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Minutes of the Executive meeting

Hosted by Tennent's NI, Belfast
on Wednesday 5th April 2017

Prior to opening the meeting, we were welcomed to the offices of Tennent's NI by the company's senior executive, Jeff Tosh, in response to which the Federation Chairman, John Davidson, thanked Jeff for making their facilities available to us, and expressing thanks for the long association which has existed between Tennent's NI and the registered club sector.

The Chairman then invited the Secretary, Harry Beckinsale, to read the minutes of the AGM, which were subsequently passed as a true record by Raymond Connor and Joe Patterson.

Details of the Federation's attendance at the All Parliamentary Committee Meeting at the House of Commons was read out, highlighting that it took place the day prior to the terror attack in London. Our attendance at the meeting was interesting, in that it covered concerns shared by clubs throughout the UK, in regard to such things as rating and license fees.

The Secretary covered details of calls received via the helplines, to include a club seeking guidance as to the legality of a committee member nominating a member for a position on the committee.

Another query was received on the position held by trustees. It is wrongfully perceived that trustees hold ownership, which of course is incorrect. It was suggested by the Chairman,

that we again carry the editorial on trustees, in the next issue of Club Review.

A further interesting query was related to running an event on the grounds outside the clubhouse. This is a complicated area which the Chairman discussed with the club secretary in question.

Federation officers enjoyed a meeting with Stephen Fay of the N.I. Rating Agency. The meeting was extremely helpful, in that information emanating from our discussion revealed that, what would appear to be beneficial, could in fact provide quite the opposite effect.

An interesting meeting was held with Roddy O'Flaherty, from the Commercial division of Virgin Media. The main focus was on a special package for high speed wi-fi for registered clubs.

Assistant Chairman, Tommy McMinn, arranged a meeting with BT Sport, who are trying to increase market share in Northern Ireland. It appears special deals are on offer, which seem attractive. However, some points require clarifying, particularly on how tariffs are set. It was agreed that the company would come back to us on the aforesaid points.

We received a query on changing a club's status to that of a limited company. The Chairman requested that the Secretary enquire to see if their constitution



Jeff Tosh, Tennent's NI Sales Director, pictured with the Federation Executive Committee following their monthly meeting, held in April.

stipulates anything to prevent this. If not, then they should contact their accountant on the issue.

P&O Ferries have made an initial approach to enquire if we would be receptive to a proposal to establish a special package for Federation member clubs. It is expected to receive their proposals in the next few weeks.

The Labour Relations Agency has requested the Federation contract of employment for

updating purposes. When completed, the contract will be available to download from the Federation website.

A draft of the new Voluntary Code of Practice, which the Federation was involved in, was passed to the Chairman for perusal.

This concluded the meeting.

Harry Beckinsale
Secretary, N.I.F.C.

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Federation attend All Parliamentary Committee Meeting in London

The purpose of the All Parliamentary Clubs Committee meeting at Westminster was to present evidence in support of various issues related to registered clubs.

Although our local M.P's were unable to attend due to other Parliamentary meeting commitments, we nevertheless enjoyed the benefit of meeting them privately.

Although many of the items related specifically to issues affecting clubs on the mainland, there were some which impact on Northern Ireland.

We feel that engaging directly with our M.P's and MLA's is more beneficial in resolving issues.

Linneweber (related to the Vat on gaming machines) was discussed, however this has yet to be resolved, but nevertheless remains in everyone's focus. The main challenge is headed by Rank Plc and their representatives, Deloitte.

Our hands-on approach also applied in associations we have formed with Sky TV and licensing bodies, such as PRS and PPL, has been mutually beneficial in resolving matters more satisfactorily on behalf of our members.



(L-R) Executive Federation Officers, Harry Beckinsale, John Davidson, David Larmour and Gerry Gallagher, who attended the All Parliamentary Clubs Committee meeting at Westminster in March.

Liability for lost or stolen property

The problem of a member's lost or stolen property is one which is, unfortunately, experienced by most clubs at some time and the advice given depends on the actual circumstances of each individual case. However, whatever the circumstances, the question of bailment applies. Bailment is the delivery of goods by one person, called the bailor, to another person, called the bailee.

Bailment is defined as: 'a delivery of personal chattels in trust on a contract, express or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed and the chattels redelivered in either their original or an altered form as soon as the time, or use for, or condition on which they were bailed, shall have elapsed or been performed.'

In most cases, members simply leave their personal belongings in the club and return to find them missing. If however, a club is to attract any liability for the lost or stolen property of a member

or guest, then it would be as a gratuitous bailee. To this end, the person claiming a loss would have to show that there had been an actual delivery and acceptance of their property by the club before there could be any obligation on the club as bailee.

