen Kelly, 3rd Bernadette Clancy and Mary Mc Gushin. E/W 1st Brid Mc Dermott and Una Lawlor, 2nd Frank and Frances Brennan, 3rd Mike Flynn and Kathleen Kelly.

Table Quiz

St.

Earnan's National School, Killashee, is holding a Table Quiz in the Chestnut Tree, Killashee on Friday next 22nd with the first question been asked at 9pm. Teams of 4 costs €40. There will be a raffle on the night along with spot prizes during the quiz. You are asked to lend your support.

Lanesboro

Library this week

Knitting

& Crochet Group

Knitting & Crochet group continues on Monday
25th March 2pm to 4pm. New members always welcome!

Poetry

& Music Group

Poetry & Music group continues on Monday

25th March – 4.15-5.30pm.

All welcome to come along and join in with this
very vibrant group!

ESOL

Class

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages)

continues on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

David

Russell – Book Launch

Local author David Russell will be hosting a
night of activities to launch his two new children's books 'Bold and the Magic
Stove' and 'Bold and the Magic Stove (Young Learners Edition)'. David
will be doing activities such as making Cartoon Characters & Designing Cars
and wordsearches. All are welcome to come along.

Light refreshments will be served.

Venue: Lanesboro Library

Date: Monday April 1st

Time: 6.30pm.

Book Club

Book Club continues on Friday morning

29th March at 11am. Book choice for this month are 'The Mother's Secret'
by Clare

Swatman and 'Love and Ruin' by Paula McLain. All welcome to come along
for a chat and a cuppa!

'Music

in South Co. Longford'- A Lecture

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John Quinn will take place in Lanesboro Library on Saturday 13th April at
3pm. This lecture is organised as part of Éigse Peter Carberry weekend.

All welcome to come along!

An

Afternoon of Tea & Poetry

As part of the Bealtaine Festival during month
of May, Lanesboro Library & our wonderful Poetry & Music group will
host an Afternoon of Tea & Poetry!

This event is open to everyone and we hope you
will all join us for a cuppa & a song or two!

Venue: Lanesboro Library

Date: Monday 13th May

Time: 4.15pm

Foreign

Currency & Used Stamps

We are still collecting unwanted foreign currency and old coins/notes in aid of ISPCC. The smallest donation can make a huge difference.

We also collect used stamps in aid of ISPCC. Thank you.

Membership

Library membership is free for everyone and provides you with complimentary access to books and p.c.'s in the library as well as a range of digital services.

Lanesboro

Community Games

It is a wonderful thing to have an active Community Games in our parish and thankfully that is what we have with Lanesboro Community Games. There are a number of people doing a lot of work and fair play to them. If you would like to help out or have a young person to participate then bring him/her to the competitions notified here in these notes or contact some of the people mention for their great work or the phone number at the bottom of these results.

Swimming: Well done to all of our participants in the Community Games County Swimming Finals last weekend. We had great success. Jane Dowd, Duileach Ryan and Dylan Hanly got individual golds in their respective competitions. The U13 Boys Relay team of Con Maxwell, Fionn Crossan, Diarmuid Hanly and Mikey Sorohan, swam great and won gold also. There were two Silver medals for Shane Farrell, a silver medal for Diarmuid Hanly & Laoise Hanly and Bronze medals for Con Maxwell and Fionn Crossan in the individual swimming events. Máitíu Hanly swam really well and achieved a silver medal. Alice Farrell had a great swim but was unlucky not to get a medal.

A huge Thank you to Teresa Ryan for managing the swim team. Thank you to all the participants for taking part and best of luck to all those going forward to the National Finals in May.

U16 Basketball: Well done to Mr Michael Lyons (Manager) and the U16 Community Games Lanesborough Basketball team who played Granard last week. We came up against a good Granard side and we gave a great fighting and competitive display. Granard won out on the night. This was our first time to enter this competition in recent history and proved to be very popular. The panel of players, on the night, was Kieran O Dowd, Conor Lyons, Edgars Veinbergs,

Daire Cox, Matthew Heneghan, Jimmy Farrell, Aaron Kenny, Alex Forde, John Doyle, Joshua O'Reilly.

Many Thanks to Mr Lyons for organising the team and training, over the last few weeks. Thank you also to Deirdre Forde for helping out and contributing her valuable basketball experience.

Indoor U13 Boys Indoor Soccer: Well

done to all who took part in the recently held Indoor Soccer competition in Kenagh. The team reached the quarterfinal stage, where they were narrowly beaten by a good Killoe team. Our U13 panel was Cormac O'Dowd, Luke Cullen, Euan Cullen, Ben Murphy, Ronan Cox and Daniel Hogan. We would like to say a big Thank you to John Tynan and Lee Cullen for managing and preparing them.

U16 Chess Community Games: Well

done to our U16 Chess team who recently got to the county final. They played a very good Drumlish team but had to settle for silver medal in the end. It was a great display considering how young our team was. The team was Bilguun Russell, Conor Lyons, Kieran O'Dowd, Conor Farrell and Cormac O'Dowd.

Thank you to Mr Michael Lyons for managing and organising the team.

Forth-coming Community Games events:

Photography competition.

Futsal.

County Mixed Distance Relay Running Trials.

County Talent Saturday 13th April. Online entry cut-off date Saturday 6th April.

County Gaelic Competition: Online entry cut-off date Friday 5th April.

Please contact any of the Lanesborough Community Games committee members if you would like your children to participate in any of these events. Text 086-8147000 for more information.

Oskars Launch:

Since Sept 1st last year a small committee of dedicated volunteers has raised €25,000 for to build a new astro football pitch in our community. The pitch will be for everybody of every age who wants to use it at the track beside Lanesborough Community College.

The committee has two active grant applications for up to €200,000 ongoing but it is clear they will need around €100,000 of matching funding to get the pitch done this coming summer and that's why they are launching one big push at fundraising in the next few weeks when you and your family and friends will be asked to take a small part of some sort in an Oskar night.

7 short films of less than 10 minutes duration will be shot by a professional company (Kevin Rowe Events) here around all areas where Ballyboro players live around Easter. Every community organisation is invited along with parents of students to then come to the auditions on Sunday March 24th at 6pm in the Community College to kick it off and, when it is over, the films will be shown at a Mega Ballyboro Oskar Premiere Night on Saturday June 15th. In the next ten days you will be asked by one of the committee members to play a part. Please say yes. And if you don't want any role in the film (even as an extra) we still want your help please because we urgently need people to help behind the scenes for a 10-week period only. See you all on Sunday March 24th in Lanesborough Community College at 6pm for the kick-off.

Thirty years ago, a small group of hard-working people with a vision came together and put the track and the pitch at the school – we all see what a fantastic amenity it has been for walking, running and athletics since Sept 1st last year our committee has raised €25,000 for our new astro football pitch. The pitch will be for everybody of every age who wants to use it at the track beside Lanesborough Community College.

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Thank you for your ongoing

support from every member of our committee: Jason Fallon, Stephen Rooney, Eddie Kelly, Seamus Sorohan, Karl Crawford, Mark Tarmey, Lee Cullen, Ann McGloin, Ronnie Johnston, Eamon Bolger, Kevin Connaughton, John Tynan, Ciaran Mullooly, Carol Donlon, Dave Gilmore, Kieran Feeney.

Ballyboro

The big event

of the weekend is the launch and auditions for the major OSKARS night which will be held on this Sunday 24th, at 6pm in Lanesboro Community College. The OSKARS night in June is the major fundraiser for the new Astro Football pitch, a facility which will be of great benefit to the schools' and the local community. The club are looking for local people to get involved in the OSCARS in whatever capacity that suits: a main role, a minor role, an extra, or just to help behind the scenes. Following the auditions on Sunday evening there will be one rehearsal per week for one hour with the Producer, starting Wednesday March 27th, with filming of scenes to be held on the weekends of May 4th and 5th, and May 11th and 12th. Anyone who wishes to help out is asked to be present on Sunday evening, so don't be shy all you budding George Clooney's and Meryl Streep's, get involved in what is sure to be a memorable experience, and at the same time help to provide a much-needed facility for the area. If you can't

be present on Sunday evening you can contact any one of the organising committee: Carol Donlon, Ann McGloin, Ciaran Mullooly, Mark Tarmey, Eamonn Bolger, Karl Crawford, Ronnie Johnston, Jason Fallon, Stephen Rooney, Seamus Sorohan, Lee Cullen, Eddie Kelly, John Tynan, Dave Gilmore, Kieran Feeney, Kevin Connaughton.

Fixtures: A relatively quiet weekend in store with just two teams in action. The under 8s are taking part in a Blitz at Killoe Astro on Saturday along with the home team and Stonepark, 1pm start. The under 10s are at

home to Killoe Eagles on Saturday. Kick off 11am.

50/50

On Monday night last, the draw took place for the weekly 50/50 draw. This week our winner was Rory Duncan, Knock Manor, Longford Road. The winning envelope this week was worth €429. Rory has just moved to Lanesboro and the new housing estate and it is great to see him supporting the club and getting his reward. The club welcomes all the new residents to Lanesboro. Perhaps next week it can be your turn, all you have to do is to buy a ticket for €2 to be in the draw.

It is wonderful to see the 50/50 continuing to rise each week and a special thank you to all of you that are new to supporting the draw and those weekly contributors. Let's hope that in the very near future the draw each will consistently top the €500 mark and it can with your continued support.

Tickets are on sale in local shops and businesses throughout the town at €2 each or 3 tickets for €5. As you now know there are two alternatives for those that would like to play the 50/50 by paying in advance. Option 1 is the green envelope where you pay €50 for a six-month term with one free draw and Option 2 is the pink envelope where you pay €100 for a 12-month period with two free draws. Those tickets are available in any of the local outlets or from any member of the club executive.

€15,000 Tidy Towns

The Lanesboro Tidy Towns Lottery draw took place on Tuesday morning last on the Co-Op office. There was no winner of the €15,000, jackpot and the jackpot for this week and the jackpot has now reached its maximum of €15,000. The numbers drawn were, 16, 18, 24 and 28. The winner of the €50 prize was Barbara Ferguson, Knock, and the three €20 winners were Eileen and Kathleen, Moher, Mary Tiernan, Ferefad, Longford, and Eddie Shea c/o Mags.

The
committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

Please
note that winners can collect their winning cheques in the Co-Op office only and
will be available from Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

**Rathcline GAA – ‘Be
with us Be a part of Us’.**

Season Throw-in

Saturday next the footballing season will commence in
Clonbonny when our Reserve League team will take on Mostrim in the first round
of the league. The game will throw-in at 5.30 and we would ask all of the
players be in the dressing room at 4.45pm.

Since it has been a long time since our last game, we would
like to think that our game starved supporters will turn out in big numbers for
this game.

Thank you:

Omitted from last weeks thank you were a few people and we would like to
acknowledge their work for the Minor Club. Martina O’Brien for selling the
tickets, Anne O’Reilly, The Green, for making up the Hamper prize. To everyone
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Can we allow this to Happen?

Last

week I received one of the most disturbing notes I have received in a long long time. The note was from the Lough Ree Athletic club and I quote "There is now a motion before the next meeting that the club be abandoned and interested athletes can join either Longford or Roscommon clubs". I ask you can we allow this to happen?

Lough Ree Athletic Club was formed in 1973, 46 years

ago, and has been an outlet for so many young people over the years and so close to a 50th Anniversary its demise would be unthinkable

Lough Ree Athletic Club is synonymous with the communities of Rathcline, Kilgefin, Newtowncashel and Killashee, Ballymahon for a huge number of years with many great successes since its inception. It has provided the youth of those areas with a sporting and athletic grounding. The lose the Lough Ree Athletic Club would be shocking.

Lough Ree Athletic Club has for generations given so many young people a sport to participate in and the chance to excel which many did down through the years with national and international success.

There has been a dedicated and hard-working committee working with the youth of the club but there is a time that those people, who have done so much, to say stop and for others to step up to the plate – now is that time. The next meeting is crucial to the continuation of the club and there must be a big number from all communities to take the mantle from the current committee and drive the club strongly into the future.

Our St. Patrick's Day Parade

Have you entered you float or group into the St. Patrick's Day Parade? If not, don't delay another minute. Application forms are available from Teresa Costello, Freda Connaughton or O'Brien's shop and returned to O'Brien's please.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade starting in Ballyleague and finishing in Lanesboro is our very own parade and it is a parade that we should be very proud of and we should be very supportive of all the hard work being done by the committee as they work on enhancing our special day year on year. There are many very creative people in our community, and we would love to see their thoughts and work coming up the Main Street.

Final

preparations are taking place all this week in preparation for the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will commence at 2.30pm from St. Faithleach's clubhouse and finish at Lanesboro Community College on St. Patrick's Day.

The

day will kick off with the traditional mass at St. Mary's Church at 11.30am which will include the Parish Choir, World Champion Irish Dancers and the very best of Traditional Musicians.

You

are asked to get your float entry in as soon as possible as you will not be adjudicated if your entry is not in on time.

There

are raffle tickets on sale throughout to help defray some of the costs of hosting the Parade and we would ask you to be generous in your support. The draw will take place in Adie's on St. Patrick's night at about 11pm. There is €500 to be won in prizes.

The

organisers would like to thank all the businesses that have already contributed and ask those outstanding to make their contributions as soon as possible. The committee would like to thank everyone who are putting in so much effort in getting their floats ready.

Before

the parade enters the town, the traditional musicians will entertain the gathering as they play at the reviewing stand.

The

categories being judged are Overall Float, Best Club, Best Junior, most Original, Best Vintage, Best Dressed Window and Best Business.

The

entire community and surrounding communities are all invited to come to Lanesboro and Ballyleague for our parade.

Strength

in unity is what St. Patrick's Day brings to our community.

