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COMMUNITY GARDEN AT GILLYGOOLEY

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association plan to create a small community garden outside the entrance to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. The Church and Orange Hall are the hub of the community and it is being planted so as to attract butterflies and bees. It will also include a seat where locals can rest in summer evenings. The project is being funded by Airtricity Ltd as part of their community project. Work is scheduled to commence in early October.



Pictured above: Margaret Hemphill, seated left, secretary of the Association receives a cheque for £3000.00 from Airtricity Ltd.



NEW GATES AT TRINITY

As you are probably aware, maintenance and renovation work is continuing at Trinity Church. The new front gates are now in place and the next stage is to get the small side gates beside the Sextons building and at the rear of it refurbished. After that, by the time you are reading this, we hope that all the "new" rear and front gates will be painted, as well as the old railings all around the perimeter. This should see us right for some time to come in relation to outside ironwork! Onwards and upwards to the next job!

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SENIOR OUTING **SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2009**

On Saturday 20th June, 2009 the senior members of Trinity Presbyterian Church set off for the County of Donegal on their annual day out.

The coach took us through Newtownstewart and Strabane to our first stop of the day Ballybofey. On arrival everyone was treated to tea, scones and Danish pastries in the Villa Rose Hotel. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in very comfortable surroundings.

We then had an opportunity to shop in Ballybofey and this included the essential visit to McElhinneys, for the ladies.

After all the money was spent in Ballybofey passengers and their purchases were loaded on to the bus and we continued to the main location of the day, Oakfield Park Gardens outside Raphoe. These

gardens, owned by Gerry Robinson, are set in the beautiful grounds of an eighteenth century Georgian Deanery and are maintained to a high standard by the gardeners. Everyone enjoyed the gardens and took a trip on the miniature railway which wound its way around an area of wild garden and a man-made lake.

To finish off the trip the group travelled to the Fir Trees Hotel in Strabane for their dinner. All enjoyed a fine dinner of either Turkey and Ham or Roast Beef.

A contented group arrived back at Trinity Church in the early evening, having enjoyed a relatively rain free trip.





2ND YOUTH TRIP TO CORK *By Margaret Hemphill*

Early on Sunday morning the 5th July, 10 members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth along with members of Londonderry & Strabane clubs left Lifford on our journey to Cork. After a couple of stops we arrived at the Abbeyville apartments about 7pm, where we had our tea and relaxed for the rest of the evening. On Monday we had a leisurely morning and after lunch went to a party at Passage West. Later on that evening there was a Welcome Party at Westgate Foundation. We were introduced to the Mayor of County Cork and had our photograph taken with him. On Tuesday there was a trip to Kinsala and Kenmore. We were able to relax in the sunshine. Later we went to Bantry for a Karaoke and sing song. On Wednesday we did a tour round the Lakes of Killarney and had our photograph taken with the Romanian Leprechaun. Thursday we went to Cobh and on Friday everyone was entertained by the Lord Mayor of Cork in his chambers and had a little retail therapy later on. To finish our holiday we had a Good-bye party at Westgate. Saturday saw everyone heading home with rain to accompany us.



Members of 2nd Youth touring the ring of Kerry. (How Irish is this?) The leprechaun was actually Polish provided by Polish nationals at a small fee for photo calls.



Members of 2nd Youth are the recipients of a civic reception by the Lord Mayor of Co. Cork.

ORANGE HALL ON COURSE FOR MAJOR FUNDING

Gillygooley Orange Hall is on target for a major funding award of £50,000 from the "Youth Capital Funding Scheme of the Department of Education." Plans are currently being prepared to provide a new toilet suite and address other health & safety issues. Representatives from the various hall user groups which includes

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church have been pooling their expertise in preparing a plan which will meet with the approval of the funders. If approved work would have to be completed by 30th March 2010.



Pictured left: Representatives from various hall user groups discuss the plans for the proposed new toilet suite. L-R David McKinley, Sharon McFarland, Alison Hemphill, Andrew Scott, Raymond King, Margaret Hemphill and Dorothy King.

Volunteering for Samaritans can change someone's life.

Samaritan Volunteers - Autumn Recruitment Campaign

Samaritans is a registered charity that provides a completely confidential and non-judgemental listening service for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide.

The Omagh branch, which has been active since 1975, draws volunteers of all ages and creeds from across Tyrone and Fermanagh. We need a large number of dedicated volunteers to help maintain our service, hence the necessity to recruit twice yearly – in Spring and in Autumn.

Much media coverage is afforded to the increasing incidence of suicide within our society. Samaritans believe that offering people the opportunity to be listened to in confidence, and accepted without prejudice, can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings. Can you help us to provide this vital service?

Find out more about our work: Telephone: 028 8225 1530 or e-mail: Omagh.Samaritans@virgin.net