The important factor would be that the club actually accepted the property and became, in some degree, responsible for it whilst it remained on the club premises. For example, if a club merely provides the facilities of a coat rack and there is no employee of the club who takes proper custody of garments left there, then a person who loses property would be unable to sustain a good claim against the club for the loss.

During the nineteenth century, a bailment case was heard. In this case, a man entered a restaurant to dine and, without being asked, a waiter helped him to



take off his coat and hung it on a hook behind him whilst he was dining. The man got up, only to find that the coat had been stolen. The fact that the waiter took the coat is strong evidence that the restaurant became a bailee of the coat, and the man was successful in his claim.

There are, obviously, a number of distinguishing features between this reported case

and the example of the club providing a coat rack. Clubs are well advised to post a notice in the club indicating that the club accepts no responsibility for the loss of property of any member or any other persons on the club premises. A suitable notice would read: "The club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property, however sustained, on the premises of the club."

Cybercrime - be vigilant

Cybercrime is a broad term and can include any of the following:

- **Vishing** - contact made by phone. The caller purports to be from your bank, the police or a fraud agency, purpose is to get you to reveal confidential information.
- **Phishing** - Contact is made by email. The sender impersonates well-known companies such as banks, internet providers etc. and the purpose is to get you to click on a link or attachment.
- **Smishing** - Contact is made by text messages. The sender impersonates well-known companies and the purpose is to get you to click on a link.
- **Modified email** - This is also known as CEO impersonation.

Requests are often stated as being time sensitive so that it will be difficult to verify the request in the time frame requested - which is exactly what you would ordinarily do. These emails are often targeted at new or junior members of staff. The fraudster is hoping that the targeted business does not have a culture of challenging or asking for help. Sometimes they will not even ask for money but just for details which may be used at a later date. It will often look like the email comes from within the company or from a business contact and it will be hard to trace the real origin of the email.

- **Malware/ Ransomware** - Malicious software such as

Trojans or viruses. These are downloaded from phishing emails, illegal websites and ad banners. They may remain running silently in the background until you access a UK bank website.

It is important to simply be vigilant and not reveal details or authorise payments if you are not sure of the request being genuine. If contacted by phone then hang up and, if possible, use a mobile to call a general number (for banks the number on the back of your card) to verify if it was a legitimate request. Be wary of clicking links in emails and never allow another person to access your computer through

a sharing application (technical support fraudsters will sometimes state that they need to remotely access your system to protect you from a hack).

Finally, beware of money transfer requests, and if in any doubt, delay payment until you can be sure the request is genuine. If you voluntarily make a payment, even if you do so because of false information being provided to you, then it is very difficult to retrieve this money once the fraud comes to light.

If you have a situation you are unsure about contact the Police Action Fraud team on 0300 123 2040.

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In Memoriam



Brian Dunbar

The management committee and members of Meadowbank Social and Recreation Club, Donaghadee, deeply regret the passing of their esteemed General Manager, Brian Dunbar.

Brian was highly regarded for his work within the local community and will be greatly missed.

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage

Clubs should remember that as of 1st April this year, employees in the UK aged over 25 earning the current minimum wage rate of £7.20 per hour saw a 30p increase to a minimum hourly rate of £7.50. Employees aged under 25 will also see a small increase.

The minimum wage is the minimum pay per hour workers are entitled to by law. The rate

will depend on a person's age. Workers must be at least school leaving age to get the minimum wage and rates are reviewed by the government each year.

The living wage is only applicable to workers 25 and over, it is the same as the minimum wage but is only geared to people within this age bracket.

Year	25+	21 - 24	18 - 20	Under 18	Apprentice
October 2016 (current rate)	£7.20	£6.95	£5.55	£4.00	£3.40
From April 2017	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

Reflections on the past with Belfast 89FM's Nigel Blair



It is with pleasure that I have accepted an invitation to feature a column in Club Review.

My background lies in a life-time in entertainment, from the age of five, as an on-stage dancer, to entertainer as a vocalist, musician, and compere.

It has been a wide and varied career, much of which has been within the club scene, where I have been fortunate to have formed precious friendships in the worlds of entertainment and sport.

More recently, I have derived particular satisfaction as a presenter at Belfast 89 FM, which has afforded me the opportunity to interview many of my contemporaries, which in turn has generated the friendships I have referred to.

My focus is on highlighting up-and-coming talent in the local entertainment scene and affording appropriate recognition of the enormous and historical contribution made to local communities and sport by the registered club sector.

I recently interviewed Stephen Smyth of Falls Bowling and

Tennis Club, a long established Federation member club. Stephen, who is proud of his position as bowling section club secretary, informed me of a project entitled, 'Taster Days', which the club commenced hosting on each Saturday in May, and which will continue each Saturday between the hours of 10am - 12noon.

