



GLENASMOLE NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

The return of wintry weather in March sparked off reminiscences of the blizzards of December and January. Some even said that we might have a repeat performance.

Summertime visitors to Glenasmole admire its beauty but almost all agree that they would not care to live here in winter. The idea of being cut off by snow frightens them. Our isolation and our need for self-reliance and independence are things that many would be unable to accept.

We, on the other hand, expect to have some heavy snow every year and to be snow-bound for a few days from time to time. We look on ourselves as reasonably independent and self-sufficient. After this past winter we may not feel quite so confident.

As a rural community with traditions of self-sufficiency and thrift, we would seem well equipped to cope with the sort of emergency we experienced in January. Yet in spite of fridges and freezers many people ran short of food and, when they did, were daunted by the prospect of having to walk to Tallaght - admittedly through heavy snow - for supplies. The massive snowfalls of 1947 had to be coped with without tracked diggers, JCB's, or helicopters, without the comforts and reassurances of electricity, telephones, radios, and television. Those old enough to remember that and the general hardship of the 1930's and 1940's may be forgiven for expressing a certain amount of contempt for the softness of today's young people, by which they mean anyone under fifty.

But what, you may ask, is so great about self-sufficiency and independence? Now that we have JCB's and helicopters and the rest, why should we not sit tight in the comfort of our houses watching television and waiting for the food parcels to be dropped and for the

roads to be cleared before we venture out? There are two answers.

First, in any community there will be people who must, because of age, handicap, or ill-health be dependent. In a crisis their need will be even greater and whatever services and food supplies are available should be put first at their disposal. Unless those who are able make the maximum effort to fend for themselves these services and supplies, which are never completely adequate, will be exhausted rapidly and many who really need them will suffer.

The second answer is a less material one but no less important for that. Extreme independence can be a fault in an individual or a community, heading to loneliness and isolation. On the other hand, according as we become more and more dependent on outsiders for our food and clothing, for our fuel and transport, for our information and entertainment, so we lose more and more of our freedom of spirit and our self-respect, two of the most important things that make life worth living.

Goethe, the German poet-philosopher, who died just 150 years ago, wrote:

"He only earns his freedom and existence,
Who daily conquers them anew".

- a hard saying which is as true now as it was when he wrote it.

G. C. A. NEWS

SUMMER PROJECT 1982

Glenasmole summer project will take place from the 5th to the 31st July. Many activities have been arranged including craft classes, film shows, outings, games and hikes. A meeting to discuss the project will be held on May 18th at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. All parents of children taking part are asked to attend this meeting.

BINGO

A Bingo session will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 11th May at 8.p.m. . A raffle will also be held with prizes of a Communion Cake, set of delph, bottle of sherry and a box of biscuits.

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IMMUNIZATION

The next Immunization clinic will be held on Wednesday 21st April at 10.30.a.m. Transport provided.

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GLEANN NA SMOL COMMUNITY RUN

The Community run proposed for May or June will need a lot of help from local people in the organization of it before the day but, mainly, the organization on the day. We hope for a very large turnout, which will add greatly to the coffers of the Gleann Na Smol Community Association, in particular, the juvenile section, but also the teenage section and, hopefully, if there is enough money, something towards the planting of trees shrubs and flowers around the Community Centre building. We should be aiming towards financing, perhaps, the laying of tarmac in front or on the side of the Community Centre for basket-ball or tennis courts. This would have the advantage of giving the young people training and practice in both basket-ball and tennis, and it would also be of equal value to the younger section of the Association, both teenage and juvenile.

As presently envisaged, the Run will start at the Gleann Na Smol Community Centre and go up the hill to the Brakes and around by Bohernabreena and back by Ballymaice and Ballymorefinn and into Castlekelly. The run will be approximately 9 miles. Volunteers are needed to help with its organization. Those interested are asked to get in touch with the Community Association. Further details will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

Ericus Stewart.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

A very successful question time sponsored by Regional P.T.A.A. ended on Friday 14th March, after a most enjoyable series, run on a league basis.

Peadar Murphy, a member of Bohernabreena Council, was one of the Question Masters. Bohernabreena team were as follows, Peadar Lawless, Aidan Walsh, Nial Byrne, Paul Duffy, William Murphy and Fiona Moody. Even though they did not score the highest points, they made it a very keen contest. A social evening will be held in Newcastle School on Sunday 28th March at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be presented to each one who took part in the Question Time. Everybody welcome.

R. Corcoran.

MACRA NA FEIRME - BOHERNABREENA/DALLACHT BRANCH

This Club has survived despite the expansion of the city. At one time it was feared that it was on the way out but owing to the dedication of its members it has built its membership up to 41, and has attracted many members from outside the area. Members enjoy a vast range of activities ranging from debating and stock-judging to bowling and rollerskating.

