

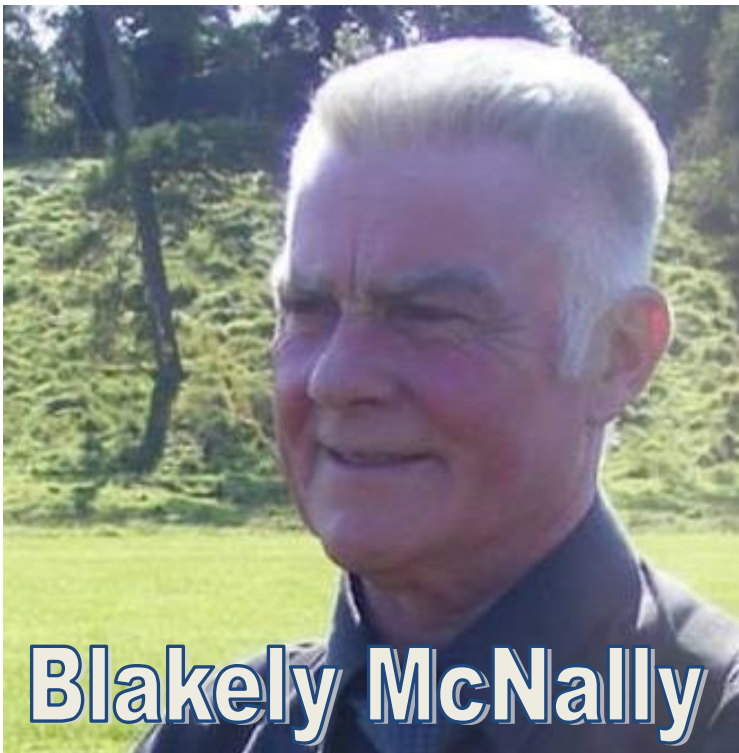
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Linda Chambers MBE



A massive congratulations to Linda Chambers, Ballybeen Women's Centre Early Years Manager, who has been awarded the MBE for her services to Pre School Education.



Blakely McNally

In memory of our former Chairperson, Blakely McNally, who sadly passed away recently. We hosted a Quiz Night on 22nd June, at the Lewis Bar to raise funds for a memorial bench outside the BIG Offices in Blakely's memory.

Out thanks to Rev David Campton who had written an address about Blakely and his community contribution, read out by Rev Stephen Sheerin before the Quiz Night.

Thanks to everyone who had put quiz teams forward for this event and who have supported this with ballot prizes including the Lewis, Cods Kitchen, Boots, Sweet Sound Café, Envy, Ballybeen Spar, Pride of Ballybeen, Streamvale Farm, Hastings hotel (Stormont & Culloden) & Pirate adventure at the Ice Bowl.

Spirit of Ballybeen Awards

Posthumous award for stalwart in annual Spirit of Ballybeen awards



A posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award for the late Maureen Myles, who worked in Dundonald High School, was received by members of her family from Hazel Legge, Deputy Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Included is councillor Sharon Skillen.



Attending the Ballybeen Community Awards held in Dundonald recently were (from left) David Livingstone, chairman of Ballybeen Improvement Group, Dr Janet Gray MBE, special guest speaker, councillor Hazel Legge, Lyndsey Gray, Good Relations Officer with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and John Howcroft, event organiser. J22-15/3/18

The Spirit of Ballybeen' Awards, funded this year by Lisburn & Castlereagh Council's Good Relations Dept (Lindsay Gray) with awards categories sponsored by and Inspire Business Centre & McDonalds Dundonald seen over 70+ attendees this year.

An inspirational talk by Dr Janet Gray OBE, was followed by Deputy Mayor Hazel Legge presenting the awards, and those attending enjoying a networking buffet dinner afterwards. The inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by local Cllr Sharon Skillen & Deputy Mayor Hazel Legge; in out first year for this category, went to Maureen Myles (posthumous) with the award collected by her family to a standing ovation; with a popular volunteer award for Ian McCann, who has put in years of dedicated service to fundraising for local causes and charities.

