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GOSPEL CONCERT BOOSTS CHURCH REPAIR FUND

A Country & Gospel Concert was held in Gillygooley Orange Hall in aid of Church repair funds. A full and varied programme of local and visiting artists performed, at the conclusion of which Rev. Robert Herron thanked all who had contributed to its success.



The Houston Family, Clarence, Adrian and Claire who performed at the Concert.



Gillygooley Community Choir who sang a selection of Gospel and Country songs.

VARIED PROGRAMME FOR GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) have started the new season with a varied programme of events for the winter evenings.

At the opening meeting Jean Ellis, chairperson, welcomed everyone back, following the summer recess, extending a special welcome to several new members.



Members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) at the re-opening meeting.

The business included arrangements for the trip to the pantomime, Cinderella, in January and the yoga classes commencing on November 8th.

Names were also taken for the cross-border exchange visits with Lifford senior citizens, and plans are now at an advanced stage with Louisa Pemble, Age Action, Ireland.

The chairperson then introduced Jolene from the Senior Citizens' Consortium, who coached and encouraged the members to participate in the game 'New Age Kurling'. This proved to be a challenging and enjoyable activity.



Jean Creery tries her skills at New Age Kurling.



Gerald McCauley in action participating in New Age Kurling at 2nd Youth.



Lily Nethery, George Armstrong and Fred Chambers performing the sketch "Bogus Repair Men" at the Health and Well Being Fair.



"Some Serious Coaching." Members of 2nd Youth being coached in New Age Kurling.

Recently, 25 members from the club attended the Health and Well Being Fair on the needs of Older People, organised by Omagh Interagency Group.

The club's drama group staged two short sketches entitled 'Bogus Repair Men' and 'The Tea

Towel Seller', making people aware of home safety and bogus callers.

Several members attended the Cross-Border Networking Conference, organised by Derry and Raphoe Action in the Mellon Country Inn, where the guest speakers were Anita Robinson, a broadcaster with BBC Radio Ulster, and Richard Moore from Children in Crossfire, who told his story of how he was blinded by a rubber bullet at the age of 10.

The manner, in which Richard accepted his disability, bearing no hatred or malice, was an inspiration to all who heard him.



Ethel King and Jean Ellis as "The Tea Towel Seller" at the Health and Well Being Fair.

Presbyterian News by Gillygooley Correspondent

“New Minister Installed”

Several members of Gillygooley Congregation were invited to join with the neighbouring Congregations of Mountjoy & Drumlegagh for the Service of Ordination and Installation of their new Minister Rev. Kenneth Nelson on 28th September. The Congregation of Gillygooley welcome Rev. & Mrs Nelson to the area and extend a warm welcome from all within our Congregation.

“Dunmurray Presbyterian on the move”

A former Minister of Mountjoy & Drumlegagh, Rev. John Braithwaite, is spear-heading a major new church development in Dunmurray. The church and manse are on the market for sale and it is proposed to rebuild a new church and community facilities on the site of the present church hall. “The new modern facilities and the move to the center of village” said Rev Braithwaite “will ensure the church remained at the heart of the Dunmurry community”. As a Minister in Mountjoy Rev. Braithwaite took a keen interest in youth activities involving interaction between Gillygooley and his own Congregation.

“Moderator Encourages Outreach Ministry”

The Moderator Rev. Dr. John Finlay has been visiting “Outreach Ministry Projects” throughout the province and encouraging the many volunteers involved.

Programmes include evenings providing support for those bereaved as well as groups aimed at helping people cope with separation and divorce.

The outreach ministry is also directed at those who enjoy the nightlife entertainment of clubs at weekends.

Volunteers offer help to those who need it providing a cup of tea or an ear for those in need. This outreach ministry which started in Belfast has already spread to several other towns throughout the Province.

RURALLINK IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RURAL DWELLERS

David McKinley and Andrew Scott recently received their Midas certificate which enables them to drive Rurallink minibuses for the use of the community. The certificate course included a workshop and theory test in addition to a driving skills test. Commenting after successfully receiving his certificate,

David said, “It will be of immense benefit to the Youth Club and other organisations.” Rurallink extends throughout the entire Omagh District area and in addition to organisations can be accessed by individuals for weekly shopping trips to Omagh etc. For further information tel. 028 8076 0740 or 028 8076 1000

Pictured right: David McKinley & Andrew Scott who have completed their Midas minibus Driver Awareness Scheme.



“Whose Earth?” - Seeds for Change

World Development Appeal 2007

A letter from the Convener of the World Development Committee Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Dear Friends,

This year's World Development Appeal is the second of a three year series of appeals under the general title 'Whose Earth?' The appeal for 2007 is 'Seeds for Change'. The heart of the appeal over the three-year period draws attention to the interface of authentic sustainable development and sound ecological stewardship. The projects we are highlighting this Advent and Christmas are in Zimbabwe, Zambia, India and Mexico. In the World Development Committee we believe that the story lines we have from the Southern African countries of Zimbabwe and Zambia are particularly strong and compelling.

