

TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY NEWS



Issue 44

www.trinitypresbyterianchurchomagh.co.uk

October 2008

Inside this issue:

General Assembly Report	2
General Assembly Report	3
GG 2nd Youth wheelchair donation	4
Visitors to GG	5
Trinity Childrens' Day	6
Trinity History	7
Harvest time	8
GG Family Fun Night	9
Childrens' Page	10
GG 2nd Youth in Cork	11
Trinity Senior Members Outing	12
Obituary - Mrs Pinkerton	13
GG Notice Board	14
GG Youth in Focus	15
GG BBQ raises church repair funds	16
James Aldridge and Wendy Smyth marriage	17
GG Summer Scheme	18
GG Summer Scheme	19
Announcements	20

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS OMAGH-WATERFORD PEACE CHOIR



The Omagh-Waterford Peace Choir will perform in Trinity Presbyterian Church on Saturday 25th October, 2008 at 7p.m. Free admission!

The choir has recently returned from a trip to visit orphanages in Sri Lanka which were built in the aftermath of the Tsunami.

The choir also provided the music for the 10th Anniversary memorial for the Omagh Bomb.

GILLYGOOLEY WALKING CLUB

Some members of Gillygooley Walking Club on a recent walk around the shores of Lough Erne. The final walk of the season took place at Ness Wood



Country Park on Saturday 20th September. The Ness Waterfall is the largest in Northern Ireland and its woods have been included in one of the Mills & Boon books and noted as one of the most romantic places in Britain.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Rev Herron, Mr Ken Duncan (Trinity Elder) and Mr Bill King (Gillygooley Elder) attended the 2008 General Assembly, which met in Church House, Belfast, from 2nd – 5th June.

Opening Service

The Assembly began with the Opening Service and installation of the Moderator, the Right Rev Dr Donald Patton. Visitors we received from The Church of Scotland, and the Irish Churches, as well as 20 visitors from churches as far afield as India, Malawi and Hungary.

Items at this year's Assembly included:

Plans for Youth Assembly

Plans for a Youth Assembly were presented "to enable young people to have a meaningful opportunity to be involved in decision making at a denominational and local level." A pilot process was suggested for 2009, which will involve regional events empowered to send delegates to a residential national event that would bring the ideas, actions and proposals of young people to the main General Assembly in June 2009.

PWA Changed to PW

The Presbyterian Women's Association was officially changed to Presbyterian Women when the Assembly passed this proposal.

Education

Involvement in state education has always been important for the Presbyterian Church. With a state of flux both north and south of the border, there have been ongoing meetings between Presbyterians and government ministers, politicians and civil servants to preserve the significant role that Churches have had in this area. A resolution was brought to the Assembly by the Board of Education to 'fully support the Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) in seeking to ensure parity of protection for the Christian ethos in schools in the Controlled Sector currently enjoyed by schools in the Catholic Maintained Sector'. The TRC represents the voice of the Church of Ireland and the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in education matters in

Northern Ireland.

Sitting in the public gallery listening to the education debate were MLA's - Sammy Wilson (DUP), Basil McCrea (UUP), John O'Dowd (SF) and Ian Parsley (Alliance).

Presbyterians Talk Lifestyle

An evening event took place, open to everyone to discuss the issue of Christian Lifestyle and how that should influence how we spend our money, use our time and care for the environment and natural resources. Former Moderator Dr Trevor Morrow addressed the subject for everyone and then smaller seminars were led by Tim Magowan of Tearfund, Dr Mark Gray of Presbyterian World Development and Prof Drew Gibson from Union Theological College as they delved into the subject with more detail. A report has been produced for the attention of the wider church.

Mission Overseas

The Board of Mission Overseas reported on the involvement of over 35 personnel in 12 countries around the world. It also highlighted its partnership arrangements with a variety of churches in 19 countries and explained how it continues to change its strategies as relationships develop for the benefit of all. Speaking about the dangers facing PCI missionary families, Rev Marrs, Board Secretary, commented, "The Board of Mission Overseas is conscious of the challenges to the safety of some of our partners, and we do not take for granted the security and well being of any of our missionary families. Behind the scenes a great deal of work goes on in the Mission Overseas Office to monitor the security situations and our security advisor is regularly consulted. Please remember that at present, the Board have two couples working in Central Asia and three families serving in Kenya. Your prayers are vital, not only for the effectiveness of their work, but also for their safety and wellbeing."

Church Must Reduce Carbon Emissions

A resolution was brought by the World Development Committee encouraging the whole

church to identify means by which they can reduce their carbon emissions and implement them.

Government Must Fund Learning Disability Provision

In its report the Board of Social Witness expressed its 'deep disappointment' at what it described as 'the Government's unwillingness to provide funding for services to those with learning disabilities and their carers.' A resolution was brought to the Assembly calling on the Northern Ireland Assembly to provide additional funds for the whole area of learning disability, their carers and respite care.