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CBS on a Roll

Roscommon

CBS who a fortnight ago qualified for their first Senior Rugby Final on Wednesday next were not allowed take all the limelight in the school as the senior GAA team played and defeated St. Muredach's in the Connacht semi-final to qualify for the Final. Featuring on the football side were local lads Cian Glennon, Michael Dunne, Liam Ormsby so of Steve and Teresa and James Browne son of Declan and Patricia.

There

is not much time to draw breath for the Senior Cup Rugby Final will take place in the Sportsground, Galway on Wednesday at 4pm and the Connacht Senior Final will take place the following Saturday 16th March. Cian Glennon and Michael Dunne play with both sides and we wish both lads along with Conor Rohan, team captain, and Jack Tucker the very best on Wednesday along with Liam Ormsby and James Browne and the two lads Cian and Michael doubling up on Saturday the very best of luck on Saturday.

It

is a proud week for the parents of the players, and we as a community share their pride and excitement and we wish them the very best of luck this week

New Estate

Last

week over 30 people received their keys to the new Knock Manor housing estate on the Longford Road adjacent to Curraghrua. There has been great excitement in the area over the past while as people were being informed as to who would be receiving their key. It is great to see lights going on in the houses for the first time as each family prepare their new home for moving into in the very near future.

The

estate was built by Faughnan Construction along with Mulleady Construction comprises of a selection of 2, 3 and 4-bedroom houses. The estate by all accounts has been very well

built and laid out. It will be great to see everyone making their home there and in Lanesboro and I would like to compliment both Faughnan's and Mulleady's on

their great work and having Knock Manor completed in such a short period of time.

This

is a new beginning for all the new residents of the estate, and I would like to welcome everyone to the Knock Manor and Lanesboro. I hope they have a long, healthy, successful and happy time in our great community.

Death

Great people come into one's

life and leave a lasting impression. Such was the case of Luke Kenny, Cullentra who I am sure affected everyone he met. Luke was one special man whose warm and embracing smile was the first thing you would notice only followed by the warmest of welcomes you were ever to encounter. Luke, in his late 80s lived his life and worked the family farm until recent times. He was a man who loved to

welcome the many that called to his home and such was his dept of knowledge you always left a more informed person. Luke will be very sadly missed by everyone that knew him. He was highly read and has a wonderful love and in-dept knowledge of nature and his farm land. Luke passed away suddenly at Portiuncla Hospital Ballinasloe on Monday last 4th March. His remains reposed in Farrell's Funeral Home before being removed to St. Mary's Church on Wednesday. Following his Funeral Mass on Thursday Luke was laid to rest in the Kenny family plot in Lanesboro Cemetery. We would like to sincerely sympathise with his relatives and many friends.

Three new Gardaí

Last week three local lads became members of the Garda Síochána when they graduated at the passing out ceremony at Garda training Centre Templemore. Patrick Gill, Clonadra son of Marty and Ita Gill, will be stationed in Trim, Co. Meath, Darragh Hussey son of Pat and Dee Hussey will be stationed in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal while Colm Mangan son of Jimmy and Mary will be stationed in Blanchestown, Co. Dublin. We wish the three lads the very best of luck in their new life pathway.

No to Derryadd Wind Farm Community Group

Due to high public interest of community members wishing to sign up to the Community Objection, the No to Derryadd Wind Farm Community Group will hold an additional open evening in Lanesboro Co-Op on this Thursday 14th March between 7pm and 9pm. A minimum fee of €50 applies.

The Green

The photos are starting to come in and believe me they are bringing back great memories. I would encourage anyone else that has photographs of the Green, and stories to contact me. I am looking for all photographs of all residents of the Green right up to the present day – just a flick on your phone, camera, iPad and forward it to me at joea@iol.ie. If you do

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Award Nominations

We are all aware of the high standards set by the PS Restaurant and the great comments are never ending. It is fabulous to see that the great work is being recognised in the Connaught section of the Irish Restaurants Awards night to be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Rosses Point, Sligo on Tuesday 26th March. Sharon Feeney has been nominated in the Best Restaurant Manager section while Chef Paul Horohoe has been nominated in the Best Chef section. We would like to wish both the very best of luck on the 26th.

Training Course

Longford Horticulture is a 2-year full time FETAC Level 4 free LWETB training course. The course is for people who wish to explore Horticultural career or further educational options. It is particularly suited to persons with a social welfare payment/ who has recently been made redundant and or with short/long term health needs. It is also suitable for early School leavers. For more details contact Alan Garvey 0879065521.

CES Vacancy

There is a community employment scheme vacancy available in the prize-winning village of Newtowncashel. Anyone who is interested please contact Tony Moran between 9:00am and 1:00pm on 86 8146363 Monday to Friday.

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Book

Club

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Foreign

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Ballyboro

The Blitz on Saturday proved to be a very worthwhile venture. Due to the adverse weather

forecast the venue was switched to the Lisnamult Astro and the game format was changed to six a side. Ten teams took part and Dr. Dolittles Animals took the honours defeating A Little Silhouette of Milan in the final. The winning panel was

James Quigley, Daniel Foley, Brian Murtagh, Ciaran Murtagh, Liam Ormsby, David Rooney, David Harrison, and Aidan Dooney. Kyle Fitzmaurice won the award for top goal scorer. Thanks are due to all who helped make the occasion such a success: The teams and their sponsors (Irwin Construction), Dr. David Harrison, Garret Johnston, Vistamed, Gerard Farrell, Fusion Electrical, Kevin Hanley, Finns

Centra, Ellie Ann's, Alan Farrell); the management of Lisnamult Astro for making their fine facility available to the club; Stephen Dowd, Declan Molloy and

Philip Gordon who looked after the food; the organising committee and in particular organiser in chief Jason Fallon. Thanks also to Willie Penrose and Alan Mangan who made a generous donation towards the running of the event. It is envisaged that the competition will be an annual one, and here's looking forward to next year when hopefully it will be held on our own brand new Astro. The Oskars night will take place on 19th June

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Fixtures: The under 9s will be taking part in a blitz in Lanesboro on Saturday along with Melview and Newtown starting at 11am. The under 10s are at home to UCL Rhinos on Monday at 12 noon. The under 12s are away to Castlepollard Celtic on Monday (Bank Holiday) in a first round Tynan Cup encounter, kick off 1pm. The under 13s play Melview in the quarter final of the David Flaherty Cup in Abbeycartron on Saturday at 1pm. In a quarter final tie in the Shane Brennan Cup the under 14s play Stonepark in Abbeycartron on Monday at 3pm. Ballymahon also provide the opposition for the under 16 team when they clash in the quarter final of the Nolan Cup in Ballymahon at 2pm in Ballymahon.

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Play

The
minor club would like to sincerely thank everyone that attended and support the
play on Saturday night last. Your support was deeply appreciated.

To
everyone that gave of their time to do the shop, the door, sell tickets and all
the other back ground work we really appreciate your time and efforts.

Be a Referee

Are
you interested in becoming a referee? If yes, there is a new Foundation Referee
course commencing inside the next two weeks. Despite some comments I can assure
you that refereeing can be great, and it is definitely not a solitary position.
You will have the support of your umpires and the excellent referee community
within the county and your club. There is great comradery and there is a great
opportunity of progression if you so want.

Contact

Joe O’Brien 086-2460840 on or before Friday next 15th March and he
will get you trained up for a rewarding career in refereeing.

Club Membership

At

the AGM last weekend club membership was set for the coming year. General

membership for 2019 is set for general membership at €20 and players pay €50 that includes their playing insurance. As the club makes strides to grow and develop, we ask for the support of our community locally and our diaspora to take out membership for 2019. From Monday you can do so online on the "Klubfunder" page. Please support us and become a member.

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St. Faithleach's GAA

Junior Ladies: Hard luck to our Junior Ladies who lost out to Boyle on Sunday morning, next game against St. Croan's on Monday 18th.

Best of luck: To Roscommon

CBS and club members Connor Rohan, Michael Dunne, Jack Tucker and Cian Glennon in the Senior Rugby Schools Final on Wednesday 13th.

Ballyboro Astro Turf: Well

done to all involved in the Ballyboro Soccer Blitz which took place on Saturday morning, all funds raised go to the building of the Astro turf pitch which both communities of Ballyleague and Lanesboro are involved in. Congratulations to David Harrison (team captain), Brian Murtagh, Ciarán Murtagh, David Rooney, Daniel Foley, James Quigley, Aidan Dooney and James Browne who were winners on the day.

Congratulations: To Senior team players Colm Mangan and Darragh Hussey who graduated from Garda college Templemore on Friday last.

Lotto: Jackpot stands at

€12,000. Envelopes are €2 and available at all local retailers. Annual subscriptions are now available, for more information please contact Michael Cleary or Sean Cox.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 4th March 2019

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Historic Victory

It is not too long ago that rugby became part of the sporting curriculum in the CBS Roscommon. In a short period of time they have developed greatly and on Wednesday last they had a historic victory over Coláiste Iognáid, Galway at Creggs Rugby Club on Wednesday last in the semi-final of the Connacht Senior Cup. It is not every day that young men or women we know make history and it is fabulous to know and share those historic moments with those fantastic young men. A famous victory has been rewarded by a trip to the Showgrounds, Galway for

the final on Wednesday 14th March. Who else would you want to meet other than the kingpins of Schools Rugby over the years Garbally College? It is the kingpins you always want to beat. There are four local lads representing our community and we would like to congratulate Jack Tucker, Mountcashel son of Martin and Sarah, Cian Glennon, Cloonadra, son of Ronan and Claire Glennon, Michael Dunne, Ballyclare son of Declan and Martina, and team captain Conor Lohan, Ballagh son of Shay and Mary and their team mates and management on a fantastic and historic victory and look forward to another victory on the 13th March.

I know this victory will make all of us that attended the CBS very proud of the team achievements of the team and of the school.

Sub Aqua club members Recognition

The Annual Dive Ireland show took place on Saturday and Sunday last in Nenagh Co Tipperary.

Multiple members of Lough Ree Sub Aqua Club received awards for 10 years of service. We would like to say congratulations to the following club members and thank them for their many years of service which they have dedicated through their own free time;
Tracy Gray Farrell, Aiden O'Grady, Micheál Farrell, Emer Farrell, Fergal Mc Elgin, Tommy Murray and Shane Flannery.

Death

There was great sadness in our community when it was learned on Saturday last 23rd of the death of Vincent Nee, Cloonadra. Vinny as he was most commonly know moved back to Ireland with his parents a number of years ago. Such was the personality of the man that it took no time at all to become one of the locals. He was a warm and friendly man, always the good word and a heart of gold. A while after coming home his father Chris passed away and in the intervening time his mother Una

became ill, and Vinny was a constant with her until her passing. His soft and gentle manner was a great succour to her at her time of need. Vinny shortly afterwards became ill himself and he faced his illness with a great strength and courage. The family trait of caring and kindness was not lost on Vinny's daughter Rachael who came from England to take care and comfort Vinny through his illness.

He will be sadly missed for all his fun and gaiety for his willingness to help and for his special personality. Vinny left a large number of friends and we will all miss him in our community.

To his daughter Rachael, relatives and wide circle of friend we extend our sincere sympathy. His remains reposed at his residence in Cloonadra on Monday and following his Funeral Mass in the Church of the Holy Rosary Ballyleague he was laid to rest alongside his parents in St. Coman's Cemetery, Roscommon.

The Green

The photos are starting to come in and believe me they are bringing back great memories. I would encourage anyone else that has photographs of the Green, and stories to contact me. I am looking for all photographs of all residents of the Green right up to the present day – just a flick on your phone, camera, iPad and forward it to me at joea@iol.ie.

If you do not have a family picture perhaps you can forward me individual pictures and the house number you live/d in. If you don't have a photograph from your time on the Green a family photograph from a later date will do. I am also looking for photograph of the apprentices and lodgers that stayed on the Green. You can also drop them into me in the shop where I will scan them and return them to you a minute later.

Training Course

Longford Horticulture is a 2-year full

time Fetac Level 4 free LWETB training course. The course is for people who wish to explore Horticultural career or further educational options. It is particularly suited to persons with a social welfare payment/ who has recently been made redundant and or with short/long term health needs. It is also suitable for early School leavers. For more details contact Alan Garvey 0879065521.

AGM

See
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Thank You

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Play this Saturday night

Tickets are beginning to sell fast and if you don't want to miss your chance, on this Saturday night 9th March, of a great night at the play And Thank You starring the famous and fabulous Seamus O'Rourke you should buy your ticket immediately. The play will take place in St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro at 8.30pm.

Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's costing €10. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's and to book your tickets phone Martina 086-3858934. The play

is being hosted by the Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

The proceeds of the night will go to aid the development of the underage players in the Shannon Gaels club. It is very important that the club develops their young and the equipment and coaching tools garnished from the proceeds will create a stepping stone to the development of those young people. Your help will be of great help in this regard.

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Second

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Thank You

Padraig

Sorohan would like to thank all who attended the very successful quiz night in aid of his volunteering trip to Haiti. A huge thank you to the many generous sponsors and to all who have made donations.

Lough Ree AC

The AGM

of the club due to be held last Wednesday night was postponed to a later date due to the small number in attendance and the fact that it was an AGM. There is now a motion before the next meeting that the club be abandoned and interested athletes can join either Longford or Roscommon clubs. This is a pity as the past has been good to the club, former members Eimear Molloy, Amanda Hanley and Deirdre Hopkins were awarded athletic scholarships to the USA and Ireland. Mary Farrell was the first athlete to be offered an Irish singlet at a Junior Cross Country International in Mullingar. Brother Willie followed representing Ireland in the Irish Schools Cross Country while Padraic Connerton was part of an Irish Junior team that competed in the Nederland's

Memory

prevents me going further back but suffice to say the club has a great history and it would be a shame to have to call it a day. A new date will be arranged in the immediate future and parents advised accordingly.

Last

Sunday's run in very wet condition saw 8 hardy youths turn up, Tadgh Shea one of our youngest runners ran out an easy winner with a very fast time. A great prospect for the future!!!

