

Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 26th November 2018

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Saint Vincent de Paul

The

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Church Gate collection will take place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December at all masses in Lanesboro.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Death

On

Monday last 19th November we learned of the death at Costello's Nursing Home following a long illness of Cyril Gavigan. He was predeceased by his parents Jimmy and Anne. Cyril, formerly of Thureen, was a resident in Lough Ree Park for a good number of years. He was a man who was very diligent in everything he done and is remembered by all that knew him in previous years as a man who always worked very hard. He was a great conversationalist and loved to have the chat and especially recount old times. He loved the simple things of life and had a love of nature. His remains reposed at his family home in Thureen on Wednesday last. On Thursday his remains were removed to St. Mary's Church, Lanesboro for Mass of the Resurrection and burial in Clonbonny followed following Mass.

To

his sisters and brothers Annette, Geraldine, Tony, Garry, Bosco, Kevin, Noel, Maria, Eamon and Martina, aunts and uncles, relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Table Quiz

In his bid to become King of St. Faithleach's Ben Hussey will hosts a Table Quiz in St. Faithleach's clubhouse on Friday night next 30th November. Come along, support Ben and a great night

Wedding

The marriage took place on Friday 9th November at St. Edmund's Parish Church, Castletown, Co. Laois of Padraig Hanly son of Pat and Mona Hanly, Lisnacusha and Marie Peters daughter of Michael and Teresa Peters, Kilbricken, Portlaoise. Bestman was Cathal Chapman, friend and neighbour of the Groom and groomsman was Benny Mc Namara brother in law of the Groom. Matron of Honour was Susan O'Brien sister of the Bride and Bridesmaid was Sinead Moore Peters sister in law of the Bride. The marriage ceremony was celebrated by Fr. W. Hennessy assisted by Fr. Michael Reilly. The wedding reception took place in the County Arms Hotel, Birr, Co. Offaly. We wish the happy couple many years of wedded happiness.

Nurse Donlon's memories

Memories

of Nurse Donlon continue to arrive at Stella's desk in the library and it is hoped that the older generation amongst us that have so many vivid 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.

Death

The

death occurred peacefully at Innis Ree Nursing Home on Friday 9th November of Mrs. Winnifred Nee, Clonadra, Ballyleague. Una as she was more commonly known returned to live in Clonadra with her late husband Chris following their retirement in England. Una made an instant impact in the community because of her gentile manner and warm personality. She will always be remembered for her warm and welcoming smile and her deep sincerity. Her remains reposed in Farrell's Funeral Home on Sunday evening before being removed to The Church of the Holy Rosary, Ballyleague. Following her Funeral Mass on Monday Una was laid to rest in St. Coman's Cemetery Roscommon. To her sons Vinny and Colm, sister Mary Mulvihill, brothers John, Mattie and Joe, relatives and many friends we would like to extend our sincere sympathy.

Wedding

The marriage took place on Friday last 23rd November at St. Joseph's Church, Kiltreevan of Luke Brennan, daughter of Pat Brennan and Elizabeth O'Grady Brennan, Lismacmanus and Mairead Kilmartin, daughter of John and Margaret Kilmartin, Aughmagree, Kiltreevan. Bestman was Niall Healy, friend of the Groom, and groomsmen were Shane Fallon, neighbour and friend, Martin Connaughton and Cian Healy, friends of the Groom. Chief Bridesmaid was Jennifer Kilmartin, sister of the Bride and the bridesmaids were Sinead O'Grady friend of the Bride, and Catriona Kilmartin and Veronica Kilmartin both sisters of the Bride. Page boy was Jay Naughton friend and niece Alannah Feeney was the flower girl. The marriage ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Sean Beirne and Fr. Michael Reilly. The wedding reception took place in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar.

We wish that happy couple many years of wedded bliss.

December for St. John's Congregation

The Services in St. John's Church during December and Christmas are: Sunday 9th December; Carol Service at 11.30am. Sunday 23rd Holy Communion with Sunday school involvement at 11.30am

At St Coman's Roscommon: Carol Service Thursday 13th December at 8pm. Christmas Day, Holy Communion Service at 11.30am.

Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz in aid of St Coman's in Cattigan's Bar Castle Street at 9pm on Wednesday 7th December. Everyone is invited to go along and support.

Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to James O'Malley, daughters Bridget O'Malley, Bernadette Costello and Kate Crinigan, on the death of their mother Mrs Mamie O'Malley, Kilmacnanny, Scramogue and her brothers Jimmy, Willie and Pete Kelly and her sister Bridie.

Lough Ree Bridge Club

The results of the Lough Ree Bridge Clubs competition held for the Marie Sheeran Memorial Cup on Wednesday 14th November are: Winners – Frank and Frances Brennan.

