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Coachman's Inn Paddy Powers Karaoke

The following have qualified for the Paddy Powers Karaoke competition in the Coachman's Inn/Club 3, Roscommon: Angela McHugh; Mairead Smith; Susan Donnellan; Tanya Stewart; Paul McAvoy; Kayley De Jojne; Lorraine Reilly; Colm Murray; Damien Smith; Valerie Casey; Nicola Glynn; Bridget McHugh.

Bishop warns of dangers of Civil Partnership Bill

Speaking at a celebration of marriage jubilees held in St. Joseph's Church, Boyle on Sunday last, Bishop Jones called on people to study the current Civil Partnership Bill and assess the impact it will have on family life.

"Our Government, that has responsibility under the Constitution to care for and protect marriage and family founded on marriage, is rushing through the Dáil a Civil Partnership Bill

that will give cohabittees and same sex unions a status that is equivalent to marriage and all the tax and social welfare benefits that apply to marriage.

"Surely all of this is saying to our young people of the future 'Yes you are right to cohabit outside of marriage. Yes you are right to form same-sex unions and we as the State will of course support you as we support marriage itself.'

"Of course, once the Bill goes

through, marital status will be replaced by civil status in legislation. Civil status will head up census forms and all official forms and marriage will be just one other category of relationship with cohabittees and same-sex unions.

"As citizens and indeed as Catholics we have a duty to study this Bill and be aware of the impact it will have on marriage and family life into the future."



Rev. Tomás Hever (Silver Jubilarian), Very Rev. Gerry O'Rourke (Diamond Jubilarian), Most Rev. Bishop Christopher Jones and Rev. Hugh McGonagle (Silver Jubilarian) pictured at the recent Diamond and Silver Jubilee celebrations held at Cloverhill Church. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com.

Hynes Pharmacy prescription collection service is a big hit with customers

Pharmacist David Hynes of Hynes Pharmacy, Castle Street, Roscommon, this week told Roscommon People that the recently introduced prescription collection and delivery service is a big hit with customers.

"The new prescription collection service is up and running, the feedback to date has been very positive and there has been a lot of interest and enquiries."

The service couldn't be easier to use. Assuming that the patient is not due a check up with their doctor, they just ring their GP's practice as usual to order their repeat prescription and inform the surgery that Hynes Pharmacy, Castle street will be collecting it for them. They then ring Hynes pharmacy, advise them that their prescription has been ordered and Hynes' will collect the prescription from the doctors and have the medicines ready for collection in the pharmacy.

David explains, "All the patient does is make two phone calls. The patient orders their own prescription from their GP practice over the phone. That gives the doctors the opportunity to advise the patient if they need a review. Once they have ordered their prescription they must tell the receptionist that we will be collecting it for them. The second call is to us, to let us know that they would like it collected. Their dispensed prescription will then be ready to collect at the pharmacy. If they can't come in to the pharmacy to collect it, I will have it delivered free of charge to the patient."

"If availed of, this service has the potential of saving patients or their carers the trouble of having to call to both the doctor's and the



pharmacy to have their prescription prepared. It also means that the prescription is dispensed before they call to the pharmacy so there is no delay whatsoever. Our accessibility with large car parks to both front and rear of our pharmacy means collecting your medicines from us couldn't be easier or more convenient. It is a service that is simple in design, easy to use and saves patients time and money."

Asked who is currently using the service, David replies, "This service suits all types of people for many different reasons. A lot of elderly people are using this service who find our accessibility not only convenient for them but also for relatives who may be collecting their medicines for them. Younger people find it easier to call to us after work and collect their dispensed medicines rather than rushing to get to the doctor's before they close. This also means that people who may not wish to travel to town during the week can now collect their prescription on a Saturday from us when their GP's surgery may be closed."

Confidentiality is always assured at Hynes Pharmacy and this extends to the home delivery service. David noted that, "confidentiality and discretion is completely assured on all home deliveries". David added, "it's important that I can talk to all patients that avail of the delivery service to ensure that they still receive all advice necessary to correctly use their medicines and that they also have the opportunity to ask me any questions or concerns that they may have regarding their prescription".

Hynes Pharmacy caters for all prescription services including medical card prescriptions, long-term illness prescriptions, drug payment scheme prescriptions and private prescriptions. Another free service available at Hynes Pharmacy is free blister packing of medicines. Your tablets can be blister packed on a weekly or monthly basis. This service makes it much easier for patients to self administer their medicines as all tablets being taken are grouped together on a card that clearly identifies the day and time of day that they are to be taken.

There is no charge for any of the extra services at Hynes Pharmacy, such as the prescription collection service, home delivery service or blister packing to name but a few. David is also available out of hours for emergency prescriptions on (086) 1713409 and is available in store for advice or help with anything pharmacy related.

For further information on any of the services available at Hynes Pharmacy, Castle Street, Roscommon, simply ask in-store for further details or call the pharmacy on (090) 66 34147.