

# TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY NEWS



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## HERRON'S FIND A NEW NEST!



After a busy year, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August, the new manse at 10 Mullaghmeenagh Avenue was finally completed. The Herron family began the process of moving home the following day. In the very short time available the Session and Committee members of both Trinity and Gillygooley were invited to view the new building. About 30 people went along and I think that it is fair to say that all were impressed with the general high quality and workmanship. The Committee regrets that the short turnover time meant that a viewing opportunity was not possible for all members of the congregation because the "house" became a "home" in the space of 24 hours. However we are confident that everyone will be proud of our new manse. It has a spacious Minister's study/reception room downstairs together with a lounge, kitchen/dining area, sun room, WC and utility room. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and a bathroom. Three bedrooms have en-suite facilities. The study, lounge, hall and all upstairs floors are finished in light oak while the kitchen, dining and sun room floors are tiled with a textured dark slate finish.

The house is heated by an underfloor heating system and hot water is supplied via solar roof panels. (A short article on solar panels will be included in next edition.)

The manse project has been financed by money received from the sale of the land adjoining the old manse together with anticipated income from the coming sale of the Derry Road manse.

The main contractor, Lowry Bros from Castlederg, were backed up by a team of sub-contractors mostly from our local area. Landscaping and planting-out of the grounds will continue for some time.

We now hope that the Herron family will enjoy their new surroundings as soon as the trauma of the house moving is well behind them.

*John McCandless*

# TRINITY SUPPORTS DARFUR APPEAL

On Sunday 17th June, Trinity Bible Class provided tea and coffee from 10.30 a.m. onwards, during which time Claire McElhinney sang and played the guitar. Between 60 and 70 people came down to the hall and a number commented afterwards that they enjoyed the chance to have a chat before the service. During the morning there was an opportunity to give to the Moderator's appeal for Darfur. Violence continues in Darfur, where nearly twice the population of Northern Ireland have fled their homes. 2.5 million people live in crowded refugee camps, and 4.5 million are dependent on outside aid.

Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us, donated, or helped in any way, especially to members of the Bible Class, who made preparations beforehand or assisted on the morning and to Claire for the lovely music.

The offering for Darfur totalled £491.50.



Members of Trinity's Bible Class who helped out with the coffee morning on Sunday 17th June.



Claire McElhinney entertains whilst Valerie Alexander and Mavis Jardine serve tea and coffee.



Jimmy & Anna Elliott and Tommy & Olive Carson enjoying the refreshments.



A section of the crowd that attended and enjoyed the social event.



Lindsey Carson, missing from the Bible Class photo.

# INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER VISITS GILLYGOOLEY



Emma McFarland, Gillygooley Youth Club, presenting the shirt to the winner Gary Thompson from Castledearg.



Northern Ireland International, Ivan Sproule, who recently joined Bristol City, presents an autographed Northern Ireland football shirt to Jennifer O'Donnell, Leader-in-Charge of Gillygooley Youth Club accompanied by her son Luke. The shirt was raffled in aid of club funds.

# GILLYGOOLEY YOUTH GET CHANCE TO MEET DAVID HEALY

Twenty-five young people from Gillygooley were selected to participate in a David Healy football fun day in Newtownards.

The event was organised by Tha Boord o Ulster-Scotch (Ulster-Scots Agency) in the grounds of Regent House School, Newtownards.

Almost 2000 youngsters and leaders from throughout the province attended, participating in a programme of football coaching and workshops in Ulster-Scots culture and language.

International Northern Ireland football star, David Healy, was the special guest, who mingled with the youths and posed for photographs with each group.



David Healy, seated centre front, with members of Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association, who were accompanied by leader Sam Harpur, back, left.

Missing from photograph are leaders, Jennifer O'Donnell, Bernie Liggett and David McKinley.

## Presbyterian News by Gillygooley Correspondent

### **“New Moderator Installed”**

Rev. Dr. John Finlay who is Minister of Harryville Church Ballymena was installed as Moderator at the opening service of the General Assembly. Taking as his theme “Jesus is Lord” Dr. Finlay challenged those present with the assertion that faith must be testified through both words and actions and that we need to practice what we preach. Continuing he emphasised the need for individual Christians to leave behind attitudes and prejudices which he considers have tarnished the truth of the Gospel and for Congregations to move on from the spiritual short-sightedness that is merely intent on preserving the past.

### **“Fifty Student Ministers in training”**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland is more blessed than other mainstream religious denominations in recruiting clerical students.

This is a marked upturn in the number of young people wanting to become ministers. The General Assembly in June approved a further fourteen who will commence training in June. Between 10-15 Presbyterian Ministers are required annually to fill vacancies.

### **“Presbyterian Church in healthy financial Position”**

In Northern Ireland Congregational members increased their giving by 7.6 percent and in the Republic by 6.3 percent. However expenditure has increased on a similar percentage.

### **“Church Membership slightly down”**

The official membership of the Presbyterian Church now stands at 262,000 slightly down from last year. Church officials concede that the figure is much higher as at least 100,000 more describe themselves as nominal Presbyterians with a loose congregational connection. Currently the Church has 548 congregations across the island of Ireland.

### **“New Congregation for Maynooth”**

A new Presbyterian Congregation has been formed in the Co. Kildare town traditionally associated with Irish Roman Catholicism.

### **“Church to retain headquarters”**

By a majority of 332 votes to 234 the General Assembly decided to retain their Belfast City Centre location of Church House. The decision was made following a passionate debate both for and against the retention of this historic building. The site has been in the possession of the Church for over 180 years and the present building has been on the site at Fisherwick Place for 102 years.

The decision to retain the property is an immense challenge for the Presbyterian family with a figure of £6 million being muted for external stonework, windows, roof repairs and internal refurbishment. The future of Church House has been under intensive debate at General Assemblies for more than a decade and the clear cut decision to retain the property should lay this matter to rest at future Assemblies.