The result of the competition held on Wednesday 21st November are:

North/South; 1st Philomena Walsh and Katherine Harrison, 2nd Maureen Hynes and Mona O'Flaherty, 3rd Loretto Cooney and Freda Kenny. East/West; 1st Brid McDermott and Una Lawlor, 2nd Patricia McGann and Mary Jamieson, 3rd Elizabeth Clyne and Mary Connor.

Distinguished Visitor

The piece below was taken from Lanesboro Primary School webpage:

We recently had the great pleasure of welcoming Malcolm O'Hagan to our school following his generous donation through the Irish American Partnership. The school applied to the partnership for funds to begin our guided reading library and Dr. O'Hagan very kindly met the grant application in full. Malcolm is a grandson of Master Edward Rhatigan, who was principal of Lanesborough Primary School from 1908 – 1947. Master Rhatigan ran the school together with his wife, Malcolm's grandmother. Malcolm was also very generous with his time and took great interest in listening to some children read. Afterwards, he chatted freely with us about his memories of summer days spent in Lanesborough with his grandparents. Ms Murphy presented Malcolm with a framed photograph of Lanesborough by local photographer Brigid Mullooly as a token of our appreciation.

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just 4 Monday's left until Christmas can all club members take and sell 50/50 tickets and help drive the sale up and up. Let's make Christmas easy and great for the next 4 lucky people and who knows it could be you. The 50/50 drive for Christmas has started.

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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.

Table Quiz

Lanesboro/Ballyleague

Badminton Club are holding their annual Table Quiz on this coming Saturday 1st December in Clarke's Bar in Lanesboro at 9pm, so grab a team and join in what will be a great night.

Defibrillator Course and Refresher

There

are a number of clubs and associations in our community and it is very important every one of them have a number of people trained in the use of the defibrillator.

As you may be aware in the very near future there will be a new defibrillator and defibrillator refresher course commencing. There is a great need for new people to learn the use of the defibrillator and there are a number of people that their refresher course is now due. We all know the importance of the knowledge in the use of a defibrillator and how your knowledge can and will save a life when you are called upon to use your training. If you want to do the upcoming course leave your name in with Martina O'Brien at the shop, phone 043 332107/086 2460840; email martinaclyne1@gmail.com €

€14,700 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 €14,600, jackpot and the jackpot for this week, will now rise to reach and the really worthwhile winning amount of €14,700. The numbers drawn were 2, 23, 28 and 29. The winner of the €50 prize was Barbara Ferguson, Knock, and the three €20 prizes were won by Teresa Ryan c/o Mags, Fiona c/o Mags and Bernie Hanley 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.

New Book Launch

On January 10, 1952 an Aer Lingus passenger plane, St Kevin, coming from London to Dublin crashed into a mountain top in Snowdonia National Park, North Wales killing all on board.

On board was a 28-year-old local girl, Evelyn Belton, Rathcline. She was employed by The Silk Mills Group in Dublin as Senior Overseas Fashion Buyer and was returning from London after attending a Fashion Show. Hers was one of the bodies recovered and she is now buried in the family plot in Rathcline, with the funeral cortege extending over 2 miles in length (L. Leader 19/01/52). Family friends travelled to support the

family in Wales & England – Joe O'Brien MPSI attended the inquest in Wales & four Rathcline men travelled to London to carry their friend shoulder high on to the waiting plane – a custom not done in England. They were Eddie Farrell, Mike Murray, John Hynes & P Mullooly. Sadly, all those friends have also passed away. On the weekend 2-5 November many relatives of the deceased met in Wales, completed the trek to the crash site and attended the launch of 'Shamrock 165; the unknown crash'. The book had its Irish launch in Sligo, again attended by families of the deceased. Guest of Honour that night was a lively Peggy Murphy Lennon, Curraghacrahan. She spoke emotionally to other families about

her friend and cousin, Evelyn and of seeing her in December 1951 in Dublin. (Both

Peggy's Grandmother & Evelyn's Grandmother were sisters-Rhatigans and both their Grandfathers were brothers – Beltons). On the front cover of the book is the last

photo taken of Evelyn & her friend and work colleague Kay Talbot, taken only a few hours before they parted company, the afternoon of the ill-fated flight. Clearly visible is the bangle on Evelyn's

wrist which was included as part of the identification. The full story of St Kevin will be rolled out

in a three-part multi-volume format. Included in Volume 1 is Evelyn Belton's story. The limited edition, hard-backed

book is now for sale locally in Joe and Martina O'Brien's Newsagents, Lanesboro.

Coffee Morning

Cllr Micheál Carrigy would like to invite you to attend a Coffee Morning in aid of Longford Hospice Homecare that he will be hosting on Friday 14th December from 10am to 1pm at his Constituency Office at 2 Dublin Street, Longford. Go along and join Micheál for a cuppa and a chat. All donations going to this great cause. All Welcome.