Everyone is welcome and should be assured that no experience is necessary as professional guidance is at hand. Stephen strongly emphasised that this opportunity is open to the entire community and was keen to also emphasise that should anyone wish to attend, who may be physically challenged in some way, should be sure that their needs will be catered for.

This kind of community initiative is an excellent example of the contribution made by respective clubs, referred to earlier. I would like to be made aware of any such similar planned projects.

Ireland's first Eurovision Lady
The lives of two special friends from the entertainment world, whose careers span five decades, were brought together during the famous Irish showband era.

The first, being Muriel Day, who was the first lady to represent Ireland at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1969. Another first came when Muriel joined the memorable 'Dave Glover Showband', and subsequently was to marry Dave. However, in 1971 Muriel took the decision to move to Canada to continue her singing career, remaining there for twenty years.

Since returning to the UK, Muriel has continued to tread the boards, and has recently become a recording artiste once again, adding to a busy schedule of appearances, including a tour due to commence on the 29th of May which will include Red Hurley, Billy McFarland and Frankie McBride.

During her visit to Belfast 89FM, Muriel told me of her tremendous memories of the club scene here, and would dearly like to revisit those venues.

She prefers not to perform to backing tracks, something which has become commonplace, preferring to work with live musicians. If you would like Muriel to appear at your club, and do not have a resident band, one can of course be provided by her manager, Keltic TV presenter, Malcolm McDowell.

Finally, I would like to provide some insight on the career of renowned percussionist Joe Traynor. Joe, also played with the Dave Glover Showband from 1969/1971, before leaving our shores for Canada with Muriel Day.

Owing to a family tragedy, Joe returned a few years later to continue his music career, playing

with bands, such as 'The Little People', and 'Yellow Pages', which performed each Monday evening in Belfast's Abercorn nightclub, with compere, comedian, and vocalist Barry Brent. Joe then had the distinction of touring with Irish Show Band legend Roly Daniels. I recently witnessed Joe playing in a tribute to the band 'Light', in respect to their days in Pound Jazz Club in Belfast.

I also enjoyed working with Joe on a couple of occasions, one of which was with the 'Sandpipers', sharing the stage with band leader Harry Beckinsale, pianist/keyboard player and vocalist, during which time we accompanied a number of Showband legends.

If you have a story to tell, or an event you wish to highlight, please forward details to me at: info@nifederationofclubs.com - I may even be able to fit in an interview on my show which is broadcast each Tuesday on Belfast 89fm, between 12noon and 3pm!

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Colum Clenaghan

Stocktaking in our industry is one of those words that usually generates one of two responses, dependent on what your role is within a club. If you are a volunteer or a member of bar staff it usually generates a groan due to the next few hours activity,

if you have a governance or auditory role it's panic and dread.

Harris Stocktaking Systems Ltd, formerly owned by Paul Frame, might just be the answer. Colum Clenaghan, a publican in his own right, and involved in the hospitality and leisure industry for his entire career, has just taken over the reins at Harris Stocktaking Systems Ltd, along with his wife Perpetua McShane, a fully qualified Chartered Accountant for 25 years.

Whilst retaining all of the company's staff and professionalism to deliver Stocktaking for clubs, Colum has implemented new systems in the business to allow a

more efficient and pain-free experience for clubs.

Stocktaking can be straightforward and efficient if you want it to be, but a good stocktaking company brings much more to the table than just bean counting. A good stocktaking provider should be able to provide you with industry norms and standards as benchmarks for your club and provide you with insights on how to deal with stocktaking issues as they arise. That's exactly what makes Harris Stocktaking Systems a leading provider in Northern Ireland.

Being proud to work with as many clubs as we do, Harris Stocktaking Systems Ltd main goal is always to provide customer satisfaction and accuracy. We continue to be proud of the local club network across Northern Ireland that highlights our community spirit of mutual co-operation in sports and social activities and ensures that the true

meaning of community remains vibrant in 2017. Our work with clubs across the whole of Northern Ireland, has allowed us to specialise in the network and understand the subtle differences that come with each club. No matter what way you currently do your stocktaking, either by yourself, or with an independent provider, we can help.

Our new systems allow us to present information in an up-to-date and accurate manner, easily understood by those at club Board level, and easily transferred to your accounting systems.

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If you want to find out what we can do for you and your club, simply give us a call on: 07801 821775.

What ID is acceptable?

Under current legislation, alcohol must not be sold or supplied in a members' club to anyone under 18 years of age. Documents which may be accepted as proof of age are specified in the mandatory conditions which apply to all licenced premises.

Under the mandatory condition relating to age verification, the premises licence holder must ensure that an age verification policy is operated in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. As a minimum, the policy must

require individuals, who appear to be under 18 years of age, to produce appropriate ID before being served alcohol.