## ULSTER PROJECT 2007 - SALT LAKE CITY

On Wednesday the 27th of June we left the bus depot car park at 2:00am on an Ulster bus with two other Ulster Project groups who were also heading to Dublin airport. On the bus journey everyone was extremely tired but clearly very excited. After getting off the bus we all parted in search of our terminals. Our two counsellors from Northern Ireland decided that if the boys and the girls divided between the two lanes that it would be a lot faster. Sure enough the girls got through within twenty minutes. By this time the boys had only half of their party through and everything seemed to be going very well for an airport. As the last three boys (including myself) were coming up to the counter the woman who was asking all the routine questions was replaced by an older woman. This didn't pose any sort of a problem to us at the time but when she asked us where we were staying we were slightly taken aback and she said that it was customary to ask where we were staying as we were travelling to the States. Well neither Peter nor Brendan could answer her (I could thanks to some forward planning from my mum), but we hastily ushered Barry our counsellor over to assist in the matter. It was quite funny to see Barry get out his mobile and ring Les Sage the American director of the project to get both Peter's and Brendan's address for their stay in the States. After all this was sorted out we joined the rest of our group leaving a rather frustrated woman to deal with the other passengers. That situation left us little or no time for shopping, which wasn't really a problem. We were too tired to do anything. We got on the plane and most of us slept. We arrived in JFK airport and were greeted by customs; so many papers had to be filled in. We had five hours in the airport so we just walked around and got food. But when it was close to the time that our gate was to open, our flight was delayed by twenty minutes, then by an hour, then two more hours until eventually it was four hours until we were on the plane. The plane didn't take off for another two hours, as we had to sit out a thunder storm so I'm told; I was asleep throughout the take off. We arrived in Salt

Lake City airport at 1am American time, where all our host teens and their families greeted us. I met my host teen, Bohdan and for the first time throughout our travelling I didn't feel tired, I was just too excited. I got to my host teen's house within half an hour and I slept until 7am then we went to our first activity of the month, which was a pool party at Les Sage's house. Everybody got to know each other well in these first few hours of being together. The pool party was one of the many enjoyable things that we did. We went to theme parks, water parks, rodeo shows, house parties, picnics, ice-skating, amusement arcades and other amazing places, but in addition to taking part in a lot of activities which were really enjoyable we had to help out in the community. We did this by feeding the homeless, helping out at an elderly home and a disabled school. These kinds of activities really make you thankful for what you have. When we were on our river trip and when we were at Camp Tuttle we had to partake in discoveries which bonded our group together really well and taught us about each others religions which was the main aim of the project. My host family (the Klaves) were really good to me and my host teen Bohdan and I got on really well. He was like a brother to me while I was there. On my family free days they took me to Lake Powell which was brilliant. They had their own boat and they rented a jet ski and Bohdan and I went over the waves very fast so we went into the air quite far. The American host teens are thinking of coming here next summer. It's just a pity that we don't have as much cool stuff to do as they do. Everyone on the project bonded really well with each other. We were like one big family, a really big family. On the return journey it was very teary. Everyone couldn't believe that a month had passed. It had all moved so fast, but it was such an enjoyable experience. I would recommend the project to anyone. It has really made a great impact on me and I will treasure all the memories and the friendships forever. I had the time of my life.

*Andrew Stevenson*

# SUMMER SCHEME ULSTER SCOTS STYLE

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association has recently completed a four week summer scheme based in Gillygooley Orange Hall. Over seventy children enrolled for an action packed programme which followed a predominately Ulster Scots theme. Out of centre workshops included a visit to Clanabogan Driving Range for golf, Mountjoy Football Pitch for football skills and a fun activity trip for paint balling in Muff, County Donegal. A series of workshops were also organised in the hall ranging from archery, accordion, drama, drumming, flute, bagpipes, cookery and craft. To add variety to the programme, organised visits to Omagh leisure centre swimming pool and the cinema were included.

The Associations Summer Scheme, now in its eighth year, continues to provide an outlet for young people to identify and develop their talents. To this end the Association are extremely appreciative of the excellent team of leaders and tutors who encourage our youth to channel their energy and vitality in a constructive way.



John Scullion tutors Callum O'Donnell and Stephanie Hunter at the drumming workshop.



Gemma Walker and Lee Liggett being coached in the art of archery.



An Art workshop in progress.



Summer Scheme Football skills workshop in progress.



Ryan McFarland enjoying a noisy time on the Lambeg drum.



David Kinloch and Lynsey Gault enjoy participating in the archery workshop.



Katie Gault receiving instructions from John Scullion at the drumming class.



Members of the Senior Summer Scheme who participated in the archery workshop.



Pictured left: Kyle McKinley participating in the archery workshop.

Pictured right: Louise King tries her hand at the golf.



# ACTIVITY NEWS FROM GILLYGOOLEY

## Community Association

Following the very successful Summer Scheme the Association have taken a well earned break from activities. A meeting is planned for September to review and plan Winter/Spring activities. They are still awaiting a response to some of their funding applications however they are pleased to acknowledge receipt of £2000 from Omagh District Council to assist with activities in the hall.

## Chatterbox Playgroup

It is pleasing to report the Playgroup has re-opened in September with several new children on roll. A new Leader has taken up employment and full years activities are planned. A few free Pegs places are available at time of going to press. Further information is available from Elaine Tel 82831444

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth (50+ club)

The Committee have planned a full and varied programme for the ensuing year. In addition to the hall based programme, trips to Pantomime and North Antrim Coast are included. The first meeting is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm in Gillygooley Orange Hall. Why not come along and join in the banter and craic. You are under no obligation to join if it is not your scene. For further information Tel. Dorothy on 82831309 or Ellen 82251097

## Youth Club

Activities have resumed as follows:-

Mondays : Primary (P1-P3) 6.30-7.00pm  
 Fridays : Juniors (P4-P7) 7.00-8.30pm  
 Seniors: (yr8+) 8.30 -10.15pm

## Cash for Rags

Following the success of the last collection of clothes for recycling in aid of Church funds, Sharon Beattie & Harold Moore, Gillygooley, will again receive suitable items. For further details tel. Sharon 82245641.

