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Bereavement

The sympathy of the whole community, and the G.A.A. fraternity in particular, is extended to the sons, Paddy, Martin, Richard (Butch), Brendan, Hughie and Billy daughters Rita Fenlon, Anne Kirwan, Marie Murphy and Bernie Sheridan, grand-children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and brother Patrick of the late Hugh O'Connor senior who passed away at his home in Glentire, The Ballagh, in the loving care of his family. The late Mr. O'Connor who grew up in Monavullen, Oulart was a Vice-President of Oulart-The Ballagh G.A.A. Club whose members formed a guard of honour when his remains were being taken from the Church of St. John The Baptist to his final resting place in The Ballagh cemetery last Friday, 8th April.

Postponement

Oulart-The Ballagh G.A.A. & Camogie postponed their celebration Supper Dance, due to be held on Saturday 9th April, as a mark of respect for the late Hugh O'Connor whose family is steeped in the G.A.A. His son Butch is Chairman of the local G.A.A. Club, son Brendan is manager of the Senior Camogie team and daughter, Anne Kirwan, is a selector with the camogie team as well. Added to that, various grandchildren line out for the local teams.

The Ballagh Community Centre

The A.G.M. of The Ballagh Community Centre will be held on Monday 18th April, at 8.30pm, All are welcome to attend.

Model Co. Development Draw

Oulart-The Ballagh G.A.A. members, along with all the other clubs in Co. Wexford, are currently selling tickets for the Annual Model Co. Development Draw. Tickets are 50 euro (20+ 20+10) for three draws to be held on the last Wednesday of April, May & June. As usual, a car is first prize each month and there are numerous other valuable prizes to be won each month. In addition, members who are fully paid up before the first draw are entered in a special draw with a prize of 1500 euro. At the end there is a "loyalty draw" with a prize of 1000 euro for those who paid monthly for the three draws. Supporters are reminded that a percentage of the profits are retained by clubs so it benefits your own

Raffles

The lucky prize- winners in the recent St. Patrick's Day raffle were: Michael O'Keefe, Lili McCormack, Caroline Rowe, Joan Byrne, Bessie Kehoe, Anne Nolan, Breda Butler, Dean McDonald and James Waters.

Memorial Book

To mark the 60th Anniversary of the opening of The St. John the Baptist Church, The Ballagh, it is intended to compile a memorial book. People are asked to have a look around their homes to see if they have photographs, newspaper or magazine articles relating to parish or community life which would be suitable for publication in the memorial book. This project will be starting shortly and the organisers would appreciate everyone's co-operation.

Volunteers Needed

Co. Wexford Community Workshop & Kilcannon Garden Centre, Enniscorthy are seeking volunteers. There are lots of opportunities for you to "make a difference". To find out more contact Annette Fenlon@ 053-9233069 or www.cwcwe.ie

Easter Draw

Tickets for the Community Centre Easter Draw will be distributed to houses in the coming weeks. The draw will take place after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Dates for your diary

Pupils from fifth & sixth classes will be confirmed in The Ballagh on 10th May. The Parish Mission will begin on 28th May and conclude on 3rd June. First Communion will be held on 29th May. The Church of St. John The Baptist will close for final Renovation work on 5th June. It will re-open for re-dedication and blessing on 1st July (celebrating 60 years). The Parish Re-union will be held on 2nd July and the Patron & Field Day will be held on 3rd July.

Table Quiz

The Ballaghkeen N.S. Parents' Association Annual Table Quiz will be held in Bob's Bar on Friday 15th April at 8.30pm. €20 for a Table of Four. The Table Quiz is always a great night out and helps raise much needed funds. Raffle and Door Prizes on the night. Tickets are available from any member of the Parents Association, or contact Liz Freeman on 0877560871. Tickets may also be available on the night.

Reserve June 5th for a Family Fun Day in aid of Ballaghkeen National School.

Local Architect Charity Event – Simon Open Door Our local architects, OLS Architects, are taking part in a charity event in aid of the Simon Homeless Community. The event takes place on Sat & Sun, 7th & 8th May 2011. Organised by the **RIAI**, architects give their time and expertise for free to members of the public and every single cent raised goes to the charity. The public can sign up by donating €50 to the charity in exchange for an hour consultation with OLS Architects, or any other architect taking part. You can find out more and sign up on the official event website; www.simonopendoor.ie or you can contact Tracey Sludds of OLS Architects on 087 2788681. Last year places filled quickly, so hurry get signed- up without delay.