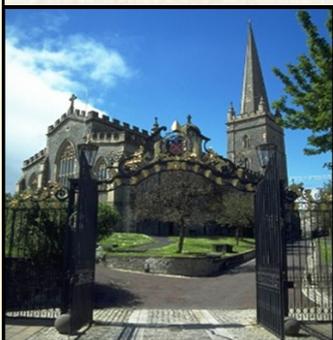
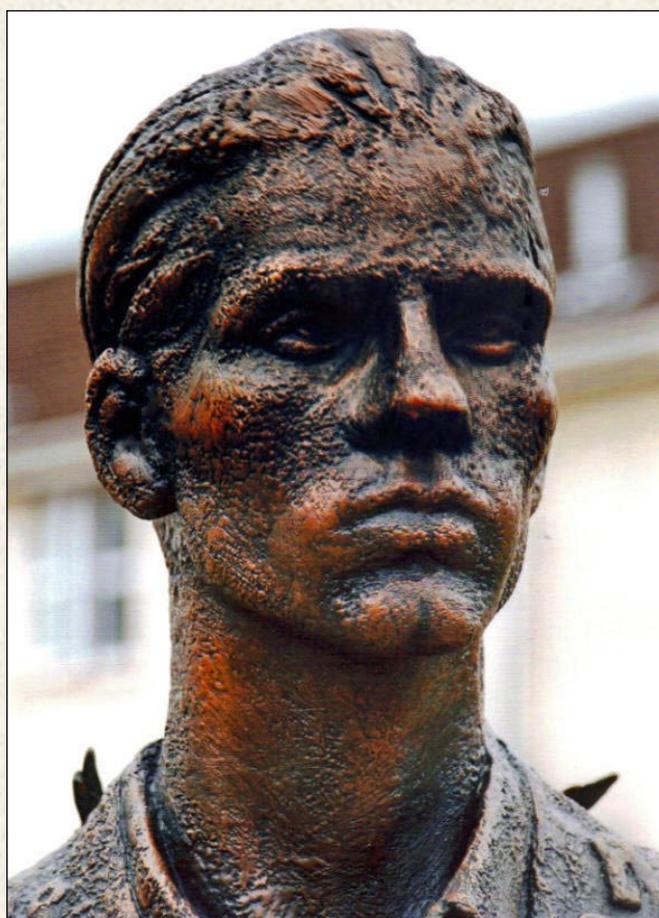


Cathedral Youth Club The Fountain Londonderry



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Representation of the future face of the young people of

The Fountain.

Strong, confident, determined and forward looking as we live out our lives in school and at home.

This is the positive image that we present to those who have control over our life experience in terms of our health, education, leisure and employment.

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This edition of CR8 Change Magazine recognises and celebrates the achievements of the staff and members of Cathedral Youth Club over the past year. We are delighted to highlight our successes which reflect the talents, skills and abilities of our young people. Their energy and enthusiasm is a credit to them and their families.



In particular Nicola Molloy was presented with the Credit Union Award for her service to the Community and to the Youth Club. Garth Hepburn graduated from Magee College as a participant in the Star Plan Summer School 2010. The work of Youth Club Leader Graham Warke was recognised with the Award for Outstanding Achievement for his commitment to the Community and the Youth Club.

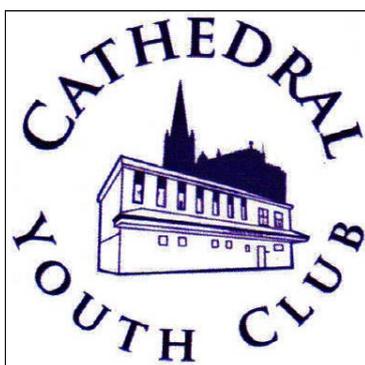


Other achievements and awards are listed in this edition especially those presented at the Youth Council for Northern Ireland (YCNI) ceremony at Belfast in June. These awards pay tribute to the commitment, success, dedication and energies of our young people from all over Northern Ireland and are sponsored by the Department of Education and YCNI.