Lindsay Conway, Director of Social Services commented on the recent success of a Board conference, 'The Church and Suicide'. Over 200 attended a full day conference that examined a very sensitive issue in a very systematic and pastoral manner."

Immigration System Undermines Human Dignity

In the light of the experience of Rev Johnston Lambe, Minister of Mountpottinger, and the members of his congregation who were refused asylum earlier this year, the Panel on Race Relations, which reports through the General Board stated that the 'policies and practice of the immigration system frequently undermines the dignity and value of the human beings concerned'. The report went on to comment that 'the timing of arrests, the nature of questioning, the excessive deployment of security forces in their detention and the transport of the detainees all reinforce this perception.' The report also noted that neither local politicians nor church leaders were able to impact the decisions made by the Home Office.

Commenting on this Rev Richard Kerr, convener of the Race Relations Panel said, "I publically applaud Mountpottinger congregation, their Kirk Session and minister Rev Johnston Lambe for the very sensitive, loving and courageous way in which they stood with the Adefowoju and Falode families. Here we have a very public example of how the church can and should stand with the vulnerable; the immigrant, with those whose

voice is seldom heard, with those who face an uncertain future."

Pensions and Finance

The pension situation was first considered in 2005 at the Assembly and various reports and proposals have been made to the Assembly since then. Presently there are three main schemes -- ministers, mission personnel and staff. A resolution was passed, creating a new scheme to combine all three schemes into one, remaining a 'defined benefits scheme'.

Most recent figures show total funds assets amounting to £72m with liabilities of £76m. Common reasons for this shortfall are increasing life expectancy and falling investment income. Under the new scheme it was proposed that the retirement age would rise to 67, and employees would pay an increased percentage of contribution.

The Assembly debated the new scheme and voted to keep the retirement age to 65 and also voted that employees would not be responsible to make up the shortfall in increased contribution. However, depending on age and service they will experience a change in pension anything from an increase of 8% to a reduction of 15%.

Students for the Ministry

The number of students for the Presbyterian Ministry continue to be encouraging with the Board telling the Assembly of 41 students presently at various stages of training and asking the Assembly to accept a further 20 people as students for the Ordained Ministry. The downside is that these numbers do not meet the high number of vacancies and projected vacancies due to forthcoming retirements.

Presbytery Changes

The Assembly agreed changes to some Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Omagh will be expanded from 4 March 2009 and the following congregations will join the Presbytery: First Castlederg and Killeter; Second Castlederg and Alt; Ardstraw and Douglas; Newtown Stewart and Gortin; Urney and Sion; and Badoney, Corrick and Glenelly. The Presbytery of Omagh will have a total of 42 congregations.

CARING WORK OF GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH ACKNOWLEDGED



Ben & Betty Thompson, seated, who presented a wheelchair to Andrew & Iris Scott for the benefit of the club.

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) was formed in April 2004 and is based in Gillygooley Orange Hall. From an initial membership of twenty it has grown and is recognised as one of the largest and progressive clubs for older people within the Sperrin Lakeland Senior Citizens Consortium area. The club caters for all abilities and draws its membership from far beyond the realms of the Gillygooley area. In recognition of the care and support given to less mobile members a surprise presentation of a wheelchair was made to the club by Ben and Betty Thompson. This generous gesture will be invaluable for use within the club and especially when travelling to out of centre activities. The first meeting of the new seasons activities is on Monday 29th September at 8p.m. in Gillygooley Orange Hall where a warm welcome awaits those in the 50+ age group.



ARE YOU BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING NEW FRIENDS
AND HAVING FUN WHILST LEARNING NEW SKILLS?

IF YOU ARE THE **1ST OMAGH COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE** NEEDS YOU.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MODEL MAKING, ARCHERY, GAMES,
TARGET SHOOTING, FUND RAISING AND DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD.

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

ANCHOR BOYS 5 - 8 YEARS 6.30p.m - 7.30p.m.

JUNIOR SECTION P5 – P7 7p.m - 8.30p.m.

COMPANY SECTION YEAR 8 UPWARDS 7p.m - 9p.m.