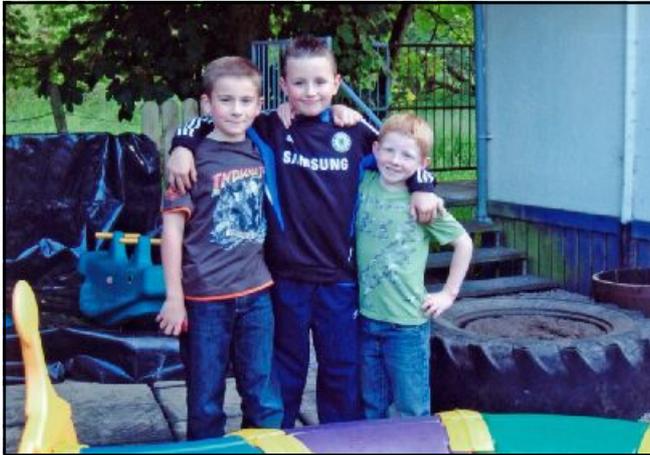
GILLYGOOLEY WALKING CLUB by Diane Mills

In April this year the walking club season got underway meeting weekly on a Wednesday night. In its fourth year, numbers have increased to 43 members from all over the Omagh area, with all age groups and walking abilities included. Most of the walks started at Gillygooley hall, going around the country roads and finishing with light refreshments. We also walked in Loughmacrory, Baronscourt, Lough Fea near Cookstown, Clanabogan, Omagh Town and Gortnagarn always finishing these outings with tea/coffee and scones in local restaurants or hotels. Our final walk for this season was on Saturday 19th September when we took a bus in the afternoon to Parkanaur Forest Park for a walk and then returned to Corick House in Augher for a meal in the evening. In addition to the obvious physical benefits, the club has become very much a social event with new acquaintances and friendships developed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for attending each Wednesday to help make the club a success and hope to see everyone and any new members next April.



Gillygooley Church Family Night

Considering the inclement summer Gillygooley Presbyterian Church Barbeque and Family fun night was again a successful night when children, in addition to enjoying the eats, had a fun filled night of entertainment. This annual fun night also gives parents and grandparents an opportunity to socialise, relax and discuss the woes of the world. The congregation express their thanks to Beverly Fleming – Sunday School Superintendant and those who organised the event. A special word of thanks also to the cooks and the sponsors of the family fun night.



We are all good friends L-R Jack Crawford, Adam Porter and Frazer Caldwell.



'Please let us join in' say L-R Jack Crawford, Adam Porter, Frazer and Helena Caldwell and Ryan Crawford.



Watching the children at play are Malcolm McKinley, Gerald McCauley, Andrew Scott and David McKinley.



Young People eagerly await their turn for the water game at Gillygooley Family Fun Evening.



Katie Gault and Karen King enjoy the bouncy castle.



Having a snack – L-R Alex McKinley and Emma Mills.



Lined up for a game of football are L-R Errol McKinley, Matthew McKernan, Calvin McKinley, Ryan Crawford, Adam Porter, Frazer and Helena Caldwell and Jack Crawford.



Brenda and Helena Caldwell relax at the family fun evening.



Emily Gault and Keeva McIlwaine all smiles for the Camera.



'Oops we have been caught on camera' says Linda and Keeva McIlwaine.



Busy feeding the multitude L-R Brenda Caldwell, Pansy and Beverley Fleming.

RECORD OF BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN THE CONGREGATIONS

Baptisms in Trinity

26 Jul Daniel Thomas Mitchell

Baptisms in Gillygooley

28 Jun Louie Jack King

Marriages in Trinity

20 Jun Andrew Derek Ferguson & Julie Anne Duncan

7 Aug Clive William Kee McFarland & Lorna-Anne Hetherington

Marriages in Gillygooley

31 Aug Russell Anthony Dean & Shirley Ann Short

Deaths in Trinity

4 Sep Margaret Morrison

Deaths in Gillygooley

13 Aug Herbert Fleming

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

By Gillygooley Correspondent

Helping Our Students

The Presbyterian Church is offering new university students support as they embark on their University career. The project is entitled "Starting as a Student" and provides helpful information for those whom university life and living away from home will be a new experience.

Information is available from Presbyterian Youth and Childrens Ministry Tel: 028 9032 2284.

Appointment of New Moderator

About 1400 delegates, representatives and guests attended the Presbyterian General Assembly in Church House on the week commencing the 1st June. The new Moderator Rev. Dr. Stafford Carson who is minister of First Portadown Church was installed. Dr. Carson has taken as his theme for his year in office:

"Passion for Christ" and

"Compassion for People"

His outreach and mission is that the Church should be prepared and adapt to change to help it connect with people in relevant and meaningful ways. He is of a view that the Church should address and involve itself in the daily life of the local community.

Moderator Visits Ethiopia

Rev. Dr. Stafford Carson has spent a two week visit to Ethiopia as guest of Christian Aid and Tearfund. The Presbyterian World Development annually donate £500,000 in support of healthcare, agriculture and education in the region. One of the main crisis that farmers are facing is drought, yet again the rain has not yet come causing great hunger and hardship. This is the first time Dr. Carson has visited the African continent.

Presbyterian Orphan & Children's Society

"When people hit difficult times through the death of a parent, or through illness, through alcoholism, through divorce, through unemployment whatever the situation, a child in need is a child in need the gratitude of families knows no bounds" (Rev. Purvis Campbell, Hon Sec)

The work of the Society is a part of the Churches' welfare structure that the average person in the pew has little knowledge of. Yes we subscribe when our local collector knocks on our door but are we as Church members aware of how the Church can assist materially as well as spiritually if we were unfortunate enough to meet a crisis in our lives. Last year the Society assisted 784 children in 432 families. £502.00 was paid out in grants to those families. A weeping single mother after receiving a grant said to her Minister I cannot accept this as I may never be able to repay it. "You don't have to" replied the Minister. "This is the Church at work for its people." "This is true Christianity." It is not alone the monetary value but it is the sense that the Church really cares at a time when ones life may be at its lowest ebb. When our Church collectors (to whom we express our thanks for their support) next knock on your door be as generous as your situation allows. Your giving means so much to fellow members of the wider Church.

Decline in Church Attendance

Recent years have seen a decline in Church attendance which is remarkably noticeable in the holiday months of July & August. Many families have apartments, mobile homes or touring caravans and to escape the ever increasing pressures of life retract to those for relaxation.

