

# Lanesboro Ballyleague notes Monday 17th December 2018

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### Christmas Greetings

As we face into another Christmas and New Year, I would like to wish everyone a very special Christmas and may 2019 see your wishes and dreams come to fruition.

There have been happy and sad moments, very special times and sorrowful times during 2018 we have lost people in death and emigration we have seen happiness in births, marriages, engagements, achievements and special occasions and you are all being thought about. At this time, I think of all our families that are away from us or working over Christmas and cannot make it home. I would like to wish you, your family and all our friends the great warmth and comfort through Christmastime. You are all remembered and thought greatly of, our heart leap when we think of you and the thoughts of seeing you in the New Year creates a great excitement.

### Let's go for a Swim

The annual Christmas Day Swim will take place following 11.30am Mass in Lanesboro on Christmas morning. This year the Lough Ree Sub Aqua Club is seeking as many people as possible to brave the elements and join them for this annual swim. Sponsorship cards are available from any member of the club or from O'Brien's.

### Christmas at St. Mary's

The arrangements for Masses at St Mary's

are as follows: There will be 2 Masses on Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> with the first Mass at 7pm followed by the second Mass at 8.30pm. Christmas morning Masses will be at 9.30am and 11.30am.

Penitential Services will take place in St. Mary's Church on Friday next 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Confessions will take place in Ballyleague on Thursday next 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Cashel to Lanesboro Christmas morning**

The organisers of the Christmas Day Run from Newtowncashel to Lanesborough along with Longford MS Society would like to thank everyone for their continued support with the run. The event will take place again this year for the 28<sup>th</sup> time and we hope that we continue to have such great participation and raise much needed funds for the Longford MS Society. Should anyone wish to take part and have not already received a sponsorship card, cards are available from O'Brien's Corner Shop or Brigid Mullooly Tel: 086 8807596. In Newtowncashel cards are available from The Local or Michael Flood. Thanks to Peter Hanley Motors who have again for the 28th time sponsored these top-class Technical T-Shirts and there is one for every participant. Walkers start from the Hill in Newtowncashel at 11:45am while Runners start at 12:15pm. Refreshments will be available enroute and also at the Hall in Lanesborough after the event. Best of luck with the training!

### **Death**

The end of an era was felt with a great sadness when we learned of the death at Innis Ree Lodge, Ballyleague of Mickey Kelly, Kilrooskey on Wednesday last 12<sup>th</sup> December. Throughout his life Mickey Kelly was a larger than life character admired greatly far and wide. He was predeceased by his wife Marie. Mickey, at the time of his death, was President of St. Faithleach's GAA club who he devoted his playing life to

and in later years was always available to encourage and support everyone that put on the red and white jersey. Mickey was on the players on St. Faithleach's 1965 winning Senior Championship team.

Mickey was a builder of great renown who was always noted for the quality of his work. He was the warmest and friendliest of men and had a smile that softened even the hardest heart. He was a wonderful neighbour where a helping hand always went without saying. The community of Kilgefin and further afield has lost one of the finest gentlemen and for that everyone of us that had the undoubted pleasure of knowing him will be at a great loss. Mickey would not want us to feel that, but he left enough great memories for us to feel warmth in our hearts. Mickey's remains reposed on Friday at his son Ollie's home in Cloonadra and the attendance on the Friday evening and again at his Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church on Saturday bore ample testimony to the esteem in which he was held. Mickey was laid to rest alongside his wife Marie in Kilgefin Cemetery.

To his sons Ollie and Sean, daughters Denise and Mary, brother Ned, cousin Johnny Kinsella, relatives and a multitude of friends we express our deepest sympathy.

## **Engagement**

Many congratulations to Karina Dennigan daughter of Mike and Mary Dennigan, Mahoraveen and Adrian Boyle son of Martin and Irene Boyle, Mullaghmore, Moylough, Co. Galway who announced their engagement recently.

## **Concert**

### **Success**

The students of Lanesboro Community College presented their annual Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. As usual the main drivers of the show were the Transition Year students who again did a wonderful job in putting a most

entertaining night together. The teachers and students must be complimented, and the show was played to a full house.

## **Reads for Christmas**

There are many reads to help you through the Christmas time. Jack Harte's *Rehabilitating the Serpent*, "this poignant narrative delves into the dichotomy of religion and dares to question, analyse and confront the notions of good and evil and the parallels between love and hate" , Shamrock 165 the story of the ill-fated

Aer Lingus plane crash in Snowdonia that had local lady Evelyn Belton as one of its passengers in 1952, *Under the Thatch* memories of growing up under thatch roofs by Séan ÓSúilleabháin. *Rathcline*

Bakes the Rathcline GAA clubs' book of baking recipes, *Teathbha* the annual historical journal, the yearly Jude Flynn publication *Fireside Tales* and last but not least *Old Moore's Almanac* telling us all we need to know about 2019.

## **New Year Draw**

The Rathcline club will hold its New Year Fundraising draw in the Yacht Bar on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. This is an annual draw and the proceeds helps towards the paying of club affiliation and insurance for the coming year. The club asks your support by buying your ticket and selling a book of tickets. If everyone took a book of 5 tickets and sold them it would make a huge difference and mean that as we enter senior league and championship, we do so with a sound backing behind us.

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If you are away from home you can contact any member of the executive or me at [joea@iol.ie](mailto:joea@iol.ie), or phone 086-2460840.

## **Sympathy**

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Greg Gillen and his family on the death of Mrs. Maureen O'Callaghan, Carrickananny Road, Belleeks, Co. Armagh on Saturday last 15<sup>th</sup> December sister of the late Bernadette Gillen

## **Lanesboro Primary School**

On Thursday next in St. Mary's Church the pupils of Lanesboro Primary School will present their annual Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm. Traditionally this is an excellent performance by kids so young and it is a joy to behold. Go along and be entranced by the performances.

## **Sympathy**

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Mary Mc Gushin and family, Rathcline, the Fleming family Rathcline and the Molloy family, formerly Rathcline on the death of Vincent Byrne during in England during the past week. Vincent was married to Suzanne Farrell, Shannon View, Ballyleague.

## **St. Stephens Day Match:**

A major charity event will take part at the St Faithleach's club grounds in Ballyleague on St. Stephens Day. This year St Faithleach's have teamed up with Ballyboro Astro Turf to bring both sides of the community together and created "The Shannonside Christmas Classic Blitz". Player registration (€10) takes place at 12:30, with games beginning at 12:45. Fancy dress is optional, soup and rolls after, live commentary. Player's must be over 16, no upper age limit. Everyone is welcome to attend. To play on the day please speak to either club or call Jason Fallon or Stephen Rooney .

## **Have your memories of Nurse Donlon?**

Have

you memories of Nurse Donlon either as nurse of running the shop at the bottom end of Main St. beside the bridge? 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 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](mailto:lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie)

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

## **Christmas for St. John's Congregation**

The Services for St. John's Congregation in Lanesboro during Christmas are: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion with Sunday school involvement at 11.30am and at St Coman's Roscommon: Christmas Day, Holy Communion Service at 11.30am.

## **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 3321108, 0863858934 or email [martinaclynec1@gmail.com](mailto:martinaclynec1@gmail.com)

### **Senior Citizens Party**

Annette Coffey would like

to thank everyone that attended the senior citizens part in Clarke's Bar on Friday last. A great number had a tremendous lunch where there was great entertainment and Santa even made his appearance. Annette would like to thank everyone that helped out, Louis Skelly for Santa and everyone that donated spot prizes.

### **50/50**

On Monday night last, the draw took place for the weekly 50/50 draw. This week our winner was Emily, Sophie and Donncha c/o Tom Morris who were winning the 50/50 for the first time. The winning envelope was worth €301. The three winners are grandchildren of Tom Morris.

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.

### **€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 €14,900, jackpot and the jackpot for

this week, will now rise to reach and the worthwhile winning amount of €15,000. The numbers drawn were 9, 11, 18 and 23. The winner of the €50 prize was Peg Farrell, Clonfower, and the three €20 winners were Percy Flynn, Mount Dillon, Joe Donoghue c/o Clarkes and Tiernan Hanley c/o Johnny Hanley

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 Bakes**

Rathcline

Bakes recipe book is a great book and most definitely well worth having. The cover of the book has been designed by local artist Jack Casserley and the book includes a recipe from Kieran Glennon a 2-star Michelin Star chef with Irelands leading restaurant Patrick Guilbaud's. The books are for sale in O'Brien's at €10

### **Lough Ree AC**

Christmas is here and Lanesboro is the place to be on Christmas morning with the excitement of the swimming, the Newtowncashel to Lanesboro run and our own contribution by way of the run for the younger brigade from the track to the parish hall, starting at 12.30 at the track. Usually this is a great occasion and there is no reason why next this year should be any different. Our run is open to anybody to wants to work up an appetite for the Christmas dinner and all be rewarded for their efforts. Thanks to all who participated during the year and wishing all our members and parents a very Happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing ye all at the run.



## **Ballyboro**

The weather

proved to be a real spoilsport at the weekend with both the under 9 blitz and the under 11 game versus Killoe Celtic postponed due to the inclement conditions. League action now takes a break until the weekend of 5th/6th January, but club activity continues regardless. The club is organizing a Bag Pack at Dunnes Stores Longford, on this Thursday 20th from 11am to 8pm. Anyone willing to help out for an hour please contact Karl at 087 6872702. The club in conjunction with St. Faithleach's will be holding a novelty charity/AstroTurf fundraiser football match at Ballyleague on St. Stephens Day.

The past year has certainly proved to be an eventful one for Ballyboro FC with a highlight being the granting of Planning Permission for the AstroTurf pitch. The coming year promises to be just as momentous with a significant Oscars project in the pipeline. Mark Tarmey will be busy over the Christmas period keeping track of the remaining entries for the Last Man Standing project.

Ballyboro FC

wish all its players and supporters a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and successful New Year.

## **This week in our library**

*Knitting & Crochet Group*

Knitting & Crochet group continues in the new year on Monday 7th January 2019. New members always welcome!

*Poetry*

*& Music Group*

Poetry & Music group continues in the new year on Monday 14th 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) will continue in the new year.

### *Babble*

#### *& Books Parent & Toddler Group*

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will continue in the new year!

### *Book*

#### *Club*

December Book Club will take place on Friday 21st  
December at 11am.

Book choices for this month are 'The Particular  
Sadness of a Lemon Cake' by Aimee Bender or 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth  
Hogan. All welcome!

### *Christmas*

#### *Hours*

Library will close at 1pm on  
Saturday 22nd December and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our patrons!

### *Art*

#### *Course for adults*

A six-week Art Course for adults with  
Stephanie Hanlon will start on Monday 14th January 6.30-7.30pm. Cost is  
€60 for the course. Places are limited, so contact Stella on 0433321291 or  
email [lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:lanesborolibrary@longfordcoco.ie)

to

book your place.

### *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.

### **Joe's Fruit and Veg**

Joe's Fruit and Veg Christmas business hours: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
8am to 5pm and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7am to 4pm. New Year's Eve 9am to 4pm.

Joe wishes all his customers a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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

### *Christmas Greetings*

The club would like to wish everyone a very special and wonderful Christmas. We thank all our players, members and friends and supporters for your support and help throughout the year. There are a number of people and groups that helped us in many ways especially in Clonbonny and your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your support and help again in 2019.

### *County Panel*

Presently the Longford county team are flying high in the Bord na Mona O’Byrne Cup and it is great to see that the new team management rewarded five of our players with a call up to the county training panel. We wish Liam Connerton, Shane Kenny, Shane Donohoe, Iarla O’Sullivan and Dáithí Mulvihill the very best and look forward to seeing them in action in the county jersey in 2019. We also wish the county team the very best for the year ahead.

### *Defibrillator*

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.

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### *Congratulations*

The club like to congratulate club players Cian Gilmore, Oran Kenny, Cronan Flood, Éanna Mc Grath, Kevin Tansey, Richard Prior, Bryn Peters and Seadhna Ryan who were involved in the Ballymahon Convent side that won the Longford Westmeath league Final when they beat Rochfortbridge.

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