

The Bridge Bulletin



Sun 30th Nov 2014

50p

**MAYOBRIDGE YOUTH
& COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
&
ST PATRICK'S GAC
INVITE**

**To our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

**Music by Jack Daniels
In Mayobridge GAC Clubrooms
On SUNDAY 14th December
2014 at 3.00pm**

**RSVP Rosemary Magee Tel 07708908095 after
3pm by Saturday 6th December at the latest**

**SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINMENT
Fri 5th Dec High Tea for
Mayobridge Christmas
Lights/DISCO
Sat 6th Dec Decky Harbinson
Sun 7th Dec Santa Sunday
Sun 14th Dec Xmas Senior
Party. Music by Jack Daniels
Sat 20th Dec Max Cunningham**

Benny retires from Inter County Football

It is with a heavy heart that I have made the decision to retire from Inter County Football. I have enjoyed immensely my time as an Inter County Footballer but after 15 Seasons I have decided that the time has come to allow a younger breed of Down Footballer the chance to make their mark.

I would like to thank a number of people from the bottom of my heart for the support that they have given me over the years.

My Club Mayobridge first gave me my love of Gaelic Football and to all the mentors who spent time over the years moulding me into the player and person I became I am most grateful. I will continue to give of my best in the Sky Blue of Mayobridge for as long as Team Mentors feel I can make a positive contribution.

My Minor Manager Gerry Dougherty brought me to All Ireland Minor Glory and allowed me to sample what it was like to win an All Ireland Minor Medal.

Peter McGrath gave me my first taste of Senior Inter County Football and I will

always thank Pete for that opportunity.

Paddy O'Rourke was a great help to me in football terms and on a personal level and I have many fond memories of my time working with Paddy and his Management Team.

Ross Carr and DJ Kane were my next Managers and we too had many good days especially the victory over Tyrone in Newry in 2008.

In 2010 I was privileged and honoured to lead my County in the All Ireland Final and I will always regret that we failed to deliver on the day, I am indebted to James McCartan for the support he gave me in the five years that he was Team Manager. I had played with James and it was an absolute honour to have worked with him as Manager.

I would like to place on record my thanks to the Down County Board for supporting me throughout my playing career I was looked after at all times in the best possible manner.

To the Medical Teams over the years I thank you all for the care and attention given to me.

I thank the Down Supporters who always were there for me and lifted my spirits many times at crucial stages in games or when I was preparing to enter the fray.

To my family and in particular my mother and father who supported me all through my County career I offer a heartfelt thanks you certainly helped make it easy for me

to be an Inter County Footballer.

I wish the present Down panel and Manager Jim McCorry every success in the season ahead, those boys are like my brothers and I will be supporting them fully throughout the year ahead.

*******GAA Club AGM*******

This years AGM will take place on Monday Dec 8th at 7 o'clock.

Nomination and Motions sheets are available from the Social Club and from the club secretary.

We would encourage every member to attend and have their voice heard.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Mairead Rooney on receiving the County Camogie Sports Personality of the Year yesterday at the Camogie Convention it was well deserved.

Light up Mayobridge Guest Tea.Friday 5th December in social club. Folks we have table hosts:
Deirdre Gribben/Gillian Fitzpatrick
Sonya Coulter Bridghe Mc Polin
Pepi Kelly Edna Grant
Martin Sherry Ann Fitzpatrick
Catherine McCartan Mairead
Gallagher

As we have said before it may not be your thing but if you want to come along it's £10.. & there will always be a seat for you.. If however you would like to donate you can give a donation to any table host or guest and your name will be put on raffle tickets on the night...

The lights shall be switched on Sunday
7th December @ 2pm with Carols by the
Mayobridge choirright before Santa
Sunday in social club at 3pm

Parent and Toddler Group
Mayobridge Youth and
Community Centre. Friday 10am
to 12pm (during school term time)
Admission: £2 per child age 1+

Mayobridge Band

Sponsored by **Beko**

BAND HOODIES

The band have recently invested in hoodies for all its members. If anyone within the community is interested in purchasing one of these hoodies a new order is being taken. The cost of a hoodie will be roughly £40. If anyone wants to order one, names and sizes can be given to Eimear Killen, or email the band on, mayobridgeband@slhomeoffice.plus.com

UNDERAGE GAA NEWS

Due to large numbers and dates available, the underage presentations have been changed to the following dates in January U6, 8 and 10.
Saturday 17th January at 4pm.

**Any information or news for The
Bridge Bulletin should be e-mailed
to me at**

rosemarymagee9@hotmail.co.uk

**Or left at 9 Carnany Grove or
telephone Rosemary Magee at
02830851647 by a Tuesday evening
at the LATEST.**

*****FINALLY FINALLY FINALLY*****

After months of planning the Mayobridge
Strictly come dancing crew finally got
together for practice.

What a line up we have in store for
everyone.

