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THIS BANK HOLIDAY
WEEKEND

FRIDAY A must see band!
4TH
JUNE **FLYDER**

SATURDAY
5TH
JUNE **DJ MARK**
 at 10.30pm

SUNDAY Lounge
6TH
JUNE **DJ QUINNERS**

Back Room
DJs SHANE MANNION &
DJ SOL O'CARROLL

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 catered for. Food and
 entertainment supplied.

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news at a glance

Wildlife talk

June Louise McAlavey will give a talk on wild life and bird life in County Roscommon in Hannon's Hotel in Roscommon at 8 pm on Monday, June 14th. All are welcome. For further information call Padraig on (087) 9078849.

Sports and Fun Day at Ballinlough

Carrick N.S. Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon are holding their annual family fun day on Sunday next 13th June at Lough Harps soccer pitch at 2 pm.

World Cup fever is coming to Ballinlough with our own mini world cup soccer Blitz with local schools taking part. We will have usual races for children of all ages including a mother and son relay race and father and daughter relay race. We have many other races such as mixed wheelbarrow race, 3 legged races and sack races.

For side events we have the popular Sheaf Tossing event, nail driving and penalty kicking also.

We will also have the usual Tombola draw where you can win lovely prizes such in a lucky dip.

A great family fun day is guaranteed.

Job Club course

County Roscommon Job Club is running a three-week Job Seeking Skills course in the Job Club Centre, Market St., Ballaghaderreen starting on Tuesday 8th June, from 10 am to 1 pm each day. The course covers all aspects of job seeking, including CV preparation, interview skills, job search etc. The course is free and open to jobseekers of all ages. For further information contact Mary/Romy on (094) 98 62373 or FÁS Office, Roscommon on (090) 66 26802.

Kelly concern on HSE appointment

The appointment of a former eircom managing director as the new head of the HSE is a clear sign that future decisions in the service will be based purely on business needs, rather than delivering a high quality service to patients, claimed Labour councillor, John Kelly this week.

"Anyone who has fears on the future direction of the HSE, had them confirmed with this appointment," said Cllr. Kelly this week. Cllr. Kelly was commenting on

the appointment of Cathal Magee (56) who will take over as the €228,466 head of the HSE after Brendan Drumm ends his five-year term in August.

DEAL WITH TRADE UNIONS

"Here is a man who, as the former managing director of eircom's retail businesses was instrumental in negotiating a deal with trade unions, which saw 1,200 jobs going over two years and pay cuts of up to ten percent for staff.

"Are we now going to see the same business philosophy being applied to our health services by Mr. Magee? We have every reason to be worried," said Cllr. Kelly.

"When I read reports that the HSE have described him as a central leadership figure in the transformation and restructuring of Eircom, I'm very concerned that the same principles will be applied to the health service. But the health service is not about profit-making, it's about delivering a

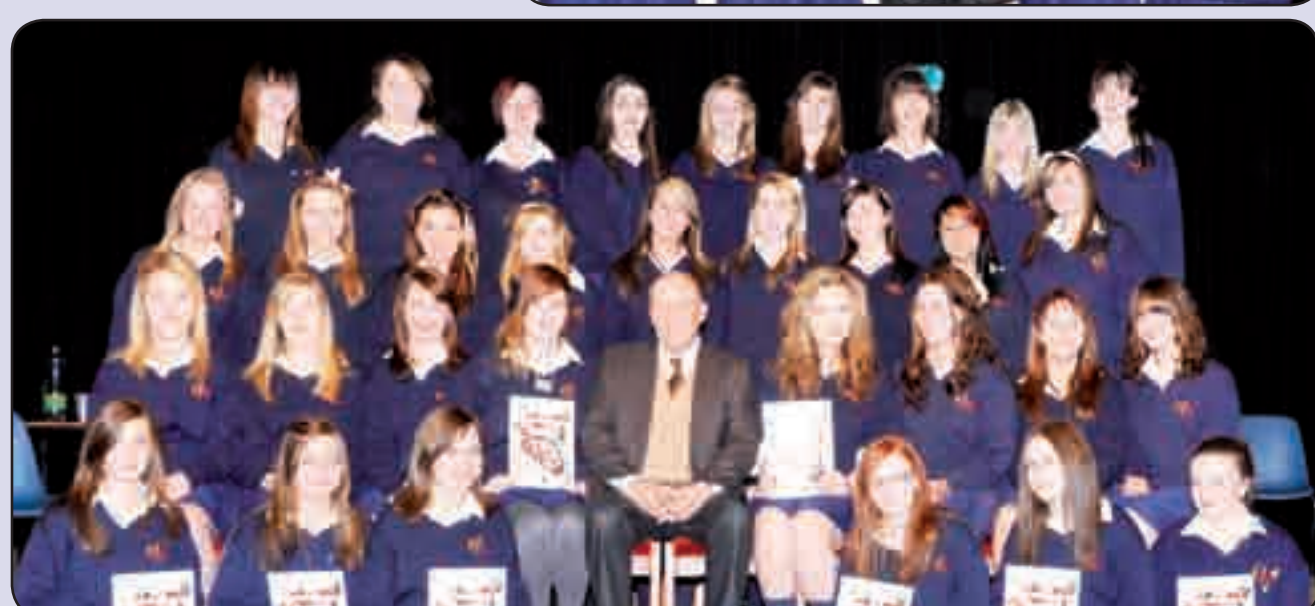
high quality service to patients," added Cllr. Kelly.

"In my view, you cannot apply a business model straight from the private sector and adopt it to medicine. And I cannot understand why the HSE could not find a suitable medical professional to oversee the organisation. Business driven results, rather than a health service that is patient centred, would now appear to be the HSE way forward with this appointment," said Cllr. Kelly.

Conor O'Clery launches latest 'Macalla'

RIGHT: Pictured at the launch of the 2010 Macalla magazine in the Convent of Mercy Secondary School were editors (l-r) Kate Cormican, Michelle Connor, Conor O'Clery, special guest, author and former Irish Times journalist, Emma McStay and Niamh Madden. Picture: Andrew Fox.

BOTTOM: Conor O'Clery, special guest, author and former Irish Times journalist was pictured with transition year students at the recent launch of the 2010 Macalla magazine in the Convent of Mercy Secondary School in Roscommon. Picture: Andrew Fox.



Fury over plans for mast in Newbridge

Hundreds of concerned local people attended a public meeting in relation to a planned telecommunications mast for H3G on Coillte lands at Newforest, Newbridge last week.

Local spokesperson Sean Moran said, "The first we knew about it was when we saw a notice on the site on April 29th or 30th. Coillte didn't even inform any of the neighbours. Since then we have set up an action committee and three meetings have been held.

"Last Wednesday night week there was a public meeting in Kilkerrin Community Centre attended by 350 people. John Ryan

from Tipperary spoke about health concerns in relation to masts for homes within 2 km of the masts. This mast is within 350 metres of my mother's house and there is another new house within 400 of the proposed site.

"Over 40 people have objected to this proposed mast and 1,300 signatures have been collected from people in the locality. More meetings are planned. Coillte have declined to meet with us, they would only meet with us if there was an agreed agenda that suited them.

"People in the locality are simply not going to accept this. There are



no guidelines for these masts. In some counties they have to be over 750 metres from any home."

The mast is planned for New Forest, an area planted by Coillte in 1957 and Mr. Moran pointed

out that at the time when people relinquished turf cutting rights in the vicinity, it was given to Coillte for the purpose of planting trees and not as an industrial site.

It is anticipated that

a further meeting will be held on the issue next week to update people in the locality and a decision on the matter has to be made by Galway County Council by the end of June.