

Fisherwick News August 2018



Community Outreach Project – In the halls

No doubt everyone has been wondering what’s going on behind those doors with the “Building Site Keep Out” notices on them. Indeed it doesn’t look as if anything is going on at all – though if you’ve been along Chlorine Gardens in the last few weeks you may have seen a skip at the back. Well, to satisfy your curiosity, here are some end-of-month-one pictures, courtesy of our man-on-the-spot.



Photos: Dave McCalmont

No prizes for identifying the location of these pics, especially the bottom pair. There’s plenty of noise behind the closed doors this week, so expect more next month.

Community Outreach Project – Fundraising

Fundraising for the Community Outreach Project began in 2017 with a concert by the wonderful Belfast Community Gospel Choir including our very own **John and Maggi Pielou**.

Individual Fundraising has exercised the imagination, the talents, and in some cases the bodies, of our congregation. The lengths some people will go to on our behalf!

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Photo: Ruth Collins

Robin Collins started the whole thing off by cycling from Drogheda around the coast to Adare -no mean feat.

Peter Lindsay braved the cold water of Helen's Bay, allegedly, on Christmas Eve.

I scanned the official video of the event on your behalf, and I'm sure I saw him standing on the path, with Janine, before the whistle blew. But there was no sign of him either in the water or recovering afterwards, and I know I've seen him since. Perhaps Peter, or Janine, will provide evidence to back up his claim to fame.

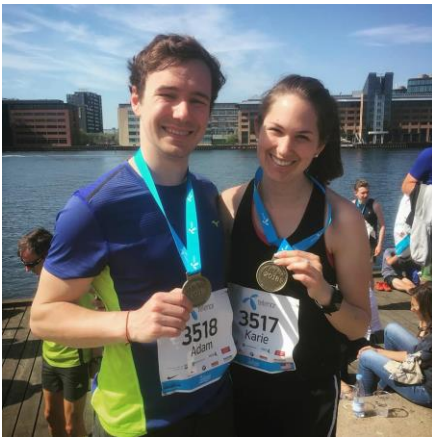


Photo: A friend of Adam & Karie

Adam Leahy and **Karie Schultz** went to extremes by completing the Copenhagen Marathon, cheered on by members of their Small Group.

Two ladies showed their creative bent. **Beena Abraham** raised money by cooking some delicious food in her own home. **Pauline Silcock** personally knitted and sold many dishcloths and a couple of bespoke baby blankets.

We were not short of those with artistic talent either. **Dave McCalmont** hosted 'A Night at the Movies'. **Jim McDowell** published a book of poetry and prose.

Peter Little took on the ultimate sacrifice and undertook a sponsored chocolate-free November. Anyone who knows Peter will appreciate the suffering and pain endured ... by Linda ... OK, Peter, you too.

With a generous donation from a couple in the congregation, £250 was added to each of the ten individual fundraisers adding an extra £2,500 to the pot.

In April we received a very generous offer from a member of the congregation that they would match fund up to £5,000 for organisations or new individual enterprises that donated or carried out fundraising event.

Several organisations, and **Neale Agnew** and **Alan Hewitt**, have so far taken up the challenge in April and May.

The PW hosted an evening of musical entertainment with our very own Valerie Henderson being part of 'A Class Act'.

We had the very welcome return of the **Spring Tea** after a seven-year gap – how time flies! Let's hope they do it again in 2019.

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Neale and Alan put on a wonderful evening of Desert Island Discs in the Chancel, as Neale recalled many of his favourite pieces of music. Maybe they could release the music list for those who were not able to attend ... for a small contribution?

The **GB/BB** held one of their Super Sumptuous Saturday morning breakfasts. There's no Better Breakfast in Belfast ... good for the soul if not the body! Make sure you don't miss this the next time it comes around.

Margaret and Tom Hunter, on behalf of the Wednesday Club, sold chutneys and jam at our AGM.

These fundraisers, together with donations from the **Growing into Maturity** Small Group and the **Table Tennis Club**, have taken up almost £4,000 of the £5,000 offered. No doubt more fundraisers in the autumn will double the full £5,000.

"It has been a real joy to see the enthusiasm both from individuals and organisations in the many and varied ways they have gone about fund raising. It has not only helped to raise over £23,000 to date, financially, but also built a real sense of community among our congregation." *Peter Little*

(Input from Peter Little, Treasurer, COP, has been severely edited 😊)

Volunteering Opportunities

This newsletter has been brought to you by the communications sub-group of Session. It may be obvious that we are very much in need of additional talent.

So, if you have any of the following skills and some time to give to Fisherwick –

Article writing, editorial skills, publishing;

Web site design, social media skills;

Good social skills, ability to welcome people and signpost them to the appropriate people;

- then we would really love to hear from you!

Please speak to one of the members of the Communication Action Group for more information. That's Gerry Gault, Sharon McIntyre, Alastair Edwards or Linda Little – or email office.fisherwick@gmail.com