



# SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES

Sligo Social Services Newsletter

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## A Big Thank You!

We would like to say a very big thank you to all our volunteers for your help in 2014. We are grateful to you for your time and dedication to Sligo Social Services. You have made it possible for us to continue our work, delivering services to those most in need.

You have helped us this year to deliver meals, you have worked in our meals on wheels kitchen, brought older persons to various hospital appointments and sat with them until they were finished, and then brought them home again. You have sorted and sold clothes in our thrift shops, worked in our hostel, helped in our work with families in ION, shook buckets on flag days, packed shopping bags, sold Christmas cards and managed the affairs of Sligo Social Services by sitting on our Board of Directors. You have participated in our annual Walkarun, sang Christmas Carols in Johnston's Court, played golf, sat on our fundraising committee and much more to ensure that we could provide essential services in our community, for all that you do we are extremely grateful. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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## Volunteer Gathering

On Wednesday 3rd December our volunteers met together in the Scouts Den for a cup of tea and a chat and to enjoy each others company. A selection of nibbles were prepared by the Sligo Social Services Chefs and assistants. Music was very kindly provided by Vera Meehan and her group of talented musicians.

Volunteers were welcomed by Christina McTaggart, Director of Sligo Social Services, they were then introduced to the Board volunteer liaison person, Mary Harkin, and were updated on the affairs of Sligo Social Services by the Chairman of the Board, Pat Forde. Tickets for three delicious hampers (one of which was donated by one of our volunteers, Teresa Flaherty) were handed out to volunteers as they came in the door and the lucky winners were Aideen Sweeney, Lewis Rhatigan and Myra Plunket. A good time was had by all.



**Bairbre Callaghy**  
**Pointing the way to the**  
**Volunteer Function**



**Aideen Sweeney**



**Lewis Rhatigan**

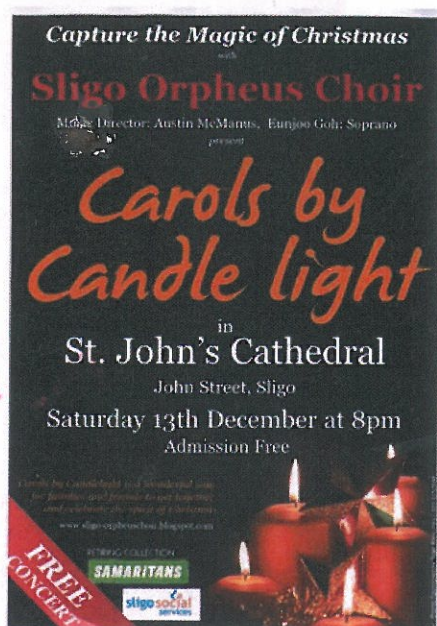


**Myra Plunket**



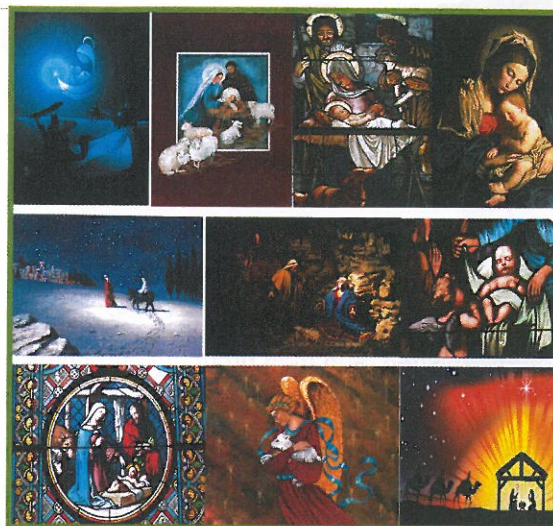
**Upcoming Fundraising Events this Christmas Season:** We are pleased to announce the following upcoming fundraising events:

***"Don't forget to mark them on your calendar !"***



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are selling packs of assorted Christmas cards for €6 per pack. There are 10 cards in each pack. All monies raised from the sale of these cards will go to support our services. You can purchase Christmas Cards from our Thrift Shop on Harmony Hill or in our office on Charles Street. Thank You!



## SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL WALKARUN

After the hustle and bustle of Christmas and that extra helping of plum pudding, why not kick start your fitness regime in 2015 with a 5K walk or run around Doorly Park on Sunday 11th January at 2 pm.

The Walkarun is for all fitness levels. You can enjoy the fresh air while chatting with friends as you stroll around the circuit at your leisure, or you may want to challenge your self walking faster, jogging or running, It's entirely up to you.

Entry Fee is €10 and all participants will receive a goody bag. The first woman and the first man to complete the circuit will win a 3 month gym membership in the Clarion Hotel. Other spot prizes will be available on the day. Registration is in Cleveragh Retail Park from 1 pm. All times will be recorded and posted on our website. [www.sligosocialservices.ie](http://www.sligosocialservices.ie)

## SLIGO ORPHEUS CHOIR

Capture the Magic of Christmas with Sligo Orpheus Choir who are kindly donating part of the proceeds of this event to Sligo Social Services. You can see them on Saturday 13th

## BAG PACKING

At this busy festive season, why not let us help pack your shopping bags at our Bag Packing fundraiser in Tesco's on Friday 19th December from 9 am to 5 pm. Look out for us at the checkouts.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Saturday 20th December from 3 pm to 4 pm the County Sligo Golf Club Male Voice Choir will entertain the shoppers in Johnston's Court. This pleasant sounding choir with their tuneful harmonies are not to be missed.

The Sligo Social Services Choir will also be providing the shoppers in Johnston's Court with a festive treat on Monday 22nd December as they jingle all the way from 2 pm to 5pm.

Hope you can come along and support us!

**Happy Christmas Everyone**