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# SEFF NEWSLETTER

Supporting Victims & Survivors, Strengthening Communities



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## SEFF

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Seff Lisnaskea  
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### The SEFF Office

is open

Monday - Friday,  
9am - 5pm

for general office  
business

If you require support or  
help with completing  
DHSS or other Welfare  
forms Tina will be availa-  
ble to assist with this  
service.

As much as is possible,  
Tina will be in the office  
on

**Tuesdays** from  
10am - 5pm.

However, if you require  
help outside these times,  
please contact the office,  
leave your name and  
number and someone  
will contact you to ar-  
range a suitable time.

Dear Member,

The last month has been a very busy period with lots of programmes coming to their crucial point. The GB/Rol book and DVD project is nearing completion, the families recording DVD project is going well but we can still accommodate upwards on 8 further families who would like the opportunity to come together to share reflections of a loved one who was murdered - ensuring that there is a record of place of the type of person they were, that they are not simply remembered and defined by the terrorism which took them away.

The Drama Project is also approaching the point where the script will soon be written. AN important information gathering event will take place on Tuesday 28th June 2016 from 7pm-9pm where we are appealing with young people aged 13-25years to come along to engage with the Playwright Jonathan Burgess around their views of 'The Troubles.' This is critical to the content of the Play and we also ask for all others who have indicated their willingness to be involved in the case to also come along.

In the past week we have been very busy with campaign issues in GB where I was involved in the Army Widows Pension dispute in Westminster, attended the 20th Anniversary commemorative event for the 1996 Manchester bomb and met with several victims/survivors linking them into our services, GB politicians and media contacts.

I also want to recognise the inaugural SEFF Volunteer Recognition event held in The Archdale Centre, Lisnaskea on Friday last (and we hope to have a few pics from that event included in our next Newsletter) We are indebted to our Army of Volunteers at SEFF - without you this organisation could not function.

**REMINDER: SEFF and FACT offices will be closed for the July holidays on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July re-opening at 9am on Thursday 14th July 2016.**

**Next monthly member meeting: Wednesday 22nd June 2016 @ 7.30pm.**

**Kenny**

### RENEWING SEFF MEMBERSHIP 2016/17

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We are approaching the new membership year at SEFF; **1st July 2016**. Payments for renewing can be made by either cheque, cash or standing orders from your bank account. *If you wish to set up a standing order please obtain a standing order mandate from your bank and then call the office and we will give you the required bank details for SEFF needed to complete the form.* Regrettably we cannot do card payments over the phone or in the office.

**Since the introduction of our membership some of your details may have changed ie: address/mobile/phones/ postcodes etc.**

**Enclosed for each household are two new membership forms (if required) which we would appreciate that you complete with ALL the relevant details included on the forms along with your renewal fee.**

**Membership fees are as follows: £10 per adult renewing in the household.**

**Post primary school age (12 - 16 yrs old) is £5 each and under 11's are free.**

**August** will be the last month that we will send out SEFF newsletters to all those on the current 2015/16 membership database before we implement the updated 2016/17 mailing list.

We would appreciate if you could pay membership fees before **31st July 2016** and if possible that you would also sign up for gift aid if you are paying tax on your income, if you have not already done so. For those who have come in early with their payments we thank you for doing so.

**Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.**

# Classes & Courses

CLASS & TUTOR	DATE, TIME & DURATION	DESCRIPTION	VENUE	COST
Ulster Scots Summer School	5 days Monday 25th - Friday 29th July 2016 10.30am - 3.30pm	Children from 7 - 16 years old	Lisnaskea High School	£30 per person
Ulster Scots Youth	Friday 12th - Sunday 14th August Times TBC	Youth from 11 yrs old - 18 yrs old	Rosscor Youth Village, Belleek	£30 per person
Ulster Scots Drama School Juniors	Monday 1st - Friday 5th August Times TBC	For Youth from 7 yrs old - 14 yrs old	Brookeborough Primary School TBC	£25 per person
Ulster Scots Drama School	Thursday 25th - Monday 29th August	For youth from 15 - 18yrs old	Enniskillen Integrated College TBC	£30 per person
Family Respite Adults with Children Only	Friday 5th - Sunday 7th August	Adults with children	Carrowmena Activity Centre Limavady	£50 per adult & £25 for children under 12yrs old

If interested in attending any of the above courses please get in touch with the office ASAP to register your interest. The office numbers: 677 23884 / 22242.

## BEFRIENDING SERVICE UPDATE

Hi All,



We hope you have some nice plans for summer and get to enjoy a bit of good weather along the way. Befriending will continue as normal helping those on our books, our merry band of volunteers will be making sure everyone is looked after.

The next Coffee Morning is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016** where we have **Cancer Focus** coming to talk about prevention and symptoms of this dreaded disease.

Also keep free **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016** for our annual **Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning**. If you are a keen baker, why not bring along some of your produce to help raise extra funds for this very worthwhile cause.

Do try to join in with events and catch up with us all as often as you can.

Chat soon, The Befriending Team

 <b>COFFEE MORNINGS - Starting at 10.30am</b> 	
DATE, TIME & VENUE	SPEAKER
<u>Thursday 30th June 2016</u>	Cancer Focus N.I (Cancer Prevention talk)

## Ulster Scot Summer Schools

SEFF has been successful in obtaining funding, from the Ulster Scots Agency for the following Summer Schemes for young people.

The annual **Summer School**, will be for sixty 7 to 16 year olds and will be held in the former Lisnaskea High School over five days, from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. The scheme will be jammed packed with activities including an Away day.

We are also holding a **Youth Residential weekend** at the Rosscor Youth Village, near Belleek from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**, for up to thirty 11 to 18 year olds.

If music and drama appeal, we are organising two **Drama Schools** this August.

The first is from **1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016**, and is angled towards juniors from the ages of 7 to 14 years. This event will be held in Brookeborough Primary School. The theme this year is based on a play by the popular Ulster Scots Playwright Dan Gordon, and will be exploring Ulster Scots Culture and language through an Agricultural themed play.

The second Summer School will be a Senior musical, aimed at twenty 15 to 18 year olds which will be held in Enniskillen Integrated College from 25th-29th August 2016. It is envisaged that participants will be mainly those who currently attend the college but there may be a small number of places available to non-College pupils. Call the office for further information .

## Family Respite Weekend

We are currently planning a weekend family respite trip to the Carrowmena Activity Centre, near Limavady .

We plan to leave SEFF at 8am on Friday 5th August and travel to Portrush for the day. The bus will then leave Portrush at 3.30pm and travel to Carrowmena where there will be an early evening BBQ.

After breakfast on Saturday, there will be fun, family activities such as Jacob's Ladder, crate stacking and Leap of Faith. After lunch there will be an opportunity for family time to make use of outside space for games (feel free to bring sport equipment of your own ie, football, tennis rackets etc) or chill out in the TV room.

Following a leisurely breakfast on Sunday 7th August 2016, we will be returning to Fermanagh.

This respite is available for up to **30 SEFF members (10-12 adults and 18-20 children)**.

The accommodation at Carrowmena is a mixture of cabins and glamping pods.

**The price per person is £50 per adult and £25 per Child under 12 years old.**

## SEFF's Advocacy Service



Post-election we waiting for the Assembly to debate and implement the agreements of the Fresh Start and the mechanisms decided by the Stormont House Agreement. Page 5 of the Draft Programme for Government Framework states that in particular the Executive will:

Implement a Fresh Start;

Work to resolve the outstanding issues relating to the legacy of the past.

It is unfortunate that within the document's 42 Indicators, not one of these focuses on victims' issues, although a number indirectly

touch on the issues, such as improving mental health and increasing the confidence and capability of people and communities.

The Commission for Victims and Survivors has undertaken a research exercise on advocacy within the victims and survivors sector, and has recognised the need for advocacy support services that will be financed by PEACE IV. It is expected that advocates will be central in engagements with historical investigations and information recovery processes, helping the families to navigate the complex legal and personal situations that arise. The Stormont House Agreement notes that 'Victims and Survivors 4 will be given access to advocate-counsellor assistance if they wish' (Stormont House Agreement, paragraph 29). It is evident that we, as victims and survivors, must have the strength with the support of an advocate when necessary, to challenge the authorities on any issues that will clarify and provide some truth of the past.

The continued attack on the very fabric of our society by republican revisionists causes concern, and generates a thought process that leaves us questioning the role of the Security Forces during the Troubles. The Ombudsman's recently released report into the loyalist terrorist attack on the Heights Bar in Loughinisland on 18 June, 1994, alleges widespread 'collusion', yet upon close inspection of the document, allegations and conjecture form the basis of the Ombudsman's conclusions. The Chief Constable has challenged him that if he can stand by these conclusions, then he should make arrests; we await his response. A person purporting to be a loyalist informant, made various allegations in a newspaper at the weekend, the same newspaper that carried a story recently about unfounded allegations in relation to the Shankill bombing. The reality is that these allegations are of no help to victims in any situation and only cause further confusion, anxiety and helplessness.

If anyone has any Advocacy or Truth, Justice and Accountability related concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Advocacy Service to arrange a meeting.

**Kind Regards,**

**Ken & Matthew**

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## FACT May 2016 Update

Young and old came together in bright sunshine to recreate an Olde Tyme Market Day in the beautiful Corn Market Yard Lisnaskea. Dancing, poetry and art all took on an intergenerational theme facilitated by The FACT Project, Ulster Workhouse & Famine Trust and Lisnaskea Historical Society. Local dance tutor Marie Phelan worked with the three local primary schools Moat PS, St Ronans PS and Bunscoil Na Tranog and FACT members to perform traditional dances outside in the Market Yard. Pupils and FACT members recited poetry and John Rehill performed a traditional ballad.

Following the Olde Tyme Market Day FACT members enjoyed a light lunch followed by dancing funded through Fermanagh Omagh District Council.

Watch out for the next FACT newsletter which will be issued shortly.

**FACT** is on Facebook so friend and like us to spread the word.

Contact the **FACT** Fermanagh office for more information on 028 677 22615 / 07711590771 or email:

[showe\\_fact@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:showe_fact@hotmail.co.uk).

Please note the Lisnaskea office opening hours are 9.00am - 3.00pm.



**SEFF**  
SOUTH EAST FERMANAGH  
FOUNDATION



**COMMON  
BOND**

**tuesday's  
children**

# TALENT NIGHT

**Musicians Singers Verb Tellers & Much More ...**  
**Auction & Raffle**

**Wednesday 29th June 2016 @ 7.30pm**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ENNISKILLEN**

SEFF's own of talent will be performing an evening of fun & laughter taking place to help raise funds to send Mark Crawford to Project Common Bond in Philadelphia, United States



**TICKETS**  
**ON SALE NOW!**

**£7.50  
each**

Light Refreshments

## MARTIN MCGUINNESS SEEKS FORGIVENESS?

### AfIV Update

Martin McGuinness laid a wreath at the site of the Battle of the Somme two weeks ago. It wasn't a traditional poppy wreath of course, as that might be taking it too far. "The green fields of France where the red poppies dance" was immortalized by the Irish group The Fureys and Davy Arthur, but Mr. McGuinness thought a laurel wreath more appropriate.

Why, may one ask, is he doing this? He is quoted as stating,

***"My duty is to represent everybody and I think it is very important that we all step out of our comfort zones and that we do recognise that reconciliation is the next important phase of the peace process,"***