The award winners included:

The Social Economy Ambassador Award went to Sweet Sound Café, with Community Impact awards going to Dungoyne FC and Helping Hands Autism Support Group.

The Ballybeen Women's Centre Peer Education Project also received a Community impact recognition award from BIG for a project that Continues to make a difference to our young people's lives and the Local area.

Volunteer awards also went to the Salvation Army, Neil Shields from BAGIT, Dundonald Ladies community Group, and many others.

We were also delighted to present a directorship recognition award to our Former Chairperson the Rev Stephen Sheerin; and to surprise the Deputy Mayor Hazel Legge, with a community support recognition. Well done to all involved!!!



Ian McCann, who received his award for his selfless fundraising on behalf of the Pride of Ballybeen Band of which he is an honorary member.

Ballybeen Activity Week



curry night & sports panel



5k run



Our thanks also to Dundonald Football club for their charity football match, Brooklands Youth Centre for pool/table tennis competitions, RAPTR martial arts for community free taster sessions, and Boots for providing a community health-checks clinic

Glider information sessions



On 29th May we ran a glider/feeder info session attended by 61 local residents, with opportunity to talk with Translink/ Infrastructure NI about concerns/views in relation to the new Glider service. A Glider trial run has been scheduled for 5th July to give local people the chance to experience the full service in advance of its introduction, with transfer from the feeder to the glider part of this experience and then proceeding along the full route up to Colin Glen. Thanks to Translink & DFI.

Greenway Consultation



In association with Sustrans and the Public Health Agency, we launched our Comber Greenway Consultation on Friday 15th June, with good initial feedback on the concept plans designed to provide better connectivity to the Greenway from Ballybeen, and improve the health benefits for the local community.

The plans can be viewed in our office up until the 6th July, with the chance for residents to give their views on these proposals.

Girl Zone



Dundonald ladies group have supported Girl Zone, a six week programme at Moat park pavilion, where young people do keep fit dance class etc and also took them to ice skating keep fit for our young girls. They have just completed a four week programme to empower young girls against bullying called kitfit Lite, designed to show and encourage young girls aged 11-16 to support each other and empower them and as a consequence boost confidence. The feedback they have received has been amazing and mothers and young girls in turn want more which we hope to do in Summer and sept this year.



The Women's Centre on the march attending the recent Processions March at Belfast City Centre, to celebrate the hundred years marker of women getting the vote after a long suffrage campaign, which continues on the road to full equality.



AGM 2018

Thursday 13th September, 7-8.30pm @ Christchurch

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dungoyne Annual Presentation



Dungoyne FC's annual presentation at Dundonald High School, recognising the achievements of all their youth teams this season.

Well done to Dungoyne Staff, the young people themselves, and the parents and families who have given their support all year for what has seen much success.

Also included is a presentation at Longstone School where Andy Harwood has been working with the pupils. DUNGOYNE IN THE COMMUNITY!

Ballybeen Jubilee Allotments



Ballybeen Jubilee Allotment Assoc took over the management of the site from the NIHE under licence from the 1st April this year and have started in the early stages of clearing up the site in preparation to develop the area into a thriving allotment to produce fruit and vegetables.

The Association have also continued the work with Brooklands Primary School making repairs and preparing the 4 very large raised beds so that they will be ready in September to plant some herbs and get ready for the new planting season. The kids had a great time weeding & fertilising the raised beds, the reaction when they were told that we used 'chicken poo' for the fertiliser was great!

Anyone interested in an Allotment plot, Please contact the following email jubilee.allotment.association@gmail.com

The BMMG Mens Shed project to transform the Enler Day Centre Community Garden was a huge success, as you can see from these pictures, with new planters, seats, bird boxes and planting designs. Great to see people enjoying the sun in their new garden!



Also pictured is the fence around the memory tree at Aaron House, planting by Sammy Bowers (above right) , who lost his son Johnny recently; and (above left and below) the Hens Shed who are engaged in lots of fun, craft and construction projects.



Come along and get involved. Mon 1-3 pm & Tues/Thurs 7-9 pm.



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