The organisers also paid tribute to the extensive network of around 20,000 adult volunteers who devote their time to run the various projects. We in Cathedral Youth Club are well blessed with the quality and commitment of our volunteers and I would thank them sincerely for their good work.

I am sure you will enjoy reading and sharing in the achievements of our young people and appreciate the contribution of our funders from Lloyds TSB Foundations and the European Peace III Programme. The generosity of our funders enables us to reach a wider audience to share in this ongoing work which has been widely praised for its high quality.

Jeanette Warke
Project Manager



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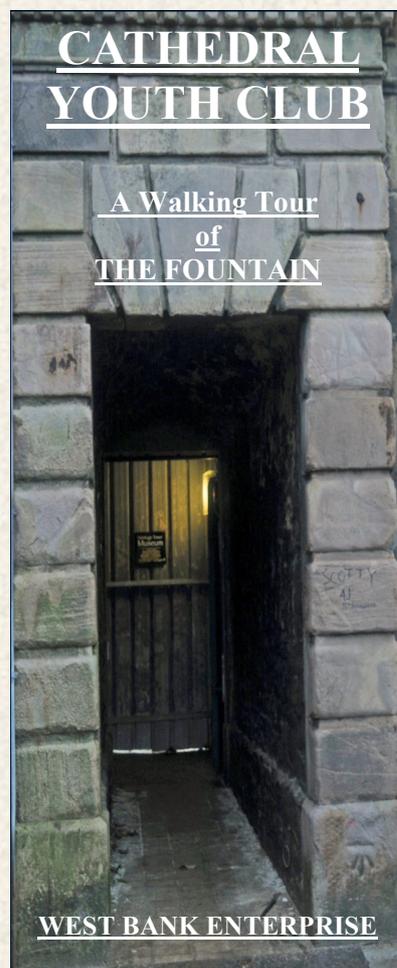


In February we set up our stall in the Foyleside Centre to take part with many other exhibitors in the Junior Company Awards supported by Invista Young Enterprise. We were proud to show off our development of a Tourist Trail called 'Footsteps Through The Fountain'.

Jason Scott, Jordan Scott, Devon Porter, Davan Holmes, Garth Hepburn, Nicola Molloy, Mark McGonigle, William Hepburn and Ryan Molloy all took part in the project.

Some of the participants will be trained as Tour Guides which may provide career opportunities for them in the future.

The Tourist Trail was officially launched in the Nerve Centre in April by Onnagh McGillon City Council Acting Head of Development.



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Along with members of Long Tower Youth Club and about 500 other people we attended the Youth Awards ceremony at the Ramada Hotel, Belfast which was hosted by Cool FM's Connor Phillips. Awards Organiser Karen Witherspoon from the Youth Council for Northern Ireland complimented everyone involved and explained that engaging in youth work has a positive impact on the social and personal development of young people and is very important in helping us realise our full potential. We agreed of course!



We were especially pleased to receive the Intergenerational Award for the production of the book 'Past the Jail and Down Behind The Fountain' which we produced in partnership with Long Tower Youth Club.

We also received an award in the Inclusion section for 'Footsteps Through The Fountain Tourist Trail'.



Brian Mc Menamin from Long Tower joined Graham and us for this photo.



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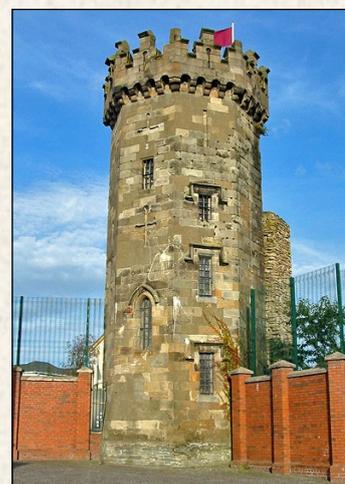
At the Youth Awards Ceremony we were glad to see Graham receive a well deserved award for Outstanding Achievement. Graham has worked long hours in the Youth Club and is currently studying for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Youth Work at University of Ulster. We wish him well!



During the year North West Marketing delivered a three week programme in the Youth Club that supported young adults to exchange ideas around developing their business.