Very magnanimous words from someone who's very being is based on the destruction of all things British, and we could question has this gentleman made the ultimate conversion. Mr. McGuinness recognizes that reconciliation is an important part of any peace process. Yet, one must ask how do we reconcile the families of the victims of the slaughter at the Enniskillen Cenotaph in 1987? These good people were there to celebrate and remember the sacrifices made in the past for the good of the future. How can we reconcile the people of North Fermanagh when the IRA attempted to murder scores of children in Tullyhommon on the same day. When do we expect Mr. McGuinness to explain or answer the questions being asked of his knowledge of these two attacks? How can we reconcile the thousands of Irish veterans in the Rol who tried to remember their comrades but were prevented from doing so for many years, by being victimised and attacked by Irish Republicans. The memorial gardens in Islandbridge in Dublin are still treated as an embarrassment and hidden away in the corner of the park. Remembrance Sunday should be a Rol occasion too - thousands of Irishmen fought and lost their lives in the armed forces of the UK. But these volunteers (there was no conscription in Ireland) were disowned, firstly by Republicans and then by successive Irish governments. Martin McGuinness has been lauded for his honesty for admitting to his IRA past, whilst his comrade, the venerable Mr. Adams is ridiculed for his denials; yet what really has he admitted to? He flatly refused during Saville to name others or explain his role as he was bound by a code, yet he denied his knowledge of the IRA 'green book' when he was in the IRA. He appears to believe that it was okay to admit to being a member in the early 70s when it was a 'popular rising' fighting perceived injustices, but not so in the more recent years.

In any definition of reconciliation, truth will appear, and unfortunately, without truth, it is impossible to reconcile. Therefore his words ring hollow without that honesty. We all have a past; however some have more of a past than others.

U2's Bono a number of years ago paused during the rendition of his 'Bloody Sunday' protest song about the Troubles, to denounce the violence and all who supported it, stating,

***"Where's the glory in bombing a Remembrance Day parade of old-age pensioners, their medals taken out and polished up for the day? Where's the glory in that? To leave them dying, or crippled for life, or dead under the rubble of the revolution that the majority of the people in my country don't want."***

We await with baited breath the fulsome reconciliation we demand, not the half-baked truths that might appease the masses, over to you Mr. McGuinness!

**Ken Funston**

## **SEFF's Counselling Service**

Accessing Counselling is not a sign of weakness, rather it should be viewed as a sign of strength, a realisation that sometimes we can't just deal with things on our own - that when issues get too big, too complicated, too painful to deal with that we need to reach out and accept support from another. If interested in learning more about SEFF's Counselling Service then please contact:

Helen (Counsellor based at SEFF, Lisnaskea)

Mob: 07510068382

Susanne (Outreach Counsellor based in Banbridge) Mob: 07732708498,

Ruth (Outreach Counsellor based in Cookstown/Dungannon/Richill )

Mob: 07912439345

Or call the SEFF Office on:

028 677 23884 / 677 22242.

## **COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES 2016-17**

WE ARE TAKING NAMES FOR COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES FOR THE COMING NEW FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17, WE PLAN TO RUN THESE IN MAY JUNE 2016,

IF INTERESTED IN AVAILING OF 5 SESSIONS OF MASSAGE, (**HOT STONES ARE NOW AVAILABLE**)

AROMATHERAPY, REFLEXOLOGY, PHYSIOTHERAPY, HOPI EAR CANDLE, KINESIOLOGY OR INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON

028 677 23884 OR 677 22242.

**£40 CONTRIBUTION FOR 5 SESSIONS - IT IS POSSIBLE TO PAY £20 AT THE BEGINNING & £20 AT THE END OF TREATMENT SESSIONS.**



## **'Morning, SEFF Calling'**

Hello Folks,

The service continues to grow steadily but we know that some of you reading this Newsletter would also get benefit from the service or you may have elderly relatives or friends or know of someone coming through a difficult time who could really benefit from a regular chat with someone entirely independent from their situation.

If so then please get in touch with SEFF Office on **028 677 23884 / 677 22242** and we will go through the service in more detail for you.

We particularly encourage those who live beyond County Fermanagh and who are not able to regularly attend SEFF related activities to avail of this service - it's a great way to keep networked with what is going on.

*Ann & Rita of Morning SEFF Calling.*



## **Photography Enthusiasts ...**

Would you like a few hints and tips from a professional photographer?



**The please call the office and leave your name and number to attend a two day class (Saturday's) over the summer months (dates confirmed when numbers confirmed)**



Planned sessions to take place outside shooting images and getting help to take the best picture with your camera.