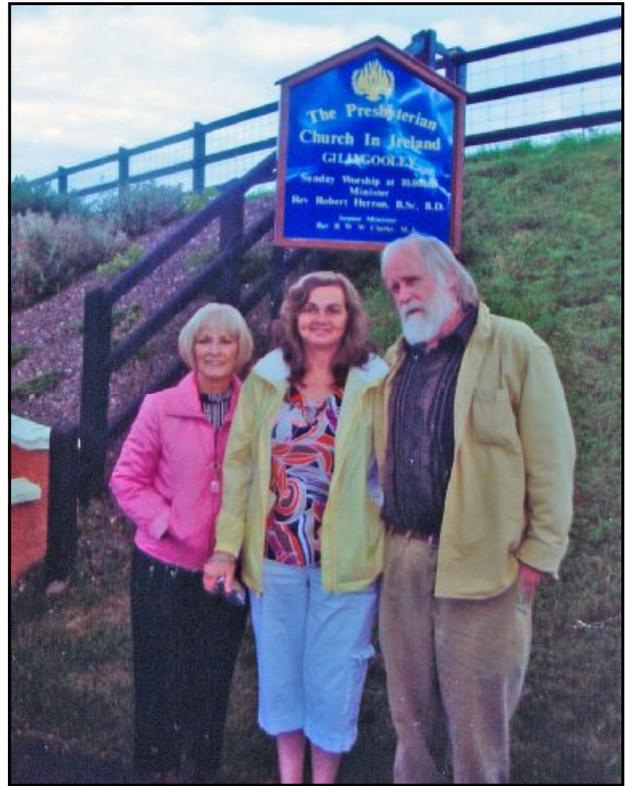
FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
DREW HAMILTON Tel. 82241952

ALL NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOME.

VISITORS TO GILLYGOOLEY



Photographed on a visit to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, Joan and Pat Parks, accompanied by Billy Creery and Andrew Scott. Joan and Pat are daughters of the late Rev. R.H. and Mrs Pinkerton and they were immensely impressed with the changes to the Church since the memories they had of their childhood days.



L-R Grace Gould, Gail and Gary Milliken, from Canada, on a recent visit to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Whilst staying in the Omagh area they were trying to retrace their ancestral footsteps. Grace's mother's surname was Perry and her Grandmother Watson. A sister of her Grandmother married Todd and it is understood Perry's' lived at Botera Cottage in the early 1900's. Anyone who can provide any information is asked to contact Andrew Scott tel. 8224 2895.



MAINTENANCE WORK ONGOING AT TRINITY

One job requiring attention at Trinity Church was the repair of the front steps. Over the years the steps had developed a number of quite large cracks, which had been fixed in the past, but now needed a more permanent solution. The Sub-committee decided that the steps would be better left with a concrete finish and so ruled out a tile option. Bert Rae discovered a new product on the market which meant the whole steps did not have to be removed. The surface of the steps were chipped and re-skimmed to leave a much more attractive entrance to the church. The photograph shows Bert happily at work, without even breaking into a sweat.

CHILDRENS' DAY AT TRINITY

On Sunday 1st June, Trinity held its Childrens' Day service during which Rev Herron received £493.82 from the Sunday School/Bible Class in aid of Rhythm & Rhyme. The money had been collected throughout the year and was presented to Rev Herron by Courtney Allen and Matthew Patterson, pictured right. The money raised will be divided between two strategic projects - the ABES Literacy Programme based in Gujranwala and the Academy of Church Music in Karachi.

The ABES Literacy Programme:

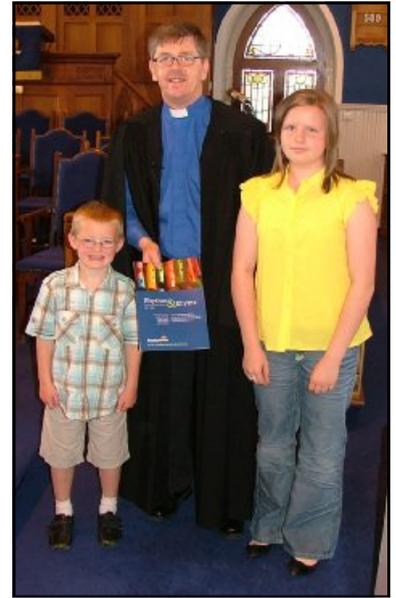
- Provides literacy training for approximately 2000 girls between the age of 7 to 12.
- Trains girls in areas of health and hygiene.
- Includes opportunities for Bible study and Christian Education.

Your support will allow the programme to be extended so that more girls can have access to a basic education.

The Academy of Church Music:

- Trains pastors and church leaders in a Biblical approach to worship music.
- Trains pastors and church leaders in a Biblical approach to worship music.
- Provides instruction for professional musicians and worship leaders.
- Produces worship music for use in congregations.
- Creates audio recording of the Scriptures.

Your support will help with the purchase of land and a new building for the Music Academy.



Dean Hannigan, Mark Clements, Ryan Stewart, Courtney Allen, Lindsey Carson, Katie McCay, Hannah Graham, Sarah Moore, Aaron Carson, Adam Moore and Julie Parke.



Reece Stewart, Alex Thompson, James Thompson and Katie Buchanan.



Kirstin Duncan, Rachel Graham, Megan Smyth, Amy Patterson, Hannah Patterson, Emma Moore and Naomi Duncan.