Identification should contain:

- The holder's photograph
- The holder's date of birth
- Either a holographic mark or ultraviolet feature.

Examples of acceptable proof of age include photocard driving licences, passports, military identification cards or proof of age cards containing the PASS hologram.

H&W Welders receive defibrillator courtesy of Sport NI



Manager, Gary Smyth, is pictured opposite accepting a defibrillator on behalf of H&W Welders FSC, kindly donated by Sport N.I.

The defibrillator was presented to Gary by Fergus Devitt, Director of Sport DFC. Also pictured at the presentation is Tony Murphy, Head of Sport at DFC, David Whiteside, H&W Welders Club Liaison Officer, Fred Magee, H&W Welders Football Secretary, and Conleth Donnelly, Project Manager at Sport NI.

The defibrillator will be located in H&W Welders Social Club in Dee Street, Belfast, and will be available for the surrounding community to use whenever the club premises are open.

Gary Smyth commented, "This is a vital commodity for all sports and community based clubs and we welcome the fact that Sport N.I have rolled out this essential programme in which Harland & Wolff Welders have benefitted and many thanks to all at Sport NI and DFC for this."

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Questions & Answers

Q. Our Rules state that the Club's Annual General Meeting should be held in the month of March although our Audit will not be ready until April. Should we delay the AGM?

A. If the Audit is not going to be ready until May then in these circumstances it would be logical to delay the AGM. A notice to this effect should be posted on the Club's Notice

Board. In future I suggest that significant time is given to the Audit to allow the Annual General Meeting to proceed as usual in April. Under the terms of the old 1964 Licensing Act, it was a specific requirement that 15 months must not elapse between the dates of each AGM. The Licensing Act 2003 does not include this provision but specifically requires a General Meeting of Members to be held each year. If you wanted to hold the AGM in April, for instance if you felt that Members may complain if the Meeting was not held in April, then the Meeting could be held in April and all other agenda items dealt with apart from the Accounts. The Meeting could then be adjourned until a specific date in May and then resumed to



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Q. What should the Club be doing to prevent customers from drink driving? Should employees actively prevent a customer from driving if they think they have had too many drinks?

A. If a member of your bar staff believes that a member intends to drive home then I would suggest that they stop serving them prior to them reaching the legal limit for driving.

Obviously, in the real world it is not always known if a member intends to drive home but from a theoretical question point of view, I would suggest that you do not serve anyone who is nearing the limit who you know will be driving home. The committee can also use the club's disciplinary procedure to suspend or expel a member who has been found guilty of drink driving. I suggest that you actively promote the drink drive limit and that when it is known that a person is intending to drive home to avoid serving them drinks which would place them over the limit. Alternatively, since I acknowledge that that policy requires some knowledge that the bar staff may not possess at the time a drinks order is made, you may wish to encourage your bar staff to offer to phone a taxi for a person who they believe to be intoxicated so that they don't drive themselves home. Ultimately, persons who are

intending to drive home should avoid drinking. There is a legal limit to which a person can drink and drive home legally but it is almost impossible to accurately calculate since it depends on a host of factors such as a person's weight, age, sex and metabolism, along with the type of alcohol being drunk and what food has recently been consumed. It can therefore be easier and wiser to simply promote a policy of 'when driving, do not drink'.

Q. We are looking to recruit two new bar staff in the coming weeks but in preparation we feel that the contract of employment template that we have is out of date.

Can we obtain a new copy before we engage anyone, to ensure we comply with our legal obligations.

A. The NI Federation of Clubs have recently completed an update on their employment contract template and it will be available for you to download by the end of May. Visit www.nifederationofclubs.com to get your copy and use as required.

If you have any questions you would like answered, then please send them to us and we'll be happy to help.

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Sullivan's now pouring in NI the revival of a beer from the 18th century

Tennent's NI is tapping into the local thirst for traditionally brewed quality Ale with the launch this month, of Maltings Red Ale from the master brewers at the historic Sullivan's Brewing Company in Kilkenny.

First established in 1702, the Sullivan brewing name was once the biggest of its kind in Ireland but fell into abeyance in the last century. An errant member of the Sullivan family bet on, and lost, a horse race in 1918 and the demise of the business quickly followed. The legendary Smithwick brewing family subsequently rescued the workforce and subsumed operations into their own brewery, thus retaining the rights to the brand name and relaunching it today.

Given the history of Sullivan's, it is no surprise that the company traded extensively in Belfast in the 19th century. As Alan Quane, CEO, says, "It's great to be able to bring Sullivan's back to Northern Ireland, after a long hiatus. We're on a mission to address the needs of the 'next wave' of craft beer drinkers and see Ulster as a key market for such

quality beer. It's a hub of creativity, of rich heritage and that connects with the ethos of the Sullivan's brand."