Pieta House Table Quiz

A

Table Quiz by the Suicide Crisis Centre and Self Harm Centre arms of Pieta House will take place on Friday next 8th March in The Local, Newtowncashel. The quiz will kick off at 9.30pm and everyone is encouraged to go and support two vital aspects of Pieta House

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The big event of the weekend is the major Adult Football Blitz to be held on Saturday next. Ten teams will be battling it out to be acclaimed seven a side champions. The action will commence at 10.30 with the final scheduled for 4pm approx. Much work has gone into the arrangements for this occasion, so let's hope the weather won't be a spoilsport.

The under 12s really enjoyed their trip to City Calling Stadium last Saturday evening where they were the guests of Longford Town FC. The boys played a game at half time and thanks are due to Longford Town for their assistance, and in particular Avril Gilchrist.

It will be the under 10s turn on 11th May when they play at half time at the Longford Town-Shelbourne game.

Though defeat was their lot, the under 11s gave their best performance of the season so far when they played Stonepark at Longford Mall Astro. A goal down at half time the team performed brilliantly in the second when facing into a gale force wind. They hit the post three times before going down by four goals to two Ethan Slattery and Eoin O'Brien scored the Ballyboro goals. Panel: Callum Farrell, Mikey Sorohan, Eoin Beattie, Aidan Kelly, Rian Hogan, Billy Murray, Ethan Slattery, Ryan Mimmagh, Eoin O'Brien. Fixtures: The under 10s are away to Killoe Celtic on Saturday at 12 noon. In the under 12 Major Division Championship on Sunday at 11am, Ballyboro play Newtown Bears in Newtownforbes. The under 13 team play Stonepark in Abbeycartron on Saturday k.o. 11.30. Inny Rovers provide the opposition for the under 14s when they clash in the first round of the Shane Brennan Cup in

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the AGM last weekend club membership was set for the coming year. General membership for 2019 is set for general membership at €20 and players pay €50 that includes their playing insurance. As the club makes strides to grow and develop, we ask for the support of our community locally and our diaspora to take out membership for 2019. From Monday you can do so online on the “Klubfunder” page. Please support us and become a member. For fu

Minor Club Registration

The
final registration for 2019 will take place for Shannon Gaels Minor club players on Friday night next 8th March in the clubhouse in Clonbonny from 7pm to 8pm. Without registration players are not insured and thus cannot be selected for club teams. Parents are asked to ensure that their young sons and players not yet registered to play are registered this Friday evening.

AGM

Our
AGM took place this evening and the club would like to thank all who attended and who took positions on the executive.

Rathcline

club is providing sporting and cultural activities for all our members and it is our aim to grow the club in celebrating, promoting and developing the games, language, history, heritage and culture of our parish.

We

look to welcome and embrace all the new people in our parish, and we encourage them to become part of the Rathcline and Shannon Gaels family. You are now within our parish and we would like that you become involved with us and give your expertise to help and create a newness that will take our club to another level both on and off the pitch.

The

executive remained largely the same as last year. The following were elected:

Chairman

– Liam Connerton

Vice Chairman – Gerard Farrell

Secretary – Cathal Chapman & Pat Connerton

Assistant Secretary – Sharon Brady

Treasurer – Marie Farrell

Assistant Treasurers – Albert Cooney and Stephen Rooney

Registrars – Peter Skelly, Brendan Rhatigan, Clare Carberry, Gerard Farrell.

Players

Registrar – James Hanley

PRO – Caroline Ginty and Joe O'Brien

Irish Officer – Shannon Gaels Minor Club

Coaching Officer – Seadna Ryan and Denis Connerton

Development Officers – Ryan Fallon, Liam Connerton, Seadna Ryan

Field Committee Lead – Johnny Hanley

Field Co-ordinator – Tommy O'Donoghue

County Board Delegates – Louis Skelly, Peter Skelly, Denis Crinigan, Seamus Flynn

Minor Board Liaison – Alan Fayne

Ladies Board Liaison – Brendan O'Sullivan

Insurance Officer – Cathal Chapman

Finance Committee – Alan Fayne, Lorraine Farrell, Gerard Farrell, Una Clarke, Stephen Rooney, Pat Connerton, Brendan Rhatigan, Chris Cullen, Brendan O'Sullivan, Marie Farrell, Albert Cooney, Neil O'Connor

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50/50

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*Leinster
League*

The Western Gaels U15's hosted Naomh Máirtín, Louth in the Leinster Cross Border League on Saturday last in Dunbeggan. The winner would be rewarded with a place in the Leinster Semi Final in the coming weeks. After a very entertaining game Western Gaels emerged victorious on a scoreline of 5-9 to 3-6. Great credit to Pdraig O'Dowd, Tommy Hawes and Gay Farrell for their great work with the team.

Western Gaels would like to thank all parents for their contributions of food for the teams and officials. See comprehensive report below.

Leinster U15

Western Gaels U15s played their second game in Leinster Cross County League on Saturday last 2nd March at home to St Martins of Monasterboyce from Co Louth. Played in tough conditions and on a soft surface in Dunbeggan Park it was a game where a strong wind throughout made conditions difficult to play in. But great credit goes to both sets of players for giving us a very entertaining game. We had the wind in the first half, and this was the deciding factor in our victory as we were more clinical in front of goals than our opponents. Dan Devlin (Grattan Gaels) started in goals and had a fine game, our full back line of Beau O Connor (Grattan Gaels) , Aaron Kenny 0-1 (Shannon Gaels) & Kielan Ruske (Grattan Gaels) were immense throughout , our halfback line of Jamie Hagan(Shannon Gaels) , Ryan Casey (Grattan Gaels) & Sam Murphy (Shannon Gaels) all had great games with their great work ethic, our midfield pairing of Matthew Hawes (Grattan Gaels) & Harry Mulvihill 0-1 (Grattan Gaels) had super games , our half forward line of Niall Chawke 0-2 (Shannon Gaels), Eoin Kinlan 2-0 (Grattan Gaels) & Gary Hand 0-3 (Grattan Gaels) were superb throughout , our full forward line of Kieran O Dowd (Shannon Gaels) , Cillian Cox 2-2 (Shannon Gaels) & Jimmy Farrell 1-0 (Shannon Gaels) had fine games Cillian in particular putting in a man of the match performance, we went in at the break Western Gaels 4-7 St Martins 0-2, On resumption of the second half and with St Martins now having the wind advantage Cormac Casey (Shannon Gaels) entered the fray in the full back line and put in a great performance with some vital interceptions, St Martins were now throwing everything at us with the wind advantage but we weathered the storm manfully, there were a few

nervy moments towards the end with a few sloppy goals conceded but in the end we held out for a great victory, this was a great team performance and when Luke Dowd (Shannon Gaels) Conor Lyons (Shannon Gaels) James Killian (Shannon Gaels) Callum Gordon (Shannon Gaels) & Matthew Heneghan (Shannon Gaels) had entered the game at different stages where they too played a huge part in this victory we were already looking forward to the Leinster Cross County Finals day in a couple of weeks . Full Time score Western Gaels 5-9 St Martins 3-7. Thanks also to the Grattan's club for having their pitch in the best condition possible particularly after the rain that had fallen earlier that morning and also for the support on the afternoon and for the refreshments provided after the game.

Western Gaels Panel on the day:

Dan Devlin, Matthew Hawes, Kielan Ruske, Gary Hand, Ryan Casey, Eoin Kinlan, Beau o Connor, Harry Mulvihill (All Grattan Gaels)

Aaron Kenny (Capt.) Cormac Casey, Jamie Hagan, Niall Chawke, Matthew Heneghan, Kieran O'Dowd, Sam Murphy, Jimmy Farrell, Conor Lyons, Cillian Cox, James Killian, Luke Dowd, Callum Gordon (All Shannon Gaels)

St. Faithleach's GAA

Junior Ladies: Well done to our Junior Ladies who started their league campaign off on Sunday morning with a win against Ballinameen. Result: St. Faithleach's 6-22 Ballinameen 3-5. Next game against Boyle.

Minor League D3: The minors played their first game of the league on Sunday morning against Kilmore/Shannon Gaels/ St. Ronan's which resulted in a win for the home side. Result: St. Faithleach's 10-13 Kilmore/Shannon Gaels/ St. Ronan's 3-6.

U16 League D3: St. Faithleach's
play St. Dominic's on Sunday 10th at 11am in Ballyleague.

Congratulations: To Roscommon CBS on their historic win over the Jes in the Connacht Schools Senior A Rugby Semi Final, and to our club reps ; Michael Dunne, Connor Rohan, Cian Glennon and Jack Tucker. Best of luck in the final.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 25th February 2019

Lanesboro Ballyleague Notes

Naval Recruit Class

Many congratulations to Zoe Gallagher daughter of Joe and Annie Gallagher, Clonbonny on graduating as a member of the 2019 Naval Service recruit class at Haulbowline Naval base, Co. Cork, on Friday last.

Lough Ree AC

The AGM will take on this Wednesday evening 27th February, in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 9pm. The club continues to give lifelong memories to so many young people and it would be great to have many parents attend on Wednesday in support of the great work being done by the coaches and executive

The Green

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photos are starting to come in and believe me they are bringing back great memories. I would encourage anyone else that has photographs of the Green, and stories to contact me. I am looking for all photographs of all residents of the Green right up to the present day – just a flick on your phone, camera, iPad and forward it to me at joea@iol.ie.

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Birth

Many

congratulations to Mairead and Luke Brennan, Lisnacusha on the birth last week of a baby girl.

Friends of Asthma Clothes Bank

For

those of you that may from time to time used the Friends of Asthma Clothes bank at the back side of their shop or those of you that are aware of its presence there are asked to recall if you were in the vicinity on Friday evening through to Saturday morning. The lock on the clothes bank was taken off, the donated clothes removed and there was a different lock put on the clothes bank. If you seen anything happening there you are asked to call into Pam Farrell in the

shop.

Table Quiz

U.C.D.

Student, Pdraig Sorohan is organising a table quiz in Rosie's on Friday next 1st

March at 9.30pm in aid of his upcoming trip to Haiti. Pdraig plans to spend the month of July working in North West Haiti with a poverty-stricken community in an educational setting. All support would be very much appreciated.

Lanesboro Social Services Whist

Friday

night next 1st March will see the once again the Lanesboro Social Services Whist Drive taking place in St. Mary's Parish Hall. The games will commence at 8.30pm and a great night of card playing in a congenial atmosphere. The proceeds of the night will go to supporting those in our parish that are in need of assistance. I hope that all local card players and their friends can go along, enjoy card playing on the night and support a local and very worthwhile cause. As usual light refreshments will be served.

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Former

Resident Passes Away

The

death has occurred of Mary Suffin, Arm, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon and formerly

of Ballyglass, where she lived for many years. Mary was in her 97th year and she passed away at Fearna Manor Nursing Home Peacefully, Castlerea in her 97th year. Predeceased by her husband Paddy. A lovely lady and her passing will sadden the hearts of the many people in our locality that have fond memories of her and her family in our community. She will be sadly missed by her sons Lovingly regretted by her sons Joe and Declan, daughters Anne, Trisha, Mary, Bernie, Phil and Tina, sister Eileen, relatives and friends to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Launch Night

The launch of the St. Patrick's Day Parade for Lanesboro and Ballyleague will take place in Clarke's Bar on Friday night 1st March commencing at 8pm. Refreshments will be served and as it is an open invitation to all and sundry, we look forwards to a very big crowd attending.

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Sympathy

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Chris Reid and his extended family Newtowncashel on the death of his father Mattie Reid, at Thomond Lodge Nursing Home, Ballymahon on Tuesday 19th February. Mattie worked in the Power Station and gave a lifetime of service to the Community Games and was a very popular figure with our Community Games teams throughout the years.

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Buy & Bake Sale

Rathcline Ladies GAA Club will be having hosting a Buy & Bake Sale on Sunday, 3rd March at St. Mary's Parish Hall to raise much needed funds for the club. Your support for this event would be greatly appreciated.

Marvellous Reviews

As you may know from these notes and 'And thank You' is a new play written and performed by the ever popular and star man Seamus O'Rourke will come to St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, on Saturday 9th March at 8.30pm. This is a production much sought after, and it was a very lucky thing that the Minor Club got their 'spake' in on time to ensure we would be fortunate enough to have it. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's costing €10. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's and to book your tickets phone Martina 086-3858934. The play is being hosted by the Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

The following is a synopsis of the play: A play about an ordinary man living in rural Ireland

who gets saved... Saved from a life of pub talk and prophesising. King John O'Sullivan used to be able to drink fifteen pints without having to piddle, now, it's every nine. Going to the Gents so often can wear a man out. The story is told by the Reverend Thaddaeus Clancy and O'Sullivan's two sons, Larry O and Martin. The sons run the family shop while Daddy, the King of McKenna's Bar makes up the rules. It's a story of hard work and success and dangling. There's bad driving and ice hockey and there's falling down. When the 'Divel' starts to gnaw, the kingdom will fall.

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Pieta House Table Quiz

A

Table Quiz by the Suicide Crisis Centre and Self Harm Centre arms of Pieta House will take place on Friday 8th March in The Local, Newtowncashel. The quiz will kick off at 9.30pm and everyone is encouraged to go and support two vital aspects of Pieta House

Diary Date

“True

friends” is a new three Act Play written by Roskey man Seamus Lannon and will be performed on Saturday 9th March 2019 at 8.00pm in the Backstage Theatre, Longford Town.

“True

Friends” is set in 1950’s rural Ireland, two young boys Mick and Jimmy grew up in Derrymoneen, went to school together and were “True Friends”. Then one Sunday morning Mick disappeared and wasn’t heard of again. Now, fifty-five years have passed and out of the blue Mick returns. Together again, there are stories to be told of a very different Ireland, the joys, the tears, the smiles, the heartbreak and the good news!

To book a

ticket please contact 043-3347888 or 086-0890893.