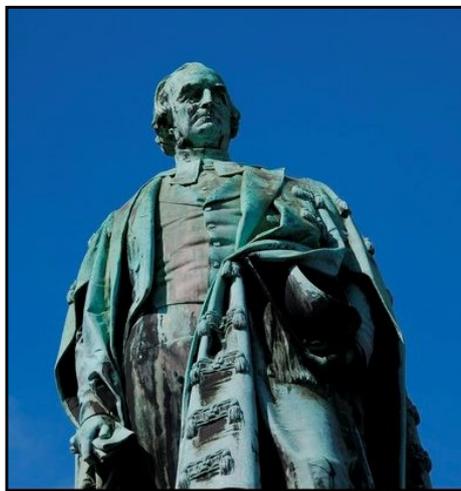
Chelsea Johnston, Jordan Smyth, Graham Carson, Leah Neil, Ella Duncan, Emily Buchanan, Molly Buchanan and Rebecca Stewart.

A BIT ABOUT TRINITY CHURCH

The new Trinity Presbyterian Church in Omagh was opened in 1856 by Rev Dr Henry Cooke, DD, LLD from Belfast. There were two services on that day, one in the morning and a later one in the evening. In "The People of Trinity" book, it is reported that the Rev Dr Cooke received £3.00 for his labours. Since the railway line did not arrive in Omagh from Portadown until 1859, it is likely that he would have travelled to Omagh by mail coach.

He came from a family of puritan settlers in County Down, originating from Devonshire. He was elected moderator of the general synod at Moneymore in June 1824. He was born on 11 May 1788 and died on 13 December 1868, having been married to a Ellen Mann of Toome, who died on 30 June 1868; by her he had thirteen children.

There is a plaque (pictured right) of Dr. Cooke located at the front wall of Omagh Orange Hall. (It is the central one) He studied chemistry, geology, anatomy, and medicine and was awarded an LLB (an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws)



Orangemen carry his likeness on their banners (though he was no Orangeman), and his statue in Belfast (erected in September 1875) is still a symbol of the Protestantism of the north of Ireland. He was prominent in the revival of the Protestant faith in the 19th century.

The statue (pictured left), which stands just in front of Inst in College Square East, is of Dr Henry Cooke (1788-1868) a clergyman who became involved in politics. It is commonly known as "The Black Man" although, strictly speaking, this nickname belongs to the previous statue, of the Marquis of Belfast, which was on the site.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity

21 Jun Anna Beth Chilton
 21 Jun Evie Louise Chilton
 5 Jul Megan Eva Harriet Campion

Baptisms in Gillygooley

29 Jun Jack Francis Lyons

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

Marriages in Trinity

24 Jul Ian Richard Kyle Hay & Gillian Elaine Caldwell
 25 Jul Thomas John Galbraith & Lisa Frances Elizabeth Davis
 9 Aug Stephen Thomas Quilty & Fallan Barbara Scott

Marriages in Gillygooley

26 Jul James Anthony Aldridge & Wendy Louise Smyth
 5 Sep David Wallace Rodgers & Olivia Eileen Aiken

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

Where has our Sunshine Gone?

By Gillygooley Correspondent

For those of us who enjoy warm sunny summer days the summer of 2008 has been a total disaster with on occasions three quarters of a month's average rainfall falling in several hours and ground covered white with hail on 1st September. Whilst the debate on climate change continues those who have to toil in an outdoor environment for their livelihood have to adapt to the apparent changing seasons. For the Farming Community it has been a particularly difficult year, animals have been poaching the fields, due to water logged conditions, the silage crops have been very difficult to harvest with excessive damage being done to swards and in some events grain, potato crops, and livestock have been washed away. Farming is a difficult occupation with long hours and very little financial reward when comparisons are made with other enterprises. It is an industry which provides the bread of life with very little acknowledgement, appreciation or understanding from many of those in society. At a time of year when our thoughts begin to focus on Harvest Thanks Giving Services let us be generous in our appreciation to those who provide for our table and make an effort to understand the difficulties farmers from throughout the world encounter providing our food of life through rainstorm and drought.



Animals foraging in waterlogged fields; a sight experienced on numerous occasions during the "summer" months.

The tradition of Harvest

The tradition of harvest festivals can be traced back to pagan times, when a celebration marked a successful harvest. It was called Lammass Day – the name means 'loaf-mass' – and was held on 1st August. It was customary for people to bake a loaf of bread from that year's crop of grain and take it to church for a special service. However, since the custom was based on Catholic traditions, when Henry VIII broke away from Rome and formed the Church of England, the tradition was changed and the celebrations took place in the autumn. Now, it is usually held on or near the Sunday of the harvest moon – the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox.

Harvest

There's seedtime up in Heaven
 There's harvest here on earth.
 There's a growing in the Spirit
 When amazing love gives birth.
 There's a boundless joy in giving,
 There's a peace that's too profound
 For our human understanding
 When the Lord prepares the ground.

There are roots made firm by patience;
 There's a goodness straight and tall,
 Loyal and assured in meekness
 Answering the Saviour's call
 There's a flow' ring of the spirit
 Disciplined by self-control,
 Gentle kindness branching outwards
 In a fellowship of soul.