Fourteen people participated in the programme and will now receive certificates in recognition of their achievements.

The Youth Club also welcomed many visitors from schools and youth groups with many coming from America and Europe to interact with our young people.



Fountain of Hope Community Fun Day



What a glorious day we all had on Saturday 3 July. The sun shone and many people from The Fountain and beyond turned out to take part in our Festival of Fun. It was a great family day enjoyed by all.



We were delighted to have the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service present demonstrating the hazards that may be caused by chip pan fires in the home. They also kept a close eye on the barbecue situated close by!



The day was a great success and we would like to extend our thanks to the city council in Londonderry and to Co-Operation Ireland for funding the event.



Lots of fun was on offer for all ages. Stalls, outdoor fun activities, games and sports, story telling, arts and crafts provided great amusement for everyone.

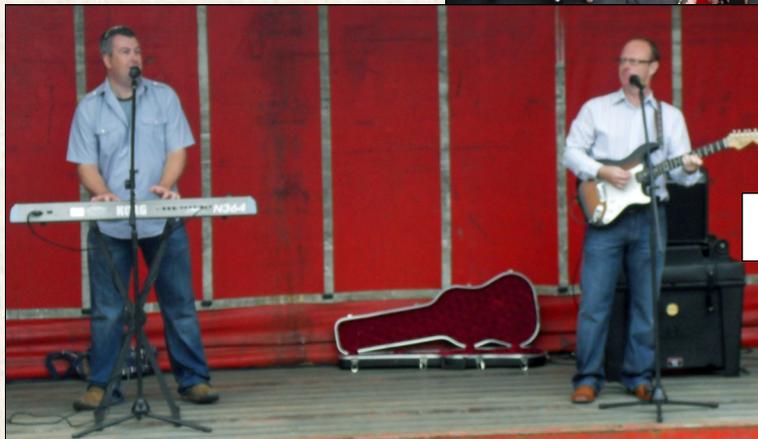


Fountain of Hope Community Fun Day

The historic musical traditions of The Fountain were on display once again at the Festival as The William King Flute Band, Hudson Blue and Different Drums entertained the crowds.



WILLIAM KING ENSEMBLE



HUDSON BLUE

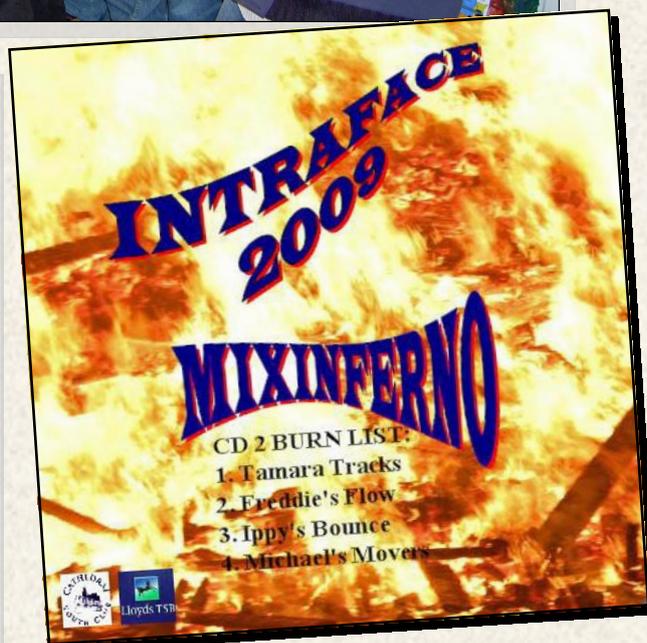
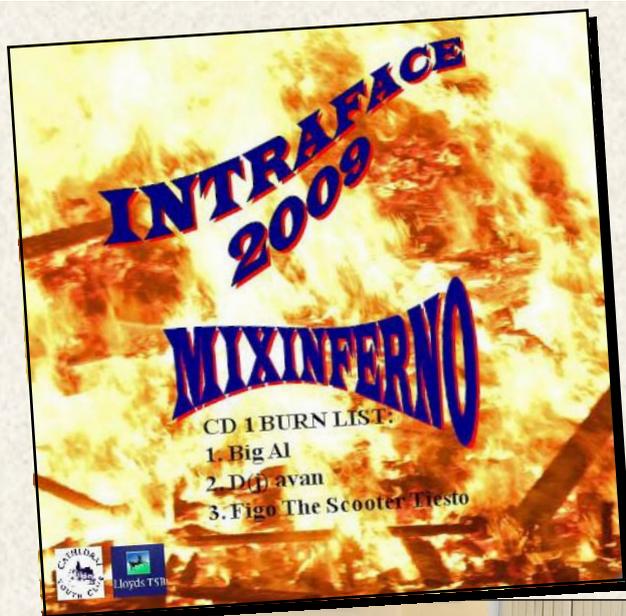