We also believe that the impact of climate change is a vital factor in our understanding of development today. Awareness of climate change is particularly pressing given the emerging consensus that even if the targets set by governments for the reduction of CO2/greenhouse gas emissions are met they will be insufficient to forestall significant climactic chaos. It is by no means assured that these inadequate targets will be met. It is assured that natural disasters arising as a result of climate change will affect the poor most. The situation is serious, but as the projects we highlight this year demonstrate there is much that can be done.

We can also play our part by reducing CO2 emissions. Therefore as part of this year's World Development Appeal we are encouraging congregations to become more environmentally friendly than at present, as an act of solidarity with the world's poor.

Last year, our members again gave generously to the World Development Appeal; it was the best supported ever, raising more than £650,000. This happened because of your involvement in supporting the appeal - a huge thanks to you for the life sustaining and life changing work you have facilitated and been part of.

The Committee encourage you in continuing to make the World Development Appeal a success by building on your commitment last year and making this year's 'Whose Earth? - Seeds for Change' Appeal more successful again.

All good things to you in the name of the Christ who calls us to care for each other in the family of humanity and to be good stewards of the shared home entrusted to us by a loving God.

Mark Gray
Convener
World Development Committee

Whose earth?

Presbyterian World Development helps free people trapped by poverty and the effects of poverty.

SEEDS FOR CHANGE

World Development channels your support through Christian Aid and Tearfund to development projects around the world. It also challenges Christian communities everywhere to lifestyles which practically express love and care for others and the earth.



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“Whose Earth?” - Seeds for Change

World Development Appeal 2007

Background Information

The Facts:

- The earth is warming faster than at any time in the last 10,000 years.
- The 1990s was the warmest decade, and 1998 the warmest year, on global record.
- The summer of 2003 was Europe's hottest for 500 years.
- By 2100 the world could be between 6 and 10 degrees C warmer on average.
- CO2 emissions are a primary cause of global warming.
- The burning of coal, oil and gas has increased the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere by 30% over natural levels.

The Impact:

- The area of the world stricken by drought doubled between 1970 and 2005.
- 150,000 die as a result of climate change each year.
- 30 million more people may be hungry because of climate change by 2050.
- Rising sea levels and crop failure could create 150 million refugees by 2100.
- The economic costs of global warming are doubling every decade.
- People in low-income countries are four times more likely to die in natural disasters than people in high-income countries. Globally disaster losses increased from \$71 billion in the 1960s to \$608 billion in the 1990s. Poverty and lack of authentic development increases people's vulnerability to extreme weather.

A Deeper Analysis:

The Way We Are--World Development is concerned with the welfare of people, but addressing inequalities through economics and politics alone will not be enough. There is a deeper problem, which is that the world is living beyond its means. The West has run an environmental overdraft for centuries, partly because it had drawn on the resources of the rest of the world. The developing world has no such luxury, and neither any longer, have we. Authentic development must be ecologically attuned.

Much of our global environmental awareness is limited to the greenhouse effect, and the need to reduce our use of fossil fuels if we are to stop the atmosphere heating up. But to most people, and governments, the issue is how to make the substitution without any further alterations to our way of life. The problem goes much deeper than that.

The Problem--The planet is a finite system, with physical resources, like air and fresh water, bound together with living systems made up of countless species of plants and animals, each performing a different function. These ecosystems are like a web, and the species like strands. If one or two strands (species) are lost, the web can be repaired. But lose too many, and it collapses. We are close to that point now--up to a third of land-based species could face extinction by the middle of the century. There is the possibility that the rain forest of the Amazon, which is the powerhouse of much of the earth's climate, as well as home to vast numbers of species, could soon start to dry out. This is both climate change, and the result of climate change--our troubles compounded.

And on the front line are the people of the developing world. It is not usually appreciated that the quality of life for many rural Africans in the 19th century was higher than it is now. The population explosion that has seen Ethiopia rise from 5 million people in 1900 to 77 million today, and 170 million expected by 2050, has squeezed the natural world into unsustainable corners (40% forest cover in Ethiopia in 1900 down to 4% by 1990), with a more erratic climate and degraded agriculture as a

result. Freeing up trading conditions will benefit only those who devised the system, and it is a fallacy to think that economic growth will solve the problem. We need an economy of stability, in which activity works to redistribute wealth, and to improve the quality of life, rather than increase the quantity of goods we use up. We learn this from nature--economy and ecology have the same root, coming from the Greek word that means both household and world. Each year the rain forest produces more new growth and new life per acre than intensive agricultural systems, but it doesn't grow in area or in height. All the incoming energy from the sun is used up with maximum efficiency, and the material resources (minerals) are all recycled so that none leave the system.