A survey in 2008 by the Statistics Research Agency for Northern Ireland revealed that almost everyone interviewed belonged to a religion even if they were not practising. This is in contrast to England where 46% Scotland 50% and Wales 55% said they had no religion.

In N.I. 36% of people said they attended religious services or meetings on a weekly basis unlike the U.K where average weekly attendance is only 9%. Questioned on religious belief 30% in N.I said it made a great difference with another 28% saying it made some difference, which is 10% higher than the U.K.

On a lighter note

A minister had just enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of one of his congregation. Looking out of the window after dinner he remarked, "That rooster of yours seems to be a mighty proud and happy bird." The host replied, "So he should be, his eldest son has just entered the ministry."

Obituary



Herbie Fleming 1920-2009

It was with great sadness that the Congregation of Gillygooley learned of the death of Herbie Fleming on 13th August following a prolonged illness. Herbie was an elder and former Clerk of Session of the church. Herbie and his wife Eileen purchased a farm in Gillygooley in 1958 where they set up home and became members of Gillygooley Congregation. Being originally from Co Monaghan Herbie came to work in Omagh in the early 1940's and took up employment with Tom McClay drapers, Market Street, Omagh, cycling home the 30 miles to Co Monaghan every weekend. Herbie

was an ambitious young man and had a desire to set up his own business, so when the opportunity arose he and the late Herbie Gilpin purchased the milk delivery business known as Slevins. On arriving in Omagh, Herbie became a member of First Omagh Presbyterian Church and later transferred to Gillygooley; it was at a social event in the Church Hall that he met his wife Eileen. Recalling a conversation the writer had with Herbie several years ago he said that he was not very impressed by the fabrics and the condition of Gillygooley Presbyterian church at that time but the warmth of the welcome Eileen and he received from the Gillygooley people more that compensated for this. Herbie was an Elder for 37 years and was appointed Clerk of Session in September 1986; a position he held until 1998. Herbie followed in his fathers footsteps, who was a member of Session in Cahans Presbyterian Church, Co Monaghan which is now sadly an interpretive centre and restaurant. Herbie was a dedicated farmer who channelled much of his energy into the expansion of his farm business.

Speaking at the funeral to a packed Congregation which overflowed into the Orange Hall, Rev John Murdock referred to Herbie as a 'Good Steward of the Countryside' which reflected his love of the country life and farming.

Herbie was a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather who was happiest when surrounded by his large family circle.

The Congregation of Gillygooley extend their deepest sympathy to wife Eileen, sons Leslie and Malcolm and daughters Hazel, Shirley and Rhonda and families on their sad loss.

'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 the great goodness in past years, and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion in thy heavenly place for those who die in Christ; this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

OUT AND ABOUT WITH 2ND YOUTH

Gillygooley 2nd Youth have certainly been out and about during the summer months. Following their trip to Scotland at Easter a day trip was organised to the Mourne in June. Following morning coffee in the Banville House Hotel, Banbridge the coach proceeded through the Mourne Mountains stopping at Spelga Dam and the Silent Valley before returning to Hilltown Presbyterian Church Hall for lunch. In the afternoon the coach again travelled through the scenic Mourne Mountains to Newcastle where travellers had some free time to shop and relax before returning to the Banville Hotel for a meal. The occasion was also used as an opportunity for a surprise birthday party for popular club member Lily Nethery who was celebrating a special birthday.

A day trip was also organised in August for those who could not be accommodated on the Mourne trip. First stop was Mid Ulster award winning garden centre and restaurant for lunch and an opportunity for those gardening enthusiasts to pursue their interests. The coach then travelled to Garvagh Heritage Centre where members reminisced on years of yore before returning to the Royal Hotel, Cookstown for their evening meal.



Beatrice Alexander re-lives her childhood days at Garvagh Heritage Centre.



Viewing the scenery in the Mourne are L-R Irene Brown, Lily & Archie Nethery and Sandy Brown.



Pausing for breath after climbing to the top of the Silent Valley Dam are L-R Eric Crawford, John Hall, Audrey Clements, Ruth Kyle, Veronica Daly, Georgina Walker, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Sandy Brown.



Outside Hilltown Presbyterian Church L-R Veronica Daly, Meta McFarland, Elizabeth McGavigan, Georgina Walker and Ellen McConnell.



Enjoying a stroll on the new promenade in Newcastle are L-R Sandy Brown, Gerald McCauley, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Philip Elkin.



A time of quiet reflection in Hilltown Presbyterian Church L-R Sadie Clements, Georgina Walker and Lily Ewing.



Forth from left, Ellen McConnell and Iris Moffitt-Scott get a conducted tour of Hilltown Presbyterian Church by members of the P.W.A.



Members of 2nd Youth at Garvagh Heritage Centre.



Viewing the large display at the museum are L-R Lily Ewing, Vera Walker, Ruth Patrick and Nina Buchanan.



Recalling farming from by gone days are L-R Jean Rae and Jean Fox.



Lily Nethery celebrates her special birthday.



L-R Jean Creary and Beatrice Alexander browse in the garden centre shop.



L-R Nina Buchanan, Ruth Patrick and Margaret Hemphill at Maghera.