DIFFERENT DRUMS

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DJ SKILLS LEVEL 2 OCN

New music skills were gained in The Fountain as Alan, Ippy Wray, Davan Holmes, Michael McClements, Freddie McClements, Tamara Archibald and Robert Jackson were awarded Certificates for their work over the last six months. They are now completing a Level 3 Course which will qualify them to deliver their own mixing workshops. Our thanks go to DJ KWA.



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Gordon Miller a pupil of Fountain Primary School officially opened the new Bastion Plots in The Fountain. Gordon and others had worked hard to help the Conservation Volunteers led by Ivan Black to build the nineteen plots. The plots will be used by members of the community and by pupils in the primary school.



Ivan Black designed the plots at different heights to allow older and younger people to manage them.



An archway leading into the garden represents the City Gates.



A flower bed made of stone represents the City's Walls.



Jeanette and Ivan were pleased to see the Plots opened. On these plots local school children and residents can grow their own vegetables and learn about healthy eating.

Rosie, Joe, Samantha, Christopher and Andrew get to work!



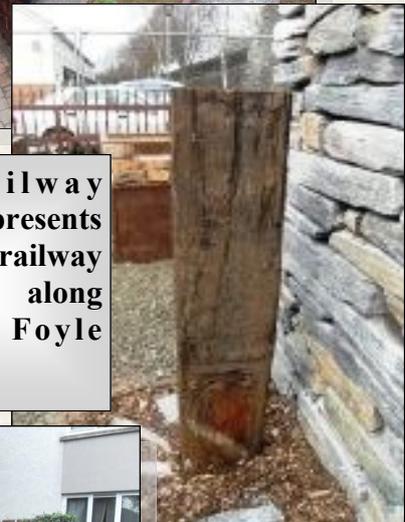
The garden is designed to reflect the heritage and character of The Fountain community and was initiated by Cathedral Youth Club. The Bastion Plots use many symbolic images taken from the City's history.

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The wagon wheel shape with seven beds represents each class in Fountain Primary School.



The railway sleeper represents the GNR railway which ran along nearby Foyle Road.



BONFIRE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

We attended bonfire management and history workshops with Jim who told us a lot about some of the history and traditions of bonfires. We learned that there were two basic types of bonfires that were used to celebrate and commemorate events or used as a beacon or signal to alert people locally and farther afield.

We looked firstly at a bonfire tradition carried out mostly in parts of England and which occurs every year around the Fifth of November. Effigies of Guy Fawkes are burned to commemorate the event of 1605 when Fawkes and his friends failed in their attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.



B o n f i r e P r a y e r s

Remember, remember the Fifth of November

The Gunpowder Treason and plot

I see no reason why Gunpowder Treason
Should ever be forgot

Guy Fawkes, Guy Fawkes 'twas his intent
To blow up the King and the Parliament
Three score barrels of powder below
Poor old England to overthrow

By God's providence he was catch'd
With a dark lantern and burning match
Holler boys, holler boys, ring bells ring
Holler boys, holler boys, God Save the King!