There's no limit to the freedom
 Jesus offers to his own,
 Rooted, nurtured by His Spirit,
 Fruit to bear divinely grown.
 There's rejoicing up in Heaven
 At the harvest here on Earth,
 Souls to feed and life fulfilling
 When the love of God gives birth.

CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Brenda and Helena Caldwell enjoying the barbecue.

The Congregation of Gillygooley held their annual family fun night in the grounds of Gillygooley Orange Hall. It proved to be a fun packed night for young and old and as always the barbecued food was on keen demand. The Congregation express their thanks to Beverly Fleming, Sunday School Superintendent and her team of Sunday School Teachers who organised the event and also to the cooks and those who sponsored the event.



Billy Creery, centre (The Photographer caught on camera) also L-R Stephen Hunter and Malcolm McKinley.



Children competing in an obstacle course.



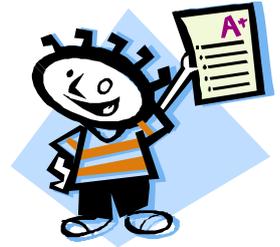
L-R Daryl Elkin, Stephen Fleming and Janice Caldwell pause from activities for a photograph.



Shelby Caldwell, second left, and the Fleming families busy preparing the food L-R Malcolm, Pansy, Beverly and Joanne.

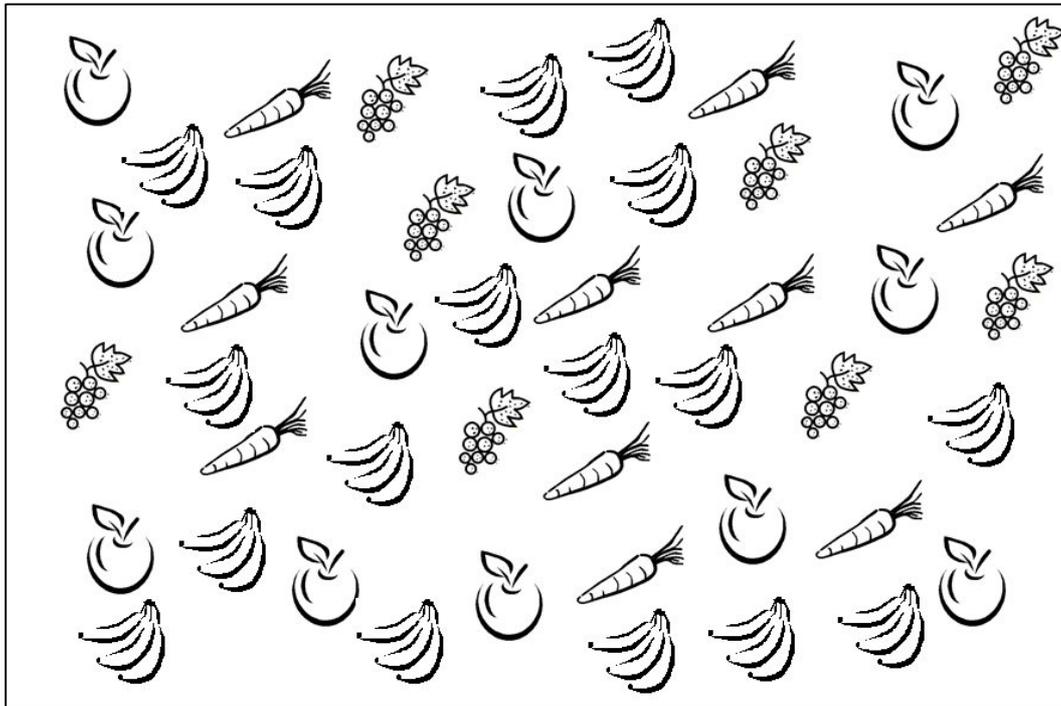


Children's Page



HARVEST

At harvest time we thank God for all the wonderful things he has given us.
Can you colour in the fruit and vegetables?



Count the number of:

Apples = ___ Bananas = ___ Grapes = ___ Carrots = ___

List 10 more fruit or vegetables.

God is great.
...
God is good.
...
Let us thank Him.
...
For this food.
...
Amen.

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 – Graham Carson] [Gillygooley – Chloe Aiken]

Gillygooley 2nd Youth Visit Cork

Members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth in conjunction with Londonderry 50+ club and Clonlea Club, Lifford participated in a week of networking and educational activities in Co. Cork organised by Westgate Foundation. The week culminated with a Civic Reception hosted by Cllr. Brian Bermingham, Mayor of Cork.

Helen Stewart, development worker with Derry and Raphoe Action, presided at the annual general meeting of Gillygooley 2nd Youth.

The retiring chairperson, Jean Ellis, gave a comprehensive report of the club's activities throughout the year, and thanked everyone for their support during her term of office. The club, she continued, has increased its membership to over 70 – and this has been most encouraging for those in the leadership team.