USEFUL CONTACTS

If you require support or information regarding Gillygooley Presbyterian Church or Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association please contact the following:

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church – Rev. Robert Herron Tel: 82243 776

Sunday School – Beverly Tel: 82247 047

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association – Andrew Tel: 82242 895

Gillygooley Youth Club – Jennifer Tel: 82241 831

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) - Iris Tel: 82242 895

Chatterbox Playgroup - Linda Tel: 82243 146

Gillygooley Community Choir - Andrew Tel: 82242 895

Gillygooley Community Alert – Fred Tel: 82242 708

Eric Tel: 82246 511

Gillygooley Walking Club – Iris Tel: 82242 895

Diane Tel: 82246 553

Gillygooley Pipe Band (piping or drumming lessons) – William Tel: 82248 494

Gillygooley LOL 339 – Raymond Tel: 82831 444

Fairy Water Farmers Group – Mervyn Tel: 82831 355

Gillygooley Primary School – Tel: 82242 932



BAPTISM OF DANIEL THOMAS MITCHELL

Kenny and Maureen Allens daughter, Karen, and husband Alastair Mitchell, had a child baptised in Trinity on Sunday, 26th July 2009 - Daniel Thomas. They live in Maghaberry, Co Antrim, but their roots are still in County Tyrone, so they opted to have the ceremony in Trinity church. We wish them all many sleepless nights and dirty nappies!



MARRIAGE OF RUSSELL DEAN AND SHIRLEY SHORT

'What God has joined together man must not separate' Mark Ch 10 V 9

Russell and Shirley following their marriage on 31st August in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Shirley is the only daughter of Stanley and Gertie Short, 37 Gillygooley Road. Shirley who is a former member of Gillygooley Congregation studied at Huddersfield and works as a copy writer in London. Russell is a Solicitor and they are setting up home in St. Margarets, London.



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FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
DREW HAMILTON Tel: 82241952

ALL NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOME.

GILLYGOOLEY YOUTH CLUB SUCCESS

Gillygooley collected most of the trophies at a uni-hoc and soccer tournament organised by West Tyrone Federations of Youth Clubs. In the nine tournaments played Gillygooley teams emerged winners of five competitions and were runners-up in the sixth. Congratulations to all concerned.

OUR YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU



Club members who were winners at the West Tyrone Tournament.

Gillygooley Youth Club is in crisis! Are you prepared to help? Our Youth Club has become one of the best youth organisations within the Omagh District but it is in very real danger of collapse. New leaders are urgently needed to assist and support our existing team. With current membership in excess of 100 members legislation requests the minimum requirement of leaders. The club was formed in September 1973 and has continued in the intervening years to provide a safe and enjoyable venue for youth activities. We are now in the second generation of members. Others provided for you in your youth; support the youth of today. They are our future generation. If you can give a little time for the benefit of our youth club contact: Jennifer Tel: 8224 1831 or Alison Tel: 8283 1773.



MAKE LIFE FLOW



“We treasure the water. It's very important and precious. It is a gift from God and we value it.”

Stidia, 14, Uganda

Those of us living in the privileged West can take access to education, healthcare, sanitation and safe water for granted. But for millions of people across the world these are luxuries beyond their wildest dreams. **900 million people still live without clean water** and a shocking **2.5 billion people don't have a safe place to go to the toilet**.

This year, water, sanitation and hygiene are top of Tearfund's agenda. Access to these basic human needs is vital for community transformation. And when people can access these fundamental services, they have more time and opportunity to access other ones – like education.

Stidia walks three miles every day, down steep, rocky mountain, to fetch clean water. Her daily trek forces her to confront older youths who intimidate her and regularly beat her. She faces the constant threat of rape – and often misses school.

But now, after a lifetime of suffering, her future is being rewritten. Tearfund's church-based partners are training groups of village mums to build large rain-water tanks: cementing, plumbing, the lot.

Please join us in this – because enough is enough. Stidia deserves to have a future to look forward to. And you can do this. A monthly gift will enable Tearfund partner organisations all over the world to unlock spiritual and material transformation by providing essential services in poor communities.

Dropping out

In Africa, half of the girls who drop out of primary school do so because they have to walk long distances to collect drinking water, or because the school doesn't have a toilet. Many are left vulnerable to attack, sexual assault and HIV transmission, as their struggle to find a secluded place to go to the toilet often leads them away from the safety of home.

Every minute of every day, three children under five die because of dirty water and poor sanitation. It's out of order. And we're working to make it stop.

Our global network of church partners is enabling communities to build and maintain their own toilet and water facilities. Through practical training and health education, people are empowered to improve their lives. We can make sure that more children receive a good education, and that fewer die from preventable diseases.

Addressing water and sanitation through local church partners is one of the most cost-effective ways to release people from poverty: for every £1 spent on water and sanitation, £8 is returned through saved time, increased productivity and reduced health costs.

Please go to the Tearfund website, <http://www.tearfund.org/makelifeflow> and click on **Donate Today!** Just £5 a month can transform lives. You can also find out more about Stidia and the work being done.

Meeting Millennium Development Goals

The seventh Millennium Development Goal, target 10 is 'to halve the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015'. If this target isn't met, many other international targets on poverty won't be achieved.

But lack of global action means international targets are decades off schedule. In sub-Saharan Africa, the water target is set to be missed by 20 years, and the sanitation target by nearly 100 years.

Tearfund is leading the global church to break the silence on this issue; to speak out on behalf of the millions who, for the lack of these basic services, are locked in extreme poverty.



Photo: Geoff Crawford/Tearfund, Burkina Faso.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT GILLYGOOLEY

A very successful four week Summer Scheme based in Gillygooley Orange Hall attracted children from a very wide area. Weeks one and two included trips to various activity centres in addition to hall based activities. Week three adapted an Ulster Scots theme where workshops in piping, Lambeg drum, flute, accordion,



Musicians of the future L-R Katie Gault, Calvin McKinley, Andrew Aiken, Emma Hunter and Adam Porter.

cookery and craft were provided in addition to other Ulster Scots activities. The final week was focussed on teenagers with an action packed week of outdoor and indoor activities. Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association express their appreciation to Jennifer O'Donnell for her co-ordination of the Summer Scheme and to the various Leaders and Tutors under the Leadership of Lorraine Millar for their dedication and commitment. The Association also acknowledge financial support received from Ulster Scots Agency and Omagh District Council.