A penny loaf to feed the Pope
A farthing o'cheese to choke him
A pint of beer to rinse it down
A faggot of sticks to burn him

Burn him in a tub of tar
Burn him like a blazing star
Burn his body from his head
Then we'll say old Pope is dead

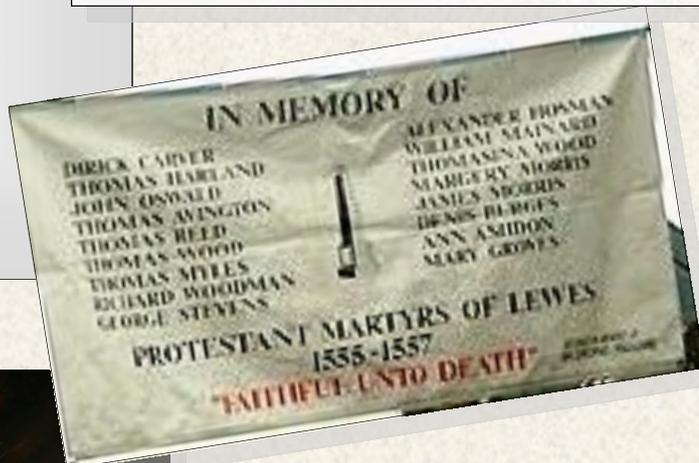


We noticed how the painted faces of the effigies of Fawkes and Lundy were very similar and respected the tradition that the late Bobby Jackson had carried on throughout his life in The Fountain.



The last verse of the gruesome Bonfire Prayer is very interesting as we learned of the tradition of burning tar barrels in parts of England and in The Fountain.

We were surprised to learn from Jim that the town of Lewes in Sussex also commemorates the 17 local Protestant martyrs who were burnt at the stake by the agents of the Catholic Queen Mary from 1555—1557. We looked at the pictures of some of the banners that are displayed in the town with some surprise and couldn't imagine similar ones being considered as appropriate for The Fountain. In Lewes there are torchlight processions by people in period costume representing bonfire societies. There are six separate bonfire sites where effigies are burned.



Jim then told us about a town in Devon called Ottery St Mary and showed us pictures where burning tar barrels are carried through the streets on 5 November. The tar barrels are lit outside each pub which sponsored them and then lifted onto people's shoulders for them to run through the packed streets of the town.

Seventeen barrels are lit during the evening with women and boys taking part early whilst the men carry the heaviest barrels weighing 30 kilos around midnight. This custom probably originated in the 17th Century and generations of the same families have carried the barrels.





The burning of tar barrels also has a tradition in The Fountain that we were interested to hear about. Jim showed us part of an interview with the late Robert Hamilton, a well respected former Fountain resident.

“When I returned to Londonderry after the War life was good in the Fountain. We all enjoyed a game of football and of course we all looked forward to the Eleventh Night. Barrels of tar were used then for our bonfire. These we obtained from Jimmy Logue’s yard. When they contained an inch of tar in the bottom of them we were able to take them for our fire.

The Fountain was always kept clean then even after the bonfire. Everyone was out in the morning with their brushes sweeping up. People from the Long Tower and Bridge Street always came along to join in the festivities.

Also when The Retreat was on people from the Catholic community walked through the Fountain to get their baps in Jimmy Doherty’s bakery”.



CLIFFE

After hearing Mr Hamilton’s story we thought that maybe some sort of tar barrel tradition could be taken up again in the future although we don’t fancy carrying burning barrels through The Fountain. Although in the English towns of Hatherleigh and Cliffe we learned that the tar barrels are dragged through the streets on specially constructed trolleys.

Still we aren’t yet convinced about the Health & Safety issues these types off events would cause.



HATHERLEIGH

We also heard the story from an interview with Kathleen McAllister who used to live in Bridge Street and reminded us of the traditions of previous years in The Fountain.

“Sure I usedee go up the Fountain every eleventh night dee sit an’ watch the bonfire an’ I lived down in Bridge Street! I went up the town on the Twelfth mornin’, done me cleanin’ early an’ went updee stand an’ watch the bands an’ there was no bother.

Usedee be Sterling’s butchers in it. Jock Sterling wuz the Scots man an’ I wuz sent up there every Saturday fir the butcher meat. I tell ye somethin’ else, we walked through the Fountain every Sunday morning dee godee Mass an’ no one bothered us.