Some of the achievements of the club during the past year include:

1. Reaching the County finals in Senior Debating and Panel Speaking Competition.
2. Representation in Cross Country Quiz. (Valerie Conlon)
3. Queen of the Shears (Valerie Leavy)
4. First place in ploughing match in Blackchurch (Gerard Gallagher)

Dublin will be represented in the R.D.S. by Chris Keogh, Vincent Healy, Robert Lambert. The Annual Dinner Dance held in the Downshire Hotel on 5th March was a great success. Our thanks to those who supported it. If you know of anyone interested in joining or would like to join yourself do come along to our meetings which are held in Rosanna Hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8.30 p.m. **REMEMBER** you do not have to be a farmer or be connected with the land to join. Contact: C. Keogh - (chairman) Ph. 902559 from 7-9 p.m. A. Corcoran - (Secretary) Ph. 716944 - Daytime.

CONGRATULATIONS

- TO: David & Breda King on their new baby girl.
- Noel & Josephine White on their new baby girl.
- John Murphy and Rosaleen Kenny on their engagement
- Larry McMahon, Mervyn Taylor, Sean Walsh and Mary Hanney on their re-election to Dáil Éireann.
- Gerard Flood and Mary Carroll on their marriage
- Welcome back to Ballymahona to Christie & Nan Carroll. We wish them many happy years in their new home.

OUR SYMPATHY

- TO: The Dunne Family on the death of Joseph Dunne.
- The Family and Relatives of the late Michael Ludless
- The wife and family of the late William Dowling (Glendalkin)
- Norma Anderson on the death of her brother
- The Dunne Family (Brittas) on the death of Daniel Dunne
- The Relatives and friends of Christopher Byrne (late of Roundwood)

MICHAEL LUDLESS

The death of Michael Ludless made history once again in Glenswille. He was the last person to be buried in St. Ann's Graveyard. His wife was buried there in Dec. 1929 and his daughter in Dec. 1927 and it was always his wish to be laid to rest with them. He was a well-known man in the parish and everybody called him Goggle. He died a week before his 86th birthday. He will be missed along the Oldport Road where he always took his daily walk up to Christinas of

last year. It was nice to see the crowds who came to pay their respects to a lovely old man on a beautiful spring morning in St. Anne's, Glasnevin, situated above the Dolanabreena lakes. St. Anne's graveyard is one of the many historic landmarks in the Glasnevin area. It is surrounded by a good stone wall built by Mr. Thomas Cobbe who owned land in Glasnevin, Killnasanta, and Castlekelly. The ruins of an old church known as the church of Santan, later known as St. Anne's church, stand in the graveyard. It is close to St. Anne's well which was believed to have been blessed by St. Anne herself and old people believe that it had remarkable powers of healing various sicknesses.

The graveyard was closed to burials in 1942 except to widows or widowers whose partners were already buried there. The previous funeral was that of Thomas Corcoran who was buried 21 years ago. With the burial of Michael Lawless St. Anne's graveyard is now finally closed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Reg. Refs.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Development</u>
11th Feb.	211	M. Monaghan	Ballinascorney Upr.	Bungalow
12th Feb.	2372	J. Rogers	Frianstown Ln.	House (A.I.)
12th Mar.	468	B. Langan	Castlekelly	Cottage
9th Mar.	321	J. Fitzsimons	Glasnevin	Extension

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DECISIONS TO GRANT PERMISSIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>
22nd Feb	WA2615	D. Colton	Allagour	Alternative Location of house
13th Mar.	WA1979	G. Mangan	Bohemabreena	Bungalow
12th Mar.	TA1511	P. Anderson	Glassaruckey	Bungalow

OUTLINE PERMISSIONS GRANTED

11th Mar.	WA1902	Sinead Norton	Mount Pelier	House & Septic Tank
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DECISIONS TO REFUSE PERMISSION

24th Feb.	NAI	S. Duggan	Bohemabreena	House
8th Feb.	WA2491	K. Coulton	Hallinascorney	House
6th Feb.	WA2492	K. Coulton	"	"
9th Feb	WA2540	W. Kennedy	Glassavilliam	"

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN ORD. DEANWALA

PA27/82 W2427	P.J. Sitapatrick	Old Court	Bungalow	Appeal against refusal of outline permission
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ORAL HEARINGS

24th March, 10.30 a.m. in Ford Planning offices.
Hollywood Quarries Ltd, Glassaruckey.

Appeal against decision to grant permission.

The third article in the series on Planning Permission has been held over until the next issue of the newsletter.