Fireside Tales

The annual publication Fireside Tales by Jude Flynn has been launched for the 16 year. This yearly publication is anxiously waited on each year. It makes for excellent reading with many brilliant stories and tales from around Longford Town and County. The book includes contributions from locals Loretto Cooney and Michael Casey. The book is on sale for just €20 in O'Brien's.

Lough Ree 2000 Bridge Club

The results of the competition held on Monday last 19th November are: N/S
1st
Kathleen Hanley and Mary Fallon, 2nd Loretto Cooney and Guest 1, joint
3rd Una Clarke and Maureen Hynes and Philomena Walsh and Noreen
Dunne. E/W 1st Catherine Harrison and Essie Nugent, 2nd
tie between Carol Hamill and Anne Nugent & Mary Mc Gushin and Maura Hanley.

This week in our library

Knitting & Crochet Group

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

Poetry

& Music Group

Poetry & Music group continues at the library on Monday 26th November 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 every Tuesday evening at 7pm at the library.

Babble

& Books Parent & Toddler Group

Group will continue every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. All welcome to come along and interact with other children ages 0-4 yrs., play with our Lego table/building blocks, toy box, colouring tables and hear a story or two!

At the group on Wednesday 12th December, there will be a special Christmas Story Time with Penny! Mark it in your diaries now! All welcome!

Minding

Yourself Programme with Paul Marsden

'Minding Yourself' with Paul Marsden – a 2-week programme of Mindfulness and Wellbeing will take place in Lanesboro Library on Monday 26th November and Monday 3rd December at 7pm. Week 1 – Mindfulness and Resilience, Week 2 – Mindfulness and Sleep. All are welcome to this FREE event and no booking is required.

Christmas

Flower Arranging Demonstration

We will have a Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration with Mary Holmes on Monday 10th December at 6.30pm. All arrangements will be raffled on the night! This is a FREE event but you must book your place.

Call Stella on 0433321291 or email

lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie<mailto:lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie> to book!

Nurse

Donlon's Sweet Shop

Do you remember Nurse Donlon who had the little sweet shop at West End Lanesboro? What are your memories? Do you remember Nurse Donlon and her three sisters in the shop? Did you have a hot pot of tea and something to

eat in her café, maybe while attending Fair Day?

While Nurse Margaret was District Nurse in

Lanesboro, are you one of the babies whom she delivered in your home? Are you a parent of one of those children who were home birthed?

If you have any photographs, memories or stories

of Nurse Donlon, please write them down and hand them into Stella in Lanesboro Library or Joe O'Brien's Corner Shop or email lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie or joeaobrien@outlook.com

We need all your stories and memories in order to celebrate Nurse Donlon's life!

Science

Week Event – Book Club

At our Book Club meeting on Friday 30th

November at 11am, we

will have Jackie Gorman from Midland Science attending. Jackie will be discussing Robert McFarlane's book 'The Lost Words'. This is a wonderful poetry book for all ages, which relates to many natural words we remember from childhood being removed from dictionaries because they are no longer considered relevant. Words like 'acorn', 'buttercup' and 'conker' to mention a few.

All are welcome to attend this free event.

Opening

Hours

Monday 2pm – 8pm, Tuesday 2pm – 6pm, Wed

& Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm,

Sat 10am – 1pm.

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.

Free

Digital skills course

Seetec Longford is offering a fully funded digital

skills course aimed at helping people undertake everyday tasks such as online banking, shopping, as well as mastering smartphone Apps & Social Media.

The course will be for 2.5 hours a day for 4 days and will be hosted at Seetec's Longford centre. Individuals and groups catered for. Register your interest by calling 0433349212 or email digitalskillslongford@seetec.ie Seetec is opposite Ganley's Units 4-6, Red Leaf House, Townparks, Longford.

Ballyboro

Another hectic week on and off the playing fields.

The under 10s were involved in a 10 goal thriller with Ballymahon. The game ended with honours even with Oisín Dillon notching all five goals for Ballyboro. Team: Micheal Sorohan, Eoghan Mullooly, Leon Malkowski, Eoin Beattie, Rian Shanley, Dan Casey, Rian Hogan. Oisín Dillon. Subs: Evan Rooney, Harry Brogan, Patrick Gilmore, Ciaran McGloin, Sean O'Dowd, Eoin Connell, Keilon Gilmore.

The under 12s unbeaten league run came to an end when they were defeated by UCL. An early sending off left the Ballyboro lads facing an uphill battle, and UCL made full use of their numerical advantage winning by a 6-1 margin. Ben Murphy scored the Ballyboro goal. Team: Ronan Cox, Jack Brogan, Jack Casey, David Cox, Ethan Slattery, Christian Donlon, Euan Cullen, Ben Murphy, Billy Murray. Subs: Callum Farrell, Liam Rhatigan, Luke Johnston.