On launching Maltings Red Ale to the North, Jeff Tosh, Sales Director for Tennent's NI said, "We feel the time and the market are right for products which have genuine standout in terms both of their intrinsic quality and also their back story. People can identify with the ethos of Sullivan's Maltings Red Ale and its slow brew, 'quality can't be rushed' approach and they genuinely love the product.

"We're delighted to introduce Maltings Red Ale to the licensed trade and we are confident that this great product will speedily build a fan base amongst those who appreciate the rich layered taste of a great heritage beer. It will sit extremely well within our broad and exciting beers portfolio, adding to our reputation for championing innovation and quality, and we look forward to getting behind this unique product with a support plan which reflects its unique positioning and taste attributes."



Pictured at the launch of Sullivan's craft beer are: (l to r) Alan Quane, CEO Sullivan's Brewing Company, Annemarie McDonagh, Tennent's NI and the master brewer at Sullivan's, Ian Hamilton.

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Mountainview Social Club



When it comes to refurbishing premises we often stick to what we know best, resulting in a fresh appearance or makeover of what was already in place. However occasionally it pays to step outside your comfort zone and do something completely different.

This was the case when PCI discussed refurbishment plans with the management committee of the Mountainview Social Club in West Belfast.

It would have been an easy option for the committee to just replace that which was in place. Thankfully however the discussions between PCI and the committee resulted in the adoption of a modern and fresh approach with which to cater for members, guests and visiting teams of all ages.

This departure from the traditional design, so much in evidence in many traditional clubs and public houses, was a brave step to take. However the new approach encompasses the view expressed so often during the economic recession, that those who prepare best, suffer less.

The N.I. Federation of Clubs congratulate the management committee of the Mountainview Social Club on the completion of the new refurbishment and wish them continued success.

The commitment to local communities by registered clubs is recognised as being of immense value, and this newly

completed project is a shining example of the contribution made to respective communities throughout Northern Ireland.

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Adding HEINEKEN to the wine list

United Wine Merchants (UWM) has announced the company's integration of Heineken Northern Ireland into their business and the launch of Orchard Thieves apple cider into the NI market - a move that gives UWM responsibility for developing the Heineken portfolio across the province.

Martin McAuley, Managing Director of United Wine Merchants said, "Taking on the Heineken brands is a real positive move for UWM. It means that Heineken has the belief in UWM wholesale and that we can develop their brands in this market. The beer and cider brands complement our wine portfolio and allow us to provide a premium offering to customers across all three sectors. This is a fantastic opportunity for our business and will enhance our reputation with the trade".

Heineken owns and manages one of the world's leading portfolios of beer brands and is recognised and respected for its high profile and valued sponsorship portfolios: The European Rugby Champion and Challenge Cup and Rugby World Cup.

Nearer home, it is the official beer partner to Ulster Rugby at Kingspan Stadium and an official sponsor to the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open which will be held at Portstewart Golf Club from July 6-9,

2017. UWM's intend to activate and promote these sponsorships that are relevant to the NI consumer, ensuring that they are brought to life in a way that resonates.

As well as the familiar brands in Heineken's portfolio (Heineken, Desperados, Tiger and Sol), the new apple cider brand, Orchard Thieves was launched mid-May into the Northern Ireland marketplace both in the on and off trade and is already gaining traction, with the response on Social Media exceeding all expectations.

Having launched into the Republic of Ireland two years ago, Orchard Thieves cider reinvigorated the cider category at a time when the market had shown a slight decline year on year.

"The success of Orchard Thieves in the ROI market has been fantastic over the last two years," Martin continued. "We are just coming to the end of Year 2 and the brand has already achieved great success." he added.

"We know already that there is a huge interest in the product, especially in border towns as people who head across to the South on a regular basis to socialise have become familiar with it."

"Our plan is to seed it into the on and off trade initially, supporting the brand with a sampling campaign and quality POS to give the brand real standout on shelf."

Orchard Thieves is a refreshingly crisp cider that delivers an instant apple hit. The new cider offering will go head-to-head with other premium brands such as Magners, Kopparberg and Rekorderlig.

Orchard Thieves will come in 3 SKUs - 30 litre keg, 660ml bottle and 500ml can.

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‘The Jackal’ champions NEW mural

Carl ‘The Jackal’ Frampton was back in his hometown this week to unveil a brand new work of art on Hill Street. Created by Dean Kane from Visual Waste - AKA ‘The Banksy of Belfast’, as part of Harp’s ‘Pure Here’ campaign, the mural showcases some of the best-loved bits of Belfast including The Balls on the Falls, Titanic Building, The Big Fish, The Albert Clock, the H&W cranes, and some of the city’s legendary characters and local celebrities.

