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BOB THE BUILDER STRIKES AGAIN!



Rev Herron checks out the site for the exact location of our new Manse!
The project will start as soon as our revised plans are approved.

CVS - Community Volunteering Scheme Small Grant Programme

The CVS grant scheme is paid to projects that promote volunteering amongst people not in paid work and other groups who are currently under represented in the volunteer population.

The CVS small grants programme makes small grants (of up to £1000) available to small, locally based volunteer involving organisations, incorporating the above ethos.

For more information and to question if you would be eligible for the small grants programme please contact Edele McGirr or Mandy Milligan at Omagh District Volunteer Bureau on 028 82240772.

TEARFUND

“What you did for the least, you did for me.” Jesus said. Sobering then to realise that our saviour would have withered away on a rickety bed, in searing heat in rural Pakistan, had it not been for the commitment of Christians fighting the rising tide of TB.

It was thought TB would be eliminated by 2010. Today three people die every minute from it.

In Pakistan Tearfund supports a TB control



programme run by the Diocese of Hyderabad, providing free treatment and Christian spiritual support to people with TB. (People who own no land, but have a good landlord may earn £5.00 a month. TB drugs cost £10 - £50.)

Tearfund passionately believes that God calls his people to meet the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the poorest people, not by curing from a distance, but by reaching out and touching.

Intervention is essential. It is God's will. Please pray for Tearfund's work in Pakistan.

ONE LOVE

Pakistan begins the long road to recovery after October's earthquake, helped on its way by survivors' generosity and the commitment of aid workers.

A Tearfund worker has praised Muslim staff who helped bring blankets, toolkits and building materials to survivors of last year's earthquake.

Some 87,000 people died when a quake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale struck northern Pakistan.

Tearfund workers have been sleeping in tents and braving the winter cold with homeless people in the mountainous Bagh region of Kashmir. Many villages had no road access so staff faced gruelling journeys to reach survivors.

Tearfund's Shona MacPherson comments: "In Islamic countries like Pakistan, we employ Muslims as well as Christians and it was inspiring to witness their commitment.

Ramadan (when the earthquake struck) is as big as Christmas is to the West; we gave them the option to go home but they wanted to stay."



A Bible Study and Fellowship Group

has been started recently in Trinity, under the leadership of Claire McElhinney. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, in the Wee Johnny Room at

8.00p.m. and is attended by members of Trinity, Gillygooley and people from elsewhere.

At present, we are studying John's Gospel, and parts of Proverbs. Also, a number of people have put forward favourite Bible verses, stating their reasons for choosing them, and Claire has printed them out in several

different versions of the Bible, to make their meaning clearer.

The evening is a friendly, enjoyable discussion among the 10 or 12 people present (not always the same people). Everyone is welcome to come along, just as often as it suits you. You do not have to 'join' or be there every time. We will always be glad to see you.

1ST OMAGH BOYS BRIGADE

Rev Herron and Rev Murdoch are both Chaplains to the Company that meets in First Omagh Church Hall on Tuesdays. In addition to traditional BB activities such as Scripture, Drill and Badgework, members also get involved in a wide and varied range of programmes. One of the most popular is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Other popular activities include Archery and Target Shooting.



Iain Herron keeps a watchful eye on Aaron Carson and Richard Bell at an archery session.



L to R: Richard Bell, Daryl Graham, Ashley Graham, Richard Barton, Gillian Wilson and Lauren Alexander during their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Bronze Assessments. Lauren and Gillian are also completing their "Service Section" as Young Leaders working with the Anchor Boys Section (5-8 years)



Leaders David Marshall and Noel Barton supervise Ethan Kane, Aaron Carson and Stuart Graham at BB target shooting practice.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GILLYGOOLEY

Kyra McKinley (pictured right) was the soloist at the annual service of lessons and carols in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Singing the traditional carol 'Away In A Manger' this talented young singer was much appreciated by the capacity congregation. The lessons were read by Emma Mills, Adam Stevenson, Jemma Walker, Ashley McCauley, Beverley, Iain and David Fleming. The Senior Choir sang the anthem 'The Story Has Broken' whilst the Junior Choir sang 'Do You Hear What I Hear' and 'Mary Had A Baby.'

The Christmas Morning Service was well attended when the congregation was joined by former members home on holiday. The Rev. Robert Herron officiated at both services and the singing was led by Sheena Herron.



Trinity Bowling Club



Members of the Watt family pictured together L-R, Barton, Maureen, Rachael and William.



Members of the Trinity bowling club pictured L-R, Barton Watt, Bertie Forsythe, Ronnie Orr, Maureen Watt, Thelma Harkness, Fran Young, Shirley Maguinnis and William Watt are watching Rachael Watt throwing a bowl. (Not present are members Florence Orr, Hazel McKelvey, Bertie Oliver and Sadie Clements)



Members of the Trinity bowling club pictured L-R, Thelma Harkness, Shirley Maguinnis, Fran Young, Bertie Forsythe, Maureen Watt, Rachael Watt, Barton Watt and William Watt are watching Ronnie Orr throwing a bowl. (Not present are members Florence Orr, Hazel McKelvey, Bertie Oliver and Sadie Clements)



The oldest member Fran Young and the youngest member of the Trinity Bowling Club, Rachael Watt, pictured with Ronnie Orr.