Some of the children who took part in the Gillygooley Summer Scheme.



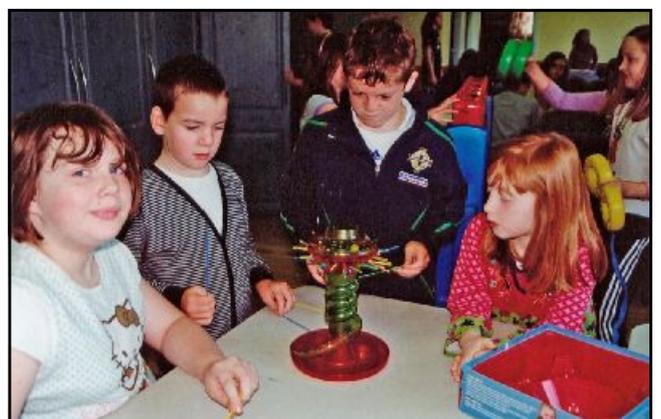
Calvin McKinley gets the beat at the Lambeg workshop during the Ulster Scots week at Gillygooley.



Some of the children who took part in the summer scheme.



L-R Tamyzn Harpur, Jodie Nethery and Natalie Burrows at the Ulster Scots craft workshop.



L-R Emma Hunter, Jason King, Andrew Aiken and Tamyzn Harpur having fun at the summer scheme.

THE SCOTTISH CONNECTION



Irene contributing to community life as she gardens at Gillygooley Primary School assisted by granddaughter Helena.

Listen to a conversation prior to commencement of morning worship in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church or at a 2nd Youth meeting or walking club outing and the lilt of that welcoming Scottish accent is prevalent.

Sandy and Irene Brown came to live in the Gillygooley area just eighteen months ago and in that short time have integrated into the community better than some who have lived a life time in the area. Sandy and Irene are from farming stock, having farmed in partnership with Sandys two brothers in that fertile agriculture area known as East Lothian; an area of gently rolling hills where the Brown's specialised in cereal and beef cattle. With Scotland being renowned for its abundance of Distilleries and Breweries it is no surprise that most of the grain was used for malting, after being harvested and dried on the farm. Sandy and Irene decided to retire and were faced with a major decision; move to New Zealand to be near their son Craig or go to Gillygooley where their daughter Brenda teaches in Gillygooley Primary School; the latter being their choice so they could frequently visit their beloved Scotland. The warmth this couple have shown has been

embraced by the people of Gillygooley as they contribute to community life. Irene, before retirement, worked as a guide at the Seabird Centre in North Berick and has continued her love of birds by breeding ducks and geese at her present home. An industrious lady she spends much of her time in her vegetable and flower garden. Sandy is a keen ploughman who was a member of east Lothian Ploughing Society and was a renowned judge at various matches. He is also a talented bowler and has taken a keen interest in New Age Kurling at Gillygooley 2nd Youth. Being former members of Yester Parish Church of Scotland their loss has been Gillygooleys gain. We wish them many years of happy retirement!



Sandy with the children of Chatterbox Playgroup in the outdoor play area he erected at their premises behind Gillygooley Orange Hall. L-R Beth & Luke Cousins, Oliver King, Helena Caldwell, Anna Lipezynsti, Gareth Forsythe, Sarah Carson and Trena Crankshaw (Ass Leader).

1ST OMAGH BB FOOTBALL TEAM

Pictured right is 1st Omagh Boys Brigade Junior Section football team that recently took part in the West Ulster Battalion outdoor football competition in Ardstraw. Out of five games played the boys won two, lost two and drew one, finishing fourth overall.

A great time was had by all (including the leaders) and everyone that took part would like to extend a massive thank-you to the organisers and they look forward to taking part again next year.

Back row: Alan Duff (Leader) and James Rutledge

Front row L-R: Matthew Hill, Joel Peden, Luke Stockdale, Adam Moore, Kyle Swann and Jack Hall. Missing from the photo is Andy and Matthew McKernan.



THE ULSTER PROJECT 2009 - SALT LAKE CITY

When I found out that I had been accepted to go on the Ulster Project I was really happy. I knew that I was going to have a lot of fun but little did I know that it was going to be so good. I was already friends with about half of the people in my group but I am now friends with all of them.

When I got off the plane in Salt Lake City, Utah we were greeted by all of the host families holding posters and cheering. I was so excited to meet my new family – the Listons. There were 2 boys, Connor who was my host and his younger brother Sean. We went back to their house before going to Camp Tuttle the next day, where we would all get to know each other.



Picture above: The group at Camp Tuttle

As the month progressed I took part in many fun activities like Water Skiing, River rafting and Ice-skating. I think that my favourite thing was Lagoon, which was a big theme park with lots of roller coasters and rides. We went to a big half-mile slide that is called the alpine slide, which you go down on a little sled with a break and if you go too fast you could fall off and get some nasty burns. Another of our activities was called Bonneville Seabase where you can go snorkelling with fish and there is a pool with a low roof over it about 3 feet above the water so that in the winter you can go snorkelling. One of the American teens, Peter, got bitten by a spider when it fell onto him and he had to go to the hospital!

We also had to do some service projects like soup kitchens and food banks. I think that my favourite service project would probably be Cascade Springs, which was a river that had been clogged up with

weeds so we had to clean it out so that the fish could get through. The water was cold and the mud was smelly but you got used to the smell and your feet got numb after a while so then it was good fun because we all splashed each other. We were on the news that night for cleaning Cascade Springs but I didn't get interviewed.



