

# Big Meadow News



Clonmore is a busy place and it's sometimes hard to keep up with everything that is going on. Please keep an eye out on the Clonmore facebook page and [www.clonmore.net](http://www.clonmore.net) to find out what's happening in the area. All groups and organisations are always willing to receive help so if you have a few hours to volunteer - they will be put to good use.



## The Hall

Probably the biggest news story for CRG to date this year has been the opening of our new hall which many of you will maybe visit this morning for a cup of tea or coffee. The hall was funded by the SWARD (South West Action for Rural Development) programme and was officially opened by the Minister for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michelle O'Neill on February 15th. It was a proud day for the community with a showcase of local talent taking to the new stage and entertaining the large crowd that attended the event. We once again thank all those who worked tirelessly to provide this new facility for the community and those who supported the opening event. Many activities have taken place in the new hall such as Farm Safety Training, St Brigid's Cross Making, and Clintyclay's Christmas Play. The hall is available for hire through Kieran Conlon, CRG Chair.



## Clonmore Community Transport

The community transport mini-bus continues to provide transport for pupils at Clintyclay PS and is again available for hire by groups and community members by contacting Kieran Conlon. Thanks to our volunteer bus drivers and bus assistants for their dedication to the school service.

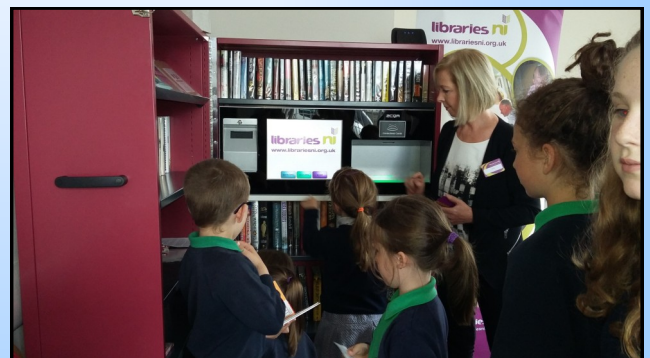
## 'Bringing Back the Blossom'

CRG secured a number of cherry and apple trees for a project aimed at restoring the once prevalent blossom along the Clonmore road. We look forward to photos next year of the trees in blossom in the gardens of those who took part in the project.

## Library in a Box

This latest service for the residents of Clonmore was launched during this week and is part of a pilot project by Libraries NI. Only two other places are taking part in this pilot so it would be wonderful to see the service in use.

Anyone with a library card (bar coded) can use the self-checkout facility and check out a number of wonderful titles currently available in the library box. They can also request specific titles. Forms for library cards are available from Ailsa McGeown and opening hour details will be available soon.



**We are interested in ideas from the community for the type of events, classes and services you would like Clonmore Regeneration Group to provide for you. All ideas, support and assistance welcome!**

## Clintyclay PS

The school community fought a long battle during the past two years against the proposal by CCMS to close our school and the decision by the Department of Education NI to accept that proposal. On the 27th of March 2015, Justice Treacey made a High Court ruling against the decision to close the school. Justice Treacey felt that the Department's decision to close the school was "infected" by incorrect information about Clintyclay's finances and stated that "The minister was faced with the possibility of saving an educationally successful and obviously much-loved school at the epicentre of its (local community)". He also commented on the rejection of Clintyclay's development proposal to become the first maintained primary school to transform to integrated status. Mr Treacey suggested that this was a missed opportunity to "galvanise" the integrated sector. The parents, pupils, staff and community were delighted with the reassurance that their lengthy two-year battle was not in vain and that their beloved school would open its doors in September 2015. The Minister of Education has since lodged an appeal against Justice Treacey's decision but the school community would be confident of a positive result in favour of the school once again as we begin the new term with one of the highest enrolment figures in years.

There are still some places available from reception to P7 for any child who would like to avail of the wonderful opportunity for educational excellence at Clintyclay. Call the school on **02887 784498** or Clintyclay Parent Teacher Association on **07923 172886**. We hope the children and staff enjoy their Summer break.

[www.clintyclayps.com](http://www.clintyclayps.com)

## Clonmore Robert Emmets GFC

The club continues its league campaign at Junior A level and with a win in the first round of the Junior Championship, there will be plenty of matches over the Summer months to keep you entertained. The Club Cead draw initiative continues and is the lifeblood of the club's financial survival—all new members to Club Cead are welcome, contact a committee member for more details.

The "Highest Point" challenge took place yesterday with a strong team of club members scaling the highest point in Ulster—Slieve Donard, with a set of Gaelic posts to kick "the Highest Point in Ulster". Fundraising activities for this challenge have taken place over the past few months, with a number of teams undertaking events such as cinema nights, band launches, vintage morning teas and with a few more events to go over the next week, it has been a wonderfully novel way to raise funds and raise the profile of the club. Well done to all those who trekked the mountain, organised events and supported the events.

2016 will be a landmark year for the club in celebrating its 50th anniversary. Best wishes to the club on and off the pitch for the remainder of 2015.



The team who kicked the "Highest Point" yesterday at the top of Slieve Donard

## Sacred Heart Chapel

Two notable events in the chapel calendar were the BBC Radio Ulster's Morning Service broadcast from the Sacred Heart Chapel on the 3rd of May and children from Clintyclay PS making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th of May. Both very special occasions for the community.

Clonmore Choir had another busy few months after Christmas culminating with a concert in the Burnavon Theatre in May. The choir will take a Summer break but remember new members from secondary school age and up are always welcome—practice every Tuesday night at 8pm.

## Forthcoming Events

- **Today, Sunday 21st** - Father's Day Coffee Morning in Clonmore Hall at 11.30am
- **Tuesday 23rd June** - Dancing lesson with Gerard Butler & dancing to Crush in Clonmore Hall from 9pm. Admission £10, light refreshments served
- **Thursday 25th June** - Clintyclay PS end of year mass, Sacred Heart Chapel 7pm, refreshments in Clonmore Hall afterwards
- **Friday 26th June** - "Spring Into Summer" Table Quiz. £5pp, including light supper. 9.00pm start.

*Irish Dancing has finished for the Summer – it will continue in September in the Hall at 5.30pm on Wednesdays  
Naomh Eoin training for U6, U8, U10 at Robert Emmet park on Saturdays at 10.00am*

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