Trinity Church Hall project

All approvals have now been received for the Trinity Hall project. However, at its last meeting, Church Committee members decided to ask the architect to assess an alternative suggestion which would provide for an entrance to the Halls at the extreme end of the Car Park and incorporating improvements to the creche, meeting room and toilet facilities in that area. This feasibility study should be completed quite soon and it is still hoped that improvements to the Hall facilities can be started during 2006.

CLARKE ELECTED AS NEXT PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR



The next Moderator of the Presbyterian Church will be Rev David Clarke (59), minister of Terrace Row Presbyterian Church in Coleraine. It's the first time that the minister of Terrace Row has been elected to the office.

Rev Clarke was nominated by 14 out of the 21 Presbyteries who met today throughout Ireland to vote for a new Moderator and will take up office on the 5th June in succession to Dr Harry Uprichard who continues as Moderator until that time. Rev Jimmy Johnstone, minister of Craigy Hill, Larne received 6 nominations and Rev Wilfred Orr from St Johns, Newtownbreda the remaining nomination.

Commenting on his election Mr Clarke, originally from Ballymena said, 'While I'm surprised I consider this an immense honour for myself, my family and my congregation and, though unworthy, I will

seek to serve my Master and my Church to the utmost of my ability.'

'Preaching the sort of sermons I would like to listen to' is one of the ways Mr Clarke, minister of Terrace Row for the last 26 years measures his effectiveness.

'I enjoy preaching which I hope is biblically faithful and rooted in real life,' continues Mr Clarke, 'yet which is encouraging and at the same time challenging to the listener about their own lives and lifestyles. Pastoral care, growing good relations with other churches and providing activities for all ages that develop our faith are also important aspects of our congregation's ministry to the community in Coleraine.'

The son of a Ballymena butcher Mr Clarke was born on 2nd September 1946. He is one of eight children and amongst his brothers are two Presbyterian ministers and a former professional footballer with Sunderland. After leaving Ballymena Academy he completed a law degree at Queen's University before studying Theology at Magee University College and the Presbyterian College, Belfast gaining a BD from Queen's. From 1970 until 1974 Mr Clarke was the assistant minister in Bloomfield Presbyterian Church in Belfast before accepting a call to Templepatrick. Six years later, in 1980, he became minister of Terrace Row congregation in

Coleraine, with a membership of some 450 families.

A governor of several local schools in Coleraine at all levels Mr Clarke has served the wider Presbyterian Church as convener of the Union Commission and is presently a Trustee and a member of the United Appeal Board.

For over twenty years Mr Clarke has written a weekly 'Thought for the Week' column in the Coleraine Times, a collection of which were published under the title 'Wednesday Papers.' He has also written a history of the Terrace Row Congregation entitled 'Others have Laboured.' Mr Clarke is married to Hazel and has two daughters.

Voting for each candidate was as follows:

Rev David Clarke
(Terrace Row, Coleraine)
14 Votes

Ards, North Belfast,
South Belfast,
Carrickfergus,
Coleraine, Derry/
Strabane, Donegal,
Down, Dromore,
Dublin/Munster, Foyle,
Monaghan, Route,
Templepatrick.

Rev Jimmy Johnstone
(Craigy Hill, Larne)
6 Votes

Armagh, Ballymena,
Iveagh, Newry, Omagh,
Tyrone.

Rev Wilfred Orr
(Newtownbreda)
1 Vote

East Belfast.



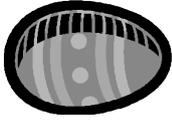
Children's Page



EASTER PUZZLE

Draw a line to match the correct egg to each clue.

1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on this.
2. Jesus had this meal with his disciples
3. The name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus
4. The garden where Jesus was arrested
5. Jesus was crucified on this.
6. Jesus was buried in this
7. The day Jesus rose from the dead
8. The first person to see Jesus alive.



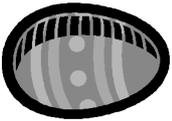
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Judas



Sunday



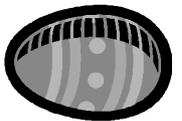
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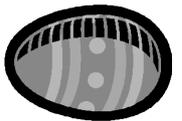
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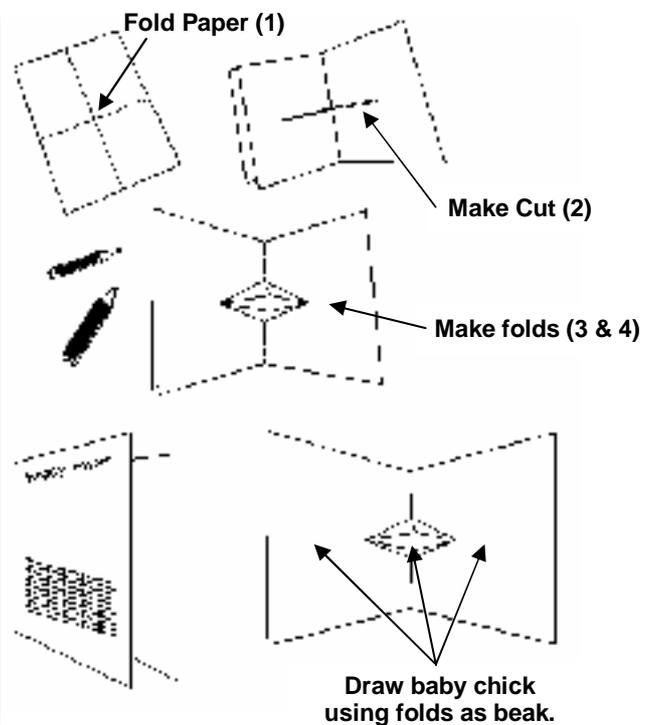
Last Supper



Mary

Make an Easter pop-up card

1. Fold a piece of paper in half and then in half again.
2. Open it again and make a cut across the fold at right angles
3. Make folds as shown.
4. Refold the card, pulling forward the folded pieces.
5. Draw a baby chick on the inside using the cut as the beak.
6. Now decorate the rest of the Easter card.