Free ECCE Places

If your child is 3 years old up to the 31st

December 2019, you can avail of 2 Free years in Pre-School from 2019. Had Start Preschool is now taking bookings and places are limited. Bookings also taken for 2020. For more information contact Denise at 0870641793 after 1pm or email headstartpreschool97@gmail.com.

Lough Ree 2000

Bridge Club

The results of the competition held on Monday 18th

February are N/S 1st Joan Browne and Patricia Mc Gann, 2nd

Kathleen Kelly and Joan Donlon and 3rd Kathleen Hanley and Mary

Fallon. E/W 1st Carol Hamill and Anne Hagan, 2nd Mary

Jameson and Goretta Kenny, 3rd

Teresa Kiernan and Catherine Kelly.

Our

Library this week

Knitting & Crochet group continues every Monday
2pm to 4pm. New members always welcome!

Poetry & Music group continues on Monday

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All welcome to come along and join in with this
very vibrant group!

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages)
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Local author David Russell will be hosting a
night of activities to launch his two new children's books 'Bold and the Magic
Stove' and 'Bold and the Magic Stove (Young Learners Edition)' in the library on
Monday 1st April at 6.30pm. David will be doing activities such
as making Cartoon Characters & Designing Cars and wordsearches. All
are welcome to come along.

Light refreshments will be served.

The library is still collecting unwanted foreign
currency and old coins/notes in aid of ISPC. The smallest donation can make a
huge difference.

We also collect used stamps in aid of
ISPC. Thank you.

Membership

Library membership is free for everyone and
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€15,000 Tidy Towns

The Lanesboro Tidy Towns Lottery draw took place on Tuesday morning last on the Co-Op office. There was no winner of the €15,000, jackpot and the jackpot for this week, will now rise to reach and the jackpot has now reached its maximum of €15,000. The numbers drawn were 1, 16, 17 and 23. The winner of the €50 prize was Claire Connaughton and the three €20 winners were Eoin Farrell,

Lehery, Freda Connaughton, Longford Road and Chris Cullen, Rathcline Road.

The

committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

Please

note that winners can collect their winning cheques in the Co-Op office only and will be available from Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

Alzheimer's Café

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Longford branch, will hold their Alzheimer Cafe on Wednesday evening next, 27th February at 7.00pm in Longford Credit Union. Entrance and care parking facility are at the rear of the building, between Longford Shopping Centre and Longford Motor taxation office. Guest Speaker on the night is Rosario Rabbitt, and her topic is Psychiatry of Later Life Services. This is an information and social evening with tea, coffee, scones and biscuits been served. Anyone who is affected by Dementia is welcome to come. For more information you can contact Eileen or Breda on 085 8724475 or Longford ASI office on 043 3348402 / 3347221.

Ballyboro

Congratulations to Jack Casey and Christian Donlon who have been selected by the FAI to participate in their Emerging Talent Programme.

A date for your diary is Sunday 24th March,

with the launch of the major OSKARS Night in the Longford Arms.

Arrangements are being finalised for the big Blitz on

Saturday week. The pitch will be a hive of activity on that day with ten teams vying to be called seven a side champions.

The under 12s will be playing at half time on Saturday

evening in the City Calling Stadium, when Longford Town play their first home game of the season against Drogheda United.

On the playing fields it was a weekend of mixed fortunes: The

under 16s were in fine fettle as they overcame the challenge of Castlepollard

Celtic by three goals to two. The Ballyboro goals were scored by Eoin Farrell, Oisín

Kenny (a cracking free kick from half way) and Cillian Cox.

The under 10s were in tough luck against Stonepark at The Mall, hitting the woodwork on three occasions, before the home team emerged on top .Panel: Eoin Beattie, Mikey Sorohan, Eoghan Mullooly, Rian Hogan, Rian Shanley, Keilon Gilmore, Harry Brogan, Ciaran McGloin, Oisín Dillon, Leon Malkowski, Patrick Gilmore, Evan Rooney.

The under 11s found UCL Sharks a bit too good for them on Saturday. With most of the team underage again next year the team will learn from the experience and will improve. Panel: Mikey Sorohan, Dan Casey Callum Farrell, Rian Hogan, Rian Shanley, Billy Murray, Ethan Slattery, Eoin O'Brien, Ryan Mimmagh.

The under 13 team were pipped 2-1 by Gaels United, with Joey Trimble scoring the Ballyboro goal. Team: Sam Glennon, Rory Carling, Cormac O'Dowd, Alex Forde, Josh Crawford, Joey Trimble, Christian Donlon, Luke Cullen, James Mimmagh, Euan Cullen and Eoin Cox.

Fixtures: A hectic weekend is in store with 6 teams in action:

The under 10s host UCL Rhinos on Saturday at 12 noon on Sunday.

The under 11s play Stonepark at The Mall Astro on Saturday at 12.

The under 12s are at home to Melview on Sunday, kick off 1.30.

The under 13s play Inny FC in Streete on Saturday at 1pm.

Inny Fc also provide the opposition for the under 14 team when they clash in the first round of The Shane Brennan Cup in Lanesboro on Sunday at 3pm.

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St. Faithleach's GAA

Congratulations: To all our winners at Saturday nights Social and Presentation Night held here in the clubhouse, many thanks to club President Frank Curley for making the presentations

- Club Person of the Year – Sean Cox
- Senior Player of the Year – Brian Murtagh
- Junior Player of the Year – Henry Kenny
- Junior Ladies Player – Joan Geoghegan
- Young Male Player – Karl Nerney
- Young Female Player – Ellen Irwin
- Mothers & Others Player – Sheila Healy

Best of luck: To Roscommon CBS and our club reps Conor

Rohan, Jack Tucker, Cain Glennon, Michael Dunne, In the rugby cup semi-final this Thursday in Creggs.

Thanks: To Eamon Gallagher and Tanya O'Rourke who organised the Ireland Lights Up Walks on club grounds over the last six weeks, the initiative from both the GAA and Operation Transformation was a great success and hopefully will in courage our members to get out and get active.

Lotto: Jackpot stands at €12,000. Last week's €20 winners; Harry O'Donnell, Curraghroe, Rob and Yvonne Stabler c/o Derek, Michael Hanly Ballyleague, Aidan Tully Slatta, Eileen Cox Curraghroe. Envelopes are available in all local retailers for €2. Your support is appreciated.

Condolences: The club would like to express its sympathy to Donal O'Grady and family on the passing of Donal's sister Bernie Forde, Barna, Galway. May she Rest in Peace.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 18th February 2019

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Dinner Dance

Last

Saturday night saw the return of the Rathcline Dinner Dance to celebrate the winning of the Intermediate Championship and U20 Championship. The venue was the Longford Arms and it was good to be back in the Longford Arms after so many years absence.

The

venue and meal were exceptional and the selection of the venue by the committee proved to be an excellent one. The atmosphere was laid back and the presentation by the club of the event was exceptional much credit must go to Marie

Farrell, Caroline Ginty, Sarah Kearney, Cathal Chapman, Alan Fayne and Ryan Fallon.

Dancing

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Writing

Awards

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Patrick's Day Parade

Preparations for the Lanesborough/Ballyleague St. Patrick's Day Parade has now commenced, and the Parade will take place on St. Patrick's Day 17th March commencing at St. Faithleach's Clubhouse at 2.30pm sharp.

We look forward to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to be bigger and better than ever we have had in the community. This year we are looking forward to having many new entrants and also to those that have not taken part in recent years returning to the Parade. It is a bigger, better, brighter and happier parade we are looking forward to this year.

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Well done

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All welcome!

Foreign

Currency & Used Stamps

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Alzheimer's Café

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Longford branch, will hold their Alzheimer Cafe on Wednesday evening next, 27th February at 7.00pm in Longford Credit Union. Entrance and care parking facility are at the rear of the building, between Longford Shopping Centre and Longford Motor taxation office. Guest Speaker on the night is Rosario Rabbitt, and her topic is Psychiatry of Later Life Services. This is an information and social evening with tea, coffee, scones and biscuits been served. Anyone who is affected by Dementia is welcome to come. For more information you can contact Eileen or Breda on 085 8724475 or Longford ASI office on 043 3348402 / 3347221.

Ballyboro

The under 9s were involved in two very entertaining and closely contested games with Abbey Rovers on Saturday last. Ballyboro Panel: Alfie Murphy, Jack Cassidy, Shane Farrell, Cathal Hanley, Tim Kenny, Darragh

Donlon, Josh Curran, James Carroll.

The under 12s will be playing at half time in the City Calling Stadium on Saturday week when Longford Town play their first home game of the season against Drogheda United.

The club will be staging a major Seven a Side Tournament with 10 teams taking part on March 9th.. This is a fundraiser for the AstroTurf Project, and is already generating much interest locally, with lots of speculation as to who will emerge on top.

The club will be running a bus to the Aviva Stadium on March 26th when Ireland play their first home game in the European Qualifiers against Georgia.

Weekend Fixtures: On Saturday the under 8s will be participating in a Blitz at Dernaifest, Lough Gowna, along with UCL Harps and Ardagh. The under 11s play UCL Sharks at home on Saturday with the kick off at 11am. Melview provide the opposition for the under 12s at Lanesboro on Sunday at 1pm in a Major Division Championship fixture. The under 14s are also at home on Saturday when they play Newtown. Kick off 2.30. The under 16s are away to Castlepollard on Sunday, 2.30 start.

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AGM on Saturday

The AGM of the club will take place this Saturday evening at 5pm in the clubhouse at 5pm. along with club members we would like to invite everyone that has an interest in the development of football in the community and how you would like to see the club continue its growth.

Rathcline are a pivotal position in the footballing scene as they have a wealth of young and very talented players coming along to add to the existing talented panel. In 2018 we won the Intermediate Championship, the Under 20 championship and were just beaten in the Minor Final. We need to develop and encourage and that is where your opinions would be of great help as

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Ball Sponsorship

The club would like to thank most sincerely PJ and Joan Donnellan and their company Engine Spares Limited for sponsoring the club with four footballs and Michal Hanley and his company C&H Fusion Electrical for sponsoring two footballs to the club.

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Last Saturday night the Rathcline Dinner Dance returned to the club and parish social scene after a lapse of a few years and it proved to be a tremendous community night out. The venue was the Longford Arms and Orla Reynolds and her team really pulled out all stop to ensure that it was going to be a great night for us as it really proved to be.

MC for the night the peerless Mickey

Farrell introduced a brief and excellent video history of the club compiled by Sarah Kearney. County Board Treasurer Albert Cooney spoke on behalf of the county board where he complimented the club on their success and their continued input into the county teams. He also lamented the lack of a club history and encouraged someone to take on the task in compiling the history of the club. The medal presentation took place followed with club chairman Liam Connerton presenting medals to the Intermediate and U20 panel and team managements. Following the presentation 2018 team manager was invited to say a few words. Liam who received a rousing welcome gave a very informative talk where he was high in his praise of the young men he had to deal with during the year, the tremendous potential of the club going forward and the need to manage the talent that was available to us. Club Chairman Liam Connerton then made a special presentation to Liam and Marie Farrell made a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to his wife Catherine. Liam was then asked to announce who he and the team management felt was the players of the year. Falling into the criteria of what was required he announced Kevin Chapman as the club player of the year.

Following the speeches and the conclusion of the beautiful meal dancing took place into the early hours to the wonderful Rhythm & Sticks followed by a disco finished off a fabulous night in the history of the Rathcline Club.

The club would like to thank everyone that supported the Dinner Dance and helped make it such a great night.

The club would like to sincerely thank Marie Farrell, Caroline Ginty, Sarah Kearney, Mickey Farrell, Ryan Fallon and Alan Fayne for their time and effort in presenting such a fabulous night. The club would also like to thank Martina and Joe O'Brien for allowing their premises to be used for the sale of tickets.

St. Faithleach's

Social and Presentation Night:

Social and Presentation Night takes place in the clubhouse on Saturday 23rd February for all our Senior and Junior players of both codes, D.J on the night, all players, club members, supporters and family are invited to attend.

Well done: To both the U14

boys and girls who received their medals for 2018 on Sunday. Many thanks to Pat Joe Fallon Minor Club President for making the presentation.

Congratulations: To Mary and Henry Kenny who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the clubhouse last Saturday night, the club was honoured to be part of the event and extend our congratulations and best wishes for many more years to come.

Cards: Take place every

Tuesday evening at the clubhouse.

Lotto: Jackpot stands at €12,000. Envelopes are available in all local retailers for €2. Annual subscriptions are also available please contact either Sean Cox or Michael Cleary.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 11th February 2019

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The Green

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photos are starting to come in and believe me they are bringing back great memories. I would encourage anyone else that has photographs of the Green, and stories to contact me. I am looking for all photographs of all residents of the Green right up to the present day – just a flick on your phone, camera, iPad and forward it to me at joea@iol.ie.

If you do not have a family picture perhaps you can forward me individual pictures and the house number you live/d in. If you don't have a photograph from your time on the Green a family photograph from a later date will do. I am also looking for photograph of the apprentices and lodgers that stayed on the Green. You can also drop them into me in the shop where I will scan them and return them to you a minute later.

Commons North Woodland Walk

As we know Commons North Woodland Walk is a recently developed path through forestry to the south of Lanesborough, near an old lime quarry. We all know how fabulous the walk is and its beauty and we are delighted for its recognition. The very popular walk is now featuring on all suggested walks for County Longford as being highly recommended.

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St.

Patrick's Day Parade

Preparations for the Lanesborough/Ballyleague St. Patrick's Day Parade has now commenced, and the Parade will take place on St. Patrick's Day 17th March commencing at St. Faithleach's Clubhouse at 2.30pm sharp.

We look forward to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to be bigger and better than ever we have had in the community. This year we are looking forward to having many new entrants and also to those that have not taken part in recent years returning to the Parade. It is a bigger, better, brighter and happier parade we are looking forward to this year.