With the mural featuring a nod to The Jackal’s impact on Belfast, the man himself was only too happy to get behind the campaign. Carl said: “Everybody knows I love Belfast so to be involved with something that’s really positive in the heart of the town, it was a no-brainer

for me. Harp’s ‘Pure Here’ is a lot of fun, a really upbeat campaign that’s celebrating lots of great things that are unique to Northern Ireland.”

The Cathedral Quarter mural is the first of its kind by Harp and Brand Manager Jeanette Levis said, “Harp is one of NI’s most-loved lagers and this is our way of celebrating all that is magical about Belfast - the unique sense of humour and the quirks that make it so special.”

The mural was created by Dean Kane from Visual Waste. He said, “Belfast has been famous for murals for a long time. This one is a bit different because it’s very tongue in cheek. I hope it cheers people up when they’re dandering along Hill Street and take a look up at it.”



At Harp’s ‘Pure Here’ mural launch is Julian Simmons; Harp Brand Manager, Jeanette Levis; local boxing legend, Carl Frampton; and Willie Jack.

The ongoing ‘Pure Here’ campaign will see Harp continuing to work with

local talent and consumers to champion the best bits of Northern Ireland.

Do ‘Just One Thing’ for Action Cancer?

Action Cancer is the only charity in Northern Ireland to provide a free breast screening service for ladies who fall outside of the NHS screening age range, and free counselling sessions to children from as young as 5 years old who are going through a cancer journey of their own or that of a parent or family member.

To help us to continue these services, we are asking your local club to do Just One Thing for Action Cancer.

- Your Just One Thing might be:**
- Host a BBQ, quiz night or disco
 - Choose Action Cancer as your Charity of the Year
 - Participate in an Action Cancer event such as The Bra Walk on 16th June

- Pick an event that you run annually, and donate the proceeds to Action Cancer

We are here to help you every step of the way. Chat amongst your team/club-mates or discuss with your club management committee?

Whatever you decide on, just give Rebecca at Action Cancer a call on 028 9080 3343 and she’ll be delighted to speak to you about your project.

Ian Humphreys, former Ulster & Ireland rugby player is doing Just One Thing, “I am swapping the rugby ball for a set of golf clubs and playing a 4 ball golf tournament to raise money for Action Cancer. I would encourage any local clubs or

societies to get behind the campaign, have a bit of fun, get out there and do Just One Thing!”

Andrew Gamble did Just One Thing when he made the decision to use Action Cancer’s services, “I was diagnosed with leukemia when I was just 2 and had received treatment for 6 years. Though I had been discharged and given the all clear, the effects emotionally never hit me until my teenage years.

Action Cancer was able to give me the guidance and advice I needed. Their complementary

services helped me achieve a sleep routine and give me some stress relief and anti-anxiety tips. I owe a lot to Action Cancer for their amazing and unconditional help.”



Ian Humphreys urges you to do Just One Thing.

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Luck be a lady at Down Royal

The race is on to find Down Royal's Best Dressed Lady and, thanks to a partnership with Magners Forbidden Flavours, the stakes are higher than ever before as fashionistas get in line to chase the top prize of a dream Caribbean cruise.

It's one of the Summer season's most high profile fashion awards and this year the winner will be selected by an equally high profile panel featuring Cool FM's Breakfast presenters Pete Snodden and Rebecca McKinley recognised as two of Northern Ireland's most stylish media icons; leading model and Ulster Tatler's Girl About Town, Nuala Meenehan and, completing the panel, Diane McStay from The Style Studio and Julia Galbraith, Magners Brand Manager.

Mike Todd, General Manager of Down Royal said, "It's super to have Magners Forbidden Flavours back on board to support our Best Dressed Lady Competition on Magners Derby Day. The style off the track is the perfect complement to the high quality of racing on the track on Magners Derby Day. Three

nights in Miami followed by a seven day Caribbean Cruise is a fantastic prize and no doubt the impressive judging panel will have their work cut out for them!

"They'll be looking for head-turning race-goers who bring their own distinctive elegance and personal style to the trackside excitement which is such a feature of the annual Magners Ulster Derby Day."

First past the post in the Down Royal style stakes on Saturday 24th June will win a prize package of return flights for two from Belfast to Miami, with three nights' at the four star Casablanca Of The Ocean Hotel in uber-cool Miami, followed by an amazing seven night cruise on board the stunning MSC Divina.

For those who are tempted to join the line-up for the sartorial showdown, the fashion tipsters' advice is to choose an outfit which expresses their personality as well as their fashion sense.

Looking forward to the excitement on and off the track, Julia Galbraith,



Miss Northern Ireland, Emma Carswell, is pictured with Julia Galbraith, Brand Manager Magners, at the launch of this year's Magners Forbidden Flavours Best Dressed Lady Competition which takes place on Saturday 24th June.