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: [Trinity – Stephen Armstrong]

[Gillygooley – Carol Fleming]

CHURCH NOMINATE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association is constituted by two representatives from the user groups of Gillygooley Orange Hall plus co-options at the A.G.M. We invite you to meet the representatives from Gillygooley Presbyterian Church recently nominated.



Margaret Hemphill

Became a member of Gillygooley Congregation following her marriage to Noel in 2004.

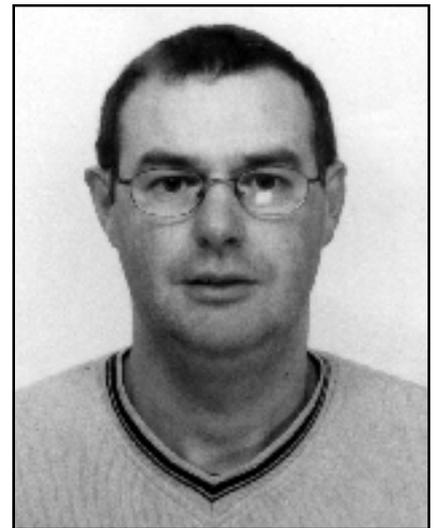
Former Church - Swatragh Presbyterian, a small

congregation of approximately 30 families whose youth activities were shared with Culnady Presbyterian Church. Was the Organist in Swatragh and returns to play on occasional Sundays.
Youth Organisations - A member and involved in G.B. and Youth Club in joint churches also a past member of Kilrea Y.F.C.
Hobbies - Music and spoiling her pet dog Lucky.
Former employee - Southern Health Board
Present employee - Sperrin Lakeland Trust
Interests - Being helpful to others. Margaret has led the praise at Sunday morning devotions in Harold McCauley House joined by members of the Congregation.

Maurice Stevenson

Became a member of Gillygooley Congregation after coming to live in the area. Maurice is married to Diane and they have three

boys Andrew, Adam and Jack.
Former Church - Ardstraw Presbyterian
Youth Organisations - Former member of Ardstraw B.B.
Hobbies - Gardening, Golf and scuba-diving.
Work - Manages his own distribution and technical support business for a leading soft drink company. Lived, travelled and worked in Australia for three years but the yearning to return to the green fields of Ireland became too strong to withstand.



Floral Art at Gillygooley

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. organised an evening of Christmas Floral Art and painting demonstration by Collette Maguire and Sally-Anne Buchanan. Following the demonstration participants were entertained to a festive supper and also had an opportunity to browse the trade stalls on display selling Christmas cards and gifts etc. A six week class in floral art is commencing in March - details available from Andrew, Tel 82242895.

Pictured right are winners at the Floral Art Demonstration are L-R Shirley Goligher, Ruth Kyle, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Margaret Hemphill, Eileen Boyd and Audrey Armstrong.



PARTY TIME AT GILLYGOOLEY

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association in conjunction with Gillygooley 2nd Youth organised the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Following a wine reception, guests were entertained by Trevor Dickson, multi-instrumentalist from Hillsborough and Fergal and Alice Hughes from Dromore. Others who contributed to the entertainment were 2nd Youth Drama group, Pat O'Doherty, Joe King and Nina Buchanan. The compere was Andrew Scott who also led the carol singing whilst Santa distributed gifts to all present. The afternoon concluded with a delightful evening tea.



Centre Lily Ewing receiving a hug from Santa. Also L-R Mary Elkin, Emily Young, Joe Ewing, Kenneth Young and Billy Creery.



Receiving their gifts from Santa are L-R Rae Hussey, Doreen Cooke and Ruth Patrick.



Awaiting the arrival of Santa at the Community Association Party are L-R Ethel Caldwell, Ruby Todd, Jack Elkin, Willie & Vera Walker.



All smiles for the camera L-R Archie Nethery, Nina Buchanan, Billy Creery, Kenny Young, Jean McCay, Anne Turner, Eileen Boyd, Ethel & Joe King.



Right Robbie Alexander accompanied by his sister Eva Knox (Centre) and wife Myra.



Relaxing at the party are L-R Peggy Fyffe, Sally O'Donnell, Sadie Sharkey, Ruby Ford and May Armstrong.



Welcoming Santa at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party are L-R Dorothy King, Philip Elkin and Lily Nethery.



Receiving their presents are L-R Lila Coalter, Sadie Clements, Jean Rae and Audrey Clements.



L-R Jean Ellis and Margaret Hemphill at the Senior Citizens Party.

2ND YOUTH DRAMA

A drama group formed from the membership of Gillygooley 2nd Youth performed their first play entitled "The Health Centre" at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party organised by Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association. The play which is set in a doctors surgery was written and produced by Frank McGillian

Front L-R George Armstrong, Gertie Short, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Lily Nethery.

Back L-R Stanley Short, Ethel King, Jean Ellis, Frank McGillian (Producer), Jennifer Hagen and Margaret Hemphill.





GILLYGOOLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Children entertaining Santa with a song.



Leah McIlwaine & Aimee Hannigan.



