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# Malahide Lions Club



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*"We Serve"*

## Keeping in touch

AN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN TO KEEP OUR VALUED PAST MEMBERS AND FRIENDS UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MALAHIDE LIONS CLUB

### *Dear past members and friends*

*We in Malahide Lions Club are proud of the club and the tradition of service which we have inherited from the founder and past members of the club and its many friends and supporters. Thanks to your vision and dedication we are glad to report that the Club is alive and well and is one of the most successful and active in Ireland. This bulletin is the first in an occasional series to keep you informed on how we are continuing to serve and maintain the proud heritage of which you were part.*

*With all good wishes*

*Joseph D Gunning, President 2011/2012*



Steam Train at Malahide station departing for Wicklow

### Some causes recently helped by Malahide Lions:

"Aoife" project; Low Rock Swimming Club; Northside Mediation Service; Light of Maasai Project Kenya; St Francis Hospice; St Michael's House; Suicide Awareness; Irish flood appeal; Haiti and Japan disasters; Sight First; Xmas Appeal; Local and Third World causes and fundraisers; Diabetes awareness.

### Classic & Vintage Car Show

**Malahide Lions Club** combined forces with **Malahide Cricket** and **Dublin North Rotary Club** to host this special occasion to raise funds for Lions and Rotary charities and causes. And what a great day it was! Almost 130 magnificent classic and vintage cars and motorbikes displayed on the day with owners coming from all over the Dublin and the wider Leinster region. The Cricket Club looked amazing with this fabulous collection of old vehicles.

Around 2,000 car lovers, day trippers, families and the plain curious turned up on this fine day with lots of warm sunshine to enjoy the festive atmosphere. **Malahide Market** stalls and local band **"The Fossils"** entertained and the children were treated to slides, an obstacle course, face painting and story telling.

Altogether a most glorious day was had by all. The success of the day and the exceptionally positive reaction of car owners and visitors alike make the likelihood of another show in Malahide next year a distinct possibility.



## STEAM TRAIN OUTING

On Sunday 7 August **Malahide Lions Club** welcomed on board almost 300 day trippers for a nostalgic steam train journey to Wicklow to raise funds for the **Ross Nugent Foundation** in its aim to provide non-medical equipment for the oncology unit in Beaumont Hospital. Run in conjunction with the **Railway Preservation Society of Ireland**, the day was a fantastic celebration of yesteryear with a festive, family atmosphere and more than a few picnic baskets and the odd bottle of bubbly seen. The sun shone during the 3 hour stop-over in Wicklow town adding to the enjoyment and success of the day.



## Aoife project



Aoife is a very brave little girl who is a pupil in St. Michael's House Special National School, Baldoye. She has Cerebral Palsy and cannot speak. She is clever and bright, always cheerful and is the life and soul of the class. She has no way of communicating and must rely on adults to guess what her needs are. She understands everything said to her and would have plenty to say for herself given the means.

*Aoife is a brave, bright young girl who has severe difficulties communicating with the world*

That means have been provided by a **MyTobii** Speech Generating Device. This is essentially a computer operated by the user's eyes instead of a mouse or keyboard.

Recently, three Lions Clubs of **Malahide, Howth/Sutton and Portmarnock** collaborated to organise a concert in the Grand Hotel, Malahide to raise nearly €25,000 for the device. The entertainment was provided by "The Graffiti Classics" who performed classical and traditional music using brilliant arrangements and mischievous

humour TV and radio personality Marty Whelan did a sterling job as MC for the evening.

It was a sell-out show with an auction and a raffle. But the most wonderful thing though was the massive support for the project by members of the entire community whomade generous personal donations, organised a cake sale, organised a sponsored walk and ran a bridge evening. Aoife had captured the imagination of all who learned about her and the possibility of giving her a voice.

*"One of the most inspiring and successful projects we have every been involved with"*

FRANK HIGGINS

So now, to the delight of her mother Nicola, and her sisters, she has that voice, thanks to advanced technology combined with the generosity of people.

### Club activities in 2010- 2011

- Hill Walk
- Christmas Appeal
- Fashion Show
- Steam train outing
- Classic Car Show
- Casino Night
- Bridge Night
- Golf Classic
- Tennis tournament
- Graffiti Classics concert
- Malahide News "Pure Nostalgia" DVD

### "Blast from the past" – recognise anyone from this 1987 club photo?



### Recognition for work of Lions

Malahide Lions Club 2010 President **Brian Dooley** being presented with the "Organisation of the Year Award" at the **Malahide Business Awards 2011** in March 2011.

The award is made each year by **Malahide Chamber of Commerce** to an organisation that has made a significