



PARISH OF



BALLINAKILL & DERRYBRIEN

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



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PARISH STATISTICS 2013

- This year, we welcomed 14 new babies into God's family in Baptism. Some of these were families who were natives of the parish but are now living elsewhere; others were young families that are resident in the parish.
- We had 2 weddings in the parish this year. Joseph Mullins married Evelyn Lonergan in April. Imelda Flynn married John Lawless in August. Other weddings with parish connections took place in other parts of the country and abroad. We congratulate all who were married this year and wish them many years of happiness in their lives together.
- 7 Children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion: 1 Girl & 6 Boys. Joe Dervan, Keith Regan, Fionn McLoughlin, Cian Duggan, Cian Clancy, Evan Madden & Hazel Gardiner.
- 34 Candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation. 15 Girls & 19 Boys: Samantha O'Donnell, Adrian Moran, Stephen Fahy, Jack Larkin, Gary Flynn, Keith Dervan, Clare Geraghty, Mark Slattery, Fiona Daly, Stephen Murphy, Robyn McLoughlin, Emily Fallon, Rebecca Keane, Emma Gunning, Saoirse O'Connor, Denis O'Connor, Seamus Comar, Karla Murray, Joseph Glynn, Stephen Kelly, Clare Glynn, Paul Glynn, Shane Broderick, Gráinne Cunningham, Eoin Cunningham, Kate Rattigan, Cathal Daly, Ciara Gardiner, Mark Daniels, Darren Duggan, Leigh Daniels, Rebecca Sheil, Liam Sheil & Brandon Clancy.
- We paid our final respects to 9 parishioners this year. Teresa Duggan, Carraroe, Mary Ann Rice, Knockmoyle, Francis Fahy, Moyglass, Jimmy Duggan, Lagoo, Betty Reid, Cappacon, Jimmy Cooney, Birmingham, England and formerly Knocadrum, Brendan Duane, Dublin and formerly Ballinlough, Monica Larkin, Marblehill and Pat McDermott, Derrybrien. We express our sincere sympathy with their families and to all in our parish who have suffered bereavements in the past year. May our loved ones rest in the peace of Christ.
- **Other News:** John Larkin came 2nd in Connacht Final in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2013 on the Button Accordion and 3rd in all Ireland final.

DERRYBRIEN

SPORT

Congratulations to Lorraine Glynn on winning a medal with St. Thomas's Camogie Club in the Junior Camogie County Final.

DERRYBRIEN CHURCH:

The Derrybrien Development Association Committee with the help of the Sliabh Aughty Rural Social Scheme have carried out further improvements on the church building and surrounding grounds this year. A new Amplification System and speakers have been installed in the church.

The church has been freshly painted externally in the last couple of months. As well as this the church grounds have been leveled out and the grass was reseeded. Overall these changes have vastly improved the appearance of the building and surrounding grounds.

DERRYBRIEN: CEMETERY, SCHOOL & SPORTSFIELD:

Work has also continued on completing a new wall on the road to the cemetery as well as improvements in the school grounds and Sports Field. This year for the first time the committee organised a local sports day in Derrybrien Sports Field on a public holiday Monday. It was felt that this event was a success and should be further developed in future years. Great credit is due to both the committee and the rural social scheme for their work, organisation, generosity and goodwill in achieving their goals this year. The community is deeply indebted to all concerned.

SCHOOLS

DERRYBRIEN N.S. :

- Children in the Senior Room took part in the Write-a-Book project. Well done to Kate Rattigan and Mikey Daly winners of the Write-a-Book 2013.
- The whole school enjoyed a visit to Imeco Farm and also took part in water activities on a trip to Lahinch.
- Boys took part in the Schools Mini Sevens Hurling Challenge with Drim National School.
- All children took part in 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street and raised money for this worthy cause.
- Well done to the whole school for their wonderful effort in raising money for Multiple Sclerosis Ireland by taking part in the MS Readathon.
- Happy Christmas and New Year to all our pupils and their families.

BALLINAKILL N.S.:

- Lighthouse Project. For our Annual School Science Project, we chose the theme of Lighthouses. Each child designed and constructed a lighthouse to very high standards and these were displayed in the church afterwards. Pictures and reports from the day appeared on local newspapers.
- Senior classes attended a lecture by Prof. Canney at Portumna Workhouse Exhibition Centre, followed by a tour of Portumna Castle and Monastery.
- Attended story telling session sponsored by Galway County Council in Woodford Library.
- Senior children were involved in Annual Scór Competitions.
- The movie "Kiss Heist" written and produced by Kevin Glynn and featuring the students of the junior room was shortlisted for the California

Film Festival where it was viewed and received to great acclaim. It has since been entered for many other film festivals across the globe.

- Fun Cycle Day. Cycle trip of 6 miles with Green Schools Officer Graham Clarke as part of our fun cycle.
- Girls' Camogie team reached the county final and Boys' hurling team were also finalists in the Cumann na mBunscol games.
- We were delighted to have Claire Greaney, five times world dancing champion come to our school for a five week period of dancing tuition.
- Sponsored walk in aid of school resources 5km. It was a great success.
- Finally the staff of Ballinakill N.S. would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

MOYGLASS N.S.:

- Moyglass are very proud of our past pupil Sinead Keon who took part in the Dwarf games at international level and won gold medals. Sinead has also been awarded athlete of the year 2013, well done Sinead!
- As part of our heritage studies we visited Portumna Castle and the workhouse. We had a great day.
- Again as part of our Heritage Studies and Maths week, we completed a Maths trail as we cycled from Feakle in Co. Clare back to school in Moyglass.
- We are now working on the theme of transport for our fourth green flag and are busy doing transport audits around Moyglass.
- During Science week 2013 we had great fun, especially when we went down to Ballinakill Hall to take part in Science activities that were organised along with our friends from other local schools. We had a Kinex workshop and saw a special film about the planets in a special interactive Dome.
- Two children took part in the NUIG Youth Academy for I.T., Engineering and Science during the school year. During Mid Term three children attended the Khan academy in Galway Education Centre, which focused on Maths.
- We would like to wish all parents and students a 'Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year'.

DRIM N.S.:

- 7 students enrolled in September 2013 while 3 left for secondary school in June.
- We were awarded our 3rd Green Schools Flag in May 2013 for working on the theme of 'Water' and this involved a guided trip to Callatra River and to Loughrea Waste Water Treatment Plant. We are now working on the theme of 'Travel' for our 4th Green Flag.
- Well done to Ellie McDonagh in Junior Infants who received a prize in the EBS/INTO National Handwriting Competition.
- Children in Classes 1st - 6th took part in the Write-a-Book Project. Well done to Hazel Gardiner & Fionn O'Neill who received merit awards.

- While children from Senior Infants upwards learn tunes on the tin whistle, a number of children attend music lessons in the school and learn to play a variety of musical instruments.
- One child attended the Youth Academy at NUI Galway for I.T., Engineering and Science.
- Senior pupils took part in the 'National Schools in Concert' (Abair Amhrán) – Ceolchoirm idir Bhunscoileanna organised by Gaeilge Locha Riach.
- All children attended story telling sessions in Woodford Library.
- Senior classes took part in the Naomh Brendain Credit Union Quiz.
- A number of pupils participated in the Manning Inter-schools Track & Field Event held at Loughrea Athletics Ground and in the annual Galway Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held in Renmore, Galway.
- Boys took part in the Schools Hurling Championship Matches and the Mini Sevens Hurling Blitz.
- Girls took part in the 5-a-Side Schools Camogie Championship Final and they participated in the Mini Sevens Camogie Blitz.
- Boys and girls participated in the Small Schools section in the FAI Schools Soccer Championships in Galway.
- Congratulations to our past pupil Cathal Daniels who won a Gold Medal at European Junior Eventing Championships in September. This follows his success in the 2012 in European Pony Eventing Championships with Gold Medals in the Individual and Team events.
- Donations were made to UNICEF and Team Hope Ireland - Christmas Shoebox Appeal.
- The staff of Drim N. S. would like to wish you all a 'Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year'.

SPORT

DAVITT'S CAMOGIE CLUB

Davitt's were proud to have two representatives on the panel, Lorraine Farrell, (grandchild of Martin & Bridget Rourke, Drimkeary), Maria Breheny, along with trainer Liam Hodgins and selector Orla Watson. Pride of place in the club must go to our u18 team who captured the County Minor A title against all the odds, against a well fancied Ardahan team. Under the management of Noel Murphy, Lizzie Flynn, Bridie Rourke and Ailbhe Kelly, the minor girls held out in a thrilling game, to win on a score line of 2-11 to 2-8. Our U8 team, coached by Phylis Hayes had good crowds at training all summer and took part in several blitzes. Our U10 team, under the guidance of Joe & Kevin Farragher and Amy Murphy went unbeaten all year until they were overcome by just 2 points in the County Final by a strong Carnmore side. The U12 team, managed by Michael Blake & Orla Kelly, topped off a great year by reaching the final of Mullagh Tournament

in July. They also reached the semi-final of the County U12 B Championship and were just narrowly beaten. Both the players and mentors put in a great effort all year and the future is looking very bright for this group.

Davitt's U10's 2013 County Final



Back Row L-R: Sarah Fallon, Heather Clarke, Alisha Larkin, Ruth Hansbury, Molly Starr, Niamh Conway, Sandra Donohue, Rebecca Broderick, Ashling Donnellan, Sophie Madden, Ciara Hickey, Amy Sheil,
Front Row L-R: Ornaithe Coen, Chloe Farragher, Catherine Hanley, Hayley Kenny, Emma Murphy, Layla Harney, Alisha Burgler, Caoimhe Hickey, Saoirse Hodgins, Christine Coughlan.

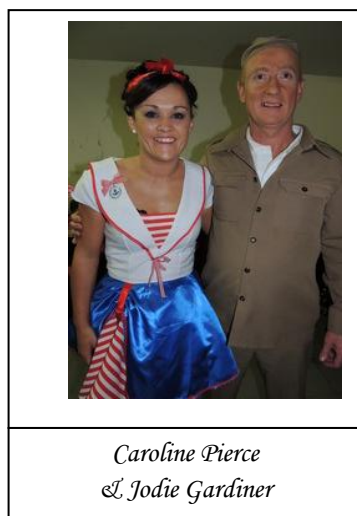


Back Row: L-R: Joe Farragher, Chloe Farragher, Ornaithe Coen, Ruth Hansberry, Sophie Madden, Ashling Donnellan, Sandra Donohue, Kevin Farragher.
Front Row: L-R: Catherine Hanley, Ciara Hickey, Niamh Conway & Alisha Larkin.

Tom Breheny and the Feile Management again took on the U14's but didn't qualify this year. The U16 team reached the A final but were beaten by Sarsfields. The senior side, a team currently in transition, lost their first 2 championship games to Killimor and Ardrahan. They drew with Pearse's and beat Athenry, in their best performance of the year, but missed out narrowly on qualification for the play offs. But with the success of our u18 team the future certainly looks bright for our Senior Team. We had several players representing their club on Galway teams again this year: Tara Murphy, Nicole Duggan, and Tara Moloney, on their U16 side that reached the All Ireland, Maria Breheny and Tara Murphy on the Minor Team that

lost by just one point to Kilkenny in the semi-final. Maria Breheny and Lorraine Farrell were part of the All Ireland Winning Galway Senior panel.

"STRICTLY COME DANCING"



Another highlight of the year was our fundraiser, Strictly Come Dancing Davitt's Style!! On the night 16 couples danced their hearts out to try winning the audience's vote but it was local man Jodie Gardiner and his dancing partner Caroline Pierce that emerged victorious on the night. Needless to say a great night's entertainment was had by all!! Davitt's C.C. would like to thank everyone who helped out with any team during the year and to all the people who supported club both financially and through support at matches. The best of luck to everyone involved in the Davitt's C.C. for the coming year.

SHOWJUMPING



Cathal Daniels won a Gold Medal at European Junior Eventing Championships in Haras De Jardy France in September. Cathal was the European Champion in 2012 in European Pony Eventing Championships with Gold Medals in the Individual and Team events. 17 Nations took part in the team competition. Ireland were 3rd place after Dressage. Ireland had three clear rounds on the Cross-country which put them into 1st place ahead of England and the Swiss. Going into the Show Jumping the pressure was on Ireland to go clear as they had only three riders. Cathal had a brilliant clear round riding Rioghan Rua. Along with Elizabeth Hayden (Miracle) Harold Megahy (Chuckleberry). He played a major role in securing the gold medal for the Irish Team.

CYCLING



2013 was a successful year for Thomas Fallon, Ballinagar. In spring he was selected as part of a four man Irish team to compete in the Gorey 3 Day where he finished fifth overall and won the King of the Mountains jersey. Two days after his Leaving Cert Thomas went for a week-long training camp to Glasgow where he underwent pre tour of Ireland preparations and also some preparation for the World Track Championships that would begin in August. After this camp Thomas lined up for the Tour of Ireland as part of a four man Irish team. The tour was run over six days with each stage an average of 120km per day. Thomas finished 4th overall and his Irish team mate won the overall event.