Jack Stevenson and Santa.



L-R Calvin, Lorna and Dylan Kerr.



Karen King.



Laura Fleming.



Santa with Harvey King.



Hooray for Santa!



Craig and Avril Forsythe.



Harvey, Louise and John.



Adam Porter, Neil Hempill, Craig Forsythe and Andrew Aiken.



David McKinley organising the children.



Valerie McKinley, David McKinley and Katie Gault.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Gillygooley

4 Dec Rachel Louise Graham
 1 Jan Oliver James King
 1 Jan Daniel John Moore
 12 Mar Helena Marion Caldwell

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

Deaths in Trinity

9 Feb Mary Sayers

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

PEOPLE IN FOCUS - GILLYGOOLEY



Peggy Fyffe is one of our most faithful Church members and her family has committed generations of service and dedication to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. To begin Peggy's story though we need to travel back in time almost 400 years to 1611. Peggy was able to retell the story of how her family first came to Ireland, and it is a story that has been passed down through generations of Fyffes. Peggy's ancestors left Ayrshire in Scotland in 1611. In total three Fyffe families left to be tenant farmers to the Duke of Abercorn, settling at Derrygoon near Drumlegagh. This was at the time of the Ulster Plantation when 500,000 acres in Ulster were made available to settlers. The result of this was that

Ulster became dominated by Protestants especially that of the Presbyterian denomination. During the mid 1800's John and Margaret Jane Fyffe Peggy's grandparents left Derrygoon and purchased a farm at Tully. This is where the connection with Gillygooley Presbyterian Church first began. John was ordained as an elder along with Robert Sproule, James Graham and Bob Fyffe. James Moody Fyffe son of John and his wife Isabella inherited the farm and had five daughters of which Peggy is the eldest. Peggy continued in the family tradition of service to the Church. Peggy was influenced by her father, who served on the committee for many years, and so began her commitment to the Church and her faith. She was appointed treasurer, a position she served faithfully for 20 years. As previously mentioned, long service to the Church was a family tradition. Jean, (deceased) Peggy's sister, played the organ for forty-four years, seldom being absent from her place on a Sunday. Another sister Ruby was also an organist and

played prior to Jean before residing at Ballymoney. Her other two sisters, May, now residing at Bunnynubber, and Vevee who, emigrated to New Zealand, were also members of the Church choir. Throughout her membership of Gillygooley Peggy has witnessed the ministry of six Clergy being baptised by the Rev Carmichael. She received her early education at the old Calkil School later moving to the Technical School, which was then accommodated in the old Town Hall. Peggy worked her entire life for Tyrone County Council initially based in the Courthouse and later at County Hall. She was Personal Assistant to Arthur Coote and Robert Parke respectively. Peggy told how she initially walked the eight miles to and from work earning a wage of £40 per annum. Peggy devoted 38¹/₂ years of her working life to Tyrone County Council. During that time she was also responsible for the Ulster Savings scheme available to staff. In recognition of her dedicated service Peggy was presented with the B.E.M. in

June 1975.

Peggy has witnessed many changes throughout her life. She was born at a time when the entire island of Ireland was witnessing great bloodshed and unrest. The first non-stop transatlantic flight was achieved and the composer Percy French was laid to rest.

Referring to the Church she informed me that she attended Sunday school at 2.00 p.m. and Sunday Services were at 3.00 p.m. She recalls what she believes to have been the first organ in the Church played by yet another Fyffe, Beth, a cousin. In that era there was no such

luxury of travelling to Sunday school by car. She and her sisters walked via Kates Lane; quite a distance for five young girls. The homeward journey after Church was by horse and trap. Peggy taught in the Sunday School and recalls how a solid fuel burner in the middle of the aisle provided heat.

Peggy doesn't regard herself as having many hobbies other than knitting, although having known Peggy for many years I would regard her as a great conversationalist and one who enjoys people and travel. In her younger years she was a keen table-tennis player and was a member of the former Gillygooley table-tennis club

affiliated to the Church and held in the old Orange Hall. She was also a member of Gillygooley Young Farmers Club and held the position of secretary. Peggy is presently a member of Gillygooley 2nd Youth. She is eager to attend the trips and social activities of the club, always enjoying the banter and craic.

Peggy and the generations of Fyffes have made a tremendous contribution to the life of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church one that deserves recognition especially as we approach the bi-centenary in 2007. She still drives to Church each Sunday morning and I might add, makes the occasional driving trip to the Causeway Coast.

Peggy is a person who is always concerned about other people's welfare, has a wide knowledge and interest in current affairs and a great ability to understand and appreciate the diversity throughout the age spectrum. On my most recent visit to her home Peggy was deeply engrossed in a rugby match on T.V. and our conversation was put on hold until the match ended 15 minutes later.

Peggy is a straight talker, eager to let you know her opinion although equally tolerant of other people's views and opinions. She is a very regular attender at Church and we pray that she will have many more years good health so as to enable her to occupy her place in the pew of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church to which she and her family have dedicated such faithful service.



Peggy Fyffe centre following the presentation of her B.E.M. at Hillsborough Castle accompanied by her sisters L-R Jean and May

CAROLS AT HAROLD M^cCAULEY HOUSE

Members from Gillygooley Congregation led a short service of lessons and carols at the morning devotions on the Sunday prior to Christmas. The accompanist was Margaret Hemphill. The Residents and staff are very appreciative of the spiritual support the Congregation give. Members of the Congregation who could give an occasional half an hour on a Sunday morning from 11:45-12:15 should give their name to Andrew Scott so that a pool could be formed. Half an hour of your time would mean so much to those less able in our community.



