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WELCOME BACK TO OUR FESTIVE REVIEW

It's hard to believe another year has already flown by! In this newsletter, you'll get a glimpse of everything that's been happening across our community — from the activities we've enjoyed together to the improvements made throughout the site. We hope you enjoy catching up on the highlights, discovering new opportunities, and perhaps feeling inspired to get involved in something different this year.



Supported by the Public Health Agency through the Clear Project

PHA Clear Funding

We're delighted to have received PHA Clear funding to deliver a 12-week programme of workshops for the over-60s. Building on the success of last years winter programme, we've once again focused on cooking, crafting, wellbeing and creative workshops



AGEING WELL

The Ageing Well group meet fortnightly on a Monday, at 2pm. If you would like to join the group, you can contact the community centre for more info,



THURSDAY DINNERS

Delighted to see a large turn out each week to the Thursday Dinners in the community centre, hosted by Ellen Morris and her amazing team. This is a great opportunity to socialise in a warm space, with a great bunch of people.

It costs £1.50 for a main course, dessert, tea/coffee and a game of bingo.

They meet every Thursday in the community centre from 11.30pm to around 2pm.

If you'd like to avail of the dinners, or know someone who might benefit, or if you would like to volunteer, helping to serve and clean up, then please get in touch with the community centre, or Ellen directly.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Tuesday Afternoon Club is a long standing group who meet on a weekly basis for a social get together and crafts. The group meets every Tuesday in the community centre, at 2pm. Either turn up on the day, or contact the centre for more info.



ACTIVITY GROUPS 2025

Gortin Outdoor Activity Centre has continued to provide bespoke, personalised activity packages for schools, youth groups, and community organisations from right across Northern Ireland and further afield .

Throughout the year, we've welcomed groups of all sizes, delivering programmes tailored to their needs — including large groups of up to 170 young people at a time. Our team has taken great pride in creating meaningful, memorable experiences that encourage confidence, teamwork, and a real sense of adventure.



TBUC 2025

It was brilliant to have our TBUC camps back this year again, local young people taking part in over night residentials and memory making trips to Emerald Park, Prison inland and Todds Leap .



SCOUTS



Gortin Scout group meet every Thursday between 7pm and 8pm. We are a friendly and all inclusive group that focus on giving kids life experiences through doing. We are now fully subscribed, but if you're interested in becoming a leader call Martin on 07960163270.



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Gortin Controlled Primary School

Harvest:

We had a great turnout of parents and family for our harvest service and raised £200 for Air Ambulance.



Shared Education:



Children from year1 1,2 and 3 from Gortin Ps, St Patricks Ps, Gortin and St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge have an exciting programme of activities coming up as part of their Shared Education programme. They are very much looking at what is on offer in their beautiful local area as well as getting together to learn and collaborate through outdoor play in each of the 3 schools. They have already been to Maeve's kitchen in Greencastle and are looking forward to visits to Beltrim Estate, Gortin Glens, An Cregan and participating in traditional dance. The children and staff are looking forward to learning about each other through collaboration and team work.



Anti Bullying Week:

In Anti Bullying week the children wore odd socks to express their individuality and celebrate diversity. They participated in lots of workshops to explore the complexity of bullying behaviour and practice standing up and speaking out against



Children in Need:

The children guessed the name of the Teddy to raise money for Children In Need and Lucy was the lucky winner. They also dressed in spotty/colourful clothing and raised £100 for this very worthy cause.





P1 & 2 enjoying an autumn walk around the school and the local area.
 They were so lucky with the weather!



Tom Sweeney visits the school for some Halloween fun with the children & adults!



We collected a total of 71 shoeboxes this year for "Blythswood Shoebox Appeal." We are so proud of all our pupils and parents for this fantastic contribution to such a worthwhile charity. Well done all!



We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Cunningham at the end of October to celebrate her 21 years in St. Patrick's. We wish her many happy, healthy & successful years in St. Patrick's P.S. Newtownstewart.



A massive thanks to Gortin St. Patrick's & Badoney Ladies for donating footballs to the school for coaching sessions & PE lessons. We really appreciate the support of the club.

We were lucky enough to have received funding from the Aspire Peaceplus Shared Learning Together Project, working alongside Gortin Controlled P.S. & St. Peter's P.S. Plumbridge. Here, the children are all enjoying a Shared Education session with CORE Kids, facilitated by Owenkillew Community Centre. They all had a wonderful time together.



The pupils all took part in "Maths Week" during October, where they went on Maths Trails for some practical learning fun.



GORTIN FAMILY FUN DAY 2025

We held our third Family Fun Day at the start of the summer holidays, and it turned out to be a truly fantastic event. Although the morning started off a bit damp, the weather soon cleared and we were treated to a grand day of fun.

Families enjoyed a petting farm, alpacas, woodland crafts, face painting, arts and crafts bouncy castles, and plenty of delicious food. Attendance was more than double last year's, which was wonderful to see. As always, it was a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic site and facilities that Gortin has to offer.

It was also lovely to see the gardening group relaxing in the sunshine while selling their home-grown goods.







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Parent & Toddlers



Saturday Club now runs every two weeks, and we're delighted to welcome families from as far away as Victoria Bridge and Strabane. We'll be hosting a Fundraiser Bingo Night on 22nd November in the main hall of Owenkillew community centre from 8–10pm, and our Christmas Party will follow on Saturday 13th December from 2–6pm, open to families from all surrounding areas. We'd also like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank you all for your wonderful support throughout the year.





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CHRISTMAS MENU

Starters

Soup of the day
(1,2,7,14) (CBGF)

Festive vol-au-vant
(Ask server) (2,4,7,14)

Ham & caramelised onion quiche
(2,4,7,14)

Mains

Traditional Turkey & Ham (2,4,7,14)

Roast Beef (2,4,7,14)

Festive Chicken (2,7,14)

Pan fried Salmon (5,7,14)

Braised Venison (14)

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Desserts

Xmas pudding (2,4,7)

Chocolate fudge cake (2,4,7)

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ST. PATRICK'S & BADONEY

LADIES



Gortin St. Patrick's & Badoney Ladies GAA – 2025 in Review



What a fantastic year it's been for our club — full of achievement, community spirit, and moments we'll remember for a long time.

The beginning of the year saw the return of our annual Gortin 5 Road Race, which once again welcomed hundreds of runners to our village. The event was a tremendous success and a brilliant showcase of local energy and hospitality. Around the same time, our ever-popular Drive-In Bingo made its comeback, running right through to October. Every Saturday night, our club grounds were filled with laughter, friendly competition, and familiar faces — a true credit to our incredible volunteers who make it all possible.

On the field, Our senior men stood tall among the best in the county, competing in Division 1 football, while our senior ladies enjoyed a fantastic league campaign full of determination and hard work. Our youth teams lit up the year too: U13 girls reached the Martin McGuinness shield final, the U14 girls made the Platinum semi-final, the minor boys reached the Division 3 League Final, and our U16 boys were crowned Division 4 Champions. Gortin St. Patrick's Primary School added to the success with a superb run of silverware, including Cumann na mBunscol County Champions-huge achievements for these talented young players.

We were especially proud of Liam Óg Mossey and Diarmaid McNulty, key players in Tyrone's Ulster and All-Ireland U20 triumphs, and of Seána McCullagh, who helped Ulster Ladies Masters win the Interprovincial Championship — outstanding ambassadors for our club.

Off the pitch, upgraded floodlights at Billy's Pitch and across the village created a safe, welcoming space for all, while Cairde an Ghoirteán continued to grow, with members proudly sporting their new jackets.

