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Fond memories of Maureen

Fond memories of Creggs publican Maureen Pigott are being recalled this week in the locality following the death of the popular local woman.

Mrs. Pigott (88) died peacefully at her home in the village, on Monday evening last, surrounded by her family and friends. A true lady, of gentle disposition and possessing a gentle wit, her passing is mourned by her many friends and acquaintances.

A native of the village, Maureen (nee Corr) started her schooling in Creggs before going on to attend secondary school. She taught for a time in Hollygrove prior to her marriage. A woman of great faith, she had a special devotion to Padre Pio and reposed at her home on Tuesday, Padre Pio's birthday. She also had a great love of music and greatly enjoyed playing the piano.

For many years she presided over the convivial atmosphere in Pigott's bar, alongside her daughter Josephine, and they extended a warm welcome to one and all. During Fair Days in Creggs, Pigott's was always a favourite tea house with visiting buyers and sellers and many people enjoyed the warm hospitality of Pigott's.

She was predeceased by her husband John Francis and her daughter Anna. Her death is deeply regretted by her loving daughters Mary and Josephine, grandchildren Kevin, Brendan (Australia) and Karen, relatives, neighbours and many friends.

The removal from Smyth's Funeral Home, Roscommon to St. Mary's Church, Kilbeggnet took place on Wednesday evening. Mass of the Resurrection today (Thursday) at noon will be followed by funeral to Kilbeggnet Cemetery. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam uasal dilis.

Additional classroom for Lisaniskey NS

An additional classroom has been approved for Lisaniskey NS, Donamon, by the Minister for Education, a fact welcomed this week by Michael Finneran TD, Minister for Housing and Local Services.

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€888,000 allocated to combat flooding

The allocation of €888,120 by the Office of Public Works on Tuesday to help combat flooding in Roscommon has been warmly welcomed.

The allocation was part of a fund of €3.9 million announced nationally and aimed to deal with areas severely affected by flooding last November. The largest portion of the fund, €450,000, has been allocated for channel maintenance and upgrading of culverts in selected areas of the River Jiggy in Roscommon town and surrounding areas.

€270 was also allocated for flooding alleviation in Athleague. The money will be used to construct a weir and overflow channel and carry out channel maintenance. €90,000 has been allocated to replace existing culverts with larger capacity structures in Ballintubber.

Other allocations under the fund are as follows: €18,000 for a study of the Strokes-town River Catchment; €9,000 for a hydro-metric study in Elphin; €18,000 for a study of the Four Roads catchment area to identify relief works; €2,250 for



a study in Miltown, Castleplunkett; €2,700 for a study in Lisalway, Castlelea and €2,070 for a study in Knockalaghta. €1,800 is to be spent determining possible alleviation measures at Grange. Funding has also been provided to install pipes under roads at the Red Bridge, Drum.

The funding was welcomed by Minister Michael Finneran who pointed out that the allocation is in addition to funding announced by Minister Martin Mansergh in March 2010.

The funding for the Jiggy River was welcomed this week by Cllr. Paula McNamara and the committee set up in the Abbey Hotel in December 2009. "This funding will make a start on the work that needs to be carried out on the River. The River needs

to be re-graded and widened in places. Trees need to be removed and general maintenance is also required. Unfortunately this funding will not be enough to carry out all the work that is required on the River. Roscommon County Council will have to apply again in September for more funding to carry out further works." Cllr. McNamara also welcomed the funding announced for the alleviation of flooding in Athleague and Four Roads.

Chairman of the River Suck Drainage Committee, Cllr. Martin Connaughton said that he was delighted with the allocation for Athleague and other areas in mid Roscommon, including Roscommon town, Ballintubber, and Four Roads. "Athleague was severely

affected last November. 18 families had to be evacuated and three out of the four pubs closed. A lot of people are still not back in their homes and I am delighted with this €270,000 and will be pressing to ensure that the work is done as soon as possible."

Funding for Athleague was also welcomed by Cllr. Domnick Connolly. "We all saw the devastating scenes in Athleague late last year when homes and shops were flooded. Funding of €270,000 for this project is most welcome. I hope that work will proceed as quickly as possible to prevent any recurrence of last year's floods." He also welcomed the funding for the River Jiggy and Four Roads.

Funding of €90,000 for flood relief in the village of Ballintubber was wel-

Community policing

Garda Sinead Higgins is holding a weekly office in Roscommon Women's Network, The Old Mill, Castlerea. Next office is Tuesday June 1st from 10 to 3 pm. Any person who would like assistance filling out forms, passport, gun licence, motor tax, etc. or who may have concerns and wishes to speak to a Garda for advice, is welcome. Private and confidential. Contact: (094) 96 21690.

Oran draw results

There was no jackpot winner in the Oran lotto draw held on 23rd May in McDermott's, Ballinaheglish. Numbers drawn: 6, 8, 24 and 28. Next draw for Jackpot of €12,100 will be held on Sunday 6th June in Kenny's, Rockfield.

comed by Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice. He also welcomed the funding for studies in Miltown, Castleplunkett and Lisalway, Castlelea. "The special funding for Ballintubber is a great boost because the village was near to being totally flooded because the existing culvert was unable to take the large flow of water. This money will allow a larger culvert to be installed to alleviate the problem."

Cllr. Orla Leyden has welcomed funding for flood relief measures on the River Jiggy, Roscommon and in Athleague village but added that she was anxious that funding would be provided as soon as possible to carry out works that would prevent further flooding in the Four Roads area that flooded a number of homes in the area last winter. Senator Terry Leyden said he believed that the investment in the areas affected would ensure that the same damage would not occur again. "I am delighted to see that my appeals in respect of the damage to Roscommon, together with photographic evidence I presented to the Minister, were heeded."