L-R Diane Mills, Colm McElholm, Louise Scott and Muriel Donaghey.



Back row- Diane Mills, Margaret Hemphill, Louise and Andrew Scott.

Front row- Annie Turner and Mary Underwood.



Andrew Scott with two of the Residents Hazel Lyons and Muriel McFarland.



L-R Mary McAllease, Louise Scott, Margaret Hemphill, Diane Mills, the late Charlotte Nixon and Alfie Breen.

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church Alterations – Update

Progress on the alteration has slowed, as Building Control approval has not yet been granted for the plans submitted. On receipt of this, tenders will be sought with the hope that work can be undertaken during summer 2006. A programme of fund-raising events, to address the balance required in addition to the current reserves for the building work is being planned for 2006. This will include a Floral Art Demonstration in April, an auction in May and a Gospel Supper in the autumn. Further details of these events will be made available as soon as possible.

Gillygooley 2nd Youth

2nd Youth (50+ club) continues to provide an outlet for social witness for the community of the greater Gillygooley area. Its membership far exceeds the realms of Gillygooley and enjoys its support from both the rural and urban communities.

The highlight of the past two months activities was a trip to the Grand Opera House followed by a meal in the 'Tidy Doffer' in Lisburn. Activities in Gillygooley Orange Hall have included a power point presentation by Claire Ferry from the R.S.P.B. on wildlife in Sri Lanka. Also included in the programme was advice and guidance on supporting and encouraging wildlife into our gardens. Members have also participated in swimming, yoga and old time dancing lessons in addition to armchair aerobics. Members have participated in a workshop facilitated by Allison Forbes from The Senior Citizens Consortium.

Plans are currently well advanced for a trip to Exploris at Portaferry which will also include a visit to Comber Presbyterian Church for fellowship and refreshments.

An invitation from Killycarragh Senior Citizens Club to a social evening has

been accepted and awaited with anticipation.

Arrangements are also complete for a series of floral art classes commencing in March. New members are always welcome.

If you are interested in our activities or would merely enjoy the casual social interaction and friendship, we invite you to visit us with no obligation to enrol as a member.

For further details telephone:
Dorothy 8283 1309 or
Gertie 8224 4529.



L-R Mary Cooper, Jean Creery and Peggy Fyffe.



L-R Eileen and Stanley Sayers.



Sisters Ellen Fyffe and Beatrice Alexander accompanied by Lily Nethery and Eileen Boyd.



Members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth relaxing after their meal in the Tidy Doffer restaurant Lisburn. L-R Ruth Patrick, Myrtle Buchanan, Dorothy King and Irene McCauley.



L-R Eva Moffitt, Wendy Sterritt, Ruth Kyle and Philip Elkin.



L-R Audrey Clements, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Gladys Hamilton at the Tidy Doffer in Lisburn.

Gillygooley Bible Class Youth Project

Gillygooley Sunday School and Bible Class have nominated a Youth & Children Project in Russia and Ukraine to benefit from their fund raising in 2006. Following the Carol Service, the Bible Class invited the congregation to the Orange Hall for coffee and scones. A retiring collection in aid of the Youth Project was well supported. The young people involved in organising the coffee morning are to be commended in their initiative in support of those who are less fortunate than themselves.

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’



Time for fellowship at coffee morning are L-R Jason Aiken, Robbie Alexander, Trevor Aiken, Samantha McCauley and Vera Walker.



L-R Mary Cooper, Wilma Porter and Andy McKernan at the coffee morning.



Enjoying the refreshments are L-R Robert Fyffe, Raymond McKinley, Malcolm McKinley and Dorothy King.

Gillygooley Youth Club

Club activities continue with a fun filled programme of events organised and planned by Jennifer O’Donnell, Leader-in-charge. Special activities during the festive season included a trip to the Ski Slopes at Craigavon. Tom Sweeney, local TV and recording star, was the guest entertainer at the clubs Christmas Party and captivated his young audience with a programme of music and song.

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, members visited Senior Citizens in the area distributing gifts and good wishes for the festive season. Parents night is scheduled for Saturday 1st April 2006.



Junior Members of Gillygooley Youth Club being entertained by Tom Sweeney at the Christmas Party.



TRINITY GIRLS BRIGADE



The Girls' Brigade is a Christian youth organisation for girls of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. A varied programme of fun activities is offered, designed to educate, challenge and inspire young girls in a safe environment of Christian teaching. The programme is split into 4 main areas:

- Spiritual
- Physical
- Educational
- Service

All girls aged between 4 and 18 are welcome; as is anyone interested in helping out or becoming a leader or assistant.

The Girls Brigade meet in Trinity Church Hall every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

For further information, contact Girls Brigade Captain Mavis Jardine on 8224 4630.



Enjoying a game of Unihoc at the GB are Hannah Leonard, Emma Mosgrove, Megan Smith and Joanne Thompson.

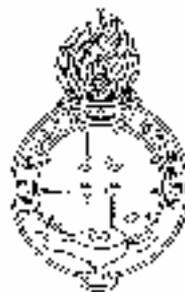


Christine Allen, Lindsay Carson, Amy Stockdale and Grace Monteith at a GB painting session.



Danielle Barton, Lauren Alexander and Katie Leonard admire their work for the West Ulster Craft Competition.