LETTER

Dear Sir,

We recently appealed for funds to help defray expenses incurred in our appeal against the granting of Planning Permission to Saltwood Quarries Ltd.

I should like to thank sincerely all those who so generously responded. The number and size of the contributions received indicate the widespread concern which exists about this matter in Glensmole. The money received will go most of the way to paying our present debts and we are most grateful.

Sincerely,

Margaret Dwyer

Secretary to group of residents appealing against the granting of planning permission to Saltwood Quarries Ltd.

TOWNLAND LEGENDS - 3

A cowboy from old Glensmole
With B - M milk-messenger got busy.
He worked hard on TV
To persuade you and me
It needs all the roots of a sucky.

LJMBRNDW.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife and family of the late John G. Lee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. -- Those who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral in such bad weather conditions. A special word of thanks to the Air Corps, Baldonnel; doctors and nurses of St. Vincent's Hospital, Fr. Brian D'Arcy, Fr. Begg, Fr. Kelly who paid him such wonderful tributes. All Clubs, Associations, Companies, Finance Fair Comms, very kind neighbours and friends and others too numerous to mention. Hoping this will be accepted in grateful appreciation.

ADVERTISEMENTS

8 Birth Mobile Home to let at Glanes, Danganrwan, Co. Waterford.
Bord Falins Egg, fully serviced site on lovely beach. Ideal
resort for family holiday. All facilities including T.V. Room
and childrens playground. Open from 24th May to 7th Sept.
Full particulars from Peter & Anella O'Leary, St. Annes, Ph. 511597.

Orders taken for Aran Knitting, also Double Knit and 4-ply. All
sizes taken. Done by hand. Ann Conroyan,
Contact Hilda's Shop, Mt. Pelier, Bohernabreena, Tallaght.

The Glasnevin newsletter is on sale after all masses at Bohernabreena
Church, at Samy's Shop and from Mrs. Carroll, Oldcourt.

ORAL HEARING

The oral Hearing of the appeals against the planning permission
recently granted by Dublin County Council to Sellwood Quarries
Ltd. for their proposed development at Glasnevin began in the
offices of the Board Pleasable on the morning of Wednesday 24th March.
It continued through the day and on Thursday morning. A very large
number of the protesting residents attended. Their submission was
contained in a lengthy report prepared and presented by Duncan
Stewart, Noel Stewart and Peter Hartel and in a shorter, mainly
technical report prepared and presented by consultant Jim Carrigan.
Barrister Philip O'Sullivan, instructed by solicitor Mervyn Taylor,
appeared for the residents and Solicitor Donal O'Hagan of Dandalk
for the developers. The case for the developers was presented
mainly by engineering consultant Patrick McSweeney. In view of the
very wide local interest in this matter it is hoped to include in
the next issue a fuller account provided by the committee of pro-
testing residents.

YOUNG GLENASHOLEBOHEMIA YOUTH CLUB

Our Club night is still held on Friday nights from 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. The committee are planning to make this night more interesting and attractive by means of leagues, quizzes, debates and other activities.

The Youth Club played an important part in the search for Richard Byrne (R.I.P.) during the heavy snowfall. We were responsible for asking the City Coroner for his remains to be buried in Bohemia Cemetery. Since then the Youth Club has received a donation from his family. We appreciate and thank the family for their kind thought. We also received a letter and a poem about "Franky" from an old lady living alone in Cabra.

On Monday the 8th March Robert Thomas from the G.Y.C. came out to talk and advise the Youth Club committee in their activities. We agreed to become a member of this council.

At our club night on Friday 12th March, leaders from Fishhouse Youth Club visited us and told us about their activities including their involvement with G.Y.C. and said that our club should participate in activities together.

The committee now intend to get out a survey to the youth in the Parish, (and we ask for your co-operation) then we will plan ahead and advertise coming activities. We have many ideas for the future but if anyone has any advice, ideas etc. they would be appreciated by any committee member.

Our A.G.M. is due in May/June when all reports will be made known.

Ramon Keltchen.

"FRANCHY"

By: Rose O'Driscoll

He was a hermit in Ballinacorney
His home a little hut,
Living alone near the mountain
A recluse in Solitude
Coming home with the groceries
God on him made a call
Poor Franchy laid down his burden
The snowdrift softened his fall
God saw St. Anne's Youth Club
And the neighbours one and all,
Who followed poor "Franchy" to Behernabreena
They truly answered the call.

MY BROTHER

Soft and cuddly,
Smiles and dimples
Shining eyes with surprise
Curly mop on top
That's my brother.

Creeping, Crawling, Climbing,
falling, teething, screaming,
pushing, pulling,
That's my brother.

Chasing, saving, feeding,
changing, cuddling, kissing
bruises better,
wiping tears,
stilling fears,
That's my Mother all the time.