## Walking Club

The club have had a very successful season with up to thirty plus members participating. The season is being brought to a close with a walk on 15<sup>th</sup> September to the Peatlands Park followed by a meal at Ardbeg Lodge Restaurant.



Walking Club at Lough Fea, Cookstown.



Walking Club at Drumrush, Kesh.

## Community Choir

After the summer recess practices have resumed with new members joining its ranks. Several bookings have already been received. The Choir perform at charitable events, care homes etc. the accompanist is Amanda Graham. For further information Tel Andrew: 82242895, new members always welcome.

Items for inclusion in next Gillygooley News should be sent to:

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# 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 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

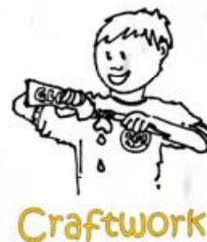
For further information, contact Girls Brigade Captain Mavis Jardine on 8224 4630.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> OMAGH COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND HAVING FUN  
WHILST LEARNING NEW SKILLS?

IF YOU ARE, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OMAGH COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE NEEDS YOU.

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MEETINGS ARE HELD IN FIRST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL  
ON TUESDAY NIGHTS.

ANCHOR BOYS (5 - 8 YEARS) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

JUNIOR SECTION (P5 - P7) 7pm - 8.30pm

COMPANY SECTION (YEAR 8 UPWARDS) 7pm - 9pm

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM  
DREW HAMILTON Tel. 82241952

ALL NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOME.

# TRINITY LOSES TWO STALWART MEMBERS

## Mr. Robert (Bob) Elliott



Mr. Robert Elliott of 1 Townview Avenue North, Omagh, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> July in Tyrone County Hospital. Bob, as he was known to all his friends, was born in Armagh on August 2, 1927 and was just a week short of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday when he died.

Bob was one of a family of five and he was awarded a scholarship to Armagh Royal School, which he attended from 1939 until 1945. He then proceeded to Stranmillis College where he trained as a teacher from 1945 to 1947 and later attended Trinity College, Dublin, from 1949 to 1952, where he graduated with a BA degree.

Bob married his childhood sweetheart, Ethel, in 1952 and taught in Armagh until 1954 when he and Ethel moved to Omagh when he was appointed as administrative officer with the then Tyrone Education Committee.

In 1966 he was appointed deputy director for Tyrone Education Committee and later he was appointed chief administration officer for the Western Education and Library Board, a post he held until he took early retirement in 1984.

A keen sportsman, Bob had a avid interest in cricket, but his main love was table tennis which he began to play as a youngster in Armagh.

As well as winning the coveted Tyrone County Men's Singles Championship, Bob held the honorary post of vice-chairman of the Ulster and Irish Branches of the Table Tennis Association. He was also president of Tyrone County Table Tennis Association and was a life-long member of Omagh YMCA – laterally becoming president in the last number of years.

Bob always loved singing and as a young boy was a renowned boy soprano. As a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church he also sang in the church choir for over 30 years. He was also an elder of the church and former treasurer. A founder member of Omagh Round Table, Bob

always said that this was where he met many of his great friends.

During his working years and during retirement he served on the board of governors of four local schools – Omagh Academy, Gibson and Omagh County Primaries and was chairman of the Board of Governors of Gillygooley Primary School.

When he retired in 1984 he took over the role of 'child-minder' to his daughter Linda's children, Christopher and Gillian, and as a former teacher he always ensured that all homeworks were completed and to the highest standard before his daughter collected the children from work each evening.

Both Bob and his wife took great pleasure in travelling, both abroad and to mainland UK. Sadly in 1993 his beloved wife had a very serious stroke and he spent the next five years nursing her until her death in April 1998.

Unfortunately it was just some months later that Bob himself was diagnosed with cancer, a disease he fought valiantly over the past eight years. He underwent three major operations and several treatments of chemotherapy, but throughout his illness he never complained. He had an extremely positive attitude to life and his philosophy was to enjoy each day as it came and 'get on with things'.

Bob's illness really took its toll on him in February of this year when he broke his shoulder and had to go into respite care for some weeks. He returned home in April and fought his illness with the same dignity as always. He was forever indebted to his neighbours, Albert and Pauline Blackburn and Drew and Edith McDermott, who did all they could to help him during the difficult months before his death and to all his friends who continued to visit him at home on a regular basis.

There was a large attendance at Bob's funeral at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Omagh, which was an indication of the high esteem in which he was held by all sections of the community.

Bob was pre-deceased by his wife, Ethel, brothers, Billy and Johnny, and is survived by his daughter, Linda, son-in-law, Leslie, grandson, Christopher and granddaughter, Gillian, as well as a sister, Nancy, from Armagh, and brother, George, who lives in Spain.

## Mr. William James McGrew



Mr. William James McGrew, a member of one of Trinity's oldest families, passed away at home on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

William had been in deteriorating health for the past nine years. However, 14 months ago he suffered a debilitating stroke and, following a

lengthy stay in the Tyrone County Hospital, returned home to the attentive and loving care of his wife, Edith, and the excellent support and care from the staff of Sperrin Trust and Glen Caring.

William was born in 1924 at 2 New Brighton Terrace, Omagh. His parents were the late Joseph and Isabella McGrew. He was the eldest son in the family, and is survived by his brothers, Joey, Jackie and Leslie, and sisters, May Baillie and Sadie Clements. His brother, Sammy and sister, Annabelle Stone, pre-deceased him.

He attended the Model School in Omagh until he was 14. Throughout his working life, he held a number of jobs – messenger boy for various local businesses, fireman and later, driver with the Great Northern Railway, meter reader with the Northern Ireland Electricity Board, postman and – until his retirement – counter clerk at the main Post Office in Omagh.