After this Thomas flew to Austria to meet up with his European team and lined up for the tour of Austria 3 day race. He then linked up with the Irish four man team to train in Belgium for the World Track Championships. The training and investment paid off as the team broke national records in the team pursuit and Thomas also gained top ten in his individual event along with winning his heat. After this he flew home and lined up for the National Track Championships where he won gold in the scratch race and silver in the individual pursuit. This national title also secured Thomas a contract in Belgium for the 2014 season as an elite athlete where he will race at professional level. Thomas now travels to Mallorca with Cycling Ireland on a regular basis to train on the track for the European Championships and to prepare for his early season road training camp in France in February.

TOMMY LARKIN'S GAA CLUB

Tommy Larkin's are at the latter stage of a Development Project to drain, level and rebuild a sand based senior pitch and a sand-based juvenile training pitch in Woodford. The project is costing €110,000 and 68% of this is funded by a Sports Grant and the rest is funded by various efforts within the community (Development Draw, Quiz, Clothes & Scrap Collections, Donations). The funding has just reached the desired target and huge thanks to all the community. The club facilities are now on a par with anywhere in the county. The pitch will be officially re-opened in the Summer/Autumn of 2014.

JUVENILE HURLING 2013:

U16: Had a great campaign this year and they reached the Shield Semi-final but were beaten.

U14: Got to the play-off for a Semi-final but were beaten in a replay by Kiltormer. They were also beaten in the Seán Cormican Final.

U13: Had a great year. They got to the Final of the Joe Gillane Cup but were narrowly defeated by St. Thomas's. They won all their championship matches winning the Final by beating Ahascragh / Fohenagh in a thrilling match.

U12: Won all their championship matches and got to the Final of the Brian Kelly Cup but were beaten in extra time by Killimordaly. They were also beaten in the Final of the Etihad Tournament by Pearse's.

U10: 2013 was an excellent year for the Tommy Larkin's Under 10 team in terms of improvement and player development. They played a lot of matches and won the match in the East Galway Final's Day. A very young team (most of which will be under 10 next year) were shown great leadership by the older members of the team. It was a bitterly cold Saturday morning in early May when the team headed to Tynagh for the start of their 2013 campaign. The team may not have got off to the best of

starts that day against Tynagh /Abbey-Duniry, but as each week passed, the team developed impressively and it was easy to see an improvement in their skills and attitudes. One of the more obvious turning points during the season was when they faced up to the challenge of playing Loughrea. Not many supporters fancied their chances against a very good Loughrea team. Tommie's played out of their skins that day and were winning the match until the very last puck of the ball. Victory was not important though, it was rewarding to see the team showing lots of improvement and character. More so the younger players started to make a mark for themselves. The tough game against Loughrea did the team no harm; they went on to register victories home and away. An extremely entertaining match against Kilnadeema/Leitrim surprised a lot of people when Tommie's came out on top in a closely fought game. The season finished up in Ballinasloe when Tommy Larkin's Under 10's won their Shield Final against a very tough Sarsfields outfit. It was an impressive display by a team that showed a huge progression. It was also great to see such a large number of supporters cheering on from the sidelines. All of which bodes well for 2014 and beyond. The management team of Gerry Duggan & Alan Madden would like to thank all of the players for their hard work during the year and to the parents for turning up for training & matches.



***Back Row L-R:** Eoin Fahy, Bryan Tuohy, Ben Dervan, Donal Keane, Cian Daniels, Paul Fahy, Joe Dervan & Conor Slattery.*

***Front Row L-R:** Sam Feeley, Cormac Star, Augustine Lyons, Catherine Hanley, Cian Duggan, Evan Madden*

U6 & U8: Played a lot of Blitz' this year with great numbers turning up.
Ballinakill School: The boys in Ballinakill School go to the Semi-final but were beaten by the eventual winners Ballymacward. The girls got to the final again this year but were beaten by Tiernascragh. Fiona Daly was picked that day to represent her school and play for Galway in Croke Park.

Tommy Larkin's U13's



Back Row L-R: Ruairi Keane, Shane Kelly, Shane Broderick, Luke Dunne, Darren Duggan, Jack Larkin, Stephen Kelly, Nathan Flaherty, Mike Hansbury, Joseph Glynn, Adam Page & Seamus Comer

Front Row L-R: Jack Larkin, Keith Dervan, Conor Hanley, Jack Feeley, Taine Smyth, Eoin Cunningham, Stephen Fahy, Adrian Moran, Gearoid Hanley, Stephen Murphy, Gavin O'Dowd & Mark Slattery

SINEAD KEON'S SUCCESS 2013

2013 has been a great year for Sinead Keon, Moyglass. She represented Ireland on four occasions this year travelling to Birmingham and Preston in the UK, Michigan, USA and Swansea, Wales where she won many medals. In August Sinead competed at the World Dwarf Games in Michigan, USA in Table Tennis, Field Athletics, Badminton, Boccia, Soccer, Basketball and Floor Hockey. She returned home as the new Women's World Champion in Table Tennis beating Joy Stillen, the US Champion in the final. At an awards presentation in Kilkenny in November Sinead was announced as the Athlete of the Year in field athletics by Irish Wheelchair Association Sports for her achievements during the athletics season in Ireland. She was also placed 1st in javelin, 2nd in shot and 3rd in discus overall. Looking forward to next year Sinead has been invited to join the senior team travelling to Dubai in February to compete in the 6th Fazaa International Athletics competition where she will have the experience of competing against Paralympic level athletes. Sinead would like to thank everyone in the parish who supported her fundraising efforts, without which she would be unable to compete.



CURRAFEST 2013 SUPPORTS THREE CHARITIES



Front Row L-R: Anna Dervan, Aisling Kearns, Eamon Dervan, Mary Monahan, Colette Dodd, John McHugo & Emma Regan.

Second Row L-R: Fr. Patrick Conroy, Sean Larkin, Jimmy Cunningham, Deirdre Larkin, Margaret Kelly, Breda McCormack, Keith Gardiner, Carmel Cunningham & David Gardiner.

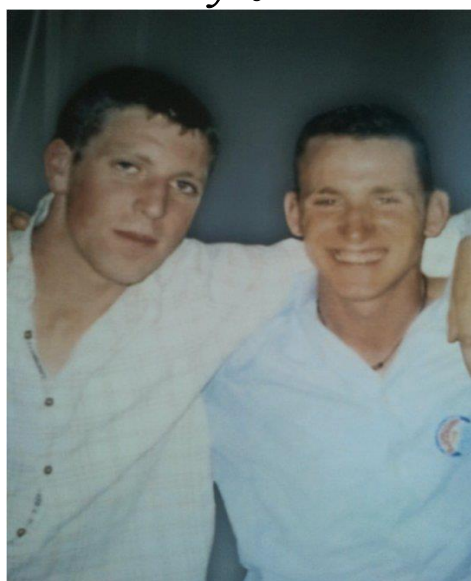
Back Row L-R: Tony Kelly, Eugene Monahan & Senan Drury

The 2013 CurraFest Outdoor Music Festival took place on Sunday 23 June at McCormack's Bar. This annual festival is held as tribute to Niamh Monahan. Since its debut, the successful festival has raised vital funds for charities including Galway Hospice Foundation and as of this year, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. There was live music all day from some of Ireland's finest music acts along with live DJs, acoustic sessions and a Kidszone for the youngsters. After another hugely successful year with

the Music Festival, the Currafest Committee were delighted to present cheques to Galway Hospice (€10,000). Cancer Care West (€5,000) & Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin (€5,000). Well done to all involved and 'thank you' to all who helped in any way. Your support and community spirit is very much appreciated.

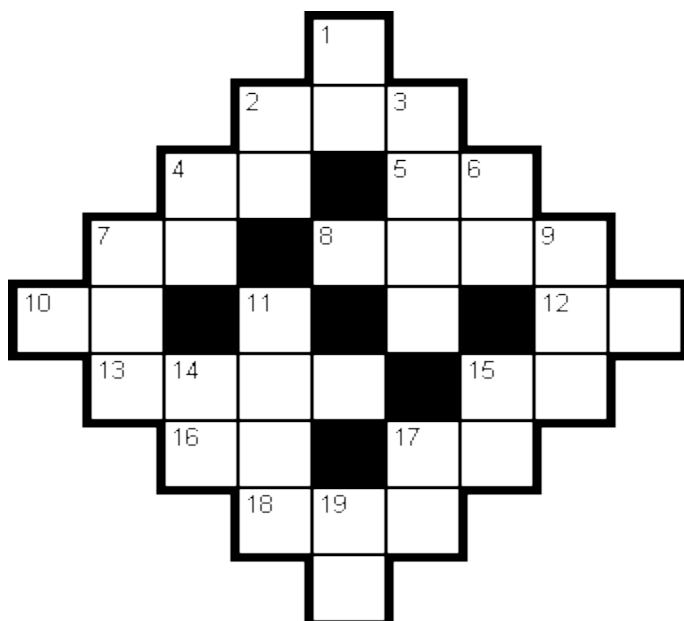
FAMILY FUN DAY - "REMEMBERING BARRY SHIEL & PAUL FLYNN"

Barry & Paul



A great day was had by all at the 'Family Fun Day' which was held in Ballinakill Sports Field on Sunday 1st September 2013. Activities included Juvenile Hurling U6-U8's, U10-U13's, U14-U16's, Adult Hurling 7-a-side, and Long Puck, Tug-of-War, Bouncy Castles, BBQ. The committee presented a cheque to the Tommy Larkin's Club from the funds raised on Friday night 29th November in McCormack's Bar, Curra. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing the day and to all who volunteered or helped in any way.

KIDZ ZONE



Down:

1. Four times eight.
2. 12 across minus 16 across
3. 1640 doubled
4. 6 down minus 5 across
6. Nine times nine
7. Five times 121
9. Half of 1450
11. 716 doubled
14. A third of sixty-three
15. Number of hours in two days
17. Half of 164
19. 100 divided by five

Across

2. 7 down minus 482
4. Number of weeks in a year
5. Number of days in four weeks
7. Seven times nine
8. 8617 re-arranged

10. 15 down plus forty-two
12. Quarter of 100
13. Half of 10486
15. Half of 10 across
16. Quarter of 4 across
17. Four times twenty-two
18. $82+62+78$

JOKES

Why are ghosts bad liars?

Because you can see right through them

How do you make seven an even number?

Take the s out!

Why did the grasshopper go to the doctor?

Because he felt jumpy.

Name two animals that live in a cold region?

A polar bear and his wife

What did the blanket say to the bed?

Don't worry I've got you covered!

What does an elf learn in school?

The elfabet

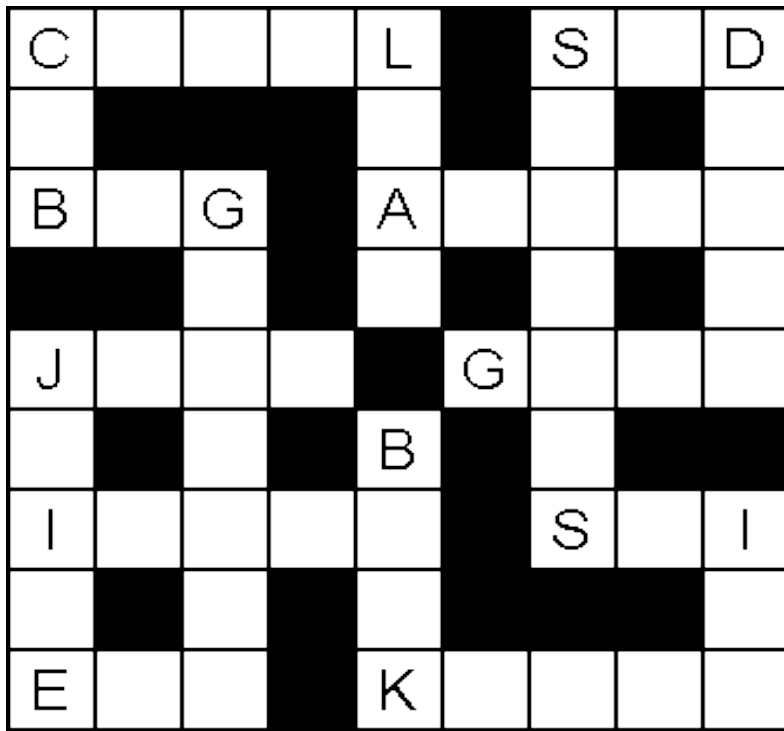
Where can you find an ocean with no water?

On a Map.

What animal needs to wear a wig?

A bald eagle!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





- A. Fruit of the oak tree (5)
- B. Something to read (4)
- B. Insect (3)
- C. Taxi (3)
- C. Desert animal (5)
- D. Sand hills (5)
- E. The night before (3)
- G. Type of antelope (7)
- G. Precious stones (4)
- I. Ice hut (5)
- I. Writing fluid (3)
- J. Type of music (4)
- J. Fruit drink (5)
- K. Tap on a door (5)
- L. Jump (4)
- S. Unhappy (3)
- S. Brief periods of rain (7)
- S. Snow runner (3)

WORD SEARCH



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| BATH | BEACH |
| DEPTH | DISH |
| EACH | EARTH |
| ENOUGH | FINISH |
| FRESH | HIGH |
| LENGTH | MARCH |
| MONTH | MYTH |
| PEACH | RICH, |
| ROUGH | SCRATCH |
| SMOOTH | STOMACH |
| TOUCH | VANISH |
| WASH | WATCH |

"THE MAN IN THE GLASS"

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day;
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years.
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartache and tears,
If you've cheated that man in the glass

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STORY EVER TOLD

If you'll listen my darling, tonight 'ere you rest
I'll tell you the story your daddy loves best
How a marvellous thing that all children should know
Happened in Bethlehem, long, long ago

There were stars in the heavens, all shining and bright
And a new star was rising o'er Judah that night
For within a poor stable a baby was born
And that beautiful baby was Jesus our Lord

It's a story of wonder and glory and awe
Filled with heavenly love and the goodness of God
Learn it well, take it with you wherever you go
The most beautiful story that's ever been told

Though the folk in the village were all fast asleep
There were shepherds out watching that night with their sheep
When a legion of angels came down from on high
Singing and bringing great tidings of joy

In a manger he lay as the angels had said
While Mary and Joseph kept watch by his bed
For the babe was our Saviour the Father's own Son
Sent to love little children and bless every one

It's a beautiful story, the sweetest I've heard
Full of comfort and hope, and it's true—every word
So remember it always, and then when you're grown
Tell this sweet story to babes of your own



QUOTES / SAYINGS

*Don't walk behind me;
I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me;
I may not follow.
Just walk beside me and be my friend.*

*When life gives you
a hundred reasons to cry,
show life that you have
a thousand reasons to smile.*

*Dear Math,
please grow up
and solve your own problems,
I'm tired of solving them for you.*

*It's true that we don't know what
we've got until we lose it, but it's
also true that we don't know what
we've been missing until it arrives.*

*Always put yourself in the other's
shoes. If you feel that it hurts you,
it probably hurts the person too.*

*Dream what you want to dream,
go where you want to go, be what
you want to be. Because you have
only one life and one chance to do
all the things you want to do.*

*The best kind of friend is the kind you can
sit on a porch swing with,
never say a word, and then walk away
feeling like it was the best conversation
you've ever had.*

*Be who you are and say what
you feel because those who
mind don't matter and those
who matter don't mind.*

*The happiest of people don't
necessarily have the best of
everything they just make
the most of everything that
comes along their way.*

*Don't go for looks, they can deceive.
Don't go for wealth,
even that fades away.
Go for someone who makes you smile
because it takes only a smile
to make a dark day seem bright.*

*It takes only a minute
to get a crush on someone,
An hour to like someone,
and a day to love
someone- but it takes a
lifetime to forget someone.*

"WE NEED HOPE"

We need hope to help us cope
We need strength to carry on
We need help to calm our fears
We need friends to dry our tears
We need truth to give us our solace
We need forgiveness to be at peace
We need peace to find tranquility
We need to listen to our inner voice
We need to ask when we need help
We need love when times are tough
We need to know we are not alone
We need to grow to reach our potential
We need dreams to learn our future
We need trust to follow our intuition
We need vision to see our future
We need time to reach our destiny



"THE WINTER TALE "

Trees bared to winter's touch by winter's breath laid bare
Leaves whisper of winter's heart of winter's heart they share
Upon the floor red, copper glow in waning sun, cold winter's hold
Whisper leaves, the story told of winter's heart laid bare
Tell it swiftly, in the fading glow ere all be covered in winter's snow
Tell it softly, speak it low ere all things cease to grow
Tell of autumn; brooding, dark for she made winter lonely, stark
Speak of summer; distant, cold for on her winter has no hold
Whisper of spring; haughty, lout for winter's end she brings about
FIENDS! FOES! FELL and FOUL!
Soon to be swept under winter's cowl when Sun is gone and Moon is dead
Winter's tale shall know no end for winter first did come
And by winter all will be undone tell it softly, speak it low
Ere winter's breath covers all in snow