By: Jacqueline Kelly. Age 10.

24HR. FAST

On the 26th of Feb. myself and two friends Helen and Lisa with our class and another class did a 24hr. fast in our school (the "Holy Faith Secondary",) to raise money to buy a guide dog for The Blind. We stayed in school overnight on Friday and we could only have tea without sugar, coffee or milk. We played records and table tennis and watched television that night. One of the teachers stayed with us during the night and Sister Gonzaga, the head nun, kept an eye on us. We danced and played table tennis until we couldn't stand up. We slept in sleeping bags in one of the rooms and when we woke up on Saturday morning we got a cup of tea and watched television. The last few hours of the fast were the worst because they seemed so long. At last one o'clock came and we got our cards stamped and left the school. When we finally counted up our money the two classes had made over £700. We were all delighted and our teacher told us that we might be able to sponsor three dogs. We all had a great time and are hoping to have another soon.

Shona Lee.

SPONSORED CYCLE

The Folk Group and the Bohernabreena Youth Club combined to run a Sponsored Cycle trip to raise funds for a new Public Address system in the church. This trip took place on Sunday the 28th of Feb.

Over 50 took part in the event in ideal weather conditions. The participants were from 5 to 25 years of age. There were also participants from the Ballyfennot Folk Group. All cyclists with machines well oiled were under starter's orders at 2.00 p.m. Following the blessing by Fr. D. Begg. P.P., Miss Rose Corcoran, Mayor of Bohernabreena, gave the signal for the off. Until this time the route was a secret.

All were now off to an easy start down Fox Hill, but tough pedalling and pushing lay ahead to negotiate Ballinasconroy Gap. However, the stone cross was a welcome site as cycling became easier. The route was well stewarded by supporting locals in cars. When we got to Adfurrel, we turned left and went on across the Manor Kilbride road towards the Shankill Trout Farm. During the cycle Olive Williams supplied us with oranges and later a drink. Everybody was most appreciative and thankful for same. After the refreshments we continued on down the camp road. From here on it was a downhill cycle. We cut off at the stone cross, onto the main

road and headed back down by Ballinascorney. We then had one last trudge up Fox Hill and finished at the church gate. The cycle was 11.75 miles.

The first cyclists completed the course in a little over 1 hour, but for most of us it took around 2 to 2½ hours. It was a tiring but very enjoyable day.

Claire McMahon.

On Monday 10th March we had a mass in the church and tea afterwards in the Rosanna Hall at which the money for the sponsored cycle was collected and counted. We made £400 and we were very pleased so now we shall proceed to get the microphones for the church. We hope to have them for Easter. There was a trophy for the person with the most sponsorship and this was awarded to Sandra Murphy who collected £32.30. It was an enjoyable evening for all who attended.

Anna-Marie Corcoran.

J O K E S. By Seamus Corcoran.

Policeman to Drunkard: "Surely you are not going to drive that car?"

Drunkard: "Sure I am, I'm in no condition to walk."

Judge: Tell me, did you commit this theft alone?

Crook: Yes, your honour, you can't trust anyone these days.

Q. What is the principal part of a horse?

A. The 'mane' part.

Q. Where was the first tree planted?

A. In the ground.

THE HAYSTACK By: Andrew Young.

Too dense to have a door,
 Window or fireplace or a floor,
 They saw this cottage up,
 Huge bricks of grass, clover and buttercup
 Carting to byre and stable,
 Where cow and horse will eat wall, roof and gable.

I chose this poem because it is the daily scene at home.

Michelle Byrne Age 11 yrs

ST. ANNE'S G.A.A. CLUB.

The Intermediate team failed by the narrowest of margins to gain promotion to Senior grade by being defeated by 1 point after extra time in the replay of the Intermediate League final. The team panel look forward to the new League and Championship campaign and are confident of success and promotion next season.

The Under 15 team have qualified for the semi-final of the Juvenile Championship and this is only the second time in the history of the Club that a team has progressed so far in what many believe to be the hardest of all Championships to win.

The Clubs Annual 7-a-side for juveniles will be commencing shortly and all players in the locality whether already playing with the Club or not are invited to take part. The competition is played every Saturday morning and any boys interested who are not already playing with the Club should contact Willie O'Reilly, Paddy Redmond, Kit McNally or Pat West to have their names included when the draw for teams is being made.

The Club's annual Dinner Dance takes place this year in the Club on Friday 23rd April and as a large attendance is again expected it will be advisable to book tickets well in advance.

The Sonny Knowles Cabaret night recently was a great success and our next big Cabaret night will be on April 10th, Easter Saturday, when the fabulous 4 MOST from Clara in Co. Offaly entertain.

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