As a part-time reservist with the Royal Engineers, he travelled to Scotland, England, Wales the Netherlands and Cyprus. He later enlisted in the Ulster Defence Regiment (part-time) and also served with the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (part-time).

William married Edith Webb, a native of Dungannon, in 1949. They have three sons, Robert (Devon), David and Bill (Omagh), and a daughter Linda (Lincolnshire).

His family were a source of great pride and enjoyment for William, and he was always available to offer advice and encouragement to them. He has seven grandsons and two granddaughters, and was equally as supportive towards them, and delighted with their achievements.

In 2002 he became a great-grandfather, and has three great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter, who affectionately called him 'Papa'. He always enjoyed seeing the 'wee ones' and, when he was in better health, commented that they brightened up his day.

William was a life-longer member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Omagh. He was a Sunday School teacher for many years, and also served on the church committee. He was a member of Omagh True Blues LOL No 937 until ill health led to his resignation.

Following retirement, William was able to indulge in frequent walks. A 'wee dander' for him was usually at least six miles, and he loved to walk the country roads in the Omagh area. Retirement also provided William with the time to indulge in other interests, in particular genealogy. He undertook extensive research, and was able to trace his family name back to the 1700's. Through this research, William also discovered there were a great many McGrews living in the USA. He corresponded with several of them, and was especially delighted when they visited him on their travels.

William was a highly respected and valued member of the Omagh Family History Society, and was regarded as an expert in family history. Many an hour was spent assisting and entertaining local people and visitors to the Omagh area, who were trying to discover their ancestry.

His interest in family history also prompted William to publish two books 'Tombstones of the Omey' in 1988 and, earlier this year, 'Hatches Matches and Dispatches'.

William's extensive knowledge of the history of Omagh and surrounding areas was of great assistance to other local historians when carrying out their own research and subsequent publications.

The funeral service, officiated by Rev. Robert Herron took place at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Omagh, with interment immediately afterwards in the family burial plot at Drumragh Graveyard.

William is survived by his wife, Edith, sons, Robert, David and Bill, and his daughter Linda, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughter, great grandsons, and a large family circle.

# America - Ulster Project 2007

By Zara Jayne McCauley

This summer I went to Salt Lake City, Utah in the giant country of America. I was incredibly lucky to have been picked to go, so I didn't waste the chance! I spent loads of time with my group from Omagh working on the concert and trying to raise the money to go.

Everything went really well and on the 27th June we headed to the States. I was so excited and very anxious to meet my American teen Cassie. When we got to JFK in New York we had an awful 10 hour wait at the airport due to terrible weather. That just brought more nerves and excitement as 12 of us were running around the airport to look for things to pass the time.

When we finally arrived in Salt Lake City we had been travelling for more than 24 hours! Meeting Cassie at the airport was amazing. She was super nice and really funny, I could not wait to go and see her house. I was able to meet her mom, brother and stepdad at round four in the morning. That night we had no sleep and went straight into action the next day with a pool party.

Every day in America we had at least two massive activities to do. They were all so much fun, I can remember every joke and smile from each activity. I loved them! As well as this at night Cassie and I would rent movies and scare ourselves to sleep, which was awesome. We would also go shopping (my favourite activity) and go to the cinema or BBQ.

When the family got to choose what Cassie and I got to do, I was incredibly lucky in that they decided to go to Las Vegas in the State of Nevada. We stayed at an amazing hotel called 'New York New York' (you might have guessed the theme) There was a roller coaster inside the hotel and a giant Casino. The inside of the hotel was like a town. The food places inside were done up like houses and there were streets paved with stone.

Our hotel also had a gorgeous pool. All I can say is that I hope my mum and dad have been saving, because I know where I want to go on holiday next summer!

I got incredibly close to several of the Americans and of course ones from home, but we all were good friends. We would go out together and we would basically try to spend every second of the wonderful 35 degree heat with our new found friends. This wasn't hard as we met with everyone every day.

Being in America was a brilliant way to learn how similar Catholics and Protestants are. The Americans never thought twice about what religion they were. It just doesn't matter over there. It makes you realise how silly it is to think about the divide in our society by our religion. They made you want that union between the religions back home. I hope that this trip will help so many more that just the 12 that go every year.

It wasn't all about religion though, It was about so much more, new and deeper friendships, the amazing country, the wonderful tans, amazing houses, brilliant pools, awesome roller coasters and wonderful memories that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

PICTURED BELOW: ULSTER PROJECT TEENS WITH THEIR SALT LAKE CITY HOSTS

Zara Jayne McCauley (front 3rd from left) and Andrew Stevenson (back 3rd from left)



# TRINITY DOUBLE ACT AT THE ACADEMY



Congratulations to two of Trinity's young members! This year, at Omagh Academy, Sara-Jayne McClung is Head Girl and Richard Armstrong is Head Boy. So we popped in to ask them a couple of questions.

The serious stuff first: What kind of things does it involve, being Head Girl/Head Boy? Well, their immediate duties include making speeches (hard!) on Prize-Giving Day, Wednesday 19th September, and they will represent the school in laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

On to more personal details:

Sara-Jayne is the daughter of Richard and Dawn and they live in Knocksilla, off the Hospital Road. She has one brother, Jonathan, who is in 5<sup>th</sup> year, doing GCSEs, also at the Academy.

Richard lives in Newtownstewart. His father is Kenneth and his mother is Yvonne. His grandfather was Sammy, who ran a grocer's shop in Campsie and will be remembered by many older folk in the

congregation. Richard has an older sister, Gemma, who is at Hope University in Liverpool, training to be a primary-school teacher.

What subjects are Sara-Jayne and Richard studying? Both are studying English Literature and History. As well as these, Sara-Jayne is taking Spanish and Richard is doing Maths. Sara-Jayne would like to study medicine at University, with a view to becoming a paediatrician. Richard is aiming to be a lawyer.

The two new 'Heads' have more in common than some school subjects. Both are very into sport and quite high-profile already.

Richard loves rugby and golf. He plays rugby for the 1st XV. He has played golf since the age of ten (he's a member of Newtownstewart Golf Club) and has a handicap of 3! At one time he considered a career as a professional golfer but then gave up that idea.

Sara-Jayne plays hockey for both the school 1st's and Omagh Ladies 1st's, so that's a lot of hockey. She also plays badminton and tennis and once the hockey season finishes in March, she plays volleyball to June.

In the future, both would like to travel. Sara-Jayne would like in particular to go back as a Councillor with the Ulster Project to Salt Lake City, where she went in 2005 with the Project. Richard has been to Canada, as he has relations outside Calgary and he'd be interested in going to Australia.

To come back to the topic of the Academy Head Boy/Head Girl. It's not all speeches and hard work: there are several formals to go to: expensive but fun. Anyhow, well done both of you for achieving the honour of being Head Girl and Head Boy!

## THE PEOPLE OF TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There are still some copies of "The People of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Omagh 1754-2004" for sale and they would make a nice Christmas present. If you are interested they can be purchased from Ronnie Keys for £14.

The People of Trinity Presbyterian Church Omagh 1754 - 2004 by John McCandless and Claire McElhinney, two members of the congregation, is published by The Universities Press. Acclaimed in an Ulster Local History Trust review as being "on a par with the best church histories on Ulster congregations in recent years", this book tells the story of the development of Omagh as seen through the eyes of Presbyterians. The roles played by individuals in the Church are highlighted in parallel with their contributions to the growth of Omagh as a county town and the impact on Trinity of the Revival, rail transport, church instrumental music, World Wars, the 'Troubles' and the Omagh bombing. From its cover to the last page, this 184 page book emphasises the New Testament teaching that "the church" is "the people".

## TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY P.W.A. REFORMED

Ladies of Trinity and Gillygooley churches were invited to come along to a meeting on Tuesday 11th September to ascertain if the PWA group could be re-started. The number of ladies who did turn up was very encouraging - over 30! Mrs Annette Moore had agreed to Chair the Meeting, which started with a short prayer and a hymn, ably accompanied by Mavis Jardine on the piano.

A provisional programme was made out for the year (subject to confirmation by speakers) and the matter of subscriptions and other finance was discussed. As there were some new members there, a brief outline of the work of the PWA was given by Annette.

The Election of Officers was led firstly by Mrs Olive Parke who asked for the position of

President, held by Mrs Annette Moore, to be formally accepted. Other Office Holders are Mrs. Claire McElhinney, Vice-President; Mrs Joan Cummins Secretary; Mrs Dorothy King, Treasurer. Four other ladies were nominated as Committee.

The evening ended with a welcome cup of tea and a chat and Mrs Olive Parke proposed a vote of thanks to Annette for all her preparatory work in readiness for the meeting.

The next meeting will be on 9th October and the speaker is Mrs. Edith Hadden from the Red Cross.

It is hoped that there will be a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Wee Johnny Room. There is plenty of room available for people from either church.

## COOKSTOWN P.W.A. VISIT GILLYGOOLEY

Cookstown P.W.A. concluded their annual outing with a visit to Gillygooley where members of the Congregation provided an evening meal for their guests in the Orange Hall. Proceeds from the event went towards Gillygooley Presbyterian Church repair fund.



Members of Cookstown P.W.A. who visited Gillygooley.



L-R Karen Hannigan and Dorothy King preparing food for the guests.



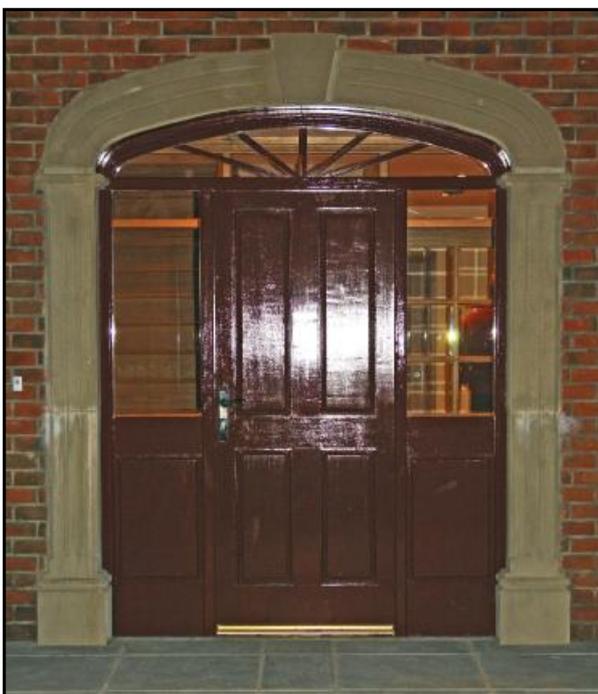
## CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO 2<sup>ND</sup> YOUTH

Two members of Gillygooley 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth (50+ club) have successfully completed A Sport For All Leaders Award Older Peoples Module. The workshop was organised by the Senior Citizens Consortium who awarded Margaret Hemphill and Jean Ellis with certificates of achievement.

Pictured left: Dorothy King (centre) Secretary of Gillygooley 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth presents Jean Ellis (left) and Margaret Hemphill (right) with certificates.

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## **FAHAN PRESBYTERIAN EXTEND HOSPITALITY**

Gillygooley 2nd Youth and Killycurragh Senior Citizens Club participated in a Cross Border Networking Project with Fahan Presbyterian Congregation, Co. Donegal. The Project was delivered by Derry and Raphoe Action to encourage interaction and networking with similar cross-border groups. Prior to the workshop at Fahan the groups jointly enjoyed a boat trip on the Foyle. On arrival at the Church Hall the Omagh groups were entertained to a delicious lunch. Following lunch everyone moved to the nearby refurbished Church for a workshop facilitated by Margaret Ferguson, Fahan, Audrey O'Neill, Killycurragh and Andrew Scott, Gillygooley. The groups acknowledge with appreciation the financial support received through Derry and Raphoe Action.



Listening attentively at the workshop are L-R John and Marjorie Hall, Sadie Clements, Margaret Hemphill, Jean Ellis, Helen Killen, Edith Hemphill, May and Mary McFarland and Bella Monteith.



L-R Audrey Clements, Maureen Watt, Anne Turner, Helen Reaney, Nina Buchanan, Nell Dunne, Myra Alexander, Agnes Kyle, Audrey O'Neill and Robbie Alexander.

## **GILLYGOOLEY YOUTH DRUM UP SUCCESS**



L-R Dale Elliott, Jonathan Smyth and Kyle McKinley.

Three young members of Gillygooley Congregation Jonathan Smyth, Dale Elliott and Kyle McKinley collected an array of silverware at the Sloughan Glen Festival Drumquin. These talented young boys are members of Gillygooley Pipe Band and with an average age of 14 years are showing exceptional talent. Dale was overall winner of the under 16 years drum pad section, whilst Kyle was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> under 16 years on drums. The three boys went on to win the under 16 years best drum core in the ungraded section.

# TRINITY SENIOR MEMBERS' OUTING

The Trinity Senior members' outing went this year to the Sligo area. First stop was at the Glencar waterfall where tea and scones, ably provided by Heather Carson and Gwen Donald, were served at the beautiful picnic area surrounded by the mountains. Next, it was on to Drumcliffe C.O.I. Parish Church to visit the grave of the famous Irish poet W.B. Yeats and a tour of the historic church. Back on the bus and on to the Pier Head Hotel, Mullaghmore where a four course dinner awaited them as well as entertainment by Luke Devaney from Grange Co. Sligo on the accordion, Joe McGrew with a couple of Al Jolson tunes and a couple of yarns from Noel Donald. A good time was had by all. Twenty seven people went on the trip this year so we hope we can fill the bus next year.

Thank you to all who helped make this a most enjoyable day.



On the bridge at Glencar Lake.



Joe McGrew and Jimmy Elliott enjoying the picnic.



Outside the Pier Head Hotel.



Enjoying the picnic.



At Glencar waterfall.



At the grave of the famous poet, W.B. Yeats.



Lynsey Carson, one of the photographers.



Drumcliffe Church of Ireland Parish Church.

## GILLYGOOLEY 2<sup>ND</sup> YOUTH OCCUPY SEATS OF POWER

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) travelled to Belfast recently for a guided tour of the city. On route the coach's first stop was Lisburn where everyone enjoyed a lavish lunch hosted by the ladies of 1st Lisburn Presbyterian Church. The club's next destination was Stormont where members were given a guided tour of Parliament Buildings with members being given the opportunity of occupying the seats of Ministers and M.L.A.s. For some in the group this was their first opportunity to visit the impressive building and be informed of its history by an excellent guide. Before departure the group enjoyed refreshments courtesy of Derek Hussey a former M.L.A.

Brin Heaton a Belfast Blue Badge guide then joined the coach and took the group on a guided tour of the city which included the shipyard. Members viewed the dry dock where the Titanic was built and the site of the proposed Titanic Centre. Being the week of the Belfast Maritime Festival members saw the H.M.S. Albion the third largest vessel in the Royal Navy, which joined several of the world's most spectacular tall ships docked in the harbour.

The coach then weaved its way through the city with the guide giving an excellent commentary on Belfast's architectural and ancient history. The tour concluded with a visit to the Shankill and Falls

areas where members heard stories related to many of the street names and places made famous in the dark days of the troubles.

On the homeward journey a detour was made through the apple county and the Diamond, Co Armagh stopping off at the historical homestead of Dan Winters. It was following "The Battle of the Diamond" in September 1795 that the Orange Order was formed and Dan Winters' home was used to host the first meeting. Hilda Winters a direct descendant of the original owner extended a warm welcome to all present.

The trip concluded with an excellent meal in the Famous Grouse restaurant near Loughgall.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> YOUTH AT STORMONT



A day to remember as members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth view the interior of Parliament Buildings L-R Margaret Hemphill, Nina Buchanan, Lily Nethery, Audrey Clements, Eileen Boyd, Archie Nethery and Harold Brunt.



L-R John Hall, Jim Mitchell, Stanley Sayers, Gerald McCauley and Ben Thompson listen intently to the tour guide.



Taking a welcomed rest during their tour of Stormont are L-R Nell Dunne, Dorothy King, Anne Turner, Wendy Steritt and Agnes Kyle.



Viewing the impressive architecture in the entrance hall at Parliament Buildings are L-R Jean Rae, Iris Moffitt-Scott & Liz Thompson.



Members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth on the steps of Parliament Buildings, Stormont.



Philip Elkin, Gerald McCauley, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Margaret Hemphill view the dry lock where the Titanic was built.

## GILLYGOOLEY Y.C.D.A. REFLECT ON SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Florence Magee Development Officer with Derry and Raphoe Action presided at the A.G.M of Gillygooley Youth & Community Developments Association. The Association acts as an umbrella group for all organisations using the Orange Hall which includes Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. An excellent report was received of the years activities with special reference being made of the recently formed Community Choir and the very successful Walking Club.

Funding is becoming more difficult to draw down and in this respect the current year has not been as successful as previous. The Association however acknowledge and welcome the financial support received from Omagh District Council, the W.E.L.B. and the Ulster Scots Agency who were the main sponsors this year. The resurfacing of the Hall car park and alternations to its entrance has greatly enhanced the Hall approach the project was financed by O.D.C.



Picture left: Flora Magee (second right) discussing the Gillygooley Ulster Scots Summer Scheme programme with the officer-bearers of Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. L-R Raymond King Vice Chairman, Margaret Hemphill Secretary, Lorraine Elkin Assistant Treasurer and Andrew Scott Chairman, (missing from photograph Mavis Elkin Treasurer and Jennifer O'Donnell Assistant Secretary).