We did our Retreat in the Long Tower at half six Mass an’ came down an’ got our buns in Doherty’s bakery up the yard or else in Moore’s in Carlisle Road.”

During the workshops we heard about how bonfire beacons were lit along the South Coast of England to alert people that William of Orange had landed in Torbay with his Protestant army in 1688 to claim the Throne of England.



Bonfires were also lit when William's army landed in Carrickfergus in 1690.



When the City was relieved in 1689 and the siege was over the citizens lit bonfires to celebrate the occasion. All of these bonfires and beacons may be the origins of the ones that we light in July and August to commemorate these historic events.



Bonfire Safety and consideration of the environment were important elements of the workshops. We all agreed to pay attention to safety and environmental matters. We would invite the Fire Service to come and talk to us also to advise and guide us about the construction of our modern type of bonfire.



We also agreed to do our best to prevent inappropriate behaviour at the bonfire site.

We also looked at bonfires from other cultures. For example in parts of the Republic of Ireland where bonfire night is celebrated by Catholics on June 23 which marks the eve of the birthday of St John the Baptist. We heard that in Cork there were many examples of anti-social behaviour and illegal fires and the council is planning to control the bonfire traditions in a community and family context. We learned also that this night coincides with the Summer Solstice where celebrations and bonfires have been lit throughout ancient pagan times in pre-Christian Ireland.



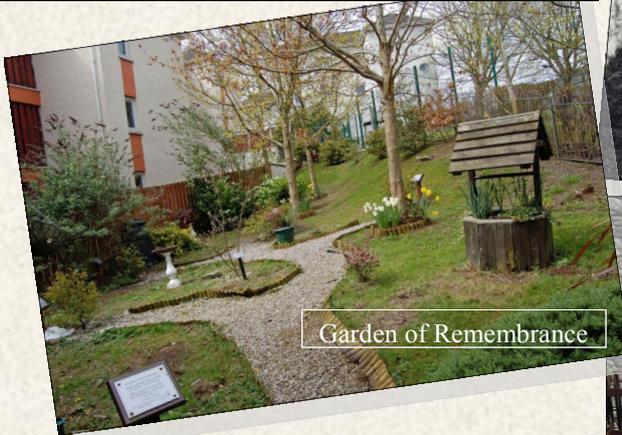
When looking at the picture of the 15 August bonfire at the Lecky Road flyover we couldn't believe how they were able to build it on a major roadway without interference or prevention from the city council in Londonderry or from the PSNI! Look at all those tyres! And where did they steal the flags from?
Bonfire Management Committee.

Cathedral Youth Club members will play a huge part this year in Londonderry's bid for 'Britain in Bloom' and 'Pride in Our City'. In July we proudly highlighted the achievements of the Youth Club in improving our area demonstrating the pride that we have in The Fountain.

The environment, Apprentice Angel, Bastion Plots, the Tourist Trail, Garden of Remembrance and St Columb's Peace Garden all will be highlighted as positive examples of our youth work.



St Columb's Peace Garden



Garden of Remembrance



Bastion Plots



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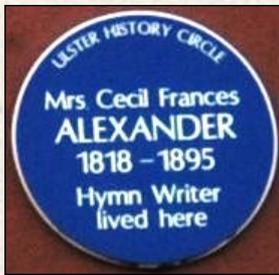
In April we were saddened to lose a much loved and valued friend, Kyle Bonnes, as a result of a tragic accident. He is much missed by his friends in Cathedral Youth Club. Our condolences go to his family. We would like to thank Dean Morton for the moving service he conducted in Kyle's memory in the Garden of Remembrance.



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LONDONDERRY CITY OF CULTURE 2013

The Samba Band gave a concert and performed well in the Guildhall Square and were a credit to Cathedral Youth Club. Congratulations to all concerned!





Graham's Grumbles

I'm sure everyone was as pleased as I was to see Londonderry awarded the UK City of Culture 2013. This should fill us full of hope for a future where we can share in the peace and prosperity the award will surely bring. Surely now we can look forward to tolerance and a new freedom of cultural expression in Londonderry West.



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