West Ulster District Girls' Brigade



District Church Service
in
Trinity Presbyterian Church
on
Sunday, 2nd April 2006
at 3.30 pm

Lisa Smyth in Argentina

Readers will recall how last summer Gillygooley Bible Class held a successful coffee morning to raise funds for “The Refuge of God” an orphanage in Argentina. Lisa Smyth from Gillygooley Congregation spent part of her summer holidays at the orphanage. Lisa who is now teaching in England gives an insight of her experience.



Lisa Smyth

On the 6th August 2005 I travelled to Dublin Airport with my friends Lauren and Chantelle to begin our long journey to Argentina. We each had with us a massive hold-all full of clothes and toys for the children at the Orphanage as well as our own small hand luggage. We travelled light in order to make sure that the clothes and toys that had been donated got through. As we checked in our bags we were dismayed to learn that there would be a charge of €5 per kilo on the excess baggage; we were 40 kilos over weight. Thankfully, after explaining that we were going out to do charity work the woman on the desk waived the fee. That was the beginning of our 30 hour journey to Buenos Aires.

When we finally arrived we were all exhausted and looking forward to what we were told would be a hot shower in Olga’s bathroom. I

went first and had a glorious minute of hot water before the boiler broke and the water felt like ice!! Needless to say after my experience Lauren and Chantelle decided to wait until the next day when the orphanage staff turned on the gas so that the children could have their twice weekly hot (or luke warm) shower.

It took us a day or two to get over the jet lag but we soon settled in to orphanage life. There were twenty children staying at the orphanage, all of them were very happy and full of life even though they lived in tough conditions. The children are expected to contribute to the running of the orphanage, even one of the younger girls, Angelica could be found sweeping the floor with a broom twice the size of herself. We stayed in the house with the younger girls, Karen, Belen and Tamara. Each day we made sure that the children had breakfast and got off to school on time, we then had some time to do our own work. The children came back from school at 1pm, had lunch then completed their daily chores which was supervised. In

the evening we spent time with the children playing games and helping with homework. At first I found it hard to cope when everyone was speaking Spanish but I soon found I was able to understand most of the conversations and as two weeks went by I picked up some Spanish and was able to communicate a little with the children.

With the generous donations from the church, Lauren, Chantelle and I were able to do a few projects. One was to paint the outside wall of the orphanage – this took up most of our mornings on the 2nd week, but we succeeded it making it look brighter and more inviting. We also helped support a Street Kids Project which was already up and running in Buenos Aires. Reuben, a friend of Lauren from previous visits to Argentina, decided to organise a day of handing out food, clothes and toys to coincide with ‘The Day of the Child’ in Argentina. This day is very important, as big as Christmas and all parents spoil their children. Reuben, a former street child, felt that it was important to give the



Back Right – Lisa with her friends Lauren and Chantelle accompanied by some children from the orphanage.

street children something. Money raised by the church was used to buy bread, cheese and Coke to take with us and hand out. It was a difficult day seeing the conditions that children and families have to live in. Some of the children have nowhere else to go and so work to stay alive, whereas others are forced by their parents to work and are not allowed home until they have earned a certain amount. It really forces you to think about how lucky we are in Northern Ireland.

In my final week we were all kept busy. An 18 month old baby named Celeste arrived at the orphanage because she had been mistreated by her parents. She had scars all over here arms caused by burns. Her cot was placed in our bedroom so we did not get very much sleep from then on. Lauren, Chantelle and I treated all of the orphanage children and staff to a buffet meal in a nice restaurant. This was absolutely chaotic with the children piling everything on to their plates, but was great fun. I was so surprised at how little it cost-just £2 per person. As well as this enjoyable evening we helped



Street children working, begging for survival.

to organise a birthday party for Olga, the lady who runs the orphanage. We helped the older girls make all of the food including the huge birthday cake.

I was only at the orphanage for a few weeks but I had an amazing experience. We managed to do so much for the children with the help of the money that was raised by the Gillygooley Bible Class; painting

the orphanage and supporting work with the street children. With the money left over Olga is going to buy a bread oven which will help feed the children as they eat bread with every meal. I know that we definitely made a small difference to the street children we visited and the children of the orphanage love their bright green building. I am saving up to visit them again hopefully in 2007.

ELECTION TIME AT GILLYGOOLEY

A new Committee to serve the needs of Gillygooley Congregation is to be appointed. A list of those eligible for election will be made available shortly. The Congregation will then be invited to vote and appoint a new committee of fourteen.

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church

Floral Art Demonstration



Thursday 6th April 2006
at 8.00pm
in Gillygooley Orange Hall
(Kindly granted)



Demonstrator Anne Robinson
Flowers kindly sponsored by the 'Wild Bunch' Florist, Fintona.

Admission including supper £6 (by ticket only) available from Committee Members.

Proceeds in aid of Church Repair Fund.

Gillygooley Youth America Bound!

Seven young people from the Gillygooley area have been selected to travel to various destinations in America as part of the Ulster Project. Five are members of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church one a member of First Omagh Presbyterian Church and one a member of Lislimnaghan Parish Church. All are members of Gillygooley Youth Club with several years youth involvement. The Ulster Project is a Church sponsored cross-community body for teenagers who clearly display leadership qualities. The project was conceived by Canon K Waterstone and operates in a number of areas in Northern Ireland.