Picture above: Cleaning up at Cascade Springs

On the last week we went on a river trip on the Green River which is four hours drive south of Salt Lake City.



Picture above: Us at Green River

It was great fun and we got to float down rapids. On the last day we went for breakfast in a church hall and we all signed each others' tee shirts and then we all had to say goodbye to each other and get on the bus. It was very sad.

I had a lot of fun in Salt Lake City and I made 23 great friends and I would love to go and visit them all again sometime.

Adam Moore - Trinity

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Trinity Presbyterian Women met in the Wee Johnny Room in Trinity Hall on 8th September at 8.00.p.m. In the absence of leader Claire McElhinney former leader Annette Moore officiated. Annette opened the meeting with prayer and the hymn "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult" was sung and a portion of scripture was read. Annette then introduced Gillian Moore the speaker for the evening. Gillian went out with a team of volunteers to East Africa in April 2009. Jengana is a Christian charity which was formed to alleviate the poverty that exists in Kenya. Gillian persuaded the parents of the children she teaches locally to knit teddies for over forty children. These teddies were brought to Kenya with the volunteers. The children in the orphanage were delighted with the teddies as they had a gift from someone who cared for them. These children had been abandoned by their parents and then taken in by the staff at the orphanage.

Gillian and the volunteers also visited other places; for example Kibera slum. The local school doubles as a church. Outside the city the farmers plough the fields and the wives sew the seeds. In another area the men break up stones for a new road. Two orphanages are supported by Jengana –(New Home Life and Tumaini) and one of the local volunteers, Ben, runs a mission to rehabilitate street boys by educating them. Gillian presented the school with a cup for the most progressive boy during the month. Gillian hopes to return next year to Kenya where she had a great experience meeting those who are needy and have little worldly goods.

AIMS OF JENGANA

"To make better the lives of people who are in less fortunate positions in life and to challenge those around us to do the same".

Beatrice Alexander presented Gillian with a token of appreciation for her talk and gave thanks to Sarah for her contribution too. There was an apology from Joan Cummins and supper was served by the committee. Annette then closed the meeting.

TRINITY GIRLS BRIGADE

Trinity Girls Brigade resumed on the 16th September at 6.30.p.m. in Trinity Hall. Girls from ages 4 – 16 years are welcome to join. Parents are invited to help out if possible as more assistance is required at present. We need some volunteers even if only for an hour and subject matter will be supplied to assist them in the badgework. Please telephone Mavis Jardine on 82244630 if you are willing to give up an hour of your time each Wednesday (six weeks maximum duration).

2ND YOUTH A.G.M

There was a large attendance at the A.G.M. of Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club). At the commencement of the meeting, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Chairperson, expressed the sympathy of the club to fellow member Ben Thompson and his family following the sudden death of his wife Betty on 24th May. She was a dedicated supporter of the club. The Chairperson expressed thanks to those who had attended the funeral service in Omagh Methodist Church as they had been a great comfort to Ben. Before vacating the chair for the A.G.M. Iris gave a comprehensive report of the clubs activities throughout the year. Membership has increased to over 70, she continued, and this has created many challenges for the office-bearer team in providing a programme of events and activities which appeal to a wide spectrum of the membership.



The election was conducted by Sinead Devine from the Workers Educational Association. Those elected were as follows, Chairperson, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Vice Chairperson, John Hall, Secretary, Dorothy King, Assistant Secretary, Ellen Fyffee, Treasurer, Margaret Hemphill, Assistant Treasurer, Thelma Harkness, Welfare Officer, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Entertainment Hostesses, Lily Nethery and Beatrice Alexander, New Age Kurling leader, Jean McCutcheon. The club re-opens on Monday 28th September in Gillygooley Orange Hall. New members are always welcome.

TRINITY CHILDRENS' DAY 14TH JUNE 2009



Pictured above: Hall group
L-R Back row: Emily Buchanan, Graham Carson, Romy Kerrigan and Alex Thompson.
Front row L-R: Henry Thompson, Chelsea Johnston, Emma Donnell and James Thompson.



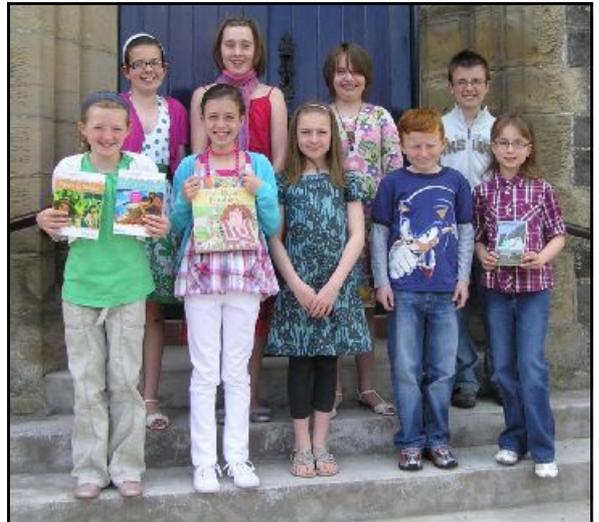
Emma Moore and Graham Carson received a special prize for full attendance during the year.



Lucy Reid and Molly Buchanan presented a cheque for £203.16 to Rev Herron on behalf of the Sunday School. The money was raised during weekly collections in Sunday School and will be sent to aid Christian work in Malawi.



Pictured above: Kitchen group (youngest ones)
L-R Back row: Rebecca Stewart, Matthew Patterson, Jordan Smith and Molly Buchanan.
Front row L-R: Lucy Reid, Jack Duncan, Luke McFarland, Ellie Duncan, Lewis Kerrigan and Robbie Bell.



Pictured above: Upstairs group
Back row L-R: Bonita Clarke, Emma Moore, Megan Smyth and Leon Clarke.
Front row L-R: Amy Patterson, Katie Buchanan, Nicole Donnell, Matthew Allen and Emma Moore.



Pictured left: Bible Class
Back row L-R: David Moore, Mark Clements, Courtney Allen, Grace Monteith, Aaron Carson and Adam Moore.
Front Row L-R: Dean Hannigan, Reece Kerrigan, Lindsey Carson, Hannah Patterson, Sarah Moore, Naomi Duncan and Kirstin Duncan.

ULSTER PROJECT 2009

BY ADAM STEVENSON, GILLYGOOLEY

I decided to apply for the Ulster project because I saw it as an opportunity to go to America somewhere I had never been before. I first heard about it from the Rev Herron during the announcements in church. Also my brother and some of my friends had been on the project before and talked about how it was the best experience of their lives.

Even with everyone's brilliant reports it was nothing like I expected. I knew that it was going to be fun but it was much better than I ever could have imagined. The group (6 boys and 6 girls plus Una and Mark the leaders) arrived in Salt Lake City airport on the 25th June 2009 after what can only be described as a long exhausting journey involving a bus trip from Omagh to Dublin followed by a flight from Dublin to Chicago and then on to Salt Lake City. We were all very nervous and extremely excited to meet all the American hosts but at the same time we all wanted to go to bed. We needn't have been nervous as we all became great friends very quickly and I got to know my American family very well. I stayed with a family called the Hamill's and my host teen was called Nate aged 16 and he had two brothers named Tyler and Stuart. Mrs Hamill was a homemaker (housewife) and her husband was the Vice President Physician of Salt Lake City Hospitals. As it was my birthday the day before I left for the USA my American family threw a party for me on arrival and I was given lots of presents and a huge slice of chocolate cake, something that I was very chuffed about.

We all went off to Camp Tuttle on the first few days and spent about three days out doors and sleeping in log cabins. The fact that we were with each other 24/7 for the first few days helped us get to know each other very quickly. There are so many memorable moments that I have from this trip, some of which are going to Las Vegas for 3 of the family free days (if I was to describe Las Vegas in three words it would be "Over the Top"). The journey to Las Vegas from Salt Lake City took us 6 hours by car most of it highway driving. We stayed in the Mirage Hotel which features in the Ocean 11 film. While I was there we went sightseeing and saw a show. I also represented the Ulster Project on the local TV and radio stations (now I am bigger than Bono) and I also played pranks on the girls while on the river trip. On the 4th July the whole of the Ulster Project group took part in the American Independence Day celebrations, we marched along with the floats and represented the group. I also met up with Andrew, my brothers host family from when he went to America in 2007. I was able to take a picture of them and bring it back to him. While I was with the Hamill's I attended the local churches with my family.

Since being a part of the Ulster Project I now feel more confident meeting new people and doing things that I would not normally have to do, especially since doing a stand up comedy routine in the concerts (one of the many fund raising events) both at home in front of my friends and family and again in America. I have learnt to accept other people's differences and get to know them before judging them. I would encourage anyone to participate in the Ulster project if given the opportunity as I feel it is an amazing project with an amazing message.

During the 4 weeks that I stayed in America I met some very special people and made some very good friends with both the American teens and their families plus people here at home. To the church and the group leaders who gave me this opportunity I would like to say a very big Thank You.

**The Salt Lake City Ulster
Project Group July 2009**



CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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ROCKY	SHALLOW	GOOD	SOW	PATH

Can you find all the words in the above grid?

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

Please forward entries to Andrew Scott, Aughmoyle 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:- No Entries Received) (Gillygooley:- Jason King)

Ulster Project Summer 2009

Trinity members Aaron Carson and Julie Parke were part of a group of 10 'teens' and 2 leaders who spent the month of July in Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA. After months of preparation, including a concert, a table quiz, a service of blessing and bag-packing at Asda, the excited group left Omagh in the early hours of Saturday, 27th June to travel to Lake Charles via Dublin, Toronto and Houston Texas.

When they stepped off the bus at Lake Charles, each member of the Omagh group was met by their host family and taken off to settle in at the house they would call 'home' for the next 4 weeks.

Aaron stayed with the Armentor family who had 4 children including 14 year-old Caleb. Julie stayed with the Knight family who had 7 children, including 13 year-old Jade and both families provided a warm welcome for their 'NIT' (Northern Ireland teen !) The group of NITs and American teens met most days, apart from 'family days', and they took part in a wide

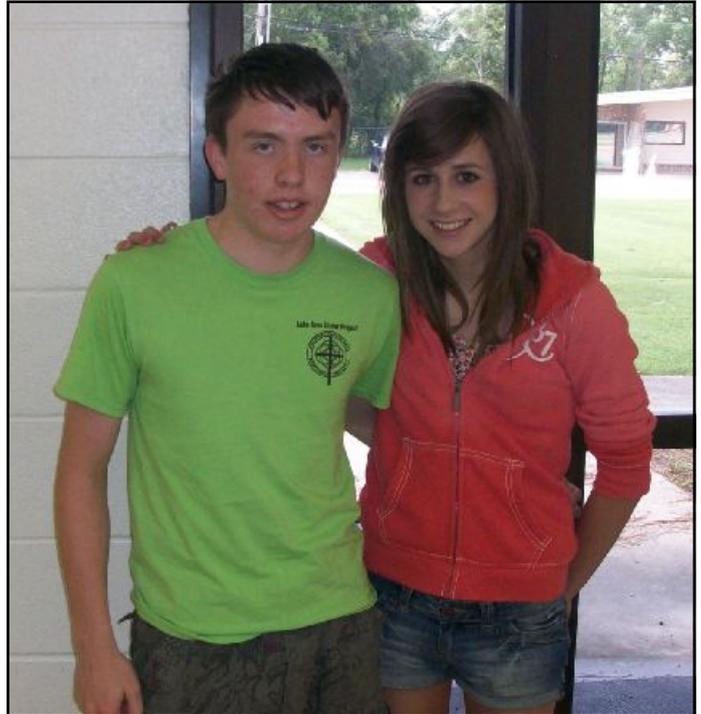
range of activities. There were pool parties, barbeques, 'pot luck' suppers, a Cajun evening and a 2-night retreat. They went to an American football game, did a fund-raising carwash and everyone took part in a concert as part of an Irish/American evening.