The under 13s were defeated by UCL Harps 5-2. Once again, an early sending off left the team with a mountain to climb as UCL finished the stronger team. Euan Cullen and Joey Trimble (a cracking free kick) scored for Ballyboro. Team: Sam Glennon, Josh Crawford, Jack Casey, Cormac O'Dowd, Rory Carling, Joey Trimble, Christian Donlon, Conor Farrell, Alex Forde, Eoin Cox, Euan Cullen. Subs: James Mimmagh, Christov, Jack Naughton.

The under 14s got back on the winning trail when they got the better of Ardagh by a 3-2 margin. Matthew Heneghan, Bryan Mullooly, and Christy Burke scored for Ballyboro. Team: Briain Farrell, Jack McGloin, Cormac O'Dowd, Ryan Byrne, Paul Byrne, Bryan Mullooly, Shane Ross, Sam Murphy, Ciaran O'Dowd, Christy

Burke, Matthew Heneghan. Subs: Jimmy Farrell, Francis Brady.

The under 16 team had most of the play against Castlepollard, but they found it difficult to translate their superiority into scores. The game finished level at 2-2, with Owen Farrell and Oisín Kenny finding the net for Ballyboro. Team: Jack Madigan, Cormac Casey, Shane Killian, Kevin McDonagh, Chris O'Loughlin, Oisín Kenny, Rian Murphy, Daniel Hayden, Jack Murray, Cillian Cox, Owen Farrell,

The under 8 blitz scheduled for Saturday was postponed due to a bereavement in Drumlish.

The Last Man Standing fundraiser for the Astroturf Project proved to be very successful. Thanks to all who bought and sold cards, and a special word of commendation to the LMS coordinator Mark Tarmey.

Fixtures: The under 13s are at home to Newtown Jaguars at 11am on Saturday. The under 14s play Stonepark at home on Sunday, k.o. 11.30am. Also, on Sunday the under 16s are away to UCL Harps with a 2pm start.

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

Minor AGM Postponed

The Annual General Meeting of the Shannon Gaels Minor club due to take place on Sunday last 25th November in the clubhouse in Clonbonny had to be postponed owing to the death of Mrs Mamie O'Malley, Kilmacnanny, Scramogue aunt of our treasurer Mary Teresa Mc Grath.

The club extend their deepest sympathy to Mary Teresa Mc Grath, her family, The O'Malley and Kelly families on their sad loss.

The

AGM has been rescheduled for Sunday next 2nd December in the clubhouse at 7pm. Please attend.

Final Game

The final game of a long and successful season will take place on Friday night next 30th November at Mc Gann Park Kenagh with a throw in time of 8.30pm. Our team joined with Grattan's to compete in the U20 championship will play Carrick Sarsfields in the Final of this competition. We hope everyone in the parish will make the effort to go along. We wish the team management and panel the very best of luck.

Bake

The Rathcline GAA Annual 'Cake Fare' that will take place on Sunday 9th December in St. Marys Parish Hall.

This is a call for as many as possible to bake for the day and offer their cakes, bread, loaves. You are invited to let Pat, Michelle know that you are baking, or you can leave your name in with Martina O'Brien. The success of the day really depends on you offering your cakes, bread or scones to the club for sale.

Congratulations

The club would like to congratulate Mullinalaghta on their fabulous win on Sunday last in the Leinster semi-final. They have made history in reaching the final as the first Longford team to play in a Leinster Senior club final. Good luck to them against Kilmacud Crokes on Sunday 9th December.

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St. Faithleach's GAA

U20 D2 Championship: Hard

luck to our U20's who lost out to Castlerea on Sunday afternoon. Result: St. Faithleach's

2-6 Castlerea 2-14. Many thanks to the management team of Gerry O'Donnell, Walter Burke and Cathal Gunn for their hard work and dedication throughout the championship. Panel: Michael O'Donnell, Gavin Carberry, Karl Nerney, Mark Gill, Ruairi Trimble, Darren Nerney, Daniel McDermott, Colm Mangan, Connell Kennelly, James Browne, Daniel Foley, Connor Smith, Liam Ormsby, Jordan Donlon, Michael Dunne, Ronan Banahan, Kevin Trautt, Ian Trautt, Cian O'Brien, Nathan McGovern.

Minor Club AGM: Takes place on Thursday 29th of November in the clubhouse. All parents/members are encouraged to attend. "Your Club, Your Say".

St. Faithleach's GAA AGM: St. Faithleach's GAA A.G.M. takes place on Sunday 9th. All members are invited to attend.

King and Queen of St. Faithleach's:

Well done to Brian Scally who hosted a very successful Tractor Run on Sunday afternoon last. Ben Hussey hosts his Table Quiz in the clubhouse on Friday 30th and Michelle Byrne hosts her 25 Card Drive on Saturday 8th in the clubhouse.
