



WESTMEATH DISTRICT NOTES

Ballynacargy Notes

GAA Lotto

The Ballynacargy GAA lotto held on February 7 had no winners. The numbers drawn were 7, 8, 23 and 25. €40 went to Philip and Luke Price, Irene Penrose and Saoirse Murtagh and Vera Cahill. Next week's draw for €2,400 will take place on Thursday February 14.

Local deaths

Condolences are extended to the Jordan family Tristernagh, the Murphy family Bal-laghsallagh and the Maher family, Carraig More on their recent bereavements.

Training Opportunities

If you are interested in doing some child-care modules contact Cara Phort FRC (044 93 73060) as there is an opportunity to run some modules depending on the interest and numbers. Training opportunities are always on display on the notice board in Cara Phort FRC.

Sonna NS enrolment

Applications are now open. Please contact the school for a form. The closing date is Friday February 22.

Irish dancing classes

O'Reilly Bransfield School of Irish dancing classes in the Parochial Hall on Fridays from 4.15 - 5.30pm.

Folklore Project

Cara Phort FRC still has some copies of the Folklore Project books available for €5 each. This book was produced as the result of a project run in conjunction with the four National Schools of Ballynacargy, Emper, Milltown and Sonna.

Community Games

The county community games are up and running again with various groups from the area taking part. Good luck to everyone.

If you have any items for Ballynacargy notes, please leave them into Cara Phort by 1pm Friday, 0449373060 or email caraphort-frc@eircom.net.

Castlepollard

Credit union schools quiz

The Annual Schools Quiz sponsored by Castlepollard Credit Union was on Monday February 4 in the Parish Community Centre when 24 teams from eight schools took part. The U11 category was won by Whitehall NS, Dylan Brady, Emma Kilcoyne, Jason Moran and Abbey McLoughlin. St Mary's NS, Collinstown, took the U13 title with Niamh Dermody, Killian Hogan, Nicholas Isdell and James McKeon. The teams now go on to contest the Chapter 15 final in Moate (date to be announced). Thanks to Rev Fr Moore for making the hall available at short notice; to Ollie Boylan for setting up the seating; to Aoife Higgins, who looked after the score sheet; and the directors, who helped on the night with a particular mention of Noel Heaney, who organised the event and Seamus McDermott who was quizmaster.

Garda station closures

There is considerable concern in north Westmeath at garda station closures in recent weeks, with Finea station now closed, as well as Rathowen. Garda Hugh Gilsenan, Finea, has now been reassigned to Castlepollard, while Garda Damien McCormack from Rathowen station has now been assigned to Multyfarnham. Castlepollard Garda Station has been in a state of disrepair for some time, and the living quarters have not been used for accom-

modation in 20 years, due to their condition. Surely under health and safety regulations there should be funds available to provide gardai with a suitable working environment without their having to resort to self help to achieve this?

Fundraising auction

Sunday February 17, in Collinstown Hall in aid of development and facilities improvement at Collinstown GAA Ground. Lough Lene Gaels Hurling and Camogie Clubs are asking for items, vouchers, fuel, for auction, and collection can be arranged. Call 087 1337994, or

086 2565644.

Honda run

The Delvin-based De Valley Honda 50 Club are holding their 5th annual Run on Sunday March 3, to help provide a community defibrillator. Registration at Cattle Mart at 10.30am on day; usual safety rules - no helmet, no run. Entry €20 per rider, refreshments and hot food available following run in St Patrick's Hall. Contact Mark 087 6555411 or Mick 086 2319161.

Postcard competition

Castlepollard Library annual St Patrick's Day Postcard Competition for schoolchildren. Entries to be returned to library before Friday March 1, at 5pm, postcard sized, with the entrant's name, age, address, phone number and school on the back. Three age categories: 4-6 years, 7-9 and 10-12.

High achiever award

Congratulations to Castlepollard Student Richard Bonham, son of John and Amanda Bonham, on receiving a High Achiever Award at Trinity College, Dublin. The awards recognise students' achievements and are presented to those who achieved 560 points or more in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent second level examination.

Fore NS enrolment

Enrolment at St Feichin's NS, Fore for 2013/14 will take place at the school from Monday to Wednesday, March 4-6 between 2pm and 3pm each day.

This will be followed by an open day for parents from 1.30pm to 3pm on Thursday March 7.

Clonmellon

Social dancing

Social dancing at the Halfway House, Ballinlough next Saturday night. Music by Oakland and Sunday night we have the superb Eddie Owens band. Admission free. So dance your way to fitness and join Mary on the floor waltzing, jiving and rocking the night away.

Bingo

Bingo every Monday night at 8.30pm in Clonmellon Community Centre.

Brownsdown Drama Group

Congratulations to Brownsdown Drama Group on the great show they put on on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night over last weekend. Well done.