For both Aaron and Julie, two of the highlights of their visit were a trip on an airboat and a day at Schlitterbahn Water Park.

The group also attended worship each Sunday at a different church and they did some community service to help victims of last year's hurricane.

During their stay Aaron and Julie made many friends and they left for home on Sunday 26th July with very mixed feelings - sad to leave their new friends but also looking forward to seeing their own families again.

On Sunday 6th September Aaron and Julie attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the safe return of the group, held in St. Columba's. They would both like to thank everyone involved in the organising of the Ulster Project for giving them the opportunity to take part in such an enjoyable and worthwhile project.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Elaine as we remember her at Sunday School.

As one reaches the older spectrum of life we often reflect on the past and people we once knew. I am hoping to touch base in a series of articles with former members of Gillygooley Congregation who, due to education or work prospects, have set up home beyond the shores of Ireland.

On a recent visit to her mum and dad, I talked to the former Elaine Patterson, now Watters, who is the only daughter of Tom and Anne Patterson, Gillygooley Road. Elaine gave me a brief insight into her life and travels since leaving Gillygooley which with her permission I propose to share with you. Elaine takes up her story.

I went to university to study town planning at Coventry Polytechnic – I fell into it from an interest in Geography at A Level and quite enjoyed it.

In fact I'm still working as a town planner in Winchester – assessing planning for housing and we have quite a few big farms here too. (I dealt with a sheep building for 1100 ewes, I don't know if this is really big.)

I started working in West Lothian (home of Susan Boyle) and lived in Edinburgh, then I moved to Norwich and then to Newark-on-Trent near Nottingham. From there I decided I wanted to go travelling – or back packing. As mum drove me to the airport in Belfast I threw stuff out of my backpack for her to take back and store in Omagh and as I travelled first in India then Singapore, Borneo, Bali and Thailand, more boxes were sent back for my poor mum to store.



Stuart and Elaine on their wedding day.

Travelling on a bus in far-flung Laos (which is squashed between Thailand and Vietnam and is the most bombed country in the world as US airmen were told to drop off un-used bombs on return from sorties over Vietnam) I heard a familiar accent, someone was asking the bus driver to stop and I thought 'they are from Omagh!' when the bus stopped I found Roisin Gilhenny was from Omagh and Eamon McClean was from Beragh. It felt like a very small and happy world to make friends with neighbours when visiting the other side of the world. Roisin and Eamon recommended I see Ankhor Wat in Cambodia and Vietnam and they also recommended seeing Australia and I had need of a job so off I headed. It was a shock arriving in Cairns on the Great Barrier Reef in the wet season; the

continuous rain reminded me of home except it was warm and tropical. Instead of pigeons and crows they have flocks of emerald green lorikeets and pink galahs.

I travelled on to Brisbane to get a job – although I had no catering experience I had the one qualification necessary to work in Gilhooleys, an Irish accent, I also got an office job in Queensland Transport and after 4 weeks of eating my breakfast at my desk I asked what the little white boxes were on all the computers, turns out the building had an infestation of cockroaches the year before, which is quite common there and eating in the building was forbidden....(a pity someone hadn't told me).

I travelled on to Darwin, and the north west of Australia, narrowly avoided a bush fire in the Kimberley ranges, went to the red centre of Australia, contrast of the red desert sand and the azure blue sky is astonishing, then travelled to the quiet and beautiful west of Australia and along the south coast with fantastic deserted beaches to Melbourne where again I looked for work but this time as a town planner. They have a fascinating system where if they want more land for development they just re-zone some farm land but its not very sustainable and they are very short of water as a result. Melbourne is where I met my husband Stuart. His parents were '£10 POMs' travelling out on a subsidised one-way ticket in the 1960's, but they returned to the UK when he was 4. Stuart was working in IT in Melbourne and finding his roots. He took me to an Aussie Rules football game at the MCC Melbourne Cricket Club and as he explained why the pitch was round and why the umpires were dressed like butchers, in a white coat and hat, I started to understand Australian culture on a whole new level – they are sports mad.

Stuart and I returned to the UK in 2000 and were delighted to be married by the Rev. Herron in Gillygooley Church on the 10th April 2004. Our English friends and relatives who attended the wedding could not believe how beautiful Tyrone and Fermanagh is. We now live in Winchester, Hampshire, which is a small city near the coast, about twice the size of Omagh, and we have two daughters, Ella is 3 and Thea is 4 months.



Elaine, Stuart, Thea and Ella 2009.

TRINITY ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL

Thursdays 8pm Bowling Club

Fridays 8:30pm Badminton Club

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley

(November & December)

Sunday, 8 November

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 6 December

World Development Sunday

Sunday, 20 December

Carol Services

Tuesday, 25 December

Christmas Day Service

in First Omagh at 11.00 am

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Sunday 18th October
10:00 a.m.

Very Rev Dr J Dunlop
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Sunday 18th October
7:00 p.m.

Rev Robert Herron

- EVERYONE WELCOME -

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