Application forms are available in O'Brien's or from Teresa Costello or Freda Connaughton, the entry fee is €30 and should be enclosed with your entry form.

To help defray costs there will be the annual Lanesboro Ballyleague St. Patrick's Day raffle and we would encourage everyone to buy a book or two of tickets. Tickets are priced €2 each or €5 for a book of 3. The 5 winners drawn out will each receive €100. The draw this year will take place in Adie's Bar and Restaurant.

CES Vacancy

There is a community employment scheme vacancy available in the prize-winning village of Newtowncashel.

Anyone who is interested please contact Tony

Moran between 9:00am and 1:00pm on 86

8146363 Monday to

Friday.

Birth

Congratulations to Eibhlín and Conor, Leherly on the birth and baptism of their son Aoife Marion McKenna recently.

Thank You

The local organisers of the Lourdes Pilgrimage collection would like to thank everyone for their most generous contributions at all Masses last weekend.

The Ardagh and Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes will this year take place from Sunday 26th May to Friday 31st May. The cost of the Pilgrimage this year is €749. Anyone wishing to travel can contact Pilgrimage Director, Fr. Bernard Noonan, P.P. Moate or directly to Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lr. Baggot St., Dublin 2.

Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Terry and Maureen Hynes and family, Rathcline on the death of Mrs Pauline Hynes, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway on Monday 4th February. Pauline was also sister of Joe Mulvihill Snr, Newtowncashel and we extend our sympathy to Joe and his family.

Longford

Horticulture Training

Longford Horticulture is a *free* Longford Westmeath Educational Training Board

funded training

course for people who wish to explore Horticultural work options and update or develop new skills. As we are going into spring this is an excellent way for those in our community to avail of this course and reap the benefits. For details contact Alan Garvey at National Learning Network 087-9065521.

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Farrell, Tom Hession, Cian Shea, David Kenny, Tadhg Shea.

The under 14 team found Melview a bit too good for them, as the Longford town team emerged victorious on a 5-1 scoreline. Christian Donlon was the Ballyboro goal scorer. Team: Sam Glennon, Josh Crawford, Cormac O'Dowd, Jack Casey, Rory Carling, James Mimmagh, Joey Trimble, Christian Donlon, Christov,

Euan Cullen, Eoin Cox. Sub: Luke Cullen.

It was a similar story when an understrength under 12 team played Newtown. The first half was closely contested with the Newtown boys leading 1-0 at the interval. The Newtownforbes lads were largely on top in the second half and scored four more, with Christian Donlon notching a consolation score for Ballyboro from a penalty. Team: Ronan Cox, Anthony Cox, Jack Casey, David

Cox, Ethan Slattery, Christian Donlon, Euan Cullen, Ben Murphy, Daniel Hogan. Subs: Conn Maxwell, Rian Hogan.

Last Man Standing 2 is up and running, and once again it is proving to be a very successful venture. Mark Tarmey is going to be kept very busy over the next few weeks keeping track of the 500 plus entries. Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets. All funds generated go to the AstroTurf Project.

Fixtures: The under 9s will be taking part in a blitz in Lanesboro on Saturday starting at 12 noon, along with Melview and Abbey Rovers. The under 11s play their first game in the League Group 1 on Saturday when they play Abbey Rovers Stripes in Ballinamore, with the kick off at 12 noon. Other teams in the group are UCL Sharks, Stonepark, and Killoe Lions. The first three teams in the group qualify for the knock out stages.

The draw for the various cup competitions were made at the weekend. The under 12s are away to Castlepollard in the Tynan Cup. The under 14s play Inny FC away in the Shane Brennan Cup, while the under 16s are at home to Ballymahon in the Nolan Cup. The under 13s received a first round bye in the Flaherty Cup.

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AGM date change

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Minor and U14 League:

League action resumes for both minor and U14 boys next weekend 16th and 17th February. Please check our social media pages for times/venues and updates. Follow us on Facebook – St. Faithleach's GAA or on twitter @FaithleachsGAA

Cards: Take place every Tuesday evening in the clubhouse.

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Death

The parish was brought to a standstill when we learned of the death at her residence in Thureen of Mary Hurson, nee Farrell on Wednesday last 30th January. Everyone that knew Mary says that she was immediately recognisable with the warmest and friendliest smile. Mary would instantly light up any room such was the warmth of her personality. Mary was small in stature, but she was huge in everything she done. No task was too large or too small for her. She was recognised as a very hard worker and a wonderful and supportive neighbour and friend never leaving anyone stuck in their time of need. She was a caring wife and mother and wonderful family woman. Mary was ill for a long time, but such was the character of the woman that she never let it get the better of her or diminish her personality. Mary will be very sadly missed by all of us that had the pleasure to know her.

Mary's remains reposed in Glennon's Funeral Home on Thursday last. On Friday her remains were removed to St. Mary's Church for her Funeral Mass which was followed by burial in Rathcline Cemetery. To her husband John, daughter Michelle, sons Paul and Alan, aunt Tess, relatives and many many friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Preparations for the Lanesborough/Ballyleague St.

Patrick's Day Parade has now commenced, and the Parade will take place on St. Patrick's Day 17th March commencing at St. Faithleach's Clubhouse at 2.30pm sharp (Starting time will not change).

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale throughout Lanesborough and Ballyleague in all businesses. Further details will follow in the next week

CES Vacancy

There is a community employment scheme vacancy available in the prize-winning village of Newtowncashel. Anyone who is interested please contact Tony Moran between 9:00am and 1:00pm on 86 8146363 Monday to Friday.

Church Gate Collection

The annual Lourdes Sick Pilgrimage fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th February. Down you're the years your contributions have been most generous as the committee help people in communities to travel to Lourdes on the Ardagh Clonmacnois Pilgrimage. Many people in our parish have been fortunate to avail of the Pilgrimage through your generous contributions and we look once again towards your generosity.

Longford Horticulture Training

Longford Horticulture is a *free* Longford Westmeath Educational Training Board funded training course for people who wish to explore Horticultural work options and update or develop new skills. It is particularly suited to persons on Social Welfare Allowance with short or long term health difficulties or for early school

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Sympathy

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Strokestown

Further Education Centre

Places available on our QQI Accredited Course.

Training available at Levels 3, 4 and 5, catering for all needs and abilities. This is free course available to those in receipt of a social welfare payment. Payment top up for under 26's, travel and meal allowance and free childcare places available. Contact your Local Social Welfare Office or call Rachel at the Centre on 071 96 34935. Check out our Facebook page for more information.

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Table Quiz

U.C.D.

Student, Pdraig Sorohan is organising a table quiz in Rosie's on Friday 1st March at 9.30pm in aid of his upcoming trip to Haiti. Pdraig plans to spend the month of July working in North West Haiti with a poverty-stricken community in an educational setting. All support would be very much appreciated.

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Clonbonny Road Run took place on Sunday as usual, well done to the hardy souls who turned up in the cold to get a run in. Callum Farrell was the first man home in a very fast time well under 10 mins, but Kieran O'Dowd is still the fastest runner over the distance in recent weeks. Congratulations to Daragh Donlon who completed his 14th successive road run, a new record. We are just trying to finalise a date for our AGM which will take place before the end of the month. More details to follow.

Called Off

Due

to the inclement weather the organisers of the Lanesboro Social Services Whist game due to take place on Friday night last was called off. The committee thanks you for your patience and looks forward to seeing you all and your card playing friends on Friday 1st March.

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Our Library

Knitting & Crochet Group

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Poetry

& Music Group

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All welcome to come along and join in with this very vibrant group!

6 week

Art Course with Stephanie

Art Class no 5 continues in the Library on

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Contact the library on 0433321291 or email

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if you are interested.

ESOL

Class

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages)

continues on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Babble

& Books Parent & Toddler Group

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Play

2Gether Programme for Parents & Toddlers

Starting soon at Lanesboro Library – contact

Stella on 0433321291 or email

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to book your place!

The aim of this 4 week programme is to encourage joint play between a parent and their toddler. Activities will include soft ball games, movement to music and parachute games. These activities will develop fundamental motor skills, spatial awareness, manipulative skills, co-ordination and balancing skills and develop a positive attitude to physical activity. The programme will involve a trained and garda vetted sports tutor attending and leading a fun, physical activity session for 1 hour a week. Brought to you by Longford Sports Partnership.

Foreign

Currency & Used Stamps

We are still collecting unwanted foreign currency and old coins/notes in aid of ISPCC. The smallest donation can make a huge difference.

We also collect used stamps in aid of ISPCC. Thank you.

Membership

Library membership is free for everyone and provides you with complimentary access to books and p.c.'s in the library as well as a range of digital services.

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The committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

Please note that winners can collect their winning cheques in the Co-Op office only and will be available from Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

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Ballyboro

Pride of place this week goes to the under 16 team who just got the better of Gaels United in a seven-goal thriller. Eoin Farrell snatched a dramatic winner in injury time with a well-placed header from a Rian

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Completed forms for the Last Man Standing must be returned to any committee member by this Friday evening at the latest. Thanks to all who continue to support the Astro Project by placing their blue tokens in the Ballyboro Tube at Tesco Roscommon. Preparations are in train for the big OSKARS night in the Longford Arms in June.

The club will be running a bus to the Ireland-Georgia European qualifier in the Aviva next month.

Fixtures: There will be an under 8 blitz in Lanesboro on Saturday starting at 11am. Teams taking part are Ballyboro, Stonepark and Inny Fc.

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Lanesboro Ballyleague Notes Monday 28th

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First in Class

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Early into the report the Most Improved in each county identified Lanesboro Community College at the Most Improved between 2009 to 2018 in County Longford with a 24% improvement.

On the Schools League table identifying the highest percentage placed in third level colleges showed that Lanesboro Community College came out on top in County Longford with 76% of its students being placed in third level.

The above results are testimony to the growing reputation of Lanesboro Community college and the figures show it going from strength to strength. Full credit to all its teaching staff over the years for growing the school with the confidence to achieve these results and we congratulate everyone for this high ranking.

Great Reaction

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the Government allocating €194,000 for the walkway/cycleway to the parish of Killashee and the access to the Royal Canal.

The reaction via email, text and verbally has been remarkable. The amount of positivity that the announcement gained was incredible and people are really looking forward to being able to

use it in the near future. Negotiations are ongoing with Bord na Mona and Coillte and with a clear run it is hoped that we will be able to be able to start work in the Spring time.

It is fabulous news and the fact that people are now actively looking to Lanesboro and Ballyleague in such a positive manner is very encouraging that we soon will be seen as a community that is a hive of activity with many attractions coming to the area. It was only last week at the 'Showcase Ireland' trade fair a Clare man told me that himself and his brother already had pencilled in their attendance at the Lough Ree Pike Angling Festival on the 14th and 15th September. Longford County Council are to be greatly praised for all their great work in helping to achieve the funding and the ongoing process. We look forward to the development of the Lough Ree Distillery and the excitement and extra business and buzz it will bring to the community

The continuous great work in the community by a host of groups is creating a great vibrancy and the prospects of many more activities is very heartening. I and I am sure you are looking forward to all this positivity bearing a great upsurge in Lanesboro and Ballyleague.

Last week Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland held feasibility studies in three sections of the River Shannon. The one identifying Lanesboro took place in Athlone on Wednesday and from the feedback of the attendees Lanesboro and Ballyleague got very strong comment.

Let the work continue and if anyone has any plans that they want me to mention in these notes of indeed in the shop window please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope this great positivity will be encouraged to continue unabated.

LCC Enrolment nears closing.

The closing date for application forms for enrolment in 1st year in September 2019 is Friday next 1st February at 1:00. All students interested in attending Lanesboro Community

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Primary School

Enrolment

Lanesborough Primary

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Lanesboro Bridge Club

The results of the

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Mona O'Flaherty and Maureen Hynes, 2nd

Phil Chalmers and Cyril Hussey and 3rd

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50/50

On Monday night last, the draw took place for the weekly 50/50 draw. This week our winner was Brendan Rhatigan, Fermoy. Brendan, a tremendous hardworking clubman was well deserving of this great win. The winning envelope was worth a wonderful €338. Thanks to Brendan for his continued support of the draw and maybe next week it will be you.

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Bridge Information and Demonstrations

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mornings in St Mary's Hall on Friday February 1st, and February 8th, starting at 10:30 am and continuing until 12:30 pm All age groups invited. Relax and enjoy a scone & tea. while learning the benefits of playing the game of bridge. If you want to improve your memory and concentration, this is one of the ways students improve their memory and parents find it has helped their children with their maths. When travelling to other countries it is a great way to meet people make friends without knowing their language. If you need any further information, please phone 0864076462.

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The

committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

Please

note that winners can collect their winning cheques in the Co-Op office only and will be available from Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

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Lanesboro Community Games

Art, Model Making

and Handwriting Competitions: The Lanesboro Community Games Art, Model Making and Handwriting competitions will take place in St. Marys Parish Hall on Sunday 3rd February from 5pm to 8pm.

Art U8, U10, U12, U14 &

U16, Model making U10, U12, U14 & U16 based on a Community Games theme. Children to bring their own drawing material. Paper will be provided.

Event rules and details on www.communitygames.ie.

All children are welcome.

Community Games Membership Registration

(€3) for children who haven't already joined Community Games this year.

Parish

Mission

Longford

Town Parish are holding a Festival of Faith at St. Mel's Cathedral from Friday

next 1st February until 7th Thursday February. The theme of the Mission will be "Come as you Are", the event includes guest speakers, live music and hospitality.

Full

line-up will be seen on the local press, Facebook or contact the Presbytery 043 3346465. Times: 10.00am & 7-30pm. Sunday evening 5.00pm. The Mission organisers extend a warm welcome to all from their neighbouring parishes. "Come as You are" and bring a friend.