## NETWORKING WITH LISTULLYCURRAN

Gillygooley Orange Hall was the venue for a recent networking workshop when members of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, Gillygooley Orange Lodge, Gillygooley 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth and Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association amalgamated to host a group of 110 visitors from Listullycurran, Dromore, Co. Down. The contingent from Co. Down travelled in

two coaches arriving at the Orange Hall at 11:00a.m. They were first given a conducted tour of the recently refurbished Gillygooley Presbyterian Church and were clearly impressed by this small picturesque country Church.

The focus then moved to the nearby Orange Hall where the group received hospitality from the various groups who utilise the hall. The visitors then took the opportunity to view the hall complex and learn of the wide range of activities provided. Andrew Scott who is associated with all the Gillygooley Organisations



Ladies from the combined Gillygooley Groups prepare morning coffee for their guests.

welcomed the people of Listullycurran and gave a talk firstly on the history of the Church which is currently celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Church he said was formed in 1806 and united with Ballinahatty the following year with the first Minister being Rev. John Watson 1807-1834. He outlined how some of the difficulties experienced by the congregation in those early years included the loss of the roof in the big wind of 6<sup>th</sup> January 1839.

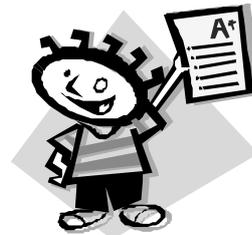
Mr. Scott then switched his focus to the Lodge which has been working in the area since 1890 under the warrant of LOL 339. He outlined how in more recent years the Lodge was the embryo of the Youth & Community Development Association which embraces all user groups providing a programme of varied activities for the people of the greater Gillygooley area. A question and answer time ensued and the event came to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Ken Lunney on behalf of the visitors. As the group departed on their onward journey to Donegal new friendships and acquaintances had been made with a view to making further contact at some future date. Proceeds from the event are being used for the hall extension.



Visitors from Listullycurran, Dromore, Co. Down.

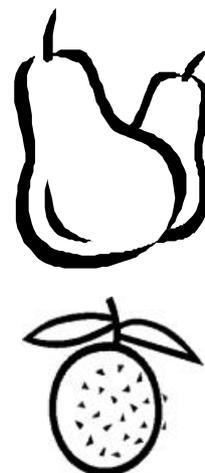
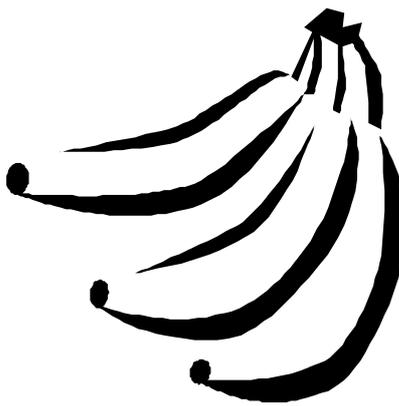


# Children's Page



## HARVEST

At harvest time the church is decorated with lots of fruit and vegetables.  
Cut out the pictures below and stick them together to make a fruit bowl filled with fruit.  
Colour and decorate however you want.



Name a harvest hymn or song in the space below

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**Please Note: We can only except Primary School Entrants.  
Please indicate which church you belong to on the entry.**

*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.*

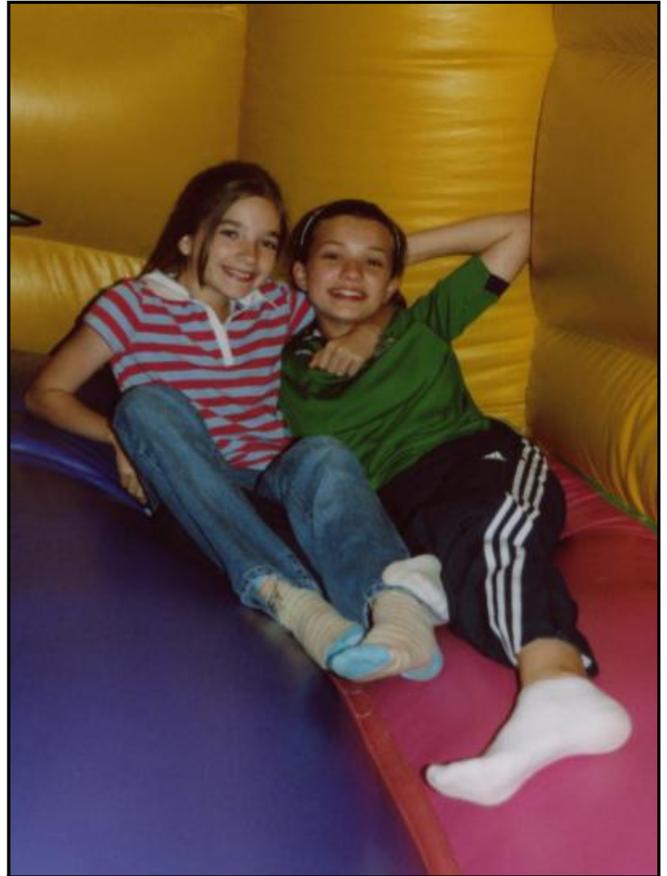
**Last issues winners: [Trinty – Sarah Moore] [Gillygooley – Craig Forsythe]**

# GILLYGOOLEY CHURCH FAMILY BARBEQUE AND FUN NIGHT

The inclement weather failed to dampen the enjoyment of the young and not so young at the annual Church Barbeque. Beverly Fleming Sunday School Superintendent and her team of assistants ensured everyone had plenty to eat & drink. This annual event held in the Orange Hall & grounds always proves popular with grandparents, parents and children. The Congregation are indebted to the family who anonymously sponsor this annual event.



This food tastes good! L-R Shelby Caldwell, Ian, Malcolm and Leslie Fleming.



We're just chilling out say Keeva McIlwaine and Jessica Sproule.



Who's for snooker? L-R Matthew Hunter, Neil Hemphill and Fraser Caldwell.



