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Upcoming Gillaroo Communities Project Events

Social Media Training:

This training is open to community members of Cashel, Garrison, Kiltyclogher and Rossinver. The training will take place in the Ballagh Centre, Rossinver. The training will start on Thursday the 2nd of February from 7pm - 9pm and will run for 6 weeks. The aim of the training is to skill participants on the use of Facebook for sharing information within the Gillaroo area.

Exploring Local Family History:

The Gillaroo Communities Project will be organising a series of genealogy classes to help people to trace their family tree. The genealogy classes will run for ten weeks, commencing in March 2012. There will be day trips to both Dublin and Belfast to look at the National Archives. Places for this course are limited, so booking is required. For further information, please contact Dolores at 0035086 7806957.

Sam Morrow Leads Farming & Rural Past Discussions

The Gillaroo Communities Project organised a series of workshops over the past number of weeks in Kiltyclogher and Cashel tracing the farming and rural past. Mr. Sam Morrow, author of *'Farming in County Fermanagh – Developments in the Twentieth Century'*, captivated community members of Kiltyclogher, Rossinver, Cashel and Garrison with his



knowledge and tales of farming practices in times gone by. "The farming and rural past workshops have been both informing and enlightening" said Dolores McSharry, Coordinator of the Gillaroo Project, "It has been a great opportunity to learn from and listen to Sam talking about farming practices throughout the twentieth century". Mr. Sam Morrow, who has written one of

the most comprehensive books on agriculture in Fermanagh, has also been the Department of Agriculture's former County Agricultural Executive Officer and Principal of Enniskillen College of Agriculture.

Numerous people from both sides of the border turned up in Kiltyclogher and Cashel community centres to discuss developments leading to the establishment of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, the First World War and farming, horses to tractors and hay to silage. Sam led discussions in

Cashel Community Centre to further discuss animal husbandry developments, livestock improvements, developments in agricultural education, marketing of agricultural produce, the Common Market and agricultural developments to date.

The Ballagh Centre in Rossinver, hosted further workshops facilitated by Adrian McKeague of Leitrim Development Company. The final two workshops will take place in Garrison on the 6th & 13th of February from 8pm. For further details please contact Dolores at 00353867806957.



Celebrating Anne's Service

The New Ballagh Centre hosted Anne Gilligan's retirement party on Thursday 15th December which was organised by the Parents Committee of Ballaghameehan NS. Children from the school sang Christmas songs and played tin whistle for Anne. Anne has driven buses in North

Leitrim for several decades for school children and latterly for Active Age groups. The community in Rossinver and surrounding area would like to thank Anne once again for all her hard work. Thanks also to Pat Mullan who took photos on the day.



Cross Border Run

The Rossinver Community Development Company is organising a cross border run and would like to get as many people as possible involved. For further information contact the Ballagh Centre on 0035071 9854030.

KRAG Partnership annual round the lakes Table Quiz in The Ballagh Centre Friday 17th February at 8pm. Tables are €20/£20 & light supper will be served. All welcome!

RYCP Project Visit to Leinster House



On December 7th 2011, members of the Rossinver Youth & Community Project Ltd visited Leinster House at the invitation of Deputy Michael Colreavy.

On arrival the group were given refreshments, followed by a visit to the viewing gallery where attendees watched the Dail in a questions/answers and heavy debating session for well over an hour. This was followed by a guided tour of the building and a visit to the Senate Chambers. Michael Colreavy held an in-depth questions and answers session with the group and addressed relevant questions of a local, national and international nature. Senator Michael Comiskey also met up with the Rossinver Group and helped ensure that the day ran smoothly. Sein Fein Leader Gerry Adams and Mary Lou McDonald also welcomed the Rossinver Group and stood in for pictures. RYCP Ltd would like to express their thanks to Deputy Michael Colreavy for giving them the opportunity to visit this Historic House and see how it operates on a daily basis.

Breaking News!

Garrison, Cashel & Belleek Women's' Group are coming together for a period of six weeks to partake in soft crafts, Tai Chi & Painting Classes.

Community Members Leading the Way Forward

Garrison Community Group hope to launch their Strategic Plan 2012 -2015 in February. Five members of the group who participated in the University of Ulster accredited programme hope to graduate on the Community Leadership Programme in February 2012.

This was an innovative training and learning programme which aimed to strengthen the leadership capacities of our group. Through increased leadership skills, the Programme aims to assist groups in the development of sustainable, social, economic and community relations regeneration in disadvantaged areas. Thank you to St.

Martins P.S., Belleek No. 2 Primary and St. Mary's High School for participating in our Logo Art competition. Professional Artist Genevieve Murphy agreed to judge the competition and thanks to her for giving up her time so generously. We appreciate your good will. The lucky winner(s) will be announced soon. If you would like further information on our Group's activities or if you have any suggestions on future activities or events please contact any committee member or email mcternanmichele@yahoo.co.uk.

Bingo

continues in St. Mary's Hall Garrison every Tuesday at 9pm.



Congratulations to Rossinver local Philip Rooney on being elected as Chairperson of Leitrim Community Forum.

Garrison and Lough Melvin Anglers Association

In 1997 the Garrison and Lough Melvin Anglers Association leased the fishing rights of the Northern Ireland part of Lough Melvin from the owners i.e. the Trustees of the Tennents of the Ely Estate and Mrs Philomena McGovern. The Association were concerned about the poor quality of angling on Lough Melvin at this time. All spawning rivers were walked and were found to be in very poor condition due to river blockages, lack of spawning areas and overgrown banks. Various forms of improvements were discussed. In order to maintain the true "wildness" of the native sonaghan trout it was decided to opt for river enhancement. In 2002 a major survey was commissioned resulting in a detailed report of improvement work necessary to bring

streams up to optimum production of fry. For this work the Association successfully obtained funding of £130,000 from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure and Natural Resources and Rural Tourism Initiative. Approximately 9 miles of spawning streams have since been improved. Post work electro fishing has shown an increase of up to 85% in fry numbers in most streams. In 2006 concerns were raised regarding the salmon stocks of the Lough. In December 2006, 24-30 running salmon were removed from the Roogagh River. These were stripped and the fertilised eggs transferred to the Erne and Melvin Enhancement Co. Hatchery at Florencecourt for hatching. These stripped salmon were returned unharmed to the river. Since then

this practice has continued on an annual basis with 41,000 salmon fry being returned to date to their native river. Experts have informed the Association that this should result in a 25% increase in salmon parr going to sea. The Association organises the annual Garrison Four Day Open Fly-Fishing Competition. In order to deal with the increased interest this event the Association increased the competition to four days in 2007. Up to 350 anglers now take part in this competition which is a major event in the angling calendar and local area. This is an important event in the economy of local community and the promotion of tourist facilities in the area. The Anglers Association aims to maintain this wild fishery for future generations and deliver



to the angling fraternity the chance to enjoy the sport on the unspoiled Lough Melvin.

Malcolm Finney,

(Hon Sec. GLMAA)

Competitions for 2012

1st Feb 2012 Opening day of salmon fishing £200.00 prize plus 1st salmon Cup.

15th April 2012 1st round O'Brien Cup Lough Erne.

21st April 2012 Ulster selection Competition Lough Melvin.

10th June 2012 2nd round O'Brien Cup Lough Melvin.

12th August 2012 Gerry Gallagher Memorial Cup Competition Lough Melvin.

19th August 2012 3rd round O'Brien Cup. Lough Melvin.

23rd- 26th August 2012 Garrison Four Day Competition Lough Melvin.

15th September 2012 Inter Provincial Competition Lough Melvin.

30th September 2012 Last day Competition & Barbecue.

Kiltyclogher Drama Festival

Sat. 3rd March- Shadowlands- Lifford Players Co Donegal.

Sun. 4th March- The Cripple of Inishmaan- Phoenix Players, Tubbercurry.

Mon. 5th March- The Righteous Are Bold- Stagefright Theatre Company, Omagh.

Tues. 6th March- The Memory of Water- Ballyshannon Drama Society.

Wed. 7th March- Strandline- Boystown Players, Ballymoe, Co Galway.

Thurs 8th March- Three Days of Rain- Estuary Players, Dublin.

Fri 9th March- The Seafarer- Corn Mill Theatre, Carrigallen.

Sat 10th March- The Weir- D.A.D.S. Dunmore, Co Galway.



Holiday Events

The Garrison Community Sporting and Social Club held their annual Christmas Extravaganza in the village on Friday 16th December 2011. Canon Lonergan along with local musicians and choirs performed many festive favourites and legend DJ Shorty entertained the crowd all evening. Santa Claus arrived on his train just after Canon Lonergan switched on the Christmas tree lights. Refreshments were

served in the Gillaroo centre and all the children received gifts from Santa Claus! A special word of thanks to everyone who helped make the Christmas Extravaganza such a great success!



Fíor Céile Dancing recommenced on the 9th January, & is on each Monday at 8:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. There will be a Céile on St. Patrick's Day Night, all welcome, proceeds go to Marie Curie Nursing Care Fund.

Garrison Women's Group meet each Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm in Gillaroo Centre. New members welcome!

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		<p>1 Cashel Community Centre Bowling Club</p> <p>Garrison & Lough Melvin Anglers Assoc. Opening day of Salmon fishing</p>	<p>2 Cashel Community Centre Badminton—8pm</p> <p>The Ballagh Centre Gill Keogh Tai Chi-The Thursday Club</p> <p>Gillaroo Project Social Media Training-7pm Rossinver</p>	<p>3 Cashel Community Centre Old Tyme Dancing—8.30pm</p>	4	5
<p>6 Cashel Community Centre Set Dancing- 9pm</p> <p>St Marys Hall Garrison Adult Ceili Classes- 8.30pm</p> <p>Gillaroo Project Farming Workshop in Garrison-8pm</p>	<p>7 St Marys Hall Garrison Bingo-9pm</p> <p>The Ballagh Centre- Introduction to the Internet Course-7.30pm</p>	<p>8 Cashel Community Centre Bowling Club</p>	<p>9 Cashel Community Centre Badminton—8pm</p> <p>The Ballagh Centre Paul Lonican Table Quiz-The Thursday Club</p> <p>Gillaroo Project Social Media Training-7pm Rossinver</p>	<p>10 Cashel Community Centre Whist- 8.30pm</p>	11	12
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Gillaroo Project Newsletter

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Up and Coming Events:

- * Kiltyclogher Drama Festival 2012- 3rd-10th March
- * Genealogy Workshops starting March 2012
- * Schools Local History Competition
- * St Patricks Day Ceili Dance St. Mary's Hall Garrison
- * Yoga Classes Cashel Hall



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