**Tel: 028 677 23884**

£10 per person





# Notices Out & About the Area



**100th Anniversary Battle Of the Somme Festival**  
Lisnaskea District LOL No4

**July 1, 1916**

**Friday**  
**24th**  
**June**  
**2016**

**On the Day:**

- ~ Act of Remembrance
- ~ Amusements for the Kids (**FREE**)
- ~ Children's Period Fancy Dress (**PRIZE** for the best dressed)
- ~ Bygone Day Games-with Prizes
- ~ BBQ Available
- ~ Local & Visiting Musical Entertainment
- ~ Bands on the Day - 9th Battalion (Tyrone)
- ~ R.I.F. Band playing Military Style Music

**LIVING HISTORY**

**RE-ENACTMENT on the evening of the Christmas Truce & Battle of the Somme**

**1st July 1916**

**Family Fun Day**  
All Welcome

**7pm in Lisnaskea High School**

**FERMANAGH GENEALOGY CENTRE**

**Saturday 18th June 2016**  
Enniskillen Library  
Upstairs in the Main Hall 1.30 - 3.30pm

**Launch of First Annual Journal & Volunteer Recognition Event**  
Supported by Volunteer Now

**This is an open event**  
**Everyone is welcome**

Annual Memberships available to purchase on the day

Further information is available on:  
[www.facebook.com/fermanaghgc](http://www.facebook.com/fermanaghgc)  
[www.fermanaghgenealogy.org](http://www.fermanaghgenealogy.org)  
EM: [fgc2012@hotmail.com](mailto:fgc2012@hotmail.com)  
Also: [www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/explore-more/fermanagh-genealogy-centre/](http://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/explore-more/fermanagh-genealogy-centre/)  
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Charity No: NIC 100414




## A Time to Remember Battle of the Somme

### 100 years Commemoration

#### Lisbellaw

Thursday 30th June—Sat



In partnership with Lisbellaw Scouts  
Lisbellaw District LOL No.2  
Lisbellaw Veterans Group  
Lisbellaw WW1 Commemorative project  
Local Bands, shops and individuals  
Funded through FODC



Lisbellaw & South Fermanagh World War One Society

#### Thurs 30th June - 8pm

Eve of the Battle of the Somme, raising the flags parade - Lisbellaw District LOL No. 2

#### Fri 1st July - 7.20am

Lighting of a Beacon by Lisbellaw Scouts

At Rose Cottage. "Over the Top"

#### Fri 1st July - 8am

Commemoration service and laying of Wreaths in Church Of Ireland -

Lisbellaw & South Fermanagh WW1 Society

#### Fri 1st July - 9am

Breakfast for those attending the Church service - Parish Centre

(Booking essential - Doreen 07951538621)

#### 1st July - 8pm

Band parade, open air service and laying of commemoration wreaths at Orange Hall - Lisbellaw District LOL No. 2

Dedication of 3 Division Standards - Top of Village - South Fermanagh Flute Band

Lisbellaw & South Fermanagh WW1 Society

Window displays representing The Home Front, Western Front and Medical Care

#### 30th June - 2nd July

WW1 Memorabilia Exhibition - Parish Centre Fri 1st 9am - 1pm &

Sat 2nd July 10am - 4pm

#### LISBELLAW DISTRICT LOL NO2

### SOMME COMMEMORATION PARADE AND SERVICE

#### LISBELLAW

**1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016**

ASSEMBLE AT ENNISKILLEN

SIDE OF VILLAGE

AT 7.45PM FOR DEDICATION OF FLAGS

**PARADE STARTS AT 8PM to ORANGE HALL**

**OPEN AIR SERVICE COMMENCING**

**AT 8.30PM WEATHER PERMITTING**

**DURING SERVICE**

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND WREATH LAYING**

**BRETHERN TO WEAR REGALIA,  
MEDALS AND POPPIES**

**ALL SERVICE AND EX SERVICE PERSONNEL, RUCRGC,  
USC ASSOCIATION, SCOUTS GIRL GUIDES ETC ALL  
WELCOME TO ATTEND, STANDARDS, COLOURS AND**

**MEDALS TO BE WORN**

**ANYONE WISHING TO LAY A WREATH PLEASE CONTACT**

**JAMES GAMBLE BEFORE 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SO AS**

**ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE**