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THE NEW MANSE



As these pictures show, the new manse at Drumquin Road is slowly taking shape. Despite some really wet weather recently the builders are up to schedule and work is progressing steadily. Photo taken 30/9/06



A side view of the new Manse, which shows the size of the building, which was taken from the right side of the top picture.

BOXES FOR MALAWI



Boxes for Malawi are packed and ready to go!

Earlier this year, retired missionary Maurice Kennedy spoke to both Trinity and Gillygooley congregations to ask for donations of equipment for schools in Malawi. He and his wife had been to visit Malawi where they witnessed a number of schools operating with few basic resources.

A large number of people from both our churches responded generously to the request for pens, pencils, rulers, paper, colouring pencils, dictionaries, footballs etc and we were able to fill seven boxes which are now packed and ready to go to Malawi in the autumn. Heartfelt thanks to all those who donated equipment or money to this appeal.

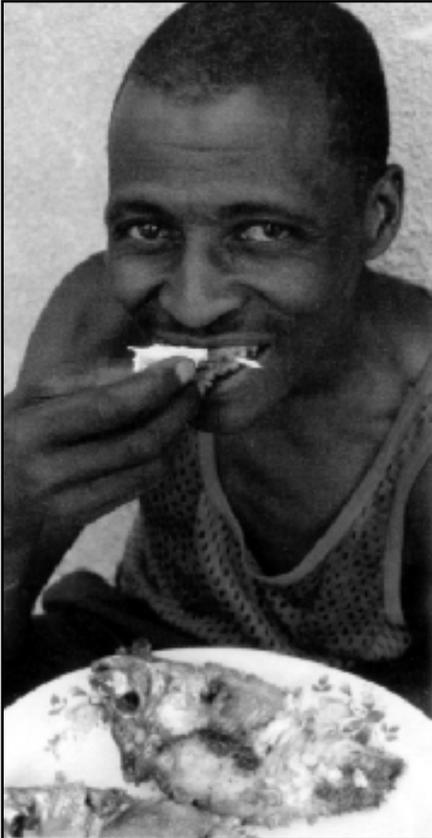


Sheena Herron is a real high flyer! She was captured escaping the country under the guise of attending a course in England. We have spies everywhere!

INCOME TAX COVENANTS

Basically, the church can get back £22 from the Inland Revenue for every £78 subscribed to the church by an income tax paying member. Please get in touch with Noel Donald on 028 82245 189 if you are not already on the Tax Covenant Scheme. If you are already on the scheme and for any reason you have stopped paying tax then let Noel know so that your name can be taken out of the Tax Covenant Scheme.

TEARFUND UPDATE



'Teach a man to fish and you have fed him for a lifetime.'
Sindambiw e John Vianney, 48, enjoys the fringe benefits of a Tearfund-supported fish farm in Rwanda.



As well as a nutritious version of porridge, communities in Burundi are taught by Tearfund health educators to prepare dishes using fresh fish and vegetables.

Pictured right: A survivor of Indonesia's most recent earthquake prepares her evening meal outside the ruins of her home. Several Tearfund partners helped set up clinics, clear rubble and distribute food and blankets.



The village of San Luis, Bolivia does not currently have a church so people gather to pray in a darkened room with light from candles and one lamp.

**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SERVICES**

at

Gillygooley

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, 15th October

10-00 a.m.

Rev Ian Ellis
(Board of Education,
Church of Ireland)

7-00 p.m.

Rev Robert Herron
(Service in Trinity)

EVERYONE WELCOME

**TEARFUND
TABLE QUIZ**

You are invited to a
Tearfund table quiz
on Friday 1st
December in Trinity
Hall.

There will be an
opportunity to
purchase Christmas
gifts from this
season's range of
Tearcraft. More
details later.

Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley

(November & December)

Sunday, 12 November
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 19 November
GB & BB Enrolment in Trinity at 4.00 pm

Sunday, 10 December
World Development Sunday

Sunday, 10 December
McMillan Cancer Relief Service in Trinity at 3.00 pm

Sunday, 17 December
Carol Services

Sunday, 24 December:
Christmas Eve Services

Monday, 25 December
Christmas Day Service in Trinity at 11.00 am

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GILLYGOOLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Building Fund

WANTED

**SECOND HAND CLOTHING
SHOES
HOUSEHOLD FABRICS
Any condition**

**For further details contact:
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Harold Moore Tel: 8224 2134**

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity

11 Jun Thomas Alexander Winters
25 Jun Rachel Ellen Patterson
23 Jul James McFarland
10 Sep Harry James Brent
10 Sep Adam Alexander Jones

"Let the children come to me..."
(Mark 10: 14)

Marriages in Trinity

30 Jun Russell Roberts &
Michelle Donnelly

*"Love one another as I have
loved you..."*
(John 15:12)

Deaths in Trinity

12 Jun Bertha Bloomer
12 Jul Elizabeth Crowe
24 Aug Martha McKeraghan

*"I am the resurrection and
the life..."*
(John 11:25)



Claire McElhinney

Claire fondly remembers her childhood in Lisnacreeght, Plumbridge where she grew up on a dairy farm with her four brothers and sisters. Generations of the Houston family have been at Lisnacreeght since the 1750's and have owned the farm they currently work since 1857. This is where the music started for Claire. Her father was a keen musician, a trait inherited from his mother who Claire also remembers fondly. He played the mandolin, the fiddle and the accordion and many a night the Houston household and those of neighbours were filled with the sound of jigs and reels. Today both mother and father Houston are still on the go in Lisnacreeght, keeping an eye on the home farm which is now run by Claire's brothers Adrian and Clarence. Claire's father is now ninety-one years young and is as fond of the music as ever.

Claire remembers as a small girl first picking out tunes on the piano at home. She now plays the mandolin, the fiddle and guitar and more recently has extended her talents to playing the autoharp, an instrument that not too many are proficient at. It may surprise many of you who have heard Claire perform that this girl from Lisnacreeght has never had music tuition or a lesson of any kind, but is entirely self-taught! As well as singing in Trinity choir and singing and playing at parties and functions, Claire is also a member of Castlederg Community Choir. So it's choir practice for Claire in Castlederg every Monday night and at Trinity on a Thursday.

With all that music, it is hard to believe that Claire has time for anything else, but as we know

Claire is both wife to Jacky and mother to Faith, who is eighteen, and Matthew, who is sixteen. There are also two other members of the household, Cuddles and Sweep, who certainly landed on their feet when they were rescued by Canine Care and found their way to the McElhinney home. Since moving out to Clanabogan from Arleston Road four years ago, Claire has found the country life again much to her liking and can often be seen walking with the dogs around the neighbourhood and up to the nearby Clanabogan Community farm. On a sadder note Claire had three other children Luke, Naomi and David who did not survive birth. Although they are no longer there, Claire still remembers them as part of the family. She speaks readily of this time in her life and attributes the happy family life she has now to a determination to carry on through difficult times and to make the most of the good things that are always there.

Claire and Jacky own a well-known "Centra" store in Omagh. Claire has worked here for the past 22 years, managing the back office and keeping the books. This is quite an undertaking; the shop currently employs six full-time and 28 part-time staff. So if you are doing the messages at Jacky McElhinney's shop and hear singing from behind the meat counter, it will probably be Claire hard at work doing the books.

When asked what she likes most about Trinity church, Claire points to the sense of community among the people in the church, the camaraderie with the other members of the choir, and of course the singing.

Claire McElhinney is a familiar face to all of us at Trinity. When talking to Claire you quickly get the impression that this is a lady with a great amount of energy and a genuine interest in other people. On most Sunday mornings she is to be found in the front row of the choir from where she enthusiastically adds her voice to the hymn singing at each service. Indeed, most who know Claire will be well aware of her love of singing and of music, both of which have always played a very important part in Claire's life. Claire is a longstanding member of Trinity's church choir. She joined both the church and the choir back in 1978, when she returned to Co Tyrone after some years living and working in Belfast and farther afield. In this time she has seen many other choir members come and go. Her length of service is exceeded perhaps only by Bob Elliott and Noel Donald. When Claire joined the choir it had some thirty-five members. Today there are only fourteen regularly turning out on a Sunday. Claire says she finds singing in the choir is great fun and that new members would be made most welcome. Perhaps some readers might want to try stretching their vocal chords and join Claire and her fellow choristers at the front of the church?

The Somme Remembered

1st July 1916 has become the gravest day in the annals of British history. On this day 90 years ago the British Army suffered almost 60,000 casualties. Of these over 5000 were from the 36th Ulster Division. Almost 50 soldiers from the Omagh area were killed on the first day of the Somme.

The moderator, Rev. Dr. David Clarke conducted the official service on a strong theme of reconciliation. Speaking in glorious sunshine in front of the Ulster Tower in Thiepval he said, "The advance of the 36th Ulster Division on the 1st and 2nd July 1916 is carved into the psyche of generations of Ulster Protestants" Continuing he said he also wished to recognise the heroism shown by the 16th Irish Division in September 1916. An acceptance of discipline he continued and

willingness to sacrifice and a display of comradeship are the qualities that need to be recycled to build peace. Some of the locals who attended the 90th Somme anniversary were Noel and Gwen Donald members of Trinity Congregation. Gwen visited the grave of her grandfather John-James McCarron who was killed in action on 10th March 1916. Also present were Andrew and Iris Scott from Gillygooley who were part of a contingency of ninety people from the Omagh area. It proved one of the most moving and emotional experience of our lives. To visit Thiepval Woods and view the trenches where so many gave their lives was an awesome experience. Following the service Andrew Scott laid a wreath on behalf of Omagh District LOL No.11 in memory of those who gave their all.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning "We Will Remember Them"



Gwen Donald at Authuille Cemetery at the Somme after laying poppy crosses at the grave of her grandfather (John James McCarron) who was killed in the First World war.



L-R Deane Moffitt, Iris and Andrew Scott following the 90th Anniversary Service at the Thiepval monument at the Somme.

COFFEE MORNING AIDS CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Gillygooley Bible Class members extended an invitation to the entire congregation to join them for coffee and shortbread following the children's day service. As a result £600 was received in donations which the Bible Class donated to the Church Building Fund.



Bible Class members who hosted the coffee morning L-R Richard Hemphill, Cheryl Anderson, Ashley McIlwaine, Zara-Jayne McCauley, Christopher Smyth, Andrew Stevenson, Beverly Fleming, Naomi Hannigan, Emma Mills, Aimee Gault, Stacey Hemphill, Louise King and Adam Stevenson.



Time for a chat L-R Mary Cooper, Wilma Porter, Melanie and Mervyn King with baby Oliver.



Bothers Jack, Andrew and Adam Stevenson await their juice and shortbread.



L-R Myra Alexander, Patrica and Christopher Smyth.



Captured by our photographer are L-R Vera and Lily Walker and Robert Fyfee.



Samantha McCauley centre talking to her dad Martin and Aunt Sandra.

Ulster Project Atlanta 2006

By Richard Clements

Last Summer I went to Atlanta, Georgia on the Ulster Project. I applied to go on the Project through our church and when I received a letter from the Project Committee I was ecstatic. Before we went to America we met up every week to get to know each other and to practice for the Concert which was one of the fund-raisers we all took part in.

We were told by our two leaders (Heather Robinson & Barry McAleer) to be at the bus depot at 3:00 a.m. We flew from Dublin to Toronto which took 7 hrs 50 minutes so it is quite easy to guess how tired we were. The next morning we flew to Atlanta Airport. When we arrived, two committee members were waiting for us and they took us straight to the rendezvous point, St. Peter & Paul Episcopal Church. It was arranged that we went to a retreat in Tennessee that day so we took our essentials from our suitcases and loaded up the van. We spent those first few days getting to know each other and learn about others culture. The next day we returned to Marietta, which was the town we were staying in, and our host families all collected us and took us back to their house. On the 29th June we went to work with refugee children in a school. It was their last day at school and we were just helping out with games. The children were all delighted to see us there.

The next day was a visit to the Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Museum which was very interesting; we had a survivor from Auschwitz talk to us about his suffering. The weekends were mostly free and so on the Saturday we went shopping with a few other group members. On the Sunday we all went to a Presbyterian Church. The host family I stayed with lived near a pool so we went there regularly. On the 3rd July we went to help mentally disabled adults tie-dye t-shirts, it was great to interact with them and

they were all very co-operative.

The 4th July, also known as Independence Day, was a day off from meeting up. My host family and I dressed up as Revolutionary War soldiers and marched in the Marietta parade.

It was great to be there on the 4th July but to be in the parade was even better.



That night we went to a friend's house and had a barbeque and let off fireworks. On the Wednesday we visited the World of Coca-Cola (which was first made in Atlanta). We were allowed free samples but some people took advantage of this! We also visited Underground Atlanta (a shopping centre). On the 6th we went to a baseball game. The



Atlanta Braves were up against the Cincinnati Reds. The Braves won and the atmosphere at the game was brilliant. On Monday we went to another church to take part in a workshop which was quite interesting, we also went to the pool and we were moved to another host family's house.

On Tuesday we went to the famous Stone Mountain, which has a carving of three civil war generals in it.



Most of my group went in the cable car but one of the leaders and I walked up. We also stayed at the mountain for a laser light show which projected pictures onto the mountain.

The next day was a trip to the Martin Luther King centre, we were told a lot about civil rights and about the Rev. King's life.



On the 14th we went to Six Flags over Georgia, a theme park. There were many rides and roller coasters but it was a bit too

much for some people! On the Sunday we went to the Georgia Aquarium, which is supposedly the biggest in the world, which was also quite interesting. On Monday we took a tour of CNN, the very famous news channel. We were shown around all the newsrooms and found out a lot about the channel. On the 20th we visited Centennial Park, which was created for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics; we all got soaked in the fountains.



Went to a Synagogue on Friday where we attended a Shabbat service, a woman there also showed us around the Temple. On Saturday our host family took us out for breakfast and for lunch, after which we visited Cyclorama, a massive civil war painting which depicts the battle for Atlanta. On the 23rd we went to one of the leader's lake houses in Tennessee where we went tubing and water-skiing. We also had a BBQ that night and toasted marshmallows. On Monday we attended the closing ceremony, where all the Irish teens did a big performance and many photos were taken. The Tuesday was saved for packing and at night we all went to a committee member's house and had yet another BBQ and swimming. We all gathered at the church on Wednesday to say our final good-byes and there were some tears (not from me of course). We got our t-shirts signed and then we headed off back to the Airport and began our long journey home. If anyone has the opportunity of going on this trip I would urge them greatly to do it, as it was a brilliant experience and we have friends who we will keep in touch with for a long time.

GILLYGOOLEY Y.C.D.A. NEW OFFICERS



L-R Jennifer O'Donnell, Lorraine Elkin and Andrew Scott prepare for the A.G.M of Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association.

Errol Thompson, chairperson of Mountjoy Community Association, was the guest speaker at the Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association A.G.M.



Relaxing during the A.G.M are L-R Mavis Elkin, Eric and Lila Crawford and Dorothy King.

The new leadership team elected were as follows:
 Chairperson - Andrew Scott
 Vice-chairperson - Raymond King
 Secretary - Margaret Hemphill
 Assistant Secretary – Jennifer O'Donnell
 Treasurer – Mavis Elkin
 Assistant Treasurer – Katrine Gault

Gillygooley 2nd Youth

Gillygooley 2nd Youth concluded their seasons programme with a coach trip to Exploris Aquarium at Portaferry. A total of fifty four members travelled by coach, stopping at 2nd Comber Presbyterian Church hall for lunch. The scenery along Strangford Lough was much appreciated, looking at its best in the mid-day sunshine. The group returned via Bangor stopping at 'The Tidy Doffer' in Lisburn for their evening meal.



L-R Jean Creery, Mary Cooper, Ellen Fyffee, Lila Crawford, Ethel King and Beatrice Alexander.

Before closing for the summer recess the club held their A.G.M when excellent reports were given by Jean Ellis and Iris Moffitt-Scott, chairperson and treasurer of the group.

Those elected were:
 Chairperson – Jean Ellis
 Vice chairperson – Stanley Short
 Minute Secretary – Dorothy King
 Correspondence Secretary – Gertie Short
 Treasurer – Iris Moffitt-Scott
 Welfare Officer – Iris Moffitt-Scott
 Press Correspondence – Sadie Clements
 Catering Supervisor – Lily Nethery

The group meets on the last Monday of each month in Gillygooley Orange Hall at 8:00pm. New members are always most welcome.



Pausing for the camera on their day out with Gillygooley 2nd Youth are L-R Lauren Wilson, Irene McCauley, Dorothy King and Wendy Sterritt.



L-R Emily Young, Sadie Clements, Andrew Scott and Edith Hemphill relax in the colourful gardens at Portaferry.



Leaving Comber Presbyterian Church hall following lunch are L-R Vera and Lily Walker, Nina Buchanan and Eileen Boyd.



L-R Margaret Hemphill, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Ruth Patrick enjoy a stroll in the gardens.

TRINITY SENIOR MEMBERS OUTING

On 24th June 2006 the Senior Members of Trinity had their annual outing which was organised by Noel Donald and Heather Carson. This year they went to a Home Craft and Food Fayre held at Rowallane Garden, which is at Saintfield in County Down. Afterwards they went to Comber, Co Down where the ladies of 1st Comber Presbyterian Church laid on a meal fit for royalty.

During the trip on the bus a couple of stops were made and Heather and her daughter, Lindsey, served tea and pastries!

Thanks go to Noel, Heather and Lindsey for organising and helping out on the outing.



Mrs Pinkerton, Mrs Porter and Mrs McConnell tuck in to a marvellous spread.



L-R Lindsey Carson, Mrs Betty Gaston and Heather Carson having a break



Mrs Isa Graham and Mrs Peggy Gilmore take a stroll through the wonderful, colourful gardens at Rowallane. The dates on the pillars are 1928 and 1883, but I don't think these refer to the ladies in any way!



Joe and Leslie McGrew, Anne and Jim Elliott and Bob Elliott strike a pose for the camera



Mrs Parke, Jim and Anne Elliott and William Somerville, who drove the coach, enjoy the fayre supplied by the ladies of 1st Comber Presbyterian Church

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church Barbeque and Fun Night

A very successful barbeque and fun night was held in the grounds of the Orange Hall in June. Judging by some of the photographs captured by our camera man, adults seemed to have even more fun than the children!



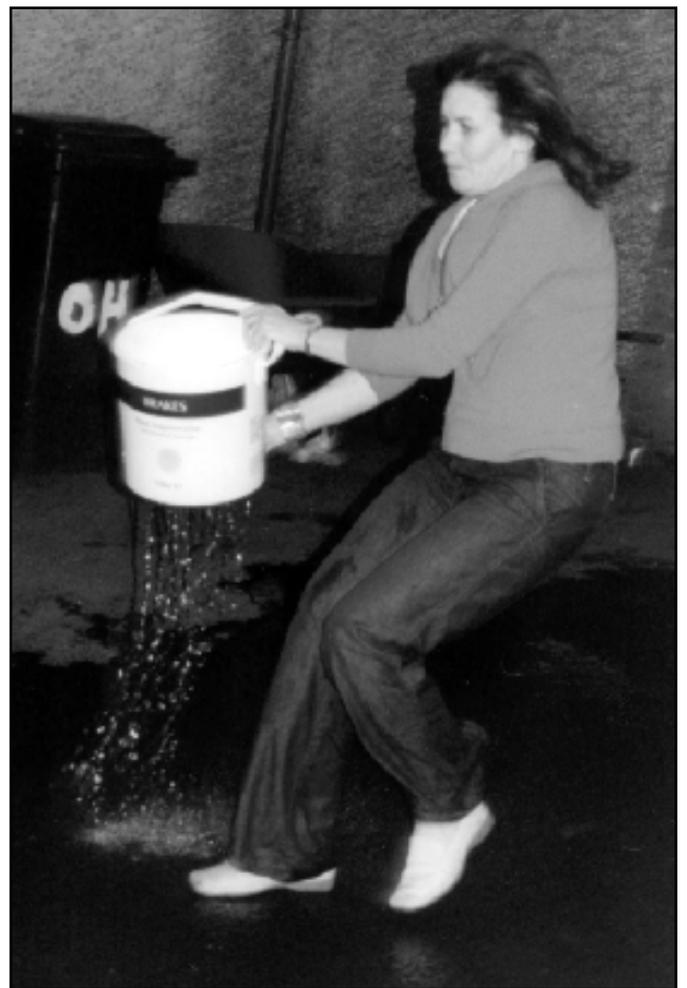
On the starting line L-R Davy & Karen Hannigan, Allison Hemphill and Beverley Fleming



'Mum you cheated' points Gemma Walker, Back L-R Martin McCauley & Sandra Hemphill. Front L-R Lynsey Gault, Linda McIlwaine and Zandra Walker.



Zandra has found a new way to water the Garden!



'There's a hole in your bucket dear Allison, dear Allison!'

GILLYGOOLEY VACATE CHURCH BUILDING

During the week following the children's service on the 18th June, Gillygooley Presbyterian Church had to be stripped of its contents in preparation for major renovations.

Pictured right are some congregation members who assisted with the task. Many thanks to all who helped with this massive task.



DIANE CONQUERS THE MOURNES

Anyone who knows me well will know that there is nothing I like better than to go for a long walk in the country, so on Saturday 9th September 2006 both myself and Jocelyn McKeown set off before 7am for Newcastle, Co Down to take part in the annual Outward Bound Associations, Mournes 20Km (12 mile) Challenge Walk.

Upon arriving at Donard Car Park we were taken by bus along with 216 other participants to Silent Valley in preparation for the start of our walk. After registration we were given a basic map of the Mournes, an identification No. and a mobile telephone number in case of emergency or injury.

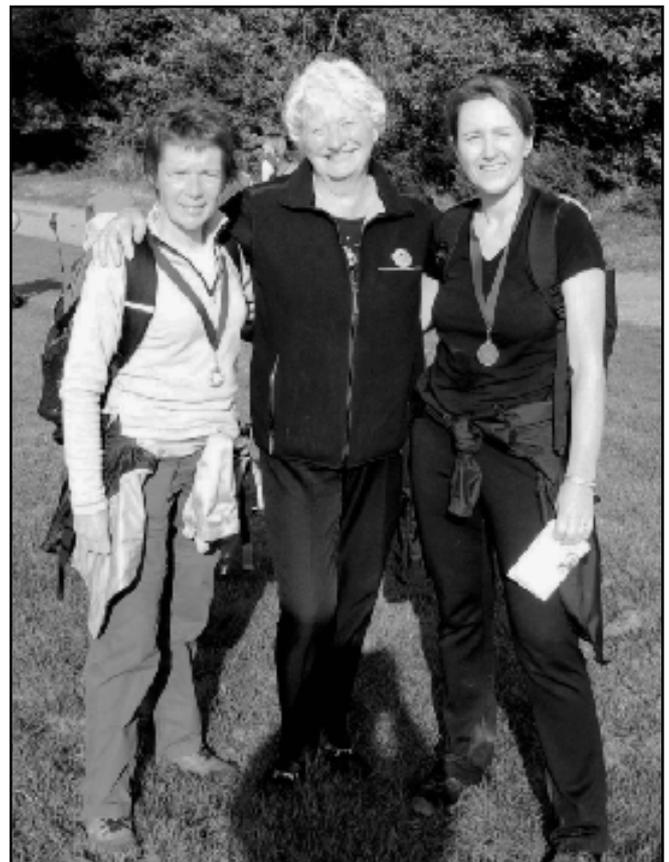
The day was spent under ideal weather conditions climbing 3 mountain peaks, Slieve Loughshannagh, Slieve Meelbeg and Slieve Meelmore. The highest of these was Slieve Meelmore at a height of 1000 metres.

This walk which took in some of the most beautiful scenery Ireland has to offer was my most challenging to date and took a total of 7 hours to complete.

Even though the walk was gruelling in places and we brought home the blisters to prove it

the day was made special by the fact that upon successful completion of the challenge we were presented with our medals by Dame Mary Peters, Vice President of the Outward Bound Association.

Pictured below: Dame Mary Peters (centre) and L-R Diane Stevenson & Jocelyn McKeown receiving their medals.



OUR CHANGING CHURCH

By Louise Scott

Over the summer months it has been very
strange

Our wee country Church has seen lots of
change

Way back in July the builders moved in
As renovations to Gillygooley were set to
begin

Out come the doors, windows and chairs
This whole renovations work was a big affair
After many discussions the decision was
made by all

As we moved our Church across to the
Orange Hall

So funding work began to raise much
needed cash

Events like our auction and harvest supper
arranged in a flash

Now unfortunately the cost has left us with a
void

But faith will overcome and our people won't
get annoyed

So as work nears completion, we will be
glad to see it through

And worship again in our church, all
spanking and new

While celebrations will be ongoing to mark
our opening day

We will also soon be celebrating our 200th
birthday

So thanks goes to everyone who has helped
this project along

It can only make our congregational spirit
more strong.

Major Renovations at Gillygooley

Following years of consultations the
congregation of Gillygooley have activated
their plans to renovate the Church which
was originally built almost 200 years ago.

What began initially as addressing health

and safety issues developed into a major
revamping project. All that remained of the
existing Church was the exterior walls.

When building work reaches completion the
Church will have a new roof with a diagonal
laid pine ceiling. The interior walls have
been drylined to improve insulation and
sound, new electrics installed and
redecorating throughout. New furnishings
include pews, carpets and occasional
seating.

After a slow start work is progressing well
and it is envisaged work should be
completed by early November.



Above: Gillygooley Presbyterian Church,
August 2006.



Above: Part of the main church interior
under re-construction.

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

By Gillygooley Correspondent

Church House not for Sale.

In a u-turn decision made at the Church's General Assembly on 7th June the prestigious listed building at Fisherwick Place is to remain as the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. By a narrow majority of 256-227 votes the decision taken at the 2005 General Assembly was over ruled. This move will be welcomed by most Presbyterians who would have seen the removing of the Church House from this prime position as a detrimental step for Presbyterianism. The Presbyterian Church has owned the site for over 180 years. The present prestigious building was built in the late 1800's.

New Presbyterian Moderator Elected.

Rev Dr David Clarke who is minister of Terrace Row Presbyterian Church in Coleraine, has been ministering to the congregation for twenty six years. A native of Ballymena he has two brothers in the Presbyterian ministry.

Speaking at the installation the Moderator announced as his theme for his term of office 'Serving Christ, Serving Others'. "Service was not and is not the way of the world. The unbelieving world is more interested in control and power and domination than in service." he said.

He praised the many voluntary workers who give service to

others through church work.

It has been estimated 50-75% of voluntary work in our society is the working of the Christian Church.

Building Blocks Conference

The Presbyterian Church in association with the other main Protestant Churches are holding a building blocks conference on Saturday 18th November. It is aimed at anyone involved in children's ministry through their church, youth club, community or school.

Booking forms available from Presbyterian Youth & Children's Office, Tel 90322284.

TRINITY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Trinity Bible Study and Fellowship group continues to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8PM in the Wee Johnny Room at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Anyone who wants to come along will be very welcome.

In March we had a visiting speaker. Phyllis Patton who lives in Strabane and is a member of the Elim Pentecostal Church in Castlederg, spoke on "My Search for God." Phyllis was brought up a Roman Catholic but was always looking for something more than her own

Church could supply. She joined several different religious groups but still she did not find the peace she felt was possible. Her health suffered greatly with various illnesses and in fact she spent two years in a wheelchair with ME. Domestic violence was part of Phyllis's everyday life until she could no longer cope and after 20 years in that situation, she left with her four children to live in a refuge.

Six years ago an invitation to go to a Bible study group was the start of her recovery. She soon realised that all her daily devotions, confessions and

'set' prayers and trying to live a good life were not the 'passport' to Heaven that she thought they would be. There was a God of love who did not expect her to work for her salvation – this had all been accomplished by Jesus at his death on the cross. All she had to do was realise that Jesus took all our sins upon him at his death and all we need do is believe and trust in this provision. Since then Phyllis's life has improved dramatically.

Phyllis's talk generated many questions afterwards and the evening ended with supper.

Ashley McCauley – Salt Lake City

Waiting until the 26th of June when we would be flying off to the USA seemed to take forever. The flights were long and tiring I didn't like them at all. All I wanted to do when I got there was go home with my host family, the Hansen family, and get some sleep.

Next morning though we had to get up early. I was kinda nervous waking up in a strange house with people I didn't really know. Anyway, the whole group met up at a pool party with some pizza to get to know each other. It was great, I was getting to know everyone and making friends really quickly. As the project went on everyone got to know and trust each other really well.

We went camping in the mountains did some volunteer work at homeless shelters and food banks and did team building courses with deep discussions in discoveries where we told each other our deepest thoughts and feelings. We also went ice-skating, shopping, alpine sliding, snorkelling, to more pool parties, bowling, to the movies and performed our concert again as well as attending a religious service every week.

I had the best time of my life and have so many friends in America who I try my best to keep in touch with; especially my host family whom I got to meet all of. Max my host teen, his Mom and Dad, his brother Paul, his uncle Robert, his cousins Joe, Erica and Karl as well as his aunt Janette and his cousins Sassy, Nick and Marissa. I loved our white water rafting trip we had together. I think I was very lucky getting the Hansen family as they really made me feel welcome and part of their family for the short time I was with them.

I loved my time there and wished I didn't have to leave. I really miss the American half of the gang Max, Lucas, Alex, Sean, Will, Ian, Lauren, Cayce, Katie, Kelsey, Erin, Margaret, Eric and Mo. Although I still keep up and meet up with all the ones from Omagh Dean, Emmet, Cairan, James, Jonny, Amy, Rachel, Samantha, Kelly, Caroline, Gillian, Elaine and Brian.

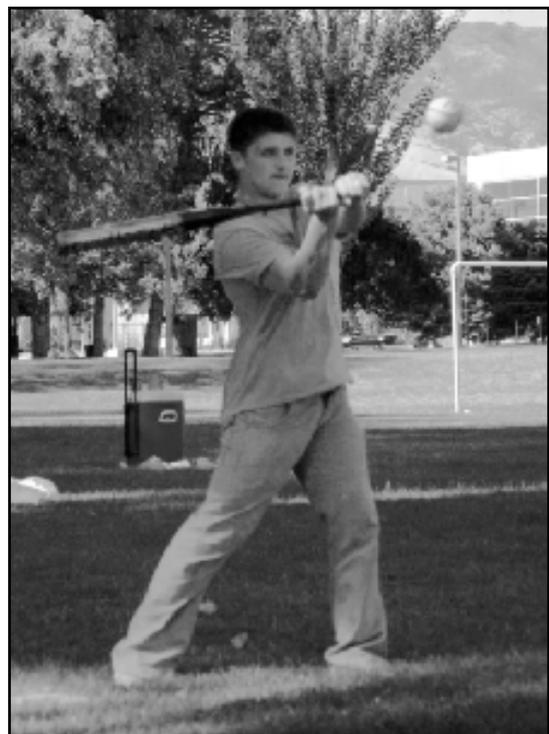
The Ulster project was a great experience, giving me the time of my life and I recommend it to any one who is considering it to just do it or you'll miss out on the best opportunity ever presented to you!



Centre row, second right, Ashley McCauley with his host teens and travelling companions.



American and Northern Irish Teens hold hands in prayer during a project with the Ulster Project.



Ashley at Fairmount Park playing baseball, Ulster project July 2006

SUCCESS FOR GILLYGOOLEY GIRLS AT DUBLIN SHOW

Well done Emma!

Gillygooley girl Emma Smyth has had one of her most successful years in show jumping to date on her two 138cm ponies Emeo Jessie and Atlantic Jewel.

Emma has been riding since she was 5 years old and set the high standard for her future success when she was 'Tayto Muppet Stakes Champion' in 2000 when she was just 7 years old.

Now aged 14, Emma has continued her success into 138cm ponies. This year she won the first Royal Dublin Horseshow qualifier at Milchim County Galway on Emeo Jessie and was 5th on Atlantic Jewel. She also qualified her 148cm pony Lucky Paddy for the 'Star Finder of the Future' competition to be held at Millstreet. She won the Mullingar qualifier for the Northern Ireland International Horseshow in the Odyssey Arena which is on October 19th - 22nd on Atlantic Jewel and was 1st and 3rd at the Louth qualifier, also for the Odyssey.

At the Royal Dublin Horseshow, Emma won one of the qualifying days and was placed 4th in the Grand Prix. However, she surpassed these achievements in Millstreet Horseshow in County Cork which took place a week later. Emma was first on Atlantic Jewel and 2nd on Emeo Jessie in the first qualifier for the Derby Grand Prix. On the 2nd qualifying day, she finished again 1st on Atlantic Jewel and 7th on Emeo Jessie. Her 148cm

pony Lucky Paddy also finished 3rd in the qualifier for the 'Star Finder of the Future' final. In the 138cm Derby Grand Prix, Emma on the Atlantic Jewel completed the hat trick when she again finished 1st and also came 3rd on Emeo Jessie.

Emma will be moving into 148cm ponies next year and hopes to keep up this high standard of jumping.



Emma and her pony at Dublin Show

Success for Rachel

Rachel Magee and Little Miss Dynamite had a very rewarding first trip to the Royal Dublin Horse Show where they picked up two third place rosettes in the Amateur Showjumping Classes.

The combination had qualified for the RDS at Ballivor Horse Show in June and joined the other 31 successful competitors for the Final at the prestigious Dublin Horse Show. There are

four qualifiers held throughout Ireland and approximately 150 competitors compete for 8 qualifying places each time. So to even qualify for the Final was a great achievement.

At Dublin the Amateur Classes were held on both Saturday and Sunday and Rachel was delighted to have a group of supporters to cheer her on both days. On the first day Rachel was drawn first to go and made it through to the jump-off, when again she was first to go. She threw down the challenge to those coming behind her with a very fast clear round and she held the lead until very near the end when she was just pushed down to third place.

The Amateur Championships was held on Sunday and again Rachel and Little Miss Dynamite made it through to the second round jump-off and she was again rewarded with the third place ribbon, plus a rug from the sponsors Horse Heaven. Rachel was the only competitor to be placed on both days and she was delighted with the way her talented mare took the occasion "in her stride".

Rachel then followed this individual success with a very creditable team placing with Seskinore Harriers Pony Club at the UK Pony Club Championships riding Angel.

As the anchor rider for her team, Rachel ensured that the four girl team won the Northern Ireland qualifier and in doing so

secured their place at the UK Championships in England in August. The girls were one of only two teams out of 24 that made it through to a third round against the clock. On this occasion the girls had to settle for second place, but it was a very close finish with only one fence separating the two teams.

Rachel has now taken up a place at Queen's University Belfast but is planning to

continue with her showjumping. Her next big event, which she and Little Miss Dynamite have qualified for, is the Amateur Class at the NI International Horse Show at the Odyssey Arena Belfast in October.

Pictured right: Rachel with Little Miss Dynamite

We wish both girls all the best for the future.



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SUMMER SCHEME HIGHLIGHTS

ULSTER SCOTS TRADITION

Bagpipes, accordions, drums, fiddles and Scottish cookery were all demonstrated in Gillygooley during their annual Summer Scheme. Almost 70 young people participated in this, the 6th annual Scheme.

This year the Ulster Scots theme was evident throughout the range of activities planned during the four week programme. A series of workshops were set up to introduce the young people to the different aspects of the Ulster Scots culture. Tutors from across the province gathered to celebrate and teach music, dancing and culture. Those who gave their time and talents were 'The Ulster Scots Experience' Coleraine, Willie Drennan, Ballymena and local musicians Noel Clarke and Malcolm Cathers. Also adding flavour to the programme was Karen Rennie who taught baking skills of some delicious Scottish recipes to the kids. The range of activities was not confined solely to those surrounding 'Ulster Scot' and the young people were treated to other interesting activities.

These ranged from educational, sporting and social activities. The young people stepped back in time as they visited Omagh's top tourist attraction, the Ulster American Folk Park. They were also introduced to many different animals as they took a trip to Barrontop open farm.

A trip to Cookstown bowling alley proved to be a great day's craic, as the members of the summer scheme had a chance to show their competitive streak.

Unfortunately the four fun filled weeks had to come to an end, much to the dismay of those attending. The closing event was a days sporting activities at Belcoo, organised by Scheme Leaders Jennifer O'Donnell and Bernie Liggett, to whom parents and young people owe a sincere debt of gratitude.

Following their return to Gillygooley the teenagers all piled into the hall in preparation for their final fling: a sleepover!

In truth, this final activity was wrongly named as little sleep was had by anyone. The Association wish to acknowledge the financial support received from the Ulster Scots Agency, Omagh District Council and W.E.L.B.



Learning the drums L-R- Greame Walker, Adam McFarland, Aimee Semple, Calvin McKinley & Emma Hunter as they participate in the workshop tutored by Willie Drennan, popular Ulster-Scots entertainer.



Centre back- Karen Rennie teaching the young people Scottish recipes.



Centre- Noel Clarke conducting a workshop on Chanter and bag-pipes.



Janice Caldwell is learning fast!



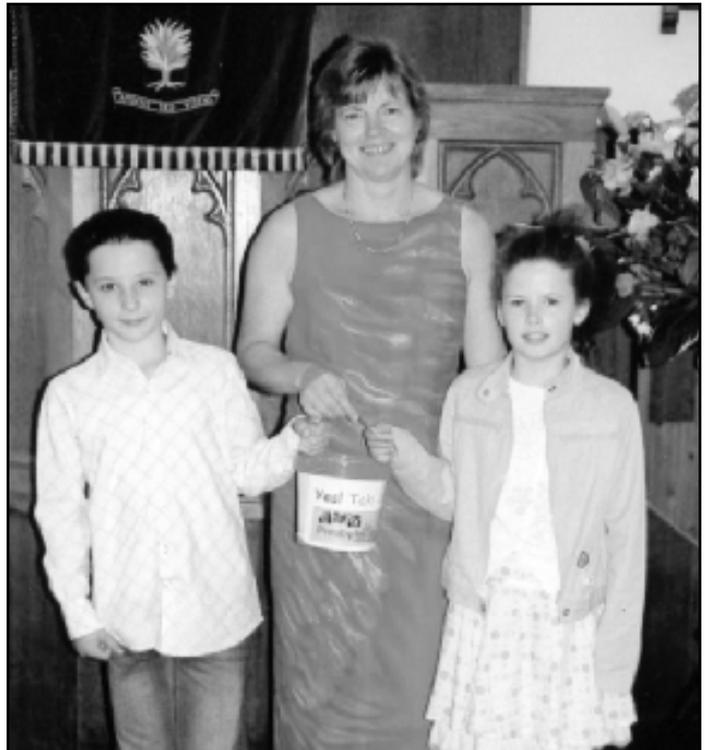
Malcolm Cathers assists Daryl Elkin during the accordion workshop.

BABES IN ARMS



One of the Rev. Herron's youngest and most attentive listeners, Rachel Graham a regular attender at Gillygooley Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR RUSSIA AND UKRAINE



Beverly Fleming, Gillygooley Sunday School Superintendent, receives a collection box from Errol McKinley and Harley Semple.

The £320 was raised by Sunday School children and is for the benefit of the children and young people in Russia and Ukraine.

ULSTER PROJECT ATLANTA

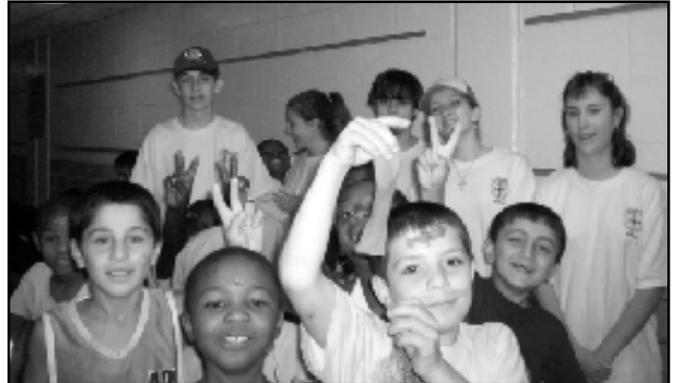
JUNE 26TH - JULY 27TH

By Jemma Walker

After a shaky start with huge delays in Toronto, we, the Atlanta group, finally arrived a day late feeling very tired and jet-lagged. We were really excited to meet our American teens and host-families.

We had a very jam-packed schedule of events, including many service projects and parties. Activities outside were kept to a minimum so that we wouldn't get burned! Some activities organized for us included a trip to; the 'World of Coca Cola,' a baseball game, Six Flag-Theme park, Stone Mountain, Atlanta Zoo and a visit to the News Channel CNN.

But it wasn't all fun and games, part of our time we spent working with Refugee children from Liberia, Sudan, Bosnia and Somalia. We also worked with developmentally disabled adults tying t-shirts and went to a homeless shelter where we helped by painting and fixing a house for a homeless family to move into and worked in two shelters with homeless children. I really enjoyed doing this because it made me appreciate how lucky I was.



Refugee Children with whom the Ulster Project team were involved

We visited a Jewish Temple and a Mosque where we learnt about Islam. We also attended services at a Roman Catholic and a Protestant Church. Our time in Atlanta went very fast and before we knew it we had to say farewells. So after a few tears we were on our way home!

For me, I had a really great (or as they say 'totally awesome' in Atlanta) time and I met some wonderful people (especially my hosts) throughout my visit, – an experience I'd love to repeat and will never forget!

Pictured below: Gemma with her Ulster Project Group





Children's Page



HARVEST QUIZ

At harvest time the church is decorated with lots of fruit and vegetables. Can you work out the fruit and vegetables below? Answers to be written on a scroll. (The Scroll making instructions are shown below)

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B _ _ _ _ _	O _ _ _ _ _
C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	P _ _ _ _ _ _
D _ _ _ _	R _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
G _ _ _ _ _	S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
K _ _ _ _	T _ _ _ _ _ _
L _ _ _ _ _	W _ _ _ _ M _ _ _ _

How to make a Scroll

1. Take a white piece of paper.
2. Put it into a basin or container that it will fit flatly into.
3. Pour cold black tea over the page.
4. Keep the page in the tea for about 10 minutes.
5. After 10 minutes take the page out and put it somewhere to dry.
6. You could put the page on an old newspaper and set it underneath a radiator or you could hang it up somewhere using clothes pegs.
7. When the page is dry keep it flat.
8. You might like to add some design to your scroll.
9. Don't forget to write all the fruits and vegetables on your scroll.
10. The winner will be the person with all the correct answers and the best scroll.

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.

Last issues winners: [Trinty – None] [Gillygooley – Jack Hannigan]