The treasurer's report, presented by Iris Moffitt-Scott indicated the club was in a sound financial position, and she acknowledged funding received from various funding organisations throughout the year.



An impromptu birthday party was organised for Edith Hemphill during the stay when it was realised Edith was celebrating a special birthday.

The office-bearers elected for the 2008/09 season were as follows:

Chairperson, Iris Moffitt-Scott; vice-chairperson, Stanley Sayers; secretary, Dorothy King; assistant secretary, Ellen Fyffe; treasurer, Margaret Hemphill; assistant treasurer, Thelma Harkness; press officer, Andrew Scott; catering supervisor, Lily Nethery; registrar, Sadie Clements.

Following the election, Helen Stewart gave a presentation on her work in the 'Renewing Communities Project'

The evening was brought to a close with a competitive game of New Age Curling, followed by supper.



Members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth, Londonderry 50+ club and Clonlea Club accompanied with the Mayor of Cork, Brian Bermingham following a reception in the Mayors Parlour.



L-R Sadie Clements, Iris and Andrew Scott, Edith and Margaret Hemphill, Olive Dunlop and Veronica Daly at the Ladies viewpoint, Killarney during a tour of Cork and Kerry.

GILLYGOOLEY Y.C.D.A. A.G.M.

Phyllis Alexander, of Blacksessiagh Regeneration Group, presided at the annual general meeting of Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association. As the association embarks on its 10th anniversary, those elected were Andrew Scott, chairman; Raymond King, vice-chairman; Margaret Hemphill, Secretary; Diane Mills, assistant secretary; Mavis Elkin, Treasurer; Lorraine Elkin, assistant treasurer; Lorraine McKeown, auditor.

The chairman, in his report, thanked the various funding bodies for their continued support, without which it would be impossible to continue activities at its present level. He concluded by thanking everyone who supported the work of the association, and said plans were already being made to celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Trinity Senior Members Outing

This year the Senior Members Annual Outing was on Saturday 21st June, to the RUC Memorial Gardens at Knock, Belfast and then on to Newforge Country Club for Dinner and entertainment by Claire McElhinney. (Claire only supplied the entertainment, not the dinner!)

Some 1,200 names are engraved on marble tablets in eight bays marking the decades of the existence of the RUC, from 1922 until the creation of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, in 2001.

The garden was designed by landscape architect and illustrator, Peter Hutchinson. The entrance to the garden is marked by a 'history trail' and a 'sentinel sculpture' by artist Ned Jackson Smith (picture on right, second down). The heart of the distinctive stainless steel form is a bronze RUC crest. The sentinel is one of four specially commissioned sculptures dotted throughout the garden. Artist Bob Sloan has created two – 'Serving The Community' and a memorial to those who continue to suffer physical and mental injury – while the team of Eleanor Wheeler and Alan Cargo produced the RUC George Cross memorial sculpture.





OBITUARY – MRS MARY PINKERTON



It was with great sadness that the Congregation of Gillygooley learned of the passing of Mary Pinkerton, wife of their former Minister, Rev. Harry Pinkerton from 1943-1970. She was a Lady in every sense of the word and her warmth and kindness endeared her to her many friends and acquaintances. Mary always had a smile and kind word for those who knew her and was generous in the giving of her time to many organisations and especially the Presbyterian Church. Mrs Pinkerton was a fun person to know. She had the capacity to relate to all generations and was a lady of great tolerance and wisdom. The Rev. John Murdock in his tribute to Mrs Pinkerton at the funeral service referred to her as 'a lovely lady' who radiated the light of faith and the life of Christ. The Congregation of

Gillygooley have many fond memories of Mrs Pinkerton during her late husband's ministry in the Congregation and the continued interest she showed in the Churches progress. Mrs Pinkerton's most recent visit to Gillygooley was her presence at the re-opening Service following extensive renovations marking the bi-centenary of the Congregation on 24th March 2007. Gillygooley Congregation express their deepest sympathy to her daughters, Molly, Joan, Pat and Ruth and the extended family circle.

Grant, O Lord to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of Thy great goodness in past years, and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion in the heavenly places; and this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gillygooley Community Notice Board

Primary Youth Club Years 1 – 3
Monday nights 6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Junior Youth Club Years 4 – 7
Friday nights 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Senior Youth Club Years 8 +
Friday nights 8:30p.m. – 10:15p.m.

Further details available from Jennifer Tel. 8224 1831

Chatterbox Playgroup

Monday – Friday
9:15a.m. – 12 noon

Further details available from Elaine Tel: 82831444

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club)

Last Monday of each month at 8:00p.m.

Further details available from Iris Tel. 8224 2895

Gillygooley Community Choir

Wednesdays at 9:00p.m.