Lough

Ree 2000 Bridge Club

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Alzheimer Café

The Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will open their first ever Alzheimer Cafe in Longford Credit Union ltd, 50 Main Street, Longford on this Wednesday 30th January (7.00pm-8.30pm). This Café will take place on the last Wednesday of every month at the same time and location. Alzheimer Cafes provide a warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their family and friends and social and health care professionals to meet, exchange ideas and learnings. The topic for this month is 'Living with Dementia' with guest speaker Gerry Farrell Counsellor / Psychotherapist Sligo. This is free of charge and there is a car parking facility at the rear of the building. Anyone who is affected by dementia is welcome to come. It is a social evening with tea, coffee &

scones being served. The Alzheimer Cafés are organised and led by a mix of organisations, professionals, carers, people with dementia and volunteers interested in the area. For more information and if you would like to attend, please contact Breda Dunne or Eileen Kilbride on 043 / 3347221 or 3348402 For more information, go to www.alzheimer.ie

Ballyboro

The under 8s played Ballymahon at Ballymahon Astro on Saturday last. Despite the inclement weather both teams entered into the fray with gusto and wholehearted endeavour and loads of goals were the order of the day. Ballyboro: David Kenny, Darragh McGloin, Tom Hession, Adam Greally, Joe Greally, Matthew Murphy, Darragh Shanley, Michael Hogan, Donncha Farrell.

The under 12 team played their first game in the Major Division Championship on Sunday when they were away to UCL. The game was fiercely contested and ended fittingly in a draw. Goals from Christian Donlon and Ben Murphy saw Ballyboro lead by two goals to one at the interval. With a strong wind at their backs UCL had most of the possession in the second half but a resolute defensive display, allied to a brilliant goalkeeping display by Ronan Cox restricted the home team to just one goal. Team: Ronan Cox, Anthony Cox, Jack Casey, David Cox, Aidan Kelly, Christian Donlon, Euan Cullen, Billy Murray, Ben Murphy. Subs: Daniel Hogan, Ethan Slattery, Jack Beattie, Conn Maxwell.

A lapse in concentration which resulted two goals conceded in as many minutes, early in the second half, cost the under 14 team dearly when they played Gaels United. Though Matthew Heneghan notched a goal back after he was set up following a great run by Ciaran O'Dowd, the Drumlish boys held on to take the spoils. Ballyboro: Luke Dowd, Jack McGloin, Ryan Byrne, Cormac O'Dowd, Paul Byrne, Briain Farrell, Shane Ross, Sam Murphy, Jimmy Farrell, Matthew Heneghan, Ciaran O'Dowd.

Positive results were recorded on Saturday last from the ground investigations, at the site of the new Astro turf football pitch.

Thanks are due to the management of Tesco Roscommon who have chosen the Astro turf Project for support, and to all who have placed their blue tokens in the Ballyboro Tube in store. Last Man Standing forms have been distributed to parents. Any parent who may have not yet received forms or who might like more please

contact Ann McGloin at 087 9185446.

Fixtures: The under 9s will be taking part in a Blitz in Lanesboro on Saturday starting at 12 noon. Other teams participating are Abbey Rovers and Stonepark.

The under 11s commence their League Group 1 campaign when they play Abbey Rovers Stripes in Ballinamore on Saturday with the kick off at 1pm.

Also on Saturday the under 13s are at home to Killoe Celtic, 1.30 start.

The under 16s are at home to Gaels United on Sunday. Kick off 1pm.

**Rathcline GAA – ‘Be
with us Be a part of Us’.**

Dinner Dance

This year we see the return of the Rathcline GAA Dinner Dance on Saturday night 16th February in the Longford Arms Hotel.

This night out was always the occasion of the year and apart from Santa Claus it was the most looked forward event of the year. It was the occasion to dress up and have a local evening in wonderful surroundings and in the company of local people.

This year it is also a cause for celebration as there will be the presentation of the Intermediate Championship and Under 21 medals to the victorious teams.

Tickets are available in O’Brien’s costing a reasonable €40 for a four-course meal and a wonderful night’s entertainment provided by Rhythm & Sticks who are packing the crowds in no matter where they go.

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AGM

Have you an interest in the GAA? Would you like to help play your part in Rathcline GAA? Does the skill of your job compliment what the club does? Do you feel that your skills can lead Rathcline to becoming the leading club in Longford? A club is not just about football, it has many facets and the club is ambitiously looking for people that can help progress us both on and off the field – there are many sides that we have identified that need developing and it would be fabulous that you could give off your time to help with this progression. It does not mean that you are being asked to become an executive member but if you have a skill to offer the club the club would love to see you at the AGM on Friday 15th February at 8pm or give your name to chairman Liam Connerton, Secretary Cathal Chapman or Treasurer Marie Farrell or Minor club Chairman Alan Fayne, Secretary Seadna Ryan or Treasurer Mary Teresa Mc Grath.

New Year Draw

The club's New Year draw held on Saturday night last in the Yacht Bar was a tremendous success and the club would like to extend its deepest gratitude to all that supported the draw and helped make it the success it was. The lucky seven winners were 1st €3000 Kieran Lisle, 2nd €1000 Stephen Rooney, Ballyglass, 3rd €500 Kevin Hanley, 4th €250 Joe Mc Grath, 5th €250 Marty Parker, 6th €200 James Gunning and 7th €200 Paula Gorman.

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Under 15

The

wonderful competition that is the Leinster U15 Cross County League will commence on Saturday next in Clonbonny. This is always a hugely entertaining competition with many budding club and county stars in view. Supporters are invited to come along to Clonbonny on Saturday next for the first-round game where we will be entertaining an Under 15 from County Louth – I don't have their name at the moment. Let's go out and welcome the Louth team to our parish and encourage all players on both sides.

Play

The Shannon Gaels Minor club is hosting another Big Guerilla Production. 'And Thank You' is a new play written and performed by the ever popular and star man Seamus O'Rourke will come to St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, on Saturday 9th March at 8.30pm. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's costing €10. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's and to book your tickets phone Martina 086-3858934. The play is being hosted by the Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

Defibrillator

The

club needs people that are interested in helping the club by completing the defibrillator course to take place in January. The need for people to have training done in the use of the defibrillator is essential at all grades especially with all the games and training in Clonbonny. We look forward to a

good number of parents of the underage club and supporters and officials from all our clubs to give their names and phone numbers to the minor (Seadna) or senior (Cathal) secretaries or to Martina O'Brien at the corner shop.

Minor Training

While

passing the Parish Hall on Saturday last, I heard a lot of noise coming from inside. Curiosity got the better of me and following a look inside I noticed that the Minor team for the coming year were training hard for the upcoming season. I did notice that a few players were absent from the training but those that were there were really enjoying themselves.

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Good

Luck

Good luck to the club

representatives Seadhna Ryan, Cronan Flood, Éanna Mc Grath, Oran Kenny, Kian

Gilmore, Kevin Tansey, Bryn Peters, Richard prior and their team mates who within the next 10 days will play the Leinster Schools Final.

St. Faithleach's

Ireland Lights Up: Our

Ireland Lights Up walks on club grounds are getting a fantastic response from members of the community, official walks continue every Thursday at 7pm (numbers are added to the Operation Transformation website which shows the total number of people out walking within GAA club grounds around the country) and daily walks continue every weekday at 7pm. If you have not signed up yet please contact Eamon Gallagher and join us not just for your physical wellbeing but also to connect with people within the community.

Indoor Training: Indoor

training for both U10 and U12 girls continue in Ballyleague Hall every Tue evening, please contact Qona Cox or Sean Cox for more information. Many thanks to Siobhan Curran and Caroline O'Reilly who presented the girls new jerseys which were kindly sponsored by Innis Ree Lodge.

Lotto: Jackpot stands at

€12,000. Envelopes are available in all local retailers and are €2.

Cards: Cards take place

every Tuesday evening in the clubhouse. Last week's winners; Sean Cox and Mary Kenny, second Annie and Kathleen, last game Tom and Padraig.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 21st January 2019

Lanesboro Ballyleague Notes

BT Young Scientist Success

2019 got

off to a winning start for Lanesboro Community College as they achieved wonderful success at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS last week when all three of their projects were award winners

Conor

Lyons looked at how the cost of playing for your club impacts on your family life, free time and even the days missed from work due to injury. All involved were delighted when he was awarded 2nd place in the Social and Behavioural category.

Leah

Farrell's project was highly commended by the judges for designing an online tool for calculating CO2 emissions and for applying this model to analysing the carbon footprint of our diets. Food for thought!

Orla

Lyons's study on the benefits of a short maths programme to help students improve their numeracy was awarded the 'Highly Commended' accolade and singled out as a 'policy changing study'.

Well done

to all involved and thank all those who supported the students with their projects; teachers, parents and the various organisations and individuals that gave up their time and expertise so freely.

Going for Reprint

The wonderful publication Sliabh Bán has now sold out in all shops. Such was the sale of the book that there is a complete sell out and the great news is that the book is going for a second print having a second print. Sliabh Bán the book of history of the area will be back on the book shelves within the next three weeks. You will see it here when

the book is back.

LCC Enrolment nears closing.

The closing date for application forms for enrolment in 1st year in September 2019 is Friday 1st February at 1:00. All students interested in attending Lanesboro Community College in September should send in their enrolment forms before that date. Please contact 043 3321139 for more details or a copy of the enrolment form.

The Green

Thanks
to those that have already sent me photos.

Sometime

ago I recorded the 64 houses on the Green and those that I could remember and find out that lived in what house since the early 50's. I am now looking for photographs from the families that lived there from the start right up to the present day. Family, presentations, work pictures or sporting events right up to this current day that involved anyone that lived on the Green everything and anything please. If you can email them to me joea@iol.ie or drop into the shop with

them where I will scan them and return them immediately. If you did not live on The Green and know people that did can you tell them I am looking for photographs. If there are school class photos from the national schools' girls and boys, Ballyleague Secondary, Convent of Mercy and the different guises of Lanesboro Technical School/Vocational School/Community College. Thanking you in advance, Joe.

Death

The

untimely death took place on Sunday 13th January at the ICU, Galway University Hospital of James Mullooly formerly Kiltreevan and formerly

Tullyvrane.

James just 39 years old was taken ill last summer and was found to have a very rare form of virus. He was a tall and strongly built and for such a strong young man to be struck down was a great shock to us all. James fought hard for life in the intervening time and his untimely death shook us all to the core. He had a warm personality and his smiling face and welcome always disarmed the coldest of hearts. James was married with two young children and lived in Kiltreevan. The attendance at the reposing of his remains in Smyth's Funeral Home Roscommon and again at his Funeral Mass and burial was the largest seen for many a long year. To his wife Joanne, sons Jack and Billy, father Peter, mother Mary, sisters Dara, Margaret and Laura, the extended Mullooly family and wide circle of friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

James

was laid to rest in his native parish Rathcline Cemetery following his Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Kiltreevan.

Nurse Donlon, your memories

Nurse

Donlon's time in Lanesboro was legendary for all of those that remember her time as the district nurse and her shop at the bottom end of Main Street beside Paddy Kenny's garage. What are your memories of Nurse Donlon and can you put them to paper or on computer? If you have any memories, then Stella in the library would love to hear from you. It is hoped that the older generation amongst us that have so many wonderful memories and it would be great to put them to paper and send them to Stella as soon as you can.

If

you have memories of the Nurse you are invited to write them down and hand them into Stella in the library or you can email Stella at

lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie

alternatively you can drop them into O'Brien's for delivery to Stella.

AGM

The AGM of the Rathcline club will take place in the clubhouse in Clonbonny on Friday 15th February at 8pm. If you have an interest and would like to be part of our club come along to the meeting where you will be made very welcome. As the club moves back into the senior ranks, they would like to welcome parishioners and former players to get behind the club and team and help drive all forward.

New Defibrillator Course

A new Defibrillator course will take place in the very near future and the organisers are urgently seeking many new people to take the opportunity of getting trained in the use of defibrillators. As this is a down time it is important that all clubs and organisations on both sides of the bridge encourage their members to attend and get trained up.

Rarely a day goes by in a workplace, sporting events or in public places that a person's knowledge in the use of the defibrillator is not required hence the great need to have all area and events covered with people with the required knowledge.

Contact Martina O'Brien with your name and phone number, she can be contacted at the shop, phone 3321107, 0863858934 or email martinaclynel@gmail.com

Can I help

A little food for thought. There are many roles/tasks that need to be filled/completed in each and every association and club in the community- remembering that there is a great link up with those not affected by the county/parish divide and the others that are affected. There is something for everyone, just mention to the club or association that you are interested in helping. Help is a vital component to the continuation of all our associations and clubs, and you should be helping

to grow our community as one in your chosen group.

Primary School

Enrolment

Lanesborough Primary

School are holding their Enrolment Afternoon for September 2019 on Friday 1st February 2019 at 1pm.

Parents and children who are hoping to enrol in the school for September are invited to attend.

Lanesboro Bridge Club

The results of the competition held on Wednesday 9th January are: N/S 1st Gemma Douglas and Elish Gray, 2nd Una Clarke and Kathleen Kelly and 3rd Philomena Walsh and Katherine Harrison. E/W 1st Eileen Kelly and Mary Farrell, 2nd Brid Mc Dermott and Una Lawlor and 3rd Maureen Hynes and Elizabeth Clyne.

The results of the competition held on Wednesday 16th January are: N/S 1st Philomena Walsh and Katherine Harrison, 2nd Gemma Douglas and Elish Gray, 3rd Mary Mc Gushin and Bernadette Clancy. E/W 1st Frances and Frank Brennan, 2nd Brid McDermott and Ita Farrell, 3rd Patricia McGann and Mary Jameson.

