

Strong opposition in Williamstown to H3G mast

■ Seamus Duke

Plans by the mobile phone company H3G to construct a telecommunications mast at Derryvode, Williamstown have been met with strong local opposition and a public meeting was held in Williamstown Hall earlier this week (Tuesday night) on the issue.

A local action committee was set up to co-ordinate the opposition to the plans. Spokesperson for the action committee Mr. Oliver Lannon told the Roscommon People on Wednesday about the plans and why locals are so strongly opposed to them.

"H3G applied on April 29th for plan-

ning permission to Galway County Council to construct a 24-metre telecommunications mast at a site owned by Coillte at Derryvode and we are totally opposed to those plans. It is also proposed that the mast would have three antennae 2.1 metres higher than the 24 metres and that there also would be several dishes attached to this mast.

"There are several reasons why we are opposing this development. Firstly this mast will be located on a private road that we as a community have developed over the years. There is a community walkway there that is used by a lot of people and we have

carried out clean-ups in the area and have provided bird boxes and other facilities there for the benefit of the community over the years" he said.

"We also have health fears over the erection of this mast. A representative of the company was here in the locality last week and he informed us that there were absolutely no health fears connected with this mast. We asked him to put that in writing but he said he could not do that, so we have no assurances at all about our health concerns" he said.

"This mast is proposed for an area that will affect many local villages and townlands and people are very

worried about it. We held a public meeting in the local community hall on Tuesday night and we had about 100 people there. We know of about 25 objections that have been put in already to the planning application and we will be putting in a major objection on behalf of the whole community as well" he said.

"We are not approaching this in a piecemeal fashion. We have consulted engineers and planners and we will get them on board too. Our campaign is only beginning and we will be co-ordinating it from now on. There is another consideration too and that is that local property would be devalued as a

result of this mast. The nearest house is only 350 metres away" he said.

"One thing that we cannot understand is that there are no national guidelines with regard to these masts. In some counties like Galway and Roscommon there is no minimum distance set down as to how far a mast has to be from a private dwelling but in other counties there is a minimum distance set down. It is crazy as far as I can see. We will be following this up and our campaign is only starting" he concluded.

The Roscommon People contacted the company about the plans but there was no-one available for comment.

Commendation for Harry

Harry Devaney (8), a pupil at Curraun National School, Tarmonbarry, has won a commendation award for his artwork in the Texaco Art Competition, where over 30,000 pupils participated in this competition from all over the country. Local councillor Tom Crosby this week congratulated Harry on his wonderful achievement, which he said brings honour to the School and parish of Tarmonbarry/Seramogue. The Councillor also congratulated the Principal Julie Breathnach and Harry's teacher Catherine Carey.

Feighan slams proposed school transport hike

Fine Gael School Transport Spokesman Frank Feighan TD has slammed Government plans to hike school transport fees from €300 to €500 and to impose it on primary school children as well.

"This measure is anti-rural and anti-family. It will undermine the viability of school transport in rural areas, will demolish the concept of free primary education, and undermine rural communities. This represents another cost burden on families in the middle of the worst recession in living memory, and discriminates heavily against poorer families."

Check out chimney draught excluder

If you were to hold a sheet of newspaper at the top of your fireplace frame, would the bottom end be sucked up the chimney flue? If the answer is yes, then you can see what is happening to all the heat in your house.

The CDE chimney damper is fitted below the chimney flue and above the flue starter. When the damper is in place and closed, no draught will enter the sitting room from the chimney, conversely no heat from your home will be sucked up the chimney. When the fire is alight you can half close the damper, this will counteract any down draught as well as reflecting a portion of the heat back into the room. It will also lessen the draw on the fire thus slowing the burning process and increasing the efficiency of one fire load of fuel. This will also reduce your carbon dioxide emissions as less energy from your central heating system will be required to adequately heat your house because no heat is being wasted due to an open chimney flue.

The main attraction of an open fire is its visual appeal, and many homeowners will insist on having an open fireplace. But with this comes some drawbacks, such as loud whistling noises, sooty hailstones or rain landing on living room rugs, heat being sucked out of the house even when there is no fire on, down draughts and cold ankle syndrome.

With the damper in place you simply close off the chimney flue when there is no fire on. This will then eliminate any howling wind noises, rain, hailstones and draughts entering or leaving your sitting room. You can then open the flue as and when you wish to light a fire and close it again once the fire is fully extinguished.

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Special Olympics torch run to visit Roscommon

The law enforcement torch run which gets underway ahead of the 2010 Special Olympics Ireland Games will make its way to Roscommon on June 3rd.

The 2010 Special Olympics Ireland Games will take place in Limerick and Clare from 9th to 13 June. This will be one of the biggest sporting events to take place in Ireland this year with more than 1,900 athletes participating in 14 sports.

From the 2nd to 9th June the Flame of Hope will be carried throughout Ireland by members of An Garda Síochána and the PSNI. As part of its journey the torch will visit Convent of Mercy Primary, Roscommon at 11.45 am on

Thursday, 3rd June 2010. All are more than welcome to attend and join in the celebrations!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is one of the most high profile events organised by Special Olympics Ireland around Games time. Local members of both police services will carry the torch (Flame of Hope) as it makes its way through their District/Division. A permanent runner representing both An Garda Síochána and the PSNI will form part of each running leg and will be supported by local Gardaí or police officers. A support team, including a representative from eircom will accompany each route to oversee logistics, timings and dressing of venues.



Two Roscommon Youth clubs, Roscommon Leo Club and Loughglynn Foróige Club were honoured at the 'permanent tsb Foróige Youth Citizenship Awards' held in the Clarion Hotel in Sligo recently. Loughglynn Foróige Club. Back row (left to right): Greg Valentine, Charlie Watts. Middle row (left to right): Eugene O'Brien, Nicola Valentine. Front row (left to right): Sarah Warden, Chairperson of the National Council of Foróige Mairí McMahon, Eoin Cahill.



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DESSERT NO. 1

Geraldine Garvin's cookery collection

Each week I will be sharing some of my favourite recipes with you. Just cut them out to build up a solid collection of great recipes. This week we will start off with one of my favourite desserts.

JACKSONS CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

This dessert is for the true chocolate lover, and has been huge hit in the restaurant over the years. It is important to use a good quality dark chocolate (at least 55% cocoa).

INGREDIENTS

190g of dark chocolate

190g of butter

125g of caster sugar

3 eggs

55g of self raising flour

1 teaspoon of vanilla essence

(optional) 50g of chopped nuts

METHOD

In a pot of simmering water melt the chocolate in a mixing bowl over the gentle heat. Melt the butter in the microwave. Stir the melted butter into the melted chocolate. Add the vanilla essence. Leave this mix to cool to room temperature.

Meanwhile pre-heat oven to 160c. Line a baking tray or tin with parchment paper. Separate egg yolks from the whites. In a kitchen mixer fluff the egg whites and add the caster sugar slowly.

Stir the egg yolks into the cooled chocolate mixture. Pour this chocolate mix into the fluffed egg whites gradually. Slowly add the flour to ensure a smooth mix.



Using a spatula, scrape the mixture into the baking tray. Remember to use high edges of parchment paper on your baking tray, it makes it easier to remove the brownie when cooked. Before you pop the brownie into the oven you can sprinkle nuts over the top if you like.

Bake for 30 mins at 160c.

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Quiz night

A quiz night will be held in Jim Pete's Pub in Glenamaddy, on Friday, June 4th at 10 pm. Cash prize for winning team plus spot prizes for other participants! Funds raised will go towards Glan Youth Café - 'The Bean Bag'. All welcome!

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