In Gillygooley Orange Hall

Further details available from Andrew Tel. 8224 2895

Piping and Drumming Classes

Resume in October

Further details available from William Tel. 82248494

Dates for your Diary

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. Fund Raising Auction - date to be confirmed

Gillygooley 2nd Youth Musical - Footloose

Millennium Forum

Saturday 8th November 2008

Book your ticket and coach seats with Iris Tel. 8224 2895

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. presents a Country and Western Concert

In 2000 Centre, Newtownstewart

Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 8:00p.m.

Tickets available from Andrew Tel. 8224 2895 or Committee members

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A.

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 7:30p.m.

In Gillygooley Orange Hall

Tickets available from Committee members or Andrew Scott Tel. 8224 2895

Gillygooley Youth Club
Curry Night
Saturday 29th November 2008 at 8:00p.m.
In Gillygooley Orange Hall.
Tickets available from Committee Members or Raymond Tel: 82831444

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. & 2nd Youth
Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Saturday 6th December 2008
1:30p.m.-5:00p.m.

Gillygooley Orange Hall
New Year Celebrations & Disco
Wednesday 31st December 2008
8:00pm - late

YOUTH IN FOCUS

If ones only contact with the youth of today was via the press and other media outlets, one could be excused for branding our youth as selfish, unruly, anti social misfits in Society. As one in the upper tier of life's spectrum and someone who has through the years experienced close contact with several generations of our adolescents my experience has shown this to be a complete misconception. Yes there have always been those who fall by the way side, but in later life have conformed themselves and become model citizens. Yes there have always been those who never conform and sadly lead a life of misdemeanours and crime but they are the minority, a minority that sadly receive the medias attention with little or no focus on the endless good the vast majority of our young people give to society. Yes young people can be mischievous and not always behave as their parents would wish but then may I ask the question "Did we always act in a manner approved by our parents?" I have always believed that we should look for the good in a person and not the slight errors they may make on life's journey.

In Gillygooley Congregation we have a prime example of youth at its best which in the next few issues I intend to portray. A few years ago the grounds of Gillygooley Church were in need of attention with grass out of control. When David, a young member of our congregation, became

aware of the situation he volunteered his services and the neat and tidy appearance of the church grounds can be attributed to him. David is perusing a career in Quantity Surveying and has accepted a place at Jordanstown University in September. He received his early education at Gillygooley Primary School and then Omagh Academy. David's main hobbies are vegetable gardening and he is also a keen D.I.Y. enthusiast who enjoys working with his hands. He has taken great pride in restoring two of the old pews discarded from the church for use at his home. David has assured me he will be home from Uni at weekends to enable him to continue his maintenance of the church grounds, although in his modesty he claims Billy Creery is his Mentor who has guided him. David your work has been noted and should you ever decide to give up your Quantity Surveying career the congregation of Gillygooley would recommend you as a Landscape Contractor.



David Smyth busy attending to the grounds of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church.

Barbecue Assists Church Funds

£2600 was raised at the barbecue in aid of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church repair fund. The event which was held in the local Orange

Hall was well supported by both Church members and the Community. Thanks is expressed to the Fleming families who supplied the pork and to everyone for their generosity. Our photographer was present to record some of those who were present.



Michelle and Allister McKinley.



L-R Joshua Semple, Linda McIlwaine and Kyra Semple relax at the barbecue.



Eileen Fleming, right, and daughter Shirley, enjoying the barbecue.



L-R Leslie Fleming and David McIlwaine busy at the grill.



Some of the workers take time out for a photograph L-R David McKinley, Malcolm and Pansy Fleming and Malcolm McKinley.



L-R Carol Fleming, Jemma Walker and Jessica Sproule enjoying the dessert at the barbecue.



L-R Dorothy King, Myrtle McKinley and Iris Moffitt-Scott busy serving desserts at the barbecue.



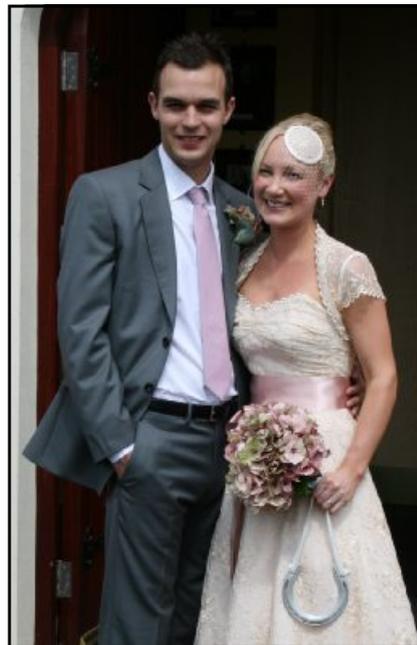
Above, Mary Cooper and Wilma Porter, and below, Stephen and Linda Hunter, relaxing at the barbecue.



Mother and daughter Karen and Aimee Hannigan.



