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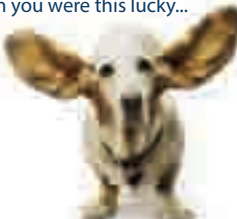
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## Athleague remedial works on agenda of roads meeting

The issue of remedial works to prevent a reoccurrence of flooding in Athleague will be on the agenda for next week's quarterly Electoral Area Roads meeting, according to local councillor Cllr. Martin Connaughton.

"I was delighted recently when €270,000 was allocated for remedial works in Athleague. Athleague was the area of the county worst affected by the flooding of last November and the remedial works must be done immediately to prevent a re-occurrence of the flooding."

At an SPC meeting on June 2nd, Cllr. Connaughton raised the issue of the work that needs to be done in Athleague and requested that it be put on the agenda for the quarterly Electoral Area Roads meeting, which takes place on Thursday, June

17th. "I will be requesting that the works programme, which will be carried out by Roscommon County Council and the OPW, in conjunction with the local community, be carried out as soon as possible."

### PREVENTED

"This money must be spent properly to ensure that a reoccurrence of the flooding is prevented. On the last occasion so many people had to be evacuated from their homes and a number of businesses had to close temporarily."

Cllr. Connaughton, Chairman of the River Suck Drainage Committee, said, "A lot of people are in fear of their lives of another flood. They were covered by insurance on the last occasion and many fear that they won't be covered if the flooding reoccurs."

"It's on the agenda for the Area Roads Meeting, where it will be discussed with the Executive and the work will be done in conjunction with the executive of Roscommon County Council, the local Community and the Office of Public Works."

Cllr. Connaughton also pointed out that much remedial work needs to be carried out on the River Suck as the current on the river is very slow. To this end, work will be carried out in the vicinity of the Angling Centre on Friday.

"I am very concerned, with the amount of damage that the floods caused, I wouldn't want to see the likes of that ever again. This is a good allocation and we have to make sure that the work is done in a proper fashion."

### Ballintubber meeting

A meeting of Ballintubber Community Alert will take place in the Old School on Thursday, June 10th at 9 pm sharp. All are welcome. The committee wish to thank all who contributed to their Church gate collection. A total of €400 was received.

### Monies raised

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the church gate collection in aid of our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May last. Many thanks to the collectors at each church.

The following totals were collected: Castle-rea €1042.21, Ballintubber €368, Trien €148.84, Cloonbonniffe €94.51. The money has been forwarded to the Children's Medical and Research Foundation at our Lady's Hospital.

### Croagh Patrick pilgrimage

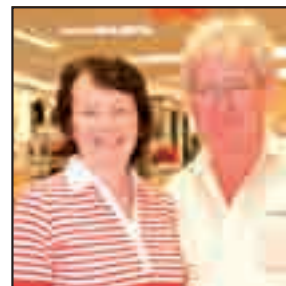
The Glenamaddy Parish Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on Saturday June 12th. All those intending to travel should give their names to Fr. Mooney at (094) 96 59017 or (087) 9035910 as soon as possible.

### Dawn Mass

A Dawn Mass will take place at 4 am in Ballinastack Burial Ground, Glenamaddy, on Sunday 20th June.



Joan Tully and Marie Beirne pictured at Texas on Saturday afternoon last. Pic: Andrew Fox.



Mary and Martin Grenham pictured at Texas on Saturday afternoon last. Pic: Andrew Fox.



Hogan band members Johnny Westman, Mark Hogan and Ronan Nolan, pictured at Texas on Saturday afternoon last with Sarah Flynn, Texas employee. Pic: Andrew Fox.

## TEXAS celebrates first year



Carmel O'Rourke, Emma Thompson, Martin Rattigan, Carol Garvey and Angie Hanly were pictured at Texas on Saturday afternoon last. Pic: Andrew Fox.

## Defibrillator stolen in Ballagh

Community activists in the Ballagh area were very dismayed during the week to learn that a defibrillator placed outside a local house had been stolen.

In recent years, the local community has undertaken a huge campaign, including fundraising and training, to get defibrillators placed in the area and thus reduce the number of people from the local community dying as a result of heart attacks.

The theft in Ballagh occurred late on Wednesday night or early on Thursday morning and local people believe that it was professionally

removed. Local county councillor Eugene Murphy was approached by the local community to highlight the issue.

"People in the locality are dismayed and upset that anyone would do this. The people of the parish did a lot of fundraising for these defibrillators, including house-to-house donations and the defibrillators were placed at specific points throughout the parish."

"This theft could cost a life if someone in the locality gets a heart attack. If anyone took it, I would ask them to make contact with me so that it can be put back in place. It is

very, very important to get this back in place," concluded Cllr. Murphy. Cllr. Eugene Murphy can be contacted on (086) 2507590.

Meanwhile, The Ballagh/Curraghroe Defibrillator Committee are treating this development as a very serious one and are looking for any information as to its whereabouts.

The defibrillator is a potentially life-saving piece of equipment.

The committee have appealed for anyone with any information on the defibrillator to contact any committee member. The Gardai in Roscommon town have also been notified.