All in all, 2025 was a year filled with pride, progress, and togetherness. Thank you to every player, volunteer, and supporter who makes our club what it is. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year — _Nollaig Shona duit!_



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Apple Tart	£3.99	
Rhubarb Tart	£3.99	
Apple Crumble	£3.99	
1lb Christmas Pudding	£6.99	
2lb Christmas Pudding	£8.99	
Large Christmas Cake	£15.00	
Small Christmas Cake	£10.00	
4 pack Mince Pies	£4.49	
Individual Mince Pies	£1.10	
6 pack Shortbread	£3.79	
5 pack Christmas Slices	£5.49	
Individual Christmas Slices	£1.25	
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So, whether it's a traditional looking Santa, Christmas tree, or reindeer.



A snowboarding snowman, festive frog or a Christmas cow...



Let your imagination run wild.....

Please put your name and school year in the bottom corner.

All entries will be displayed in Gortin Community Centre and the winners of each category will be picked the week before Christmas.

Colouring sheets and paper will be dropped at your school, or you can pick one up at the community centre. If you are not at school, include your name and a contact number on the back. Prizes to be won.



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**Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
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GORTIN MEN'S SHED

Gortin Men's Shed always welcomes new members and meets every Tuesday night from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. All men are welcome to join.



This has been another very busy year for the shed, with several groups from other communities attending our woodwork classes. We have also completed a number of large projects, including the new Clampet Wagon at the front of the centre, and we're looking forward to the arrival of the new Christmas tree soon. Members also enjoyed a cultural trip to Krakow, Poland, which was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

The members of the Men's Shed would like to thank the staff at Gortin Community Centre for all their support throughout the year.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To all of our customers thank you for your
continued support.

Imelda and Staff

Nisa



Mossey's bar at the bridge



Cathal and Evelyn, along with their staff, want to thank everyone for
their continued custom since they took over in March!



We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year looking forward to 2026 🎄





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Hi everyone, As we come to the end of 2025, we take a moment to celebrate the new lives welcomed into our area and to fondly remember those we have lost. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in our community who works tirelessly to improve the lives of others. We are truly fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who give their time to organising groups and activities that support the health and wellbeing of all. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to sharing an exciting new programme in the year ahead.

What's on

Gardening Club

Meet in the garden every Monday morning at 10.30am. Good craic and learn some new green skills. Raised beds will be available April 2025 for rent. Register your name

Scouts

The Gortin Scouts get together at Owenkillew Community Centre every Thursday night 7pm-8pm,

Irish Dancing

Darcy School of Irish Dancing, Monday nights at 6.30-8 pm.

Men's Shed

Meet every Tuesday night at 7pm. Learn a little, Laugh a lot. Call in any Tuesday night if interested

Yoga

Yoga with Joephine, from Yoga Plus. Popular class. Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of upcoming sessions.

Pilates

Friday evening Pilates with Shane 6.30 pm. Book your space 07787515471

Volleyball

Volleyball has started again, Meet every Thursday at 8.30 - 10.pm

Whist

Class goes from strength to strength. All welcome. Learn to play whist. Tuesdays 8-10pm. Contact community centre

Parent & Toddler

We are currently running parent and toddler every Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. We also run a Saturday group for up to P7 every 2 weeks

Hip Hop

Hip Hop with Urban Motion continues on Thursday evenings at 5.30pm

Thursday Dinners

Great value dinner, with dessert and tea/coffee, for £1.50. Come for the social experience, a hot meal, a warm space and a game of Bingo.

Gortin Ageing Well

Meet alternate Mondays at 2pm. Contact centre for more info

Tuesday Afternoon Club

Meet every Tuesday at 2pm

Omagh Independent Services

Michael from OIAS comes on a fortnightly basis on a Wednesday 10am-12 noon. On other days he can be contacted on 02882243252 to provide help with any benefits or filling in forms, debt and money advice issues, tax credits, employment, housing, community care, consumer problems, as well as provision of free representation at Social Security and Disability Appeal Tribunals and all other aspects of Social Welfare Law.

Spring Schedule

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming workshops, events and courses. Lots planned for 2025! If you have suggestions for events, workshops or classes, please get in touch.