Ecosystem Services--Living ecosystems regulate the natural world, and also regulate our own human lives. Climate control, waste regulation, fresh water, food, building materials, pharmaceuticals, cultural values and psychological support are all provided for us by the natural world. We normally treat only the more tangible of these as resources. But all are services which nature provides. We can harvest them in a balanced and sustainable way, or we can mine them to exhaustion. If it seems that nature in some situations is hostile, it is usually because we have impaired its ability to deliver a stable environment, or because we are forcing it to perform in a manner that is fundamentally not natural. For most of these services there is no alternative source, and we cannot survive without them.

The Solutions

- It is better to learn how to work within natural systems, than to replace them. So cattle in the African grasslands are far less productive and far more damaging to the environment than the wild game animals working in combination. But this has to be done sustainably, as the appalling destruction of world fish populations has shown.
- Complex mixed agriculture is far better than single crop production, as usually favoured by economists. Hill tribes in New Guinea have worked out how to mimic the complexity of the rain forest in their gardens, with highly productive results. But they are being pressured into replacing these with plantations.
- Bushmen in southern Africa, often thought of as primitive, have a more nutritious and reliable diet from foraging in the desert, than the settled cattle farmers in the more fertile lands around them. And they have more leisure time too! But progress, in the form of the Botswana government, has decreed that they have to be settled, and turn to cattle.
- In the rain forest, all the nutrients that we expect to find in the soil are in the trees. Once the trees are removed, the soil sustains crops for only a few years and then semi-desert conditions develop. Cattle and other forms of intensive monoculture are sustained only by the use of chemicals.
- As the pressures mount, environmental refugees will flee the land. They cannot be accommodated in the West (the principle is fine, but the numbers will be too great, and it only shifts the problem rather than solves it). They cannot go to the cities, as that will encourage further shifts to western-type agriculture to sustain the growing urban masses. They have to be empowered to stay on the land, by being given the freedom and resources to develop in a sustainable way--without the pressure of competition from the West.

Rules of Thumb:

- However sophisticated or technological our world is, it is still part of nature, and has to obey the rules.
- If we give nature room to manoeuvre, it can heal much of the damage we have already done.
- We have to include ecosystem services in our economic balance sheets, and make decisions accordingly.
- Looking to nature will help us design sustainable responses to human problems.
- To banish poverty, we also have to banish excessive wealth.
- God's creation is indivisible.

Activity News From Gillygooley Community Association

Floral Art

The organisation is at an advanced stage for the Christmas Floral Art Demonstration in the Orange Hall on Wednesday 28th November at 7:30pm.

Senior Citizens Party

In conjunction with 2nd Youth the annual party is planned for the afternoon of Saturday 1st December.

Community safety

The Community Safety Unit of the P.S.N.I. and Omagh District Council combined to deliver a joint project installing help lines free of charge to vulnerable people living alone, those disabled or anyone who have been victims of crime.

The assistance was sourced by Gillygooley 2nd Youth in conjunction with the senior Citizens Consortium. The scheme was available to those residents within the community and also to members of 2nd youth who met the criteria.

The project was delivered by Iris Moffitt-Scott of 2nd Youth and Jackie Hill from P.S.N.I.

Child Protection Policy

It is proposed to have a class in the New Year. If you need a refresher course or to attain your certificate register now with Andrew Tel 8224 2895.

“Remember if you supervise children you need your certificate”.

Youth Club

Activities as follows

Mondays, Primary P1-P3 6:30pm-7:30pm

Fridays Juniors P4-P7 7:00pm-8:30pm

Seniors yr 8+ 8:30pm-10:15pm

Further details from Jennifer Tel 8224 1831.

In addition to the hall based activities Senior

members & leaders travelled to the Ulster American Folk Park for the Halloween Festival and the juniors to Barron Top Open Farm. Additional funding has been received from W.E.L.B. for indoor sports equipment which the club should have received by early December.

Line Dancing

Wednesday nights 8:00pm.

If interested Tel Lorraine 8224 2684.

Yoga

Thursday nights 7:30pm.

For registration Tel Iris 8224 2895.

Chatterbox Playgroup

Information available from Elaine Tel 8283 1444.

Young Enterprise by Louise King

Hi, this is a little message from the Gillygooley Young Enterprise group “Glitz”. The name ‘Glitz’ stands for: Gillygooley, Learning by doing, Innovation, Teamwork, Zany. Our group consists of 9 members & of course our 3 leaders! We all have been allocated jobs- Glenn Foster (managing director), Jonathan Sproule (assistant managing director), Louise King (company secretary), Richard Hemphill (finance director), James Leonard (assistant finance director), Dean Barr (i.t. director), Bronwyn O’Donnell (marketing director), Emma McFarland (operations director) & Christopher Smyth (an all-round assistant!!) Leaders- Sandra Magee, Lorraine Elkin & Yvonne Armstrong- I’d like to take this opportunity to thank them for helping us along the way, so far! Everyone in our group has got an important job to do & we have learned that teamwork comes in handy! We meet up in Gillygooley Orange Hall once a week, on a Wednesday night & then put them into action. At the start, we all put in £15 to buy a share of the company (which we decided to call ‘glitz’), now we have to make & sell our products to make a profit on the money we started with. So far, we have managed to produce items from birdhouses to Christmas decorations! We have two craft fairs coming up soon, one at Gillygooley Orange Hall

on Wednesday 28th November & a second at Omagh County Primary school on the Thursday 29th November. We all hope to see you there, and if you want to glitz up your Christmas, you're very welcome to come along!!

Brothers farm on Saturday 24th November from 10:00am-1:00pm and at Raymond Kings farm 2:00pm-6:00pm. Anyone interested should book with Fred Chambers Tel 8224 2708.

Trailer Marking Scheme

Funding has been received through the Omagh Community Safety Partnership for a free trailer marking scheme. The P.S.N.I Crime Prevention unit will provide a unique stencilled code for each trailer which will be stored on a database system and can be used to help trace stolen or recovered trailers. A marking session will be held on Scott

Community Choir

The choir have been busy during the Autumn period having received invitations for several performances with a further four bookings before Christmas.

Several new members have joined the choir and additional members are always welcome. Further information available from Andrew Tel 8224 2895.

DON'T GIVE UP ON ME LORD

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3. This side of Heaven Copyright Central	Axaml Omagh
4. Supper time Zomba Music Publishers Ltd	Lerry Beg Island Co. Donegal
5. Because He Lives Kingway Music	Final Light House Malinbeg, North Donegal
6. On the wings of a Snow White Dove Copyright Central	Tempe Mount Co Fermanagh
7. For You are always (close to me) Copyright Central	Ortha Glen and Hillside near Anas
8. Count your Blessings Copyright Central	Donagh Village Dalyshinn
9. Why are Lord? EMI Songs Ltd	Anda Ferry Crossinagh Co. Donegal
10. Jesus is all I need Copyright Central	Anda road Carrislogh Co. Tyrone
11. Silver and Gold Copyright Central	Glasneagh National Park Co. Donegal
12. Take my hand Precious Lord Celtic Music Corporation	Dunloyne Anas, Peebles Glen, Meand Errol
13. There is a Green Hill far away Public Domain Work	Axaml L'Derry, New Buildings and Maghasinan

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This is the cover of Leslie Matthews new DVD to raise funds for Cancer Research Northern Ireland, The Donegal Hospice and Multiple Sclerosis Society Northern Ireland.

This is Leslie's 3rd DVD and to date we have raised approx. £50,000 for Cancer and MS and €23,000 for the hospice.

Leslie is a member of St. Johnston Presbyterian Church, Co. Donegal. If anyone is looking for a stocking filler for Christmas this would be ideal.

It is available as either a DVD or video and is currently being sold in the Carlisle Bookshop, Campsie Post Office, News at Six (John Street) or directly from Noel Donald Tel: 028 82245189.

Kenny Allen's Local Knowledge Quiz

As you will see later in the magazine, Kenny Allen is a bit of an amateur historian and local knowledge person. Here are ten quick questions he came up with during his interview with Margaret Simms. The answers will be published in the next edition of the magazine which will hopefully be out around the middle of March next year.

1. What and where was the "Bull's Eye"?
2. Where are Abercorn Cottages?
3. Where was the Bank of Ireland located before it came to its present site in 1894?
4. Where is the "Crossroads"?
5. Where is the "Gusset"?
6. Where was the "American Laundry"?
7. Where is King George V field?
8. What building was formerly known as the "Meeting House"?
9. What was the former name of King James Bridge?
10. Where is Galbraith Terrace?

RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM THE SUN AT THE NEW TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY MANSE

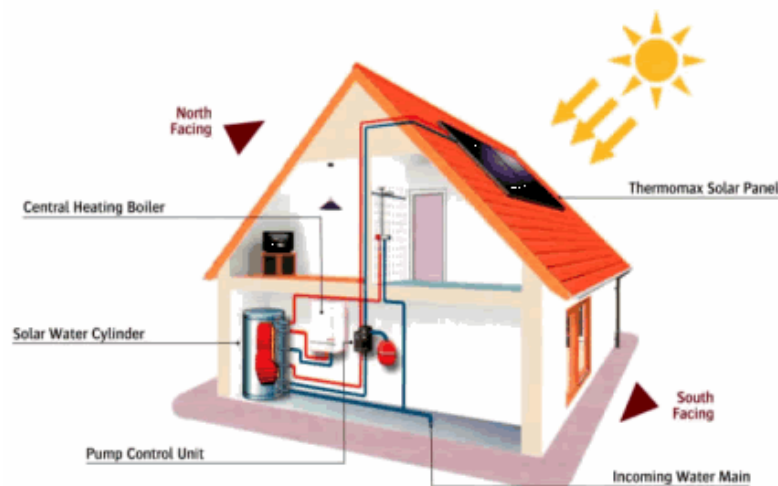
Visitors to the new manse may have noted a particular feature that you will not see on every new building – that is a three square metre solar panel on the garage roof. This is the most visible component of a solar water heating system which was installed by Willis Heating & Plumbing Ltd of Belfast and part funded by a grant from the UK government Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

As renewable energy is becoming increasingly important both from the point of view of saving money and in protecting the environment, it was decided at an early stage that renewables should provide at least part of the heating for the new manse. Solar water heating was chosen as it seemed to provide the most cost effective and most easily installed renewable energy option for this building. A Low Carbon Buildings grant was applied for and when it was awarded, Trinity & Gillygooley were ready to go solar! How does solar water heating work?

Did you know that in Ireland we receive vast amounts of free energy from the sun? In fact, the average amount of energy we get in one year is as much as 60% of that on the equator. This is the same amount of solar energy as southern England and the north of France. It is just a pity that our weather doesn't come from these same places!

Solar water heating systems work by harnessing the sun's rays using a special panel incorporating vacuum tubes which can absorb 96% of the sun's energy with minimal heat loss. They are unaffected by factors such as wind chill or outside air temperatures and can absorb whatever solar energy is available even on cold or dull days. This enables the system to provide hot water throughout the year. Solar panels are usually mounted on a south facing roof to catch maximum sunlight and are connected to the central hot water tank as illustrated in the diagram below. Cold water from the mains water supply is introduced to the solar panel and hot water is piped from the panel back to the hot water tank. This system can work alongside normal central heating to ensure a constant supply of hot water, day and night, summer or winter.

Solar Water Heating System



Why install solar water heating?

Installing a solar water heating system in a house will not only save money on heating bills but, just as importantly, helps to protect the environment. A standard solar panel installation reduces pollution equivalent to that produced by a car in one year. It is for both of these reasons that it was decided to install solar water heating in our new manse.

Protecting the environment

Solar water heating uses only renewable energy obtained directly from the sun. Once installed a solar water heating system requires almost no maintenance and requires no electricity or fuel to

produce hot water. This means that there is no pollution from its use and most importantly, no emissions of carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas that is the main cause of global warming. Solar water heating is entirely "carbon neutral". It has been calculated that the manse's solar panel should produce over 20% of the total hot water requirement. This will amount to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of over 500 kilograms every year!

Saving money

It is estimated that the manse's solar panel will produce 2180 kWh (kilowatt hours) of free energy each year. At today's energy prices this equates to an annual saving of up to £200. As the cost of heating increases, the cost benefit of solar heating will increase correspondingly.

KENNY ALLEN *by Margaret Simms*



Kenny's passion for photography, of things historical and of local interest started when he was involved with the production of the 'People of Trinity' book. Then, about 2 years ago, a friend of his told him about Geograph on the internet.

The Geograph British Isles project aims to collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometer of the UK and the Republic of Ireland and put them on the Internet. For those of you who like statistics, on the 11th November past, 5653 users had contributed 603540 images, covering 211,551 grid squares or 64% of the total area of the British Isles.

Kenny started by going out to get photographs within Omagh. Next, he went by bicycle to the surrounding district. Then he went further afield to various other towns and villages in Tyrone.

His system now is to go out one day a week to take as many pictures as he can. Then it takes another day to view and edit them and a further day submitting them onto the website for moderators to approve. You can be a casual submitter, sending in just one or two photographs to the website or you can be like Kenny and seek out more squares.

When Kenny goes out he aims to do about 50 kilometer-squares in a day. He plans his route carefully before he goes out. He takes with him a map, a GPS reader, a compass, a couple of cameras, making sure that these are well charged and a couple of memory cards. He's on the lookout for anything that's interesting, whether it be a building, a standing stone, a bridge or a viewpoint, or maybe something which is particularly topical. The project is not itself really people-based; it is geography-based.

At present, Kenny is working through some old historical information on Omagh, which he fits in between his geographical forays. People from abroad as well as people from the local area look at his site and send him questions. A lot of people from abroad are trying to trace their roots and he tries to help them as much as he can.

Bad weather doesn't bother Kenny; the only time he is stopped from going out is when there is fog. He prefers overcast weather to strong sunlight, as he doesn't like the strong shadows you get in bright sunshine.

There are other people in Northern Ireland doing what he is doing, though not so many west of the Bann. Locally, the only other one he knows is Gordon Dunn and he takes aerial views which he gets from a paraglider. Recently he has been able to photograph over parts of the town; previously this was prohibited because of helicopter flights.

Kenny says that you have to be careful not to get knocked down when you are out because a lot of the time you stop near the road. Sometimes you are on minor roads.

The people he meets are very kind and helpful - usually. One person however, wanted him to remove the film from his camera. On being told that the camera was digital and did not function by film, the man insisted that he delete the image from the memory card!

Something else you can do for the Geograph website is to subdivide a kilometer-square into a hundred smaller squares. This means that you have to dig deeper and explore every nook and cranny. Kenny has done three of these in Omagh. As a result he has discovered all sorts of things which he knew nothing about previously, despite being born and bred in Omagh. SEE HIS QUIZ, PAGE 9!!

Currently Kenny is second in the competition in the whole of the British Isles, putting material on the Geograph website (www.geograph.org.uk) He has photographed more than a third of the area of Northern Ireland, mostly west of the Bann. He can see himself continuing for another year. That will cover the rest of Fermanagh and some of Donegal.

One place which has eluded Kenny so far is the "Rat's Pad". He thinks it's at the Derry Road somewhere near Ashfield Terrace. Can anyone help to locate it? Does anyone know why it is called the Rat's Pad?

Food Safety Catering Awards

A class was organised in recent months in response to the present need for those catering at funeral teas and other functions to be in possession of food safety certificates. The programme was delivered by Omagh College in Conjunction with Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and sponsored by Help the Aged.

Pictured right are those who successfully received their Level 2 in “Food Safety in Catering” certificates with their tutor Kathleen Moohan.



HALL EXTENSION COMPLETED

As reported in the last issue the combined user groups and organisations who use Gillygooley Orange Hall have pooled their resources to build an extension to the hall. The project was co-ordinated by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association and was completed in time for the commencement of winter activities.



Raymond King completes the roof on the hall extension.



Leaving the hall complex, the container trailer which has been used as a store over the past seven years.

Improvements Continue at Orange Hall



To facilitate the ever increasing number of coaches visiting and departing from Gillygooley Orange Hall, and for improving traffic flow at Church Services and other occasions, the entrance to the hall has been doubled in width. This has been part of a resurfacing programme of the carpark which also doubles as the church carpark. The Community Association acknowledge a grant of £4150 received from Omagh District Council towards the project. Left: Joe & Raymond King erecting the new entrance gates to the Orange Hall carpark.



CHRISTMAS KIDS PAGE



Fill in the missing words from these ten Christmas hymns.

Away in a _____.

Once in Royal David's _____.

O Come All Ye _____.

We Three _____ of Orient Are.

_____ the Herald Angels sing.

O Little _____ of Bethlehem.

See Amid the Winter _____.

While _____ watched their flocks by night.

_____ Night, Holy Night.

Ding Dong _____ on High.

At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many of us send cards to our family and friends. Can you design the front of a Christmas card in the space below showing part of the story of Jesus' birth? You might like to draw Jesus in the stable or the shepherds in the fields or???

Please Note: We can only accept Primary School entrants

Please forward entries to Andrew Scott, Aughnamoyle House, 41 Gillygooley Road, Omagh BT78 5PP no later than 4 weeks after publication. If more than one correct entry is received from either church a draw will be made. Please send in whole page including name, address and which church you attend.

Last issue's winners: Trinity – No entries Gillygooley – Andrew Aiken

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

“What Remembrance Sunday means to me”
For those who have lost loved ones as a result of conflict and war or carry the scares and disabilities of mans’ inhumanity to man it does not take a special day to recall the grief, suffering and pain they have endured.

It is of comfort however that such families if they so wish have an opportunity to publicly pay their respects to their loved ones at Cenotaphs, Churches and other places on this special day of remembrance.

Robbie Alexander, who is a member of Gillygooley congregation, youngest son, Ronnie, was a full time member of the U.D.R. Ronnie, who was aged 19 years, was murdered in a landmine explosion with three of his colleagues on 13th July 1983. Remembrance Sunday “brings back feelings.” says Robbie “It was a terrible loss and difficult to contend with only ten years after my wife’s death.”

Another member of Gillygooley, Iris Moffitt-Scott, said “I have never been able to attend remembrance services at the Cenotaph and I find the Church service emotional and difficult since my husband Malvern’s murder. Even though time goes on and your life changes, the pain of loss never leaves you. (Malvern, an agricultural contractor, was murdered while cutting hedges on 27th June 1983.) He had just put our four year old son on the school bus, for the first time, that morning.”

For those who survive the ravages of war and other conflicts the horrific memories they carry will never be erased from their minds. Rev Robert Herron led an act of remembrance at the morning service in Gillygooley when two minutes silence was observed to those who had lost their lives in conflict.

This year Remembrance Sunday was on 11th November, a tradition which was first observed on 11th November 1918. The Royal British Legion which was formed in 1921 deserves our generous support in the work they do in support of the 900,000 ex-service personnel with disabilities in the U.K.

The first donation for poppies in Britain was given in 1921. Last year the people of Northern Ireland raised £900,000, 80% of which came from poppy sales.

In Flanders Fields

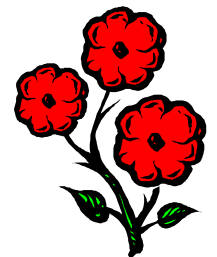
by a Canadian Doctor,
Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872 – 1918).

In Flanders fields the poppies
blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the
sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we
throw
The torch; be yours to hold it
high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Inspiration for the Poem

On 2nd May 1915, in the second week of fighting during the Second Battle of Ypres Lieutenant Alexis Helmer was killed by a German artillery shell. He was a friend of the Canadian military doctor Major John McCrae. It is believed that John began the draft for his famous poem “In Flanders Fields” that evening

Remembrance is not just about those who fought in two World Wars but also about those involved at home and abroad who are still working for peace and freedom and for those they leave behind.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

BIBLE CLASS TABLE QUIZ FOR TEARFUND AT TRINITY

Trinity Bible Class ran a table quiz in aid of Tearfund on Thursday 22nd November at 8.00 p.m. in the church hall. Fairtrade food, craft items made in developing countries and Christmas cards were on sale from 7.30 p.m. During the evening, there was a break for (Fairtrade) tea, after which a 3 minute Tearfund DVD entitled "Be Part of a Miracle" was shown.

To date, we have £222 for Tearfund, and Fairtrade goods to the value of £313.03 were sold as well.

Members of the Bible Class very much appreciate the support of all who attended the quiz, made purchases, donated money, provided food and helped in many different ways. John McCay was Quiz Master and performed his duties to his usual very high standards. A special mention must be given to all our visitors, upon whom we depend heavily to make this event a

success. (They accounted for approximately 1/3 of the 40 plus participants and almost 1/2 of our 7 tables at the quiz).

The winners of the quiz were:-

1st **'The Brown Bears'** (The Moore family – John, Annette, Johnny, Gillian, Adam, Sarah and Emma).

2nd = **'4 Plus 2 Spares'** (Dr and Mrs John Lockington, Margaret Todd, Audrey McConnell, Valerie and Matthew Alexander) and **'The Jokers'** (Seamus and Bhong McCanny, Alan Knox, Gary, Mandy and Robert Milligan).



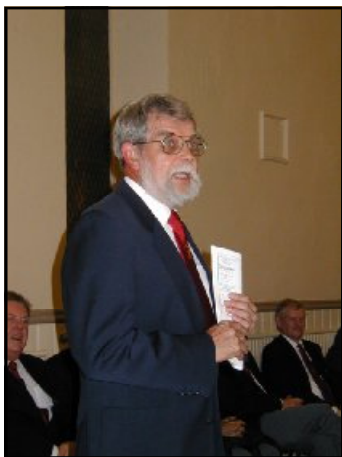
MALE VOICE CHOIR IN CONCERT AT TRINITY

On the evening of Sunday 21st October, a large and appreciative audience enjoyed a concert by the Queen's Island Victoria Male Voice Choir. The compere for the evening was Tom Black, the accompanist was Tom White and the conductor was Alistair Mc Quoid.

The concert opened with everyone singing "Guide me Oh thy great redeemer" before the Belfast choir sang a wide range of songs including "When I survey the wondrous cross", "You'll never walk alone," "An African Prayer," "Jacob's Ladder," "Close thine eyes and sleep secure," and "The Lost Chord." Billy Reynolds and Norman Cairns sang a number of Percy French songs together, including "Are you right there Michael" and "Phil the fluter's ball" and Tom Black kept everyone entertained with stories and jokes between items.

The concert concluded with everyone singing "All hail the power" and there was a retiring offering in aid of Tearfund. After this most enjoyable evening of entertainment, everyone was invited to the hall for a delicious supper.

A very big thank-you to all who helped decorate the church for Harvest and those who helped out on the night at the concert.





Walking Club

Another successful walking season got underway in April this year. The club met every Wednesday night at 7.30pm at Gillygooley Hall. Approximately 35 enrolled this year and were divided each week into short (2 miles) and long (4 miles plus) walkers, finishing at the hall again for refreshments.



We did not always walk the roads in Gillygooley – oh no, with outings to Pigeon Top, Baronscourt, Kesh/Boa Island, Lough Fee, Drum Manor, Riverside Walk in Omagh, An Creggan and as the dark nights were closing in we walked in Omagh Town. The walking season was brought to a close in September with a very enjoyable afternoon in Peatlands Park and a meal in the Ardbeg Lodge.

We hope to have this club running again around next Easter and of course are always looking for new members of all age groups and all walking capabilities.

Picture left: Walking club members on outing to Peatlands Park. If you would like any further information about the club, contact Iris on 8224 2895 or Diane on 8224 6553.