Multy

Lotto

The lotto was held in The Covert and was for a jackpot of €7,200. The jackpot was not won but the Flanagan family had three num-

bers and won €100. The numbers drawn were 13, 16, 18, 28. Next week's lotto draw will be in Murtagh's for a jackpot of €7,300.

On Sunday next Multyfarnham play Moate in a Junior Division 3 game and all support

would be greatly appreciated.

Deepest sympathies to the Kelly family. Multyfarnham on the death of Catherine Dixon (nee Kelly). May she rest in peace.

Rathowen

Garda Station

Garda Damien McCormack is now based in Multyfarnham. The RCD held a meeting for the public on Thursday February 7 at 8.30pm in Rathowen Community Centre and Sgt Adrian Reagan, Gda Niall Sheridan and Gda Amy Murphy, along with Cllrs Avril Whitney, Peter Kearney, Johnny Penrose, and Willie Penrose TD attended, while Robert Troy TD sent apologies. Sgt Reagan asked the community to look on it as not losing a garda but gaining three garda as Multyfarnham and Ballynacargy are now looking after the Rathowen area. He assured all at the meeting that the area would be patrolled better than before and he also gave the phone numbers of the stations and mobiles for garda cars. There will be a garda clinic every Monday in the foyer of Rathowen Community Centre, 10-11.30am, or people can go to Multyfarnham and Ballynacargy Garda Stations. Text alerts were set up and a community alert committee was formed with Avril Whitney as chair, Martina Reilly as secretary, Willie Rabbite as treasurer and Lisa Fulham and Lorraine Thomsen as joint PRO. The garda phone numbers are: Ballynacargy 086 8582967 or 044 9373122, Multyfarnham 086 8582966 or 044 9371112, Delvin 086 8583049 or 044 9694193. In an emergency phone 999. The gardaí were reassuring about phoning in anything that seems suspicious; they would be happy to take phone calls.

Granard Pitch and Putt

Club a registration day on Sunday Feb 17, 11am-1pm on the course for all members and intending members. It is a championship course and a good turnout is expected. Full details from treasurer Raymond Fay or committee members. Closing date March 1.

St Mary's NS

A survey has gone out to all parents on reading and maths; please complete and return by Wednesday February 13. A representative from Mullingar Fire Service visits the school on Tuesday February 19 to talk to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class pupil. Fr Michael McGrath visited the school last Wednesday and spoke to all the pupils. Last week was Catholic Schools Week, the senior classes made St Brigid Crosses and the school held the annual Grandparents Day.

Retired teachers

Midland Retired Secondary Teachers Association meet on Tues February 19 in Longford Library. At 11am Jeremy from Camino ways will give presentation and answer questions on walking the Camino de Santiago, a journey members look forward to undertaking the last week of April this year. Places still available. At noon, demonstration and information on bioenergy healing presented by Elizabeth Moore and Mary Henry. As usual we will conclude with lunch. Contact Rosemary 087 7589287.

Rathowen lotto

Next draw Monday February 18; last draw was February 4, jackpot was €8200, no winner; drawn winners, Jimmy Whelan, Ger, Cyrian and Mack and Declan Leonard. Jackpot now €8400.

Aerial Dance Creation Centre

Sunday February 17, 4-6pm in Streete Parish Park, Fidget Feet hold meeting to inform community that they have received funding through the EU Leader fund to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of an Irish

Aerial Dance creation centre at their base near Rathowen. They plan to run local classes in aerial circus, aerial yoga and set up a youth circus company. Fidget Feet are eager to get thoughts, opinions and whether you might be interested in attending proposed workshops. Contact Adam on adam@fidgetfeet.com or 087 9887530.

Mullingar Rotary Club

Presents (Ireland's Greatest voices) The Three Tenors in concert in Mullingar Park Hotel Friday February 15 at 8pm, tickets €20.

Cards

Fundraiser 3x15 card drive in aid of Irish Cancer Society in Ballynacargy Parochial Hall on Good Friday March 29 at 9pm. Monster Raffle on the night, tickets €5; €600 in prize money and spot prizes.

St Thomas NS

Open day on Thursday February 28 2.30-6.30pm; contact school for information 043 6676210.

Pilgrimages

Lourdes, March 8, €420, 044 9342449. Medjugorje, May 6-13, €520; English speaking guide; contact Tommy 044 9371787, 0876851691.

Notes

Email to Lorraine, lorraine.tormey@gmail.com, for Sunday by 5pm to be guaranteed to be in paper.

Rosemount Notes

Progressive 25

The winners of the game on Tuesday February 5 were: 1, 11 games, Brian and Phyllis Fox; Anne Connell and Pat Sheerin; Larry Egan and Joe Minnock, €40 each. 4th, 10 games, Margaret Fox and Neil O'Sullivan; Martin Healy and Joe Colgan; Ivan Jones and Michael Duignan (free pass each). Table prizes, €12.50 each, Larry Grouden and Fr Tom Bardon; €10 each, Pat Martin and Pat Clavin. Spot prizes: €15 each, Neil O'Sullivan, Brian Farrell and John Galvin; €10 each, Donal Fox, Michael Duignan, Attracta Colgan, Carthage Grennan and Tony Kinahan.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Patricia Brazil, Clara who died recently. The deceased was a regular patron of our game in the early years. Sympathy also to the family of Denis Mahon, Tullamore and to Jimmy Percival, Ballymahon on the recent death of his mother.