Limited number of tickets will be available
for this great night and NO tickets will be
held for anyone

Tickets will officially are on sale now Get
in early folks

What a night in store

Dancers will be revealed in due course

*****MAYOBRIDGE DOES STRICTLY
COME DANCING*****

Mayobridge Youth Choir

Some important dates for choir.. 2nd
December. 7th December, 14th
December, 19th December, I will have a
list typed for everyone... so much work to
do... 39 sleeps to Christmas
.....[Charlene](#) and [Edel](#) would ask you
to listen to new Children in Need Tune.....
we shall be singing it))) see you all
wednesday.. 630 to 715 sharp..

BLAST FROM THE PAST **MINORS TAKE SOUTH DOWN** **LEAGUE TITLE (Report from 13th** **November 1983)**

MAYOBRIDGE 5-6 KILCOO 1-7
Mayobridge minor footballers created
history at Ballyholland on Sunday last
when they defeated old rivals Kilcoo
to win the South Down Minor League
title for the first time. The eleven
point winning margin would seem to
indicate an easy victory for the
'Bridge but this was certainly not the
case. In fact the issue was in doubt
until the last ten minutes when
Seamus Burns put the result beyond
any further doubt with two goals.
The Sky Blues built up an early three
point lead with scores from Peter
Linden, Gerard Gallagher and Seamus
Burns before Kevin Kane had

Kilcoo's opening point. This was followed by two more points for the Magpies and then Sean Michael Johnston took advantage of some confusion in the 'Bridge defence to hit the net. When Sean Devlin added another Kilcoo point a minute later it looked as if the Sky Blues were in trouble. However in a space of seven minutes the 'Bridge regained control with goals from Peter Linden and Gerard Gallagher. Kilcoo retaliated with a Peter Grant point but Eamon Linden and Robbie Coulter had two points in reply and then five minutes before half-time Peter Linden took control of a ball along the ground thirty yards out and dribbled around several defenders before calmly stroking it to the net for a picture goal. This left the half-time score 3-5 to 1-4.

A Robbie Coulter point from a free one minute after the restart stretched the lead to seven points and it looked as if the 'Bridge were going to make the outcome a formality. However just when they had Kilcoo on the ropes the Sky Blues decided to sit back and admire their handiwork and this allowed the Magpies to recover and get back into the game. Two points from Sean Michael Johnston and Sean Devlin cut the lead to five points and if the Kilcoo side had played first time football instead of trying to walk the ball through the 'Bridge defence it might have paid better dividends. As it was the 'Bridge defence soaked up a lot of between the 35th and 50th minutes before they stepped up a gear and two clever goals from Seamus Burns meant that the Minor League title was

coming to Mayobridge for the first time in the history of Down's oldest club.

This was an entertaining hour's football played in a very sporting manner throughout and both sides deserve credit for their efforts. The 'Bridge thoroughly earned their victory and it was their superior fitness and scoring power which made all the difference. Kilcoo in the tradition of all Kilcoo teams fought hard the whole way and never gave up trying even when the chances of winning were completely gone.

Mayobridge team and scorers:

Declan O'Hare, Michael Goss, Mark Quinn, Sean Magone, Damien O'Hanlon, Sean McNamee, Peter Linden (2-1), John Gallagher (Capt), Gerard Gallagher (1-1), Seamus Burns (2-1), Brendan McNamee, Robbie Coulter (0-2), Eamon Linden (0-1).

Sub used: Gerard O'Hare

Other subs: Cathal Rooney, Leo Smyth, Charlie Grant, Kieran Gallagher, Brendan Fegan.

Footnote: Kilcoo at that time competed in South Down underage football..

CROCHET CLASS On Thursdays

From 10-12am Mayobridge Convent

Come along and learn a new craft

have a cup of tea and a chat Cost

£3 Everyone **Welcome**

South Down Family Health Initiative will be changing their name to SPACE-Supporting People and Communities Everyday. This turnover will be in place from the 30th October. We will also be moving premises to 24 Monaghan Street Newry at the end of the month too. Wednesday 5th November the Homework Club for Newly Arrived Families will be located in the Parish Centre. Wednesday 5th November the Comfort Zone (Older Peoples Group) will now meet in Warrenpoint Town Hall from 11.00-1.00. New members join every week so why not drop down for a gossip and some tea, coffee and treats. The Comfort Zoners get offered information mornings, outings, health advice and gentle exercise sessions. If you're interested in joining the group contact Sinead on 07922743827!

Comfort Zone has now moved to Warrenpoint Town Hall, Wednesday mornings 11am-1pm. As well as a new venue the club are pleased to announce that they now have trained physical activity coaches attending who offer a gentle exercise class suitable for everyone. We would be delighted to welcome new members, male and female 40 plus who are young at heart and would like to get out, meet new friends, catch up with old friends and take a little gentle exercise into the bargain. If you would like further details call Sinead on 07922743827 or ring the SPACE office on 02830835764.

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