Magners Brand Manager said "The Magners Forbidden Flavours Best Dressed competition annually adds extra sparkle to a fantastic festival of racing at Down Royal, long recognised as a social as well as a sporting highlight of the summer.

It's a fun sidebar to the horse racing and, each year, we see

more and more glamorous ladies stepping up for the style challenge. This year, with such a fantastic prize on offer, it's a racing certainty that we'll see record entries!"

For further information on the Magners Derby Day at the Summer Festival of Racing go to: www.downroyal.com



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Celebrations for Guinness World Record

Players who scored a Guinness World Record for the longest Gaelic 15-a-side football match in history have been honoured in a special presentation ceremony in Belfast. The Marathon Match raised an amazing £73,565 for Cancer Focus Northern Ireland and Michaela Foundation.

Mrs Foster said, “We are delighted to come together to celebrate this magnificent achievement which will help even more cancer patients and their families thanks to the generosity of those who made donations or were involved in this amazing event.”

The event was held earlier this year in the Tyrone GAA Garvaghey Centre. The record setting match saw players kick ball for an amazing 24 hours, 18 minutes and 51 seconds.

Carrickmore player Mickey Gallagher, who took part in the Marathon Match, said, “Completing this world record challenge came with many aches, pains and struggles along the way; but in the back of our minds, we knew that how we were feeling for those 24 hours was minuscule in comparison to how some of the people we were raising money for were feeling.”

At the presentation, the players received their Guinness World Record medals and certificates from Tyrone manager Mickey Harte and Roisin Foster, Chief Executive of Cancer Focus NI.



John McAreavey, Chairman Michaela Foundation; Roisin Foster, Chief Executive, Cancer Focus NI; Mickey Harte, Tyrone GAA Senior Football Manager; Una Kelly, Michaela Foundation; Kieran Kennedy, MD, O'Neill's International Sportswear Ltd; and Barbara Long, Cancer Focus NI, at a presentation of medals to players who took part in the 24 hour Marathon Match to raise funds for the two charities.

UGAAWA Monthly Merit Award winners

by Tony McGee

March was a busy month with counties, clubs and colleges involved at national levels in football, hurling and camogie. There was, also, handball added in so there was plenty to choose from when selecting the award winner for the month.

Two All-Ireland titles came north. For only the second time on record an Ulster team won the Senior Club Camogie Championship and, after three defeats in the O'Neill's All-Ireland Senior Singles 40x20 Handball final, Lurgan's Charly Shanks won the title.

It was Slaughtneil camogs who blazed the trail to success with a nail-biting 1-10 to 0-11 defeat of Galway champions Sarsfields and, indeed, any one of the Derry and Ulster champions' team could have been considered for our Quinn Building Products-UGAAWA Merit Award for March.

game and in the All-Ireland final she was an inspiration to us all. Her own play, her promptings and her encouragement to all around her keeps us all going.”

Charly Shanks' achievement, as he defeated Westmeath man Robbie McCarthy, who was aiming for a four-in-a-row of men's All-Ireland Senior titles, at Kingscourt, was a major milestone, as well, but Shannon Graham out-pointed him.



(Front) Barney and Claire Graham accepting the March Monthly Merit Award from Seamus McManus, Quinn Products Sales and Marketing Director (right), on behalf of their daughter Shannon. (Back) UGAAWA Chairman John Martin (left) and Slaughtneil Chairman Sean McGuigan. Picture by John McIlwaine.

Becca Molloy, 18
"My Aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer so I wanted to do something to help the fight against cancer! As well as working in the shop, I have helped at bucket collections and fundraising events. Volunteering is so flexible - I love being part of the Cancer Focus family!"

Help fund Cancer Focus Northern Ireland's Family Support Service by giving us a few hours at one of our street collections:

- Friday 26th May - Lurgan
- Friday 9th June - Belfast City Centre & Portadown
- Saturday 24th June - Belfast City Centre & Banbridge
- Friday 16th June - Newry
- 6th & 7th July - Portstewart
- Saturday 22nd July - Warrenpoint
- Saturday 29th July - Killeel

For more information or to register contact volunteer@cancerfocusni.org

Sinead Farry
"Cancer Focus NI's Family Support Service supported my family through the worst of times following my husband's diagnosis of cancer. Rachel, family support co-ordinator, helped my children understand what was going on. Sadly Gareth passed away but we keep in contact with her - she is our rock!"

Can you spare a few hours to make a huge difference?

As you know charities and their services don't exist without raising funds so over the next few months the Cancer Focus Northern Ireland fundraisers have organised quite a few bucket collections and we would love your help.

Referrals to our Family Support Service have more than doubled in the past 6 months and in order to continue helping every family who contacts us, we need to raise more money!

If you can spare us a few hours at one of our upcoming street

collections it could make a HUGE difference! (volunteers must be 16years old or over)

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April NIFWA Awards



Unsurprisingly, David Healy has been announced as the NIFWA Manager of the Month for April.

Linfield won all 6 of their matches in the month to claim the Gibson Cup and reach the Irish Cup final.

April began with a dramatic defeat of Dungannon Swifts in the semi-final, before registering a vital home win against title rivals Crusaders.

The Blues maintained their unbeaten run, with victories over Ballymena, Glenavon, Coleraine and Cliftonville, resulting in them being crowned Premiership championship for

the first time in 5 years.

On receiving his award Healy said, “Our players proved they had the bottle to finish it off, despite a number of hard away games we got a maximum 15 points in the month and that is a testament to their hard work.”



David Healy receives his NIFWA Manager of the Month Award for April from Stephen Watson.

Linfield made it a double for the Blues, when ace striker, Andrew Waterworth, was named the NIFWA Player of the Month for April.

Waterworth scored five goals in the month, including a hat-trick on the final day of the season against Cliftonville, to clinch the title for the Blues.

“Winning the Gibson Cup is the highlight of my career so far”, said Waterworth. He added, “Now I just can’t wait to get back onto the pitch and play the Irish Cup Final.”

His fine form continued into the final, where he bagged another impressive hat-trick taking his tally to 30 goals for the season.

Speaking at the presentation, manager David Healy admitted, “I know I can be his biggest critic but it is because I know what he can produce and he really has been fantastic, the goals speak for themselves.”



David Healy presents Andrew Waterworth with his NIFWA Player of the Month Award for April, ably assisted by the BBC's Stephen Watson.

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United seal the treble



Alex Ferguson and the ‘Red Devils’ celebrate the most dramatic of wins.

The night Manchester United won the treble in Barcelona, it looked as though the success of their domestic season had caught up with Alex Ferguson’s men. In the space of a couple of weeks, they had secured the Premiership title against Spurs, and won the FA Cup final by beating Newcastle. Now, however, they were being comprehensively outplayed by Bayern Munich.

Lucky to be only 1-0 down, United had just watched the Germans hit the woodwork twice. Bayern stars were smiling condescendingly at their United counterparts, taunting them, acting as though they had won already. They almost had. Even the Champions League trophy itself was already decorated in their colours.

Teddy Sheringham’s injury-time equaliser changed all that. The Germans suddenly looked crushed and desperate; they waited for the final whistle of normal time so they could regroup for the extra period. There was not going to be one.

United won a corner, David Beckham swung in a beauty, Sheringham headed back across goal and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer stabbed home the killer blow. The Germans were now weeping openly. Within seconds the final whistle blew and their misery was complete. United had more than a treble. The 31-year wait for a second European Cup was over. And even football fans who disliked United allowed themselves the briefest smile in admiration for the crazy, ‘Never Say Die’ way in which they had won it.

Kanu causes mayhem



Kanu holds his hands to his face as the fireworks go off following his mis-reading of the situation.

The unwritten code of honour in many sports is to stop play when a player is seriously injured. In football, a team will kick a ball out of play to stop the game. In acknowledgement of that sporting gesture, the opposition normally resume play by throwing the ball to a team mate who promptly kicks the ball back to the opposition. Spectators appreciate this unwritten code of honour and usually a gentle appreciative applause ripples around the stadium.

For more than 100 years the FA Cup has generated many unique situations. In 1999 during a 5th round match between Arsenal and Sheffield United, a United player, Lee Morris, was injured. His team-mate kicked the ball out of play so Morris could receive treatment. Afterwards, Arsenal’s Ray Parlour threw the ball towards Sheffield United’s goalkeeper, Alan Kelly. However, Arsenal’s debutant, Kanu, intercepted the ball, passed it to Marc Overmars, who went on to score what was deemed to be a dishonourable goal. Kanu was not aware that a Sheffield player was injured. Arsenal won 2-1. Sheffield United were outraged.

Arsenal were embarrassed and their manager, Arsene Wenger, offered United’s manager, Steve Bruce, a replay, which was duly accepted. The FA agreed within an hour and the game was declared void. Following deliberation by FIFA the game was allowed to be replayed, even though no laws had technically been broken by Kanu. 10 days after the original game, they famously replayed each other, which resulted in Arsenal once again winning 2-1.

It happened in 1999...

- Cycling - Lance Armstrong won the first of seven consecutive Tour de France titles, only to be stripped of them all in 2012 for drugs offences.
- Golf - Popular American golfer, Payne Stewart, famed for his distinctive clothing, died in an aircraft accident aged 42.
- Rugby Union - Scotland won the 105th, and final, Five Nations Championship. It would become the Six Nations Championship the following year due to the inclusion of Italy.

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