We are having a monster game on Tuesday next February 19 with €2,000 in prizes. Admission €10 commencing at 9 pm sharp. The game is in aid of the local community centre and your support will be much appreciated.

Birth

Congratulations to Terence and Stephanie Casey on the birth of their second child Charlie Patrick, a baby brother for James and also to proud grandparents Pete and Teresa Keenan, Suntown on their second grandchild.

Charity cycle

A charity cycle in aid of Caring Cancer 4 fundraiser for South Westmeath Hospice took place in Rosemount on Saturday last. There were eighty six participants.

Fortunately all of them were safely home before the rain arrived. Well done to all and to the stewards and ladies who provided refreshments.

There was a very enjoyable function in The Stile afterwards which was very well supported.

Streete and District

Reader

The reader at the 8pm Vigil Mass this Saturday - in memory of the late Declan McGerr, Kilfintan - is Anne Murphy and Eucharistic Minister, Mary Mulligan.

The Gathering

We are depending on help with names and contact details for past pupils from Lisnacaffrey, old and new schools, Rath, and the Church of Ireland Schools as well as any other past pupils from this parish who may have attended other schools. Please give any available information to Brian Nerney, Pat Duffy or Kevin Brady. This event, to take place later in the year, can only be a success with

your support.

Lotto

Thank you to the many who have come along and joined Streete Parish Park Lotto with annual €50 envelopes. If this does not suit your pocket ordinary envelopes are available at €2 or three in the one draw €5. Envelopes can be obtained from any of the following – Brian Nerney, Pat Duffy, John White, Matt Fahy, Pat Denning, Geraldine Keary, Philomena Parker, Lily Parker. Our draw can also be entered on line at www.streetesports-complexlocalotto.

Lotto results

The numbers drawn in last week's Streete parish Park lotto draw were 2, 11, 14, 15 with no winner of the jackpot. The three €40 winners were Johnny Masterson c/o Feerick's; John Morgan, Kilmore, Streete and Niamh Kiernan, Float, Lismacaffrey. Thank you for your continued support. Stay in to win.

Community Alert

I have been asked to advise any householders in the parish that have not been asked to join the text alert to contact either David O'Hara on 087 7710027 or Cathal Tighe on 085 809926. Also a reminder that there are bogus callers contacting houses to check re - septic tanks. Should this happen please contact the Gardaí on 0449384000.

Streete Bowls

Two Streete teams were in action this week. Streete C took on Tyrrellspass B at the Streete complex but were narrowly beaten on the night. Streete A team had two away games against Castlepollard and Tyrrellspass

B during the week. They emerged victorious over both teams and now look like League winners. Streete A Team 1: Jimmy Leavy, Thomas Sullivan and Finbar Mullen (skip).
Team 2: Mick Turner, Liam Curraughton and

Fra Dillon (skip). New members are welcome to join the club.

Boherquill Ramblers

The Ramblers AGM had to be postponed last Sunday due to unforeseen circumstances. It is now planned to hold the AGM in two weeks on Sunday February 24 in Streete Parish Park. The walk intended for last Sunday did take place though, with a short walk around the Boherquill area and a couple of circuits of the splendid new walkway in Streete Parish Park.

It is hoped to join the John Murray Radio Show Walking Club outing in Glenfarne, County Leitrim next Sunday February 17. Transport will be by bus if sufficient numbers contact Brian Nerney on 086 2596656 as soon as possible. Those travelling are advised to bring a packed lunch. The coach will leave O'Brien's Garage on the Lynn Road in Mullingar at 9am on Sunday.

Annual memberships for the Ramblers are now due at the very reasonable rate of €20 per head or €30 for a family.

The Ramblers' annual St Patrick's Day trip to Strangford is now booking, so anyone who has not already contacted Brian Nerney on 086 2596656 is asked to do so as soon as possible so that accommodation can be arranged. The cost is expected to be approximately €260- €270 per person.

Pilgrimage to Medjugordje

The pilgrimage takes place from May 6-13, staying across the road from the church, cost from €520. This needs to be booked early, as there are only 10 rooms left. We also have an English-speaking guide with us. Details contact Tommy 044 9371787/0876851691.

Streete Wildlife Club

The club winter league clay shooting got underway on last Thursday evening and will continue for the next seven weeks on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm sharp.

To qualify for the final which is due to be held on March 28 you must be in attendance at a number of the shoots over the next six weeks, and remember that there will be prizes in all classes on the final night. For further details please contact Padraig 0872057847 or Willie 0862582370.