Return Visit to Gillygooley

Fyffee Graham, a former member of Gillygooley Congregation, is currently renewing old acquaintances whilst on holiday with his daughters, Irene McCauley and Heather Campbell.

Fyffee and his late wife, Sadie, emigrated to Australia in 1975, where another daughter, Anna, and son, James, reside. It was also a special occasion for Fyffee as his granddaughter, Nicola Campbell, was married on 2nd November.



Fyffee Graham, center, accompanied by daughter, Irene and husband, Gerald McCauley.

New Home for Herron Family

The Congregation of Gillygooley shared in the excitement of the Herron family's move to their new home at Gillygooley Road. Those members of the Congregation who availed of the opportunity to view the new Manse just before occupation were clearly impressed by the layout and design. The Congregation pray that the Herrons will be blessed with much happiness in their new home.



Bill King, Gillygooley Clerk of Session, presented a voucher for use in their new home to Rev. Robert & Sheena Herron at the Harvest Service.

CASH FOR RAGS

The cash for recyclable clothes and footwear has again received tremendous support from the Congregation members and their families. The project was initiated by Sharon Beattie to raise funds in aid of Church repairs. Last years collection raised £800 and we wait with anticipation for this years cheque.



Sharon Beattie loading her vehicle at the weekly collection point.



Church volunteers at work during the recycling project.

TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PWA

The November meeting of Trinity and Gillygooley PWA was held in Trinity Church Hall. This was Visitors' Evening and it was lovely to see a very good attendance. The president, Mrs Annette Moore, extended a very warm welcome to members and also to the visitors from First Omagh PWA and Omagh Methodist Women's Group. The evening began with a hymn, accompanied on a keyboard by Mrs Mavis Jardine. The bible reading was read by Mrs Moore, who also led the group in prayer. Mrs Moore then gave an informal and entertaining account of some of the highlights of a trip she and her husband John had made to Australia in 2005. She told us about The Uniting Church in Australia, which is a union of three churches. Established in 1977 it brought together people from the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church and the Congregational Union. Mrs Moore shared some of her experiences of visits to this church.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr Chris Barnes, Northern Ireland Regional Manager of Mission Aviation Fellowship also known as MAF. Mrs Moore introduced Mr Barnes and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Barnes, with the aid of a very well planned presentation, gave everyone a clear insight into the history of MAF, its vision and purpose and also the vital work it carries out on a daily basis. In the UK, MAF is a registered charity funded by voluntary gifts. MAF's history can be traced back to the 1940s and is now a worldwide partnership, whose

purpose is to speed physical and spiritual care to people in places of deepest human need; remote places, where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline. The logo of MAF incorporates the words "Flying for Life".

Today worldwide, the MAF partnership operates a large number of aircraft from bases in several countries. Every few minutes, a MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world, supporting and enabling the work of aid and development agencies, missions, national churches and other local groups.

MAF planes carry food, seed and livestock; they transport the sick and injured; they deliver doctors, medicine and relief supplies. MAF planes are often the only safe and reliable means of transportation. In regions without roads suitable for traffic, MAF can reduce a missionary's all-day trek by foot to a mere 20-minute flight.

The presentation finished with a number of slides which illustrated many aspects of Mr Barne's talk, including some interesting "runways"!

There followed an opportunity to ask questions about MAF and Mrs Moore then thanked Mr Barnes most sincerely for travelling to Omagh and for giving a most interesting and informative talk.

The evening concluded with supper, following which, a vote of thanks, on behalf of the visitors, was proposed by Mrs Eileen Hammond from First Omagh PWA and Mrs Anne McBain from Omagh Methodist Women's Group.

Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley

(December 2007 & January 2008)

Sunday, 16 December

Carol Services

Gillygooley at 10.00 am & Trinity at 11.30 am

Sunday, 23 December

Sunday before Christmas

Tuesday, 25 December

Christmas Day Service

First Omagh at 11.00 am

Sunday, 30 December

Last Sunday of the Year

Sunday, 6 January 2008

First Sunday of the New Year

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity	Marriages	Deaths in Trinity
28 Oct Lee Aiden Hugh Davis	20 Oct Marshall Robert David Fenton & Linsay Evelyn Kyle-Ewing	22 Oct Elizabeth Shannon
	2 Nov Bryan David Ireland & Nichola Jane Campbell	
<i>"Let the children come to me..."</i> (Mark 10:14)	<i>"Love one another as I have loved you..."</i> (John 15:12)	<i>"I am the resurrection and the life..."</i> (John 11:25)

TRINITY BOWLING CLUB

The club meets on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Trinity. Any new members will be very welcome.

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TRINITY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The group has started again and meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8pm in the Wee Johnny Room. Anyone interested in joining will be very welcome. Contact Claire McElhinney on 82244578 for further details.