



# A Boyle View

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## The Brian Colleran Trust Fund

22-year-old Brian Colleran is the son of Tom Colleran who was a popular metal-work teacher at Boyle Vocational School through the eighties and nineties. Tom is now in St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen.

Brian suffered lifelong disabling spinal injuries in a car accident in December last, on his way to work. Gerry McGrath

is running the Belfast City Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3rd as part of a fundraising campaign to help with the inevitable enormous, medical costs involved in Brian's treatment and ongoing care.

Sponsorship cards are presently located in various Boyle business premises.

Tony Conboy will visit these premises, with colleagues, seeking support for this fundraising effort, on Saturday night May 1st. Please give what you can to support Brian and his family into their challenging future. You can call Tony on (086) 816 33 99 if you wish to help or contribute.



## Boyle's Ben wins arthritis design award

Boyle student, Ben Millett and his classmate Alan Harrison from Mayo have been named as overall winners of the first annual Arthritis Ireland Easy to Use Design Awards.

Run in partnership with Pfizer Healthcare Ireland, the awards recognise and encourage innovation in universal design to make everyday products and devices more attractive and usable for everyone, including people living with disabilities.

The Awards were established following research into the difficulties faced by people living with rheumatoid arthritis, on a day-to-day basis, at home and in the workplace. Over three quarters of those surveyed reported that they found cleaning and household chores somewhat or very difficult, with similar assessments given to daily tasks such as getting dressed, cooking and socialising by almost half of all respondents. It is estimated that over 9,500 people in Roscommon live with arthritis.

In what was a unanimous decision by the judging panel – which included entrepreneur Sean Gallagher from RTE's Dragons' Den – the overall winners were Alan Harrison from Mayo, and

Ben Millett from Roscommon, for their innovative design, The Kug, a clever combination of a kettle and a mug.

The students were inspired to design The Kug after they spoke with people living with rheumatoid arthritis who recounted their frustration and difficulties with everyday household and lifestyle appliances. The Kug offers on the go tea or coffee making while eliminating the need for a kettle, which because of its design and weight is impractical for use for people living with arthritis. The winning students have already had initial discussions with fellow Dragon, Bobby Kerr of coffee chain Insomnia, with a view to eventually taking the product to market.

Commenting on the standard of entries, Dragons' Den star Sean Gallagher said, "I was absolutely blown away by the designs and the creativity, energy and passion that clearly went into all of them. More and more we are seeing companies designing for the broadest possible audience. To get students thinking this way and designing with this audience in mind is real forward thinking because this is where the market is going."

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#### ■ New clubrooms

The big occasion of the year, for Boyle GAA Club, has finally arrived with the official opening of new Clubrooms on Saturday next, May 1st. This will be the Club's Lá na gClub for 2010 and admission is free. The day will commence at 2 pm with exhibition games by Under 12 girls and boys, followed by the under 8s at 2.30. There will be a senior ladies game between Boyle and Tulsk at 3pm. The official opening will take place at 4 pm and it will be jointly performed by John Joe Nerney and Gerry O'Malley, followed by the blessing by Canon Gerry Hanley. The programme will conclude with a senior inter-county football challenge at 5 pm between Fergal O'Donnell's Roscommon and Clare.

#### ■ Protest cancelled

The Boyle Town Council protest to Dáil Éireann planned for Wednesday, April 28th, was cancelled. Instead, a meeting took place in Leinster House between a deputation from Boyle Town Council and Government Ministers Áine Brady and Michael Finneran. The meeting addressed the closure of Plunkett Home Day Care Services and the vacant Palliative Care Unit.

#### ■ Duathlon

Boyle Fire & Rescue Service will host a Charity Duathlon in Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle on Sunday 2nd May, starting 12 noon. The event will comprise 5 km run, 20 km cycle, 5 km run. The run is through the Forest Park and the cycle onto the N4 with a turnabout 1 km from Carrick-on-Shannon. Race entry fee is €20. Register at [www.runireland.com](http://www.runireland.com). Plans are to include family fun day in Lough Key Forest Park with bouncy castles, fair games, wellie throwing and children's obstacle race to name a few, a good old fun day for all ages!

#### ■ Better Boyle

The event in Daly's Lounge on Friday last drew approximately 90 people and followed an excellent response to a recent survey on ways Boyle Chamber of Commerce may be able to assist businesses in the area. Chamber sub-committee members Siobhan Gallagher, Kieran O'Connor, Jim McGrath and Alan Simon initiated the project and outlined many of the suggestions coming forward from the survey. With committee members as facilitators, the attendance divided into four groups of main interest: Retail, tourism/heritage, professional services, community and voluntary services and discussed relevant issues and as well, made

suggestions for recommended action.

#### ■ 60th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday, a large gathering of the extended Harrington family met in the splendid Main Salon, King House to join in a very relaxed and joyous few hours to congratulate Michael (Mick) and Josie Harrington on their 60th wedding anniversary.

#### ■ CD Launch

All were invited to a CD Launch in the Moving Stairs last Friday night. 'Phantom Power' is a compilation of mostly original material by a group of musicians and songwriters from Roscommon, Leitrim and Sligo. The CD features an eclectic mix of talents and styles and was recorded in Lake Studios, Cootehall. Artists on the album provided live music on the night.

#### ■ Boyle River Branch

A sure sign that winter has gone is renewed cruiser boating activity on our rivers and lakes. A Boyle River Branch IAWI held the 2010 season launch ceremony in Boyle Harbour Saturday 24th April with the blessing of the boats, a barbecue, and music session.

#### ■ Charity Shop

Western Alzheimer's would like to thank everybody who has supported them in their shop in Elphin Street. They are taking in clothes, household goods, bric-a-brac and items of furniture. Your unwanted items are helping families to care for people suffering from Alzheimer's, so all donations are welcome. Call to the shop or telephone (086) 403 1732.

#### ■ Living with teens

Living with teens is a course for parents of teenagers or soon to be teenagers starts on Wednesday 28th April for 4 evenings, 8 pm to 10 pm each evening. It aims to encourage positive parenting, develop good communication skills, manage challenging behaviour and build self esteem in parents and their children. Contact Louise at the Family Life Centre on (071) 96 63000. Booking is essential. Cost is donation.

#### ■ Men's groups

There are two men's groups starting in the Family Life Centre in the next few weeks aimed at men who are unemployed. The courses are for five weeks and run Monday to Friday each week. Overall approximately 50 men will be taking part. In the autumn we will run a similar course for women and another group for men. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Louise at the Centre on (071) 96 63000 or e-mail [cdw@familylifecentre.ie](mailto:cdw@familylifecentre.ie)

Pictured are Ben Millett, Boyle and Alan Harrison from Mayo who have been named as overall winners of the first annual Arthritis Ireland Easy to Use Design Awards. They are pictured in top picture with Dragons' Den star, Sean Gallagher.