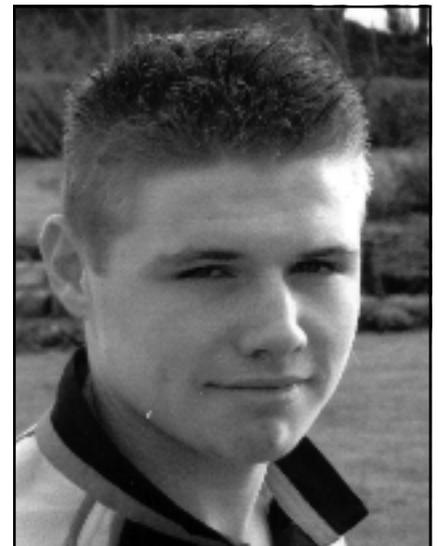
Hello my name is Louise Scott and I am a member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church and assistant leader in the Youth Club. This summer I am heading to Lake Charles in Louisiana with eight teens. I am taking part in the Ulster Project and I am going as a counsellor with one other adult. The Ulster Project was set up

21 years ago in Omagh and the aim is to increase community awareness. I have already been to Lake Charles as I participated in the Ulster Project when I was 16 years old. I am looking forward to going on the Project, although I am slightly wary of the huge responsibility I am facing. I can not wait to have lots of fun in America!!



My name is Jemma Walker. I live in Gillygooley and attend Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. I have a pet dog called Scrappy. I am in my fourth year at Omagh High School. My mum and dad are both from farming backgrounds. I frequently visit the farms and enjoy this very much. I am lucky to still have both sets of grandparents. My hobbies are playing sports, listening to music, walking the dog and shopping. I am really excited about going to Atlanta, Georgia for four weeks in June/July where I will be staying with an American family. I know I will miss my family, including my

dog, however I am looking forward to the adventure of meeting new people, making new friends and experiencing another country.



Hello, I am Dean Porter. I am fourteen years old and I live at Corlea Road, Gillygooley with my mum, dad and two brothers. Our house is only a stones throw from Gillygooley Presbyterian Church and Youth Club. I previously attended Gillygooley Primary School and I am now at Omagh Academy in third year (year 10). The Subjects that I have chosen for GCSE are French, Information Technology, Technical Design and Business Studies, as well as the compulsory subjects. I also represent the school in sport by playing for the Medallion Rugby Team. Rugby is my favourite sport, which I have been playing since I was four at Mellon Park with Omagh Academicals Mini Rugby Club. The things I like doing in my spare time are cycling and fishing. I fish for both coarse

and game fish. Mostly I fly fish for brown or rainbow trout from a boat in the Fermanagh Lakes, but in the winter I fish for pike and roach in the Fairywater and Claragh Lough. Other sports I enjoy include tennis and soccer. When I relax I like to listen to music and play computer games especially Xbox live. I was really pleased to be selected to take part in the Ulster Project as I had heard such a lot of positive things about it from my brother Kyle, who took part four years ago. Like him I am bound for Tucson, Arizona and am so looking forward to going! I'm already meeting new friends as we get together to organize the trip.



My name is Ryan O'Donnell and I am 15 years old. I live at Botera Road, Corlea. I have been accepted for the Ulster Project 2006 and am going to Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA in July for four weeks. I attended Gillygooley Primary School and I'm now in my 4th year at Omagh Academy. I am hoping to continue my studies to become an environmental engineer. I am a member of

Gillygooley Youth Club and have been since I was 5 years old. I have also come up through the various Scout groups since 6 years of age and am now working for my bronze Duke Of Edinburgh in the Explorer Scouts. I enjoy fishing in my spare time and I also enjoy athletics and volleyball.



My Name is Lee Liggett. I am 15 years old, 5ft 8inches tall and weigh 8 stone. I live seven miles outside Omagh with my parents Ian and Bernie and my brother Adam who is 12 years old. I attended Gillygooley Primary School and I am now in my 4th year at Omagh Academy. I will be doing my GCSE's next year. I am a member of First Omagh Presbyterian Church. My favourite hobbies are fishing, weightlifting and helping my father restore classic cars. Restoring cars is a great interest of mine. My prize possession is my Cavalier SRI, which I bought last year after many years of hard saving. I can't wait to get the car on the road when I get my licence at seventeen years of age. Every

Friday night I go to Gillygooley Youth Club where my mum is one of the voluntary leaders. This is a great opportunity just to hang out with my friends and listen to music. My favourite types of music are rock and rap. In July I am going to Atlanta with the Ulster Project. This will be my first time to go to America. I am really looking forward to it even though we have quite a lot of fundraising to do before we leave. It is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and discover how teenagers in America live.



My name is Lee Alexander from Corlea Road, Omagh, where I live with my mum Melva, dad Syd and older brother Kyle. I am 14 years old and in 4th year at Omagh Academy where I really enjoy studying TD and business studies. My hobbies are rugby, football and helping my dad with the farm. This summer I am travelling to Tucson, Arizona with the Ulster Project. I decided to go because my older brother Kyle went to Lake Charles and brought home such wonderful stories and experiences of his visit. I think

it is good that I can mix with young people from both sides of the religious community in Tyrone during the preparation and on the actual trip. I hope this trip will allow me to learn about the American way of life and teach my host American family about life in Northern Ireland.

Hi folks I am Ashley McCauley and I am 15 years old. I am a member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. I am very



excited about being selected to go on the Ulster Project. I am counting down the days until the end of June when I depart for Salt Lake City. I am in Year 11 at Omagh Academy and a member of the school rugby team. My hobbies are swimming, football and basketball. I am also a member of Gillygooley Youth Club and involved in the Young Enterprise Project. I live on a dairy farm with my mum and dad and two sisters.