Enjoying their burgers are L-R Irene McCauley, Margaret Hemphill and Iris Moffitt-Scott.



Elaine and Karen King, Kyra Semple and Linda McIlwaine watching the activities at the barbeque.



Enjoying some conversation are L-R Allison Hemphill, Myrtle McKinley, Claire McKernan, Rev. Herron and Iris Moffitt-Scott.



Relaxing at the Church Barbeque are L-R Desmond & Rebecca Scott, Malcolm McKinley and Andrew Scott.



Having fun on the bouncy castle are L-R Helena Caldwell, Harley Semple, Janice Caldwell, Neil Hemphill, Fraser Caldwell, Stephanie Hunter, Keeva McIlwaine and Jessica Sproule.



Keeva and Leah McIlwaine enjoy the age old game of hoola-hooping



Anyone for sauce? (centre) Allison Hemphill and Pansy Fleming serving food at the barbeque whilst Matthew McKernan waits eagerly for his hot dog.



The inclement weather did not deter some outdoor activities.

# NEW ELDERS ORDAINED AT TRINITY



L-R Rev Charles Clements, Sammy Gallagher, Ken Duncan, Drew Hamilton, Rev Robert Herron, Mitch McKnight, Claire McElhinney, Wesley Atchison, Sam Carson, Rev John Murdoch and the Rev RWW Clarke.

A special service was held in Trinity on Sunday evening, 24th June for the Ordination and Installation of Samuel Wesley Atchison, Samuel James Irwin Carson, William Kenneth Duncan, Robert Alexander Hamilton, Claire Edith McElhinney and Mitchell McKnight to the office of Ruling Elder.

The service was conducted by Rev. Robert Herron while Rev. John Murdoch preached 'the charge to minister and congregation'.

Rev. Charles Clements, minister of Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo, read a Statement on the Eldership which outlined the Biblical basis and historical development of the distinctive Presbyterian form of church government.

An offering was taken for the Students' Bursary Fund. This fund is used to train those preparing for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland at the Union Theological College, Belfast.

At the conclusion of the service, everyone was invited to the Church Hall for supper.



L-R Ken Duncan, Drew Hamilton, Claire McElhinney, Mitch McKnight, Wesley Atchison and Sam Carson.



Wesley Atchison and his family.



Drew Hamilton with his family.



Above: Sam Carson with his family.  
Left: Mitchell McKnight with his family.  
Bottom right: Ken Duncan with his family.  
Bottom left: Claire McElhinney with her family.



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The Church contributes positively to the debate on state education policymaking at government level and is an active partner with parents, teachers and others, through representation on school boards of governors and area boards.

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## MISSION IN IRELAND

Congregations are encouraged and resourced, inner city outreach is helped and deaconesses and full time Irish Mission workers supported with the aim of ensuring that every person in Ireland has the opportunity to hear the Good News.

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Engaging in mission around the world with 30 partner churches in 24 countries, our Church also supports about 50 individuals engaged in long term service in 11 countries as well as providing training and support for congregational teams undertaking short term overseas projects.

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## GILLYGOOLEY ORANGE HALL EXTENDS

Due to the ever increasing programme of activities at Gillygooley Orange Hall the lack of space has become a major problem. Having recently completed a major refurbishment project to the Church, the Community have now realigned their focus on the Orange Hall. Following



Paused for advice from David McKinley (back) are L-R Christopher Elkin, Malcolm McKinley, Desmond Scott and Charles Elkin.

unsuccessful attempts to attract funding a meeting was convened of all hall user groups in an effort to address the problem and it was unamously agreed to proceed with the hall extension. This has certainly endorsed the true community spirit that exists in Gillygooley. The project is being co-ordinated and managed by Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association and supported and financed by Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, Gillygooley 2nd Youth, Gillygooley Youth Club and Gillygooley LOL 339. The Association are extremely appreciative of the generosity of the various organisations and to local people for the giving of their time and talents.



Below right and left: the hall extension takes shape.

## HAROLD McCAULEY HOUSE FAMILY DAY



On Wednesday 4th July Harold McCauley House had a Family Day which proved a great success. Pictured left is Mrs McCauley with her niece Kay McCauley, surrounded by other residents and their families. This event was held shortly after the Home received an Eat Safe award from the Omagh District Council and the FSANI on 8th June 2007.

The Home has been running for some 15 years now providing residential care for elderly people as part of the Presbyterian Residential Trust.

**HARVEST  
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at  
**Gillygooley**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**Sunday, 21st October**  
10-00 a.m.  
Rev Robert Herron  
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**Special Services in  
Trinity & Gillygooley**  
(November & December)

**Sunday, 11 November**  
Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday, 18 November**  
GB & BB Enrolment  
in First Omagh at 4.00 pm

**Sunday, 9 December**  
World Development Sunday

**Sunday, 16 December**  
Carol Services

**Sunday, 23 December:**  
Sunday before Christmas

**Tuesday, 25 December**  
Christmas Day Service  
in First Omagh at 11.00 am

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**TRINITY  
BOWLING CLUB**

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

**TRINITY CHOIR**

Have you thought of  
joining Trinity Choir?  
Why not come along to  
the choir practice on  
Thursdays at 8pm at  
Trinity and exercise your  
lungs!

Trinity & Gillygooley Presbyterian Churches

**Queen's Island Victoria  
Male Choir**

**HARVEST CONCERT**

Sunday 21st October 2007 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Trinity Church

**Cash for Rags**

Following the success of the last  
collection of clothes for recycling in  
aid of Church funds, Sharon Beattie  
& Harold Moore, Gillygooley, will  
again receive suitable items. For  
further details tel. Sharon 82245641

**Record of Deaths in the Congregations**

**Deaths in Trinity**

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|----|-----------|-----------------|
| 11 | July      | William McGrew  |
| 24 | July      | Robert Elliott  |
| 2  | September | Georgina Graham |

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

**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 and they can  
contact Claire McElhinney on  
82244578 for further details.