MARRIAGE OF JAMES ALDRIDGE AND WENDY SMYTH



*“What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder.”
Mark 10v9
Wendy & James following their marriage in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Wendy is the eldest daughter of Robert & Joyce Smyth, Culbuck, Omagh.*



L-R, Leila Coalter, Jean Lemon, Pansy and Jean Creery.

ACTIVITIES GALORE ENJOYED AT SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SCHEME AT GILLYGOOLEY



Craig Forsythe participates in drumming workshop at the Ulster-Scots Summer Scheme.

Archery, mini-golf, highland dancing, accordion, drumming and bagpipe workshops, trips to Barontop Open Farm, Ballynahatty Fast Track and the Ulster American Folk Park. These are but a few of the opportunities offered to children who enrolled at Gillygooley Summer Scheme.

The annual scheme, now in its eighth year, is organised by Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association, and based in Gillygooley Orange Hall.

The four week scheme was themed with an Ulster Scots flavour in week one, with participants enjoying the Ulster Scots tradition in music, sport, dance and drama, with the week culminating in an Ulster Scots showcase – with the special appearance of Gillygooley Pipe Band.

Weeks two and three focused on a programme of both hall-based and out-of-centre activities, including swimming, craft, trips away and education workshops.

Meanwhile, week four was reserved exclusively for the 9 years+ children, with a programme of football, archery – and the highlight of the week – enjoying the spills and thrills of Ballynahatty Fast Track.

Thanks are expressed by the association to Jennifer O'Donnell, who co-ordinated the event, and to the leaders, Lorraine Millar, Alana Patterson, Linzi Smyth and Mark Barbour.

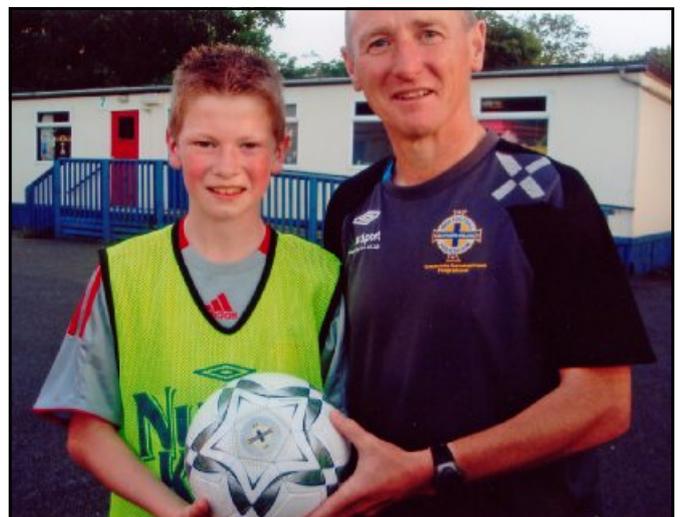
The Association acknowledges, with much appreciation, the financial support of the Ulster Scots Agency and Omagh District Council. Without this support, the Summer Scheme would not be possible.



An Archery Class in progress at the Summer Scheme.



Can we take them home? Think L-R Megan Moreland and Jodie Nethery at Barontop Open Farm.



Stephen Hemphill receiving coaching from Wesley Gregg at the Senior Summer Scheme.



L-R Jodie Nethery, Hannah Leonnard, Natalie Burrows make friends with a puppy at the Barontop Open Farm.



Jill McFarland instructing a craft class at the Summer Scheme.



A fun time being had by all at the Summer Scheme Ulster-Scots showcase L-R Errol McKinley, Jack Hannigan, Carol Fleming, Jessica Sproule, Callum O'Donnell and Calvin McKinley.



Some members of Gillygooley Senior Summer Scheme who participated in the football coaching.



Jonathan Smyth tutoring Kyle McKinley at the Ulster-Scots drumming workshop.



Emma McFarland, Kirsty Elkin & Laura-Jane Wallace take a break from activities at the Senior Summer Scheme.



A lot of concentration required at the accordion workshop L-R Adam Porter, Craig Forsythe, Neil Hemphill, Matthew Hunter and Thomas Boyd.

Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley

(November & December)

Sunday, 9 November
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 23 November
GB & BB Enrolment
in Trinity at 4.00 pm

Sunday, 7 December
World Development Sunday

Sunday, 21 December
Carol Services

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

**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**
in
GILLYGOOLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
**Sunday, 19th
October**
10-00 a.m.
Rev Rodney
Cameron
(Seskinore & Edenderry)
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**
in
TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
**Sunday, 19th
October**
11-30 a.m.
Rev Rodney
Cameron
(Seskinore & Edenderry)
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**JOINT EVENING
HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**
in
TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
**Sunday, 19th
October**
7-00 p.m.
Rev Robert Herron
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

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

Andrew Scott, Editor, Tel 8224 2895

or

Diane Mills, Assistant Editor, Tel 8224 6553.

E-mail: e.mills@freenet.co.uk

Photographs by Billy Creery and Andrew Scott.