

## 'Help jobless self-employed'

Self-employed people who are finding themselves out of work through no fault of their own should be entitled to draw unemployment benefit, claimed Labour Cllr. John Kelly this week.

He was commenting on ongoing problems faced by the self-employed who cannot draw on unemployment benefit when

their businesses fail, because their PRSI contributions don't entitle them to it.

"There are thousands of self-employed people who have no income and who are not entitled to any immediate social welfare assistance. The unemployment figures do not reflect the true numbers of people out of work because self

employed people who have no work do not appear on the register.

"This Government wrecked the economy and now when small businesses are failing as a result, they won't turn around and help them. But Mr. Cowen is quite happy to throw €22 bn in a bottomless pit at Anglo-Irish Bank which we will never see again," said Cllr. Kelly.



Cllr. John Kelly

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Young Roscommon fans pictured enjoying the Roscommon v Leitrim game in Dr. Hyde Park on Sunday. Picture: Andrew Fox.

## Rogers family fundraising social

The Tom Rogers family benefit fundraising social takes place next Monday night, 28th of June in the Shannon Key West, Rooskey with a fabulous line-up of popular bands including Night Fever, Nathan Carter, Carmel McLaughlin, Mattie O'Brien and Gobsmack, Noel Cassidy, Pauric Farrell and other artists.

Tom, who lives in Drumlish, and formerly from Corskeagh, Strokestown, is recovering from malignant brain tumour surgery, which resulted in the loss of his eye and is presently having chemotherapy treatment in Dublin. Tom is married to Pauline Spollen from Cloonshannagh, Rooskey. Pauline is also recovering from an aggressive form of breast cancer and is presently travelling to and from St Luke's Hospital in Dublin for chemotherapy and

radium treatment. Their twenty-year-old daughter Michelle has suffered from total kidney failure and is at present undergoing dialysis treatment, travelling to Tallaght Hospital three times a week.

The communities in Strokestown and Drumlish have come together with this fundraising event to help with the enormous expense where three members of the one family who are constantly attending hospitals in Dublin.

Tickets are on sale at shops and outlets throughout the Strokestown and Drumlish region and the committee members in both areas are calling door to door. The Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee Cllr. Tom Crosby is appealing for a big turnout on Monday night next for this very worthy cause.