Play in St. Mary's Hall

'And thank You' is a new play written and performed by the ever popular and star man Seamus O'Rourke will come to St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, on Saturday 9th March at 8.30pm. This is a production much sought after, and it was a very lucky thing that the Minor Club got their 'spake' in on time to ensure we would be fortunate enough to have it. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's costing €10. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's and to

book your tickets phone Martina 086-3858934. The play is being hosted by the Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

The following is a synopsis of the play: A play about an ordinary man living in rural Ireland

who gets saved... Saved from a life of pub talk and prophesising. King John O'Sullivan used to be able to drink fifteen pints without having to piddle, now, it's every nine. Going to the Gents so often can wear a man out. The story is told by the Reverend Thaddaeus Clancy and O'Sullivan's two sons, Larry O and Martin. The sons run the family shop while Daddy, the King of McKenna's Bar makes up the rules. It's a story of hard work and success and dangling. There's bad driving and ice hockey and there's falling down. When the '*Divel*' starts to gnaw, the kingdom will fall.

Community Celebrations

The club will host a Dinner Dance on Saturday night 16th February where the club will celebrate its community links and honour the panel of 2018 that retained the Intermediate Championship. The Celebrations will take place in the Longford Arms Hotel.

The Dinner Dance is always a wonderful community celebration night out and it should also bring back for the night the many ex-players and supporters of the club for a great night of reminiscence and revelry. Music on the night will be supplied by the hugely popular Rhythm & Sticks who will add greatly to our celebrations. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's.

The club looks forward to a huge number attending on the night and create a great parish and community night out.

Community Games

Well done to all of our young participants who took part in the County Community Games Draughts Competition last Saturday, in Killoe National School.

We were well represented

with five teams at U10, U12 and U14 age levels. They all battled really well in their respective competitions.

Congratulations to our U14 team who managed to win out their competition by the narrowest of margins, to a very strong Ballymahon side.

They are now Longford County

Champions 2019 and will go forward to represent the County in the Leinster competition.: Kieran O'Dowd, Cormac O'Dowd, Shane Gavigan, Conor Farrell, Ronan Farrell, Fionn Crossan.

Many thanks to all of the

parents who helped out with practice, supervision and transport. We are very grateful for your support.

Marriage

The wedding took place at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Leixlip, Co. Kildare on Monday 31st December of Fran Deffew son of the late Noel and Bridie Deffew, Rathcline Road and Joann Keenahan, daughter of Geraldine and Larry Keenahan, Leixlip, Co. Kildare. Bestman was Nevan Deffew brother of the groom, and bridesmaid was Jenny Keenahan sister of the bride. Pageboys were Cillian and Liam Deffew nephews of the groom. Flower girls were Cora Deffew, niece of the groom and Ella Cullen, Tessa Grogan and Eva Greene all nieces of the bride. The marriage ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Philip Corcoran. The wedding reception was held in Confey GAA club, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

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The committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

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Lough Ree Sub Aqua Club

Lough Ree sub aqua would like to start off by thanking everyone who took part in and those who attended the club Christmas swim which took place on Christmas day at

12:30PM. There was a great turnout and it would not have been possible if it wasn't for the support from both club members and the local community. The first training exercise of the year took place in Portrun harbour county Roscommon on Saturday the 12th of January. This event included a 1 KM fin from the harbour to a specific location situated 1 KM along the lake, a similar exercise is planned for Sunday the 20th of January. Special thanks to all club member who acted as support for these events.

Lanesboro

Library Events

Local

BT Young Scientist & Technology Projects at the Library

Congratulations to Lanesboro

Community College students, Conor Lyons, Orla Lyons and Leah Farrell who did so well in BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition. Their projects will be on display in the library until January 25th.

Conor placed 2nd with his project 'The Cost of Playing for the Club: A Statistical Analysis of Time and Money spent by GAA Senior Club Players'

Orla's project 'Step Over Maths: A Step in the Right Direction?' was Highly Commended.

Leah's project 'Counting the Carbon Dioxide cost of our diets: designing a model to quantify effects of our diets on CO2 emissions' was also Highly Commended.

Recycle

Your Christmas Cards at the Library

From now until the end of January you can recycle your Christmas cards at Lanesboro Library. Just pop them in the box at the desk!

Knitting

& Crochet Group

Knitting & Crochet group continues every Monday 2pm to 4pm. New members always welcome!

Poetry

& Music Group

Poetry & Music group continues on Monday 28th January 2019 – 4.15-5.30pm.

All welcome to come along and join in with this very vibrant group!

6 week

Art Course with Stephanie

Art Class no 3 continues in the Library on Monday evening 28st January at 6.30pm.

Contact the library on 0433321291 or email lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie<redir.aspx if you are interested.

ESOL Class

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) continues on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Babble

& Books Parent & Toddler Group

Babble & Books Parent & Toddler Group

continues every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to bring their babies/toddlers along to socialise with other children, read books and play with the toys, jigsaws & Lego table.

Play

2Gether Programme for Parents & Toddlers

Starting soon at Lanesboro Library – contact

Stella on 0433321291 or email lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie< to book your place!

The aim of this 4 week programme is to encourage joint play between a parent and their toddler. Activities will include soft ball games, movement to music and parachute games. These activities will develop fundamental motor skills, spatial awareness, manipulative skills, co-ordination and balancing skills and develop a positive attitude to physical activity. The programme will involve a trained and garda vetted sports tutor attending and leading a fun, physical activity session for 1 hour a week. Brought to you by Longford Sports Partnership.

Book

Club

Book Club meets again on Friday morning 25th

January at 11am. Book choices this month are 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' by Truman Capote and 'The Lost child' by Patricia Gibney. Come along for a chat and a cuppa!

Foreign

Currency & Used Stamps

We are still collecting unwanted foreign

currency and old coins/notes in aid of ISPCC. The smallest donation can make a huge difference.

We also collect used stamps in aid of ISPCC. Thank you.

Membership

Library membership is free for everyone and provides you with complimentary access to books and p.c.'s in the library as well as a range of digital services.

Download free eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines and newspapers with your library card and pin. Renew or request books on our website [<http://www.longfordlibrary.ie<redir.aspx?>

Lough Ree 2000 Bridge Club

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The club would like to extend its sympathy to Mike Flynn and the Flynn family on the death of his sister Sr. Catherine (Lucy) in Dublin recently.

Ballyboro

Tesco

Roscommon...if you're shopping there this week please put your blue tokens in the tube for the new Ballyboro Astro football pitch ... we wish to thank everyone who has already supported us at Tesco Roscommon ... our astro pitch will be a community facility ...available to all community sports groups at Lanesborough Community College.

Last Man Standing No. 2 gets

underway on February 9th with a prize fund of €500 for just a tenner entry fee...parents of all team players in club will receive their cards this week ...contact

any member of our committee to take part ...: Jason Fallon, Stephen Rooney, Eddie Kelly, Seamus Sorohan, Karl Crawford, Mark Tarmey, Lee Cullen, Ann McGloin, Ronnie Johnston, Eamon Bolger, Kevin Connaughton, John Tynan, Ciaran Mulooly, Carol Donlon, Dave Gilmore, Kieran Feeney.

Following

a relatively quiet weekend the action steps up apace next weekend with six teams in action.

The under 10s play Stonepark at The Mall Astro on Saturday with the kick off at 12 noon.

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The topic for this month is 'Living with Dementia' with guest speaker Gerry Farrell Counsellor / Psychotherapist Sligo. This is free of charge and there is a car parking facility at the rear of the building. Anyone who is affected by dementia is welcome to come. It is a social evening with tea, coffee & scones being served. The Alzheimer Cafés are organised and led by a mix of organisations, professionals, carers, people with dementia and volunteers interested in the area. For more information and if you would like to attend, please contact Breda Dunne or Eileen Kilbride on 043 / 3347221 or 3348402 For more information, go to www.alzheimer.ie

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Leinster Final

Congratulations to Ballymahon Secondary School on qualifying for the Leinster Schools Senior Final following a very hard earned. Having come through the Shannon Gaels and some are still in the underage section we are delighted to have such a strong delegation on the panel with 8 of our players. We wish them the very best in the final.

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St. Faithleach's

Ireland Lights Up: Well

done to all our members who took part in the official Ireland Lights Up walk on club grounds last Thursday, walks continue every weekday evening at 7pm and it's a great way to get active and connect with people within the community. If you require any further information, please contact Eamon Gallagher.

U10 and U12 Indoor Girls Training:

Indoor training for girls continues on Tue evenings in Ballyleague Hall, please contact Qona Cox or Sean Cox.

Community Games Activity Club:

Takes place in Ballyleague Hall every Saturday from 5-6:30 pm, activities include table tennis, art, model making and athletic drills. For more information please contact Amanda Cox or Kilgefin Community Games Facebook page.

Best of luck: To the

Roscommon team and management as they start their league campaign on Sat against Mayo. Congratulations to all on their FBD Final win against Galway.

Cards: Take place every

Tuesday evening in the clubhouse, all welcome.

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 14th January 2019

Lanesboro Ballyleague Notes

Sold Out

The wonderful publication Sliabh Bán has now sold out in all shops. Such was the sale of the book that there is a

complete sell out and plans are now been looked at to the feasibility of having a second print. If and when it does happen you will be informed in these notes that the book Sliabh Bán is back on sale.

Lanesboro Community College Enrolment.

The closing date for application forms for enrolment in 1st year in September 2019 is Friday 1st February at 1:00. All students interested in attending Lanesboro Community College in September should send in their enrolment forms before that date. Please contact 043 3321139 for more details or a copy of the enrolment form.

Sympathy

Would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Keith Murphy, his wife Michelle, nee Wallace and their children Peter, Charlie and Ella and their extended family on the death of their son and brother Harry on Friday 11th January. Harry was a very special young man adored by all his family for the past eight years. His funeral Mass took place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ballymore Eustace on Saturday followed by cremation in Newlands Cross Crematorium. Harry was grandson of Jude and Kitty Murphy, Cloontuskert and Sonny and Mary Claire Wallace, Strokestown Road Ballyleague. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and extended family at this very sad time.

Exciting times ahead

Over the past number of years, a lot of discussions have taken place with Bord na Mona about the linking up of the parish of Rathcline with the parish of Killashee. The route envisaged was at the bottom of Clonbonny in the townland of Kilnacarrow going to Clonbearla in Killashee. It was the route take by the renowned John Duggan from his home in Clonbearla as he made his way to school in Lanesboro. This is clearly the shortest distance between the two parishes, and it included crossing Bord na Mona property. As time went by the bog at that end was rapidly coming to its life end and seemed to be the most natural route and following discussions locally with local Bord na Mona management it was agreed

to be the right location. Time went by as the plan and agreement went further up the Bord na Mona line for ratification and an agreement to be drawn up. At this point in time this process is undergoing the normal ratification and we await formal consent and a signing of the agreement. For my part Bord na Mona have been very open and very easy to deal with, naturally they had their issues, but they were very open to the different thought process from where we were coming from. As we will be hopefully, traveling through part of the Coillte plantation meetings are been arranged to come to a similar agreement.

The

announcement of the Government funding on Tuesday of €193,982 by Minister for Rural and Community Development Michael Ring was greatly received by everyone that worked so hard over the past number of years.

What

it means for our community is that we will have access to Killashee and the Royal Canal via the walkway/cycleway. From there we and the many tourists visiting

especially those on boating holidays will have a cycle path to the Corlea Interpretive Centre. The Corlea Centre is a wonderful amenity on our doorstep and the fact that that there will be access to it will be a great thing and hopefully increase their visitors greatly. The opening of this route also means that for the keen cyclists they will be able to cycle all the way from Dublin from Lanesboro/Ballyleague practically off road. As there is a spur being created

from Centre Parcs to the canal it also offers us the opportunity to welcome the visitors from there to Lanesboro when they go cycling as part of their holiday.

In preparation

there must be a great deal of work done locally as we will have more and more visitors visiting us. We need a much greater increase in our accommodation facilities, shopping and eating facilities. We hopefully will see a greater number of creative people coming to live and work amongst us. We need to add to our entertainment for younger people and make greater use of the bay area and Lough Ree. We currently have an idyllic place to live and hopefully that will be rewarded with new companies looking at our area to set up and create work.

Death

The entire community was shocked to learn of the death at St. Joseph's Care Centre, Longford on Monday last 7th January of Oliver Curran, Rathcline. Ollie as was most commonly known had suffered illness for just a short while and he fought his illness with his inimitable spirit and humour. Ollie had worked in England, where he met his wife Mary, for a good number of years before returning to his native sod of Rathcline. Ollie was a crane driver and his expertise was renowned far and wide. He was one of our finest characters especially at a time when characters are becoming scarce. People's lives have become faster with little time for the interaction of ago. People have become self-conscious with a reluctance to put themselves in the public eye, but this was not Ollie. He had an exuberant personality and mischievous always wanting to get a rise on someone and create a great laugh. He was without doubt a character that we will not ever forget. Ollie always brought a smile to one's face and his welcome greeting of "Howya Irish man/woman" will ring loud in our minds when we think of Ollie. He was a man that had a love and support of his native parish and everyone that represented the parish no matter what guise. He was a great family man, husband, father and grandfather. A little-known fact about Ollie was that he was practically unbeatable when it came to playing the game of draughts. Ollie was a man with a great loyalty to his native parish and was a vice President of the Rathcline club.

Death

The attendance at the reposing of his remains at his residence in Rathcline on Tuesday and again at his Funeral Mass and burial on Wednesday bore ample testimony to the highest regard in which Ollie was held far and wide. Following Mass, he was laid to rest in Rathcline cemetery.

To his wife Mary, son Declan, brothers Paddy and Tommy, sisters Peggy, Molly, Cathy, Tessie and Agnes, grandchildren, relatives and his multitude of friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

The Green

Thanks

to those that have already sent me photos.

Sometime

ago I recorded the 64 houses on the Green and those that I could remember and find out that lived in what house since the early 50's. I am now looking for photographs from the families that lived there from the start right up to the present day. Family, presentations, work pictures or sporting events right up to this current day that involved anyone that lived on the Green everything and anything please. If you can email them to me joea@iol.ie or drop into the shop with them where I will scan them and return them immediately. If you did not live on The Green and know people that did can you tell them I am looking for photographs. If there are school class photos from the national schools' girls and boys, Ballyleague Secondary, Convent of Mercy and the different guises of Lanesboro Technical School/Vocational School/Community College. Thanking you in advance, Joe.

Birth

Many

congratulations to Brian and Sinead Farrell Leherly on the recent birth of a baby boy.

Yoga

Yoga

for all will take place on Tuesday mornings in St. Mary's Hall at 10.30am. This will take place over six weeks. Stretch, meditate and rest. Contact Lesley 087-7650871 to book

Level

1 Yoga – A more dynamic practice to build strength and flexibility will take place in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evenings at 8pm. this will take place

for six weeks commencing this Thursday 17th January. Contact Lesley 087-7650871 to book your place.

Next Blood Clinic

The next local Blood Donation Clinic will take place on this Wednesday 16th, and Thursday 17th January in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. The clinics will take place each day from 5pm to 8.30pm.

Did you know that only 3% of the eligible population gives blood? 3000 donors are needed in Ireland each week can you be one of them?

Don't forget to write it Down

Nurse

Donlon's time in Lanesboro was legendary for all of those that remember her time as the district nurse and her shop at the bottom end of Main Street beside Paddy Kenny's garage. What are your memories of Nurse Donlon and can you put them to paper or on computer? If you have any memories, then Stella in the library would love to hear from you. it is hoped that the older generation amongst us that have so many wonderful memories and it would be great to put them to paper and send them to Stella as soon as you can.

If you have memories of the Nurse you are invited to write them down and hand them into Stella in the library or you can email Stella at lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie alternatively you can drop them into O'Brien's for delivery to Stella.

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New Defibrillator Course in January

A new Defibrillator course will take place in January and the organisers are urgently seeking many new people to take the opportunity of getting trained in the use of defibrillators. As this is a down time it is important that all clubs and organisations on both sides of the bridge encourage their members to attend and get trained up.

Rarely a day goes by in a workplace, sporting events or in public places that a person's knowledge in the use of the defibrillator is not required hence the great need to have all area and events covered with people with the required knowledge.

Contact Martina O'Brien with your name and phone number, she can be contacted at the shop, phone 3321107, 0863858934 or email martinaclynel@gmail.com

Primary School Enrolment

Lanesborough

Primary School are holding their Enrolment Afternoon for September 2019 on Friday February 1st 2019 at 1pm.

Parents and children who are hoping to enrol in the school for September are invited to attend.

Play in St. Mary's Hall

'And thank You' is a new play written and performed by the

ever popular and star man Seamus O'Rourke will come to St. Mary's Hall, Lanesboro, on Saturday 9th March at 8.30pm. This is a production much sought after, and it was a very lucky thing that the Minor Club got their 'spake' in on time to ensure we would be fortunate enough to have it. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's costing €10. Tickets are on sale in O'Brien's and to book your tickets phone Martina 086-3858934. The play is being hosted by the Shannon Gaels Minor Club.

The following is a synopsis of the play: A play about an ordinary man living in rural Ireland who gets saved... Saved from a life of pub talk and prophesising. King John O'Sullivan used to be able to drink fifteen pints without having to piddle, now, it's every nine. Going to the Gents so often can wear a man out. The story is told by the Reverend Thaddaeus Clancy and O'Sullivan's two sons, Larry O and Martin. The sons run the family shop while Daddy, the King of McKenna's Bar makes up the rules. It's a story of hard work and success and dangling. There's bad driving and ice hockey and there's falling down. When the '*Divel*' starts to gnaw, the kingdom will fall.

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Marriage

The wedding took place on Thursday 27th December in St. Mary's Church Lanesboro of Maureen Carberry, daughter of Bernard and Margaret Carberry, Lough Ree Park, Ballyleague and Raymond O'Reilly son of Brian and Caroline O'Reilly, Cloontagh, Killashee. Chief bridesmaid was Patricia Carberry sister of the bride and bridesmaids were Gemma O'Reilly sister of the groom, and Heather Willis best friend of the bride. Bestman was Darren O'Reilly brother of the groom and groomsmen were Robert O'Reilly brother of the groom and James Martin best friend of the groom. Pageboy and Flower girl were Lorcan O'Reilly and Lily Rae O'Reilly both children of the bride and groom. The marriage ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Reilly, Lanesboro. The wedding reception took place in the Mullingar Park Hotel. We would like to wish the happy couple many years of wedded happiness.

50/50

On Monday night last, the draw took place for the weekly 50/50 draw. This week our winner was Sheila Healy, Shannon Grove which was a great the 50/50 for the first time. The winning envelope was worth a wonderful €396. Thanks to Sheila for her continued support of the draw and maybe next week it will be you.

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€15,000 Tidy Towns

The Lanesboro Tidy Towns Lottery draw took place on Tuesday morning last on the

Co-Op office. There was no winner of the €15,000, jackpot and the jackpot for this week, will now rise to reach and the jackpot has now reached its maximum of €15,000. The numbers drawn were 5, 9, 14 and 21. The winner of the €50 prize was Freda Connaughton, Longford Road, and the three €20 winners were Maureen Donlon c/o Mags, Loftus Leherly and Mary Flynn, The Green.

The committee thanks everyone for tremendous and loyal support support.

Please note that winners can collect their winning cheques in the Co-Op office only and will be available from Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

Combo

Fitness Classes with Regina

The Combo fitness classes with Regina will reopen at St. Mary's Hall on this Thursday 10th Jan at 7.30pm
New members are most welcome

Lanesboro Library Events

Recycle Your Christmas Cards at the Library

From now until the end of January you can recycle your Christmas cards at Lanesboro Library. Just pop them in the box at the desk!

Knitting & Crochet Group

Knitting & Crochet group continues every Monday 2pm to 4pm. New members always welcome!

Poetry & Music Group

Poetry & Music group continues on Monday 28th January 2019 – 4.15-5.30pm.
All welcome to come along and join in with this very vibrant group!

ESOL Class

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) continues on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Babble & Books Parent & Toddler Group

Babble & Books Parent & Toddler Group continues every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to bring their babies/toddlers along to socialise with other children, read books and play with the toys, jigsaws and Lego table.

Book Club

Book Club meets again on Friday morning 25th January at 11am. Book choices this month are 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' by Truman Capote and 'The Lost child' by Patricia Gibney. Come along for a chat and a cuppa!

Foreign Currency & Used Stamps

We are still collecting unwanted foreign currency and old coins/notes in aid of ISPC. The smallest donation can make a huge difference.

We also collect used stamps in aid of ISPC. Thank you.

Library Membership

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Lough Ree 2000 Bridge Club

The results of the Christmas competition held on 10th December are: 1st Carol Hamill and Ann Hagan, 2nd Kathleen Hanley and Mary Fallon and 3rd Joan Donnellan and Katharine Harrison. Gross: Eileen Kelly and Tom Feeney.

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N/S Gross and Nett 1st Una Clarke and Maureen Hynes, 2nd Philomena Walsh and Noreen Dunne, 3rd Eileen Kelly and Tom Feeney.
E/W 1st Carol Hamill and Ann Hagan, 2nd Mary Fallon and Katharine Harrison and 3rd Goretta Kenny and Mary Jameson.

The club would like to extend its sympathy to Mike Flynn and the Flynn

family on the death of his sister Sr. Catherine (Lucy) in Dublin recently.

Thank You

Ballyleague Christmas lights committee wish to thank all those who supported their fundraising table quiz in Rosie's on Friday night last. Thanks also to all the Business and individuals who donated spot prizes and to the Business, residents and the Church for supplying the power to make the Christmas lighting initiative possible. To anybody who helped in any way, thank you

Ballyboro

The pitch was a hive of activity on Saturday last as the under 8s took part in a very entertaining blitz. The club fielded two teams with Newtown and Stonepark providing the opposition. The games were very enjoyable with great enthusiasm displayed by all the participants.

Team 1: Shane Farrell, Darragh McGloin, Michael Hogan, Conor Kilcoyne, Donncha Farrell, Tom Hession. Team 2: David Kenny, Matthew Murphy, Cian Shea, Ben Cassidy, Darragh Shanley.

The under 12 team availed of the opportunity to give all of the panel much game time in their friendly game against Stonepark. Stonepark prevailed by two goals to one. The Ballyboro goal was a well taken effort by Daniel Hogan following a brilliant run by Ben Murphy. Ballyboro: Ronan Cox, Jack Brogan, Jack Casey, Aidan Kelly, Ethan Slattery, Luke Johnston, Conn Maxwell, Daniel

Hogan, Billy Murray. Subs: David Cox, Anthony Cox, Ben Murphy, Euan Cullen.

The under 13 team just got the better of Inny Rovers in a very tightly contested game. The decisive goal was scored by Eoin Cox who used his pace to capitalise on an incisive Christian Donlon pass and slotted the ball past the keeper. Team: Sam Glennon, Rory Carling, Cormac O'Dowd, Jack Casey, Josh Crawford, Euan Cullen, Joey Trimble, Conor Farrell, Christian Donlon, Christov Eoin Cox. Subs: Luke Cullen, Jack Naughton, Fionn Crossan.

The under 10 team started well against Kenagh United, but they were unable to sustain the effort and Kenagh finished strongly to take the honours. The Ballyboro goals were scored by Oisin Dillon (2) and Eoghan Mullooly.

Team: Michael Sorohan, Eoghan Mullooly, Leon Malkowski, Rian Shanley, Dan Casey, Oisin Dillon, Eoin Farrell. Subs: Evan Rooney, Harry Brogan, Ciaran McGloin, Sean O'Dowd, Eoin Connell, Kielon Gilmore.

The under 16s found a very good Ballymahon team too good for them on Sunday last. Ballyboro: Jack Madigan, Chris O'Loughlin, Cormac Casey, Kevin

McDonagh, Jack Murray, Shane Kilian, Owen Farrell, Rian Murphy, Damien Hayden, Cillian

Cox, Oisin Kenny.

The winner of the Last Man Standing was Enda Naughton from Ballygar. Congrats to him. A special word of thanks to Mark Tarmey the LMS coordinator who had the unenviable task of keeping track of the 450 plus entries over the past few weeks. Mark will have little time to rest on his laurels as the club has decided to embark on LMS2 as the first one was so successful. Entry forms will be distributed within the next two weeks.

Fixtures: Another very weekend in store with 5 teams in action.

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The 16s also have a home fixture at 12.30 where Stonepark provide the opposition.

Last Man

Standing: The local

committee raising funds for the new astro pitch in the community had a winner in their Last Man Standing competition. Congratulations to Enda Naughton from Ballygar who wins the €500 after 10 games. Enda's card was sold by Dave Gilmore from the committee (well done Dave) and Enda received his cheque at the committee meeting last week. Thanks to everyone who took part and all those who sold the cards. A new game of Last Man Standing will now start on 9th

February and to take

part in this for just €10 and have a chance to win another €500 please contact any member of the committee below: Jason Fallon, Stephen Rooney, Eddie Kelly, Seamus Sorohan, Karl Crawford, Mark Tarmey, Lee Cullen, Ann

McGloin, Ronnie Johnston, Eamon Bolger, Kevin Connaughton, John Tynan, Ciaran Mullooly, Carol Donlon, Dave Gilmore, Kieran Feeney. Thank You

Last Man Standing Winner



Picture shows Enda Naughton receiving his cheque for 500 Euro after winning the Ballyboro Astro Football pitch 'Last man Standing committee at a meeting recently.

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The year ahead

This coming year we embrace senior football with a very young side and our hope that the clubs prevailing attitude of 'mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh siad' will bear fruit in the coming year and years ahead. We have a wonderful young and talented side and we also have a number of great younger players honing their skills at underage level to add to the current crop in the coming years. The minor club has to be commended for their tremendous work in developing players ready to step up to senior ranks. The future is bright and getting brighter and we need to nurture, encourage, develop and support the new generation of the club players. We look to go forward with confidence.

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The club needs people that are interested in helping out the club by completing the defibrillator course to take place in January. The need for people to have training done in the use of the defibrillator is essential at all grades especially with all the games and training in Clonbonny. We look forward to a good number of parents of the underage club and supporters and officials from all our clubs to give their names and phone numbers to the minor (Seadna) or senior (Cathal) secretaries or to Martina O'Brien at the corner shop.

50/50

On Monday night last, the draw took place for the weekly 50/50 draw. This week our winner was Sheila Healy, Shannon Grove which was a great the 50/50 for the first time. The winning envelope was worth a wonderful €396. Thanks to Sheila for her continued support of the draw and maybe next week it will be you.

The club thanks everyone for their continued support and encourage everyone to persist in your support as your name will surely be drawn out soon.

Tickets are on sale in local shops and businesses throughout the town at €2 each or 3 tickets for €5. Alternatively, you can buy the pink ticket for the year for just €100 and have 2 free weeks. The club would like to thank everyone that continues to support the draw on a weekly basis and the many people that buy the one-year ticket.

St. Faithleach's

Registration Night: St. Faithleach's

GAA Registration Night takes place in the clubhouse on Friday 18th January from 8-10pm. Whether you are a player, supporter or use the facilities to walk – support your community, support your local GAA club and become a member. Family €130, Adult Player €80, Student /U18 €40, Social €30.

Ireland Lights Up: Ireland

Lights Up: As part of Operation Transformation St. Faithleach's GAA are delighted to host "Ireland Lights Up" walks on club grounds from this Thursday 17th January as part of Operation Transformation. The weekly walks are designed to get people within the community out walking, talking, and connecting with each other. They not only improve your physical health but also your mental health. So, if you have not signed up yet please contact Eamon Gallagher or come along to the dressing rooms on club grounds this Thursday evening at 7pm.

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U10 and U12 Girls Training:

Indoor training continues for our U10 and U12 girls in Ballyleague Hall on Tuesday evenings, please contact Qona Cox or Sean Cox for more information.

Cards: Take place every

Tuesday evening in the clubhouse, all welcome.