KIRK MURRELL



Kirk is the nephew of Hilary Duncan and is spending 6 months with the Duncans, here in Omagh. He is from Houston, Texas and has three brothers aged 13 to 18. As you'd imagine, school life is quite different here (he is attending the Academy in Omagh) compared to his school life back home. His uniform in America is a T-shirt with embroidered initials, jeans and trainers. Each school day is divided into 4 units, each 90 minutes long and the day itself is 45 minutes longer. Sports include baseball for boys, softball for girls (similar to basketball), football, wrestling (girls too!), swimming (they have teams), track and field and American

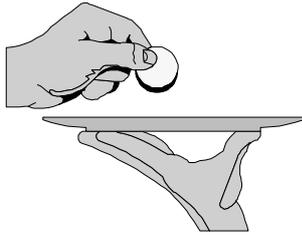
football for boys. Language options next year for Kirk will be Spanish, French and Japanese. The school for 11-14 year olds has *three* orchestras: one for beginners, one intermediary and an events orchestra which Kirk is in.

Kirk's own interests are the baseball team (he's played since 5 years of age), reading (he is currently reading Patrick O'Brien) and music. He has played violin since primary school where he had the choice of either cello or violin. Not only is there a weekly lesson but string players stay an extra half hour daily. *Dedication!* At his church, music features strongly too. It includes guitar, drums, keyboard and bass, every week. The church is non-denominational and is part of a chain called 'Vineyard'. Kirk's church has three pastors. There are three different services for young people on a Sunday: one for each of the following age groups: Nursery age, 5-11 year olds and 12-16 year olds. Each of these is planned directly for its particular age group. After 16 years old, you can follow on to an adult service or choose to help at one of the services for the above

groups. There is music at all of them. For adults there is a schedule of three services in the morning. Each lasts 1½ hours. In the evening there is a half hour service.

What differences does Kirk see between life in Omagh and life at home? Well, he had never seen **snow** till he saw it here in March! It was a big hit with him, as he and the family went sledging. He has commented on the safe environment: he appreciates being able to walk to school and back. He wouldn't have that freedom at home and naturally he finds things here smaller than in America; as we find things bigger in the U.S. For instance, he would have a vast array of TV channels at home. When he goes home he will miss playing rugby. He has learnt to play here and enjoys it a lot. He has been playing on the second row at the Academy. What will he look forward to, besides seeing his family, when he returns to Texas mid-July? He says: his friends, his church and Mexican food!

The Duncan family are enjoying the experience of having Kirk stay with them.



Trinity & Gillygooley Summary of Finances for 2005

TRINITY

	2004 (£)	2005 (£)
Freewill Offering	43,386	44,331
United Appeal	6,419	6,822
	<small>Paid in 2005 £8,662 (target)</small>	
World Development	3,280	3,425
Easter	5,641	5,538
Harvest	7,613	8,921
Gift Aid	14,021	17,025

Donations from Trinity to charities included - £5,217 to Tsunami Appeal; £248 to the Earl Haig Fund; £215 to Pakistan Earthquake Disaster; £410 to the Sunday School Project; £97 to Save the Children; £72 to Presbyterian Orphan Society. World Development also received £6,057 interest on a memorial from the Duff family.

GILLYGOOLEY

	2004 (£)	2005 (£)
Freewill Offering	16,416	17,628
United Appeal	1,814	1,847
	<small>Paid in 2005 £2,515 (target)</small>	
World Development	715	885
Easter	3,085	4,195
Harvest	4,690	7,248
Gift Aid	4,849	5,371

Donations from Gillygooley to charities included - £374 to the Presbyterian Orphan Society; £182 to the Sunday School Project; £425 to the Refuge of God Orphanage in Buenos Aires (Lisa Smyth); £185 to the Earl Haig Fund; £70 to Christian Aid.

Both congregations finished the year with credit balances.

Money from Income Tax Covenants is distributed to the various accounts.

PLEASE REMEMBER INFLATION IN YOUR 2006 CONTRIBUTIONS (APPROX. 3.0%).

Looking towards Easter Dates for your diary

Sunday, 9th April

Palm Sunday Services in Gillygooley and Trinity

Friday, 14th April

7.30 p.m. - Good Friday Service in Gillygooley

Sunday, 16th April

Easter Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Reception of New Communicants in Gillygooley and Trinity

Sunday, 23 April

Visiting Minister Rev Selwoode Graham, Senior Minister First Magherafelt

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church



Grand Auction

In aid of Church Repair Fund

Thursday 4th May 2006

at 6:30pm

in Gillygooley Orange Hall

(Kindly granted)



The committee welcome donations of furniture, ornaments, produce, firewood, turf, agricultural and horticultural tools, horse and vintage machinery and tools etc. Vouchers also welcome for auction of promises.

For further information or to arrange collection of items contact Raymond Smyth, Church Secretary, Tel 8224 4883.

Formation of Walking Group

Are you getting enough regular exercise?

Do you dislike walking on your own?

Do you want to walk at your own pace around the leafy lanes of Gillygooley?

If the answer is yes, then join the new walking group being organised by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association.

Walks are weekly on Wednesday and begin and end at Gillygooley Orange Hall.

Light refreshments on completion of walk.

Commencing Wednesday 12th April at 7.30 pm, suitable for those aged 8 – 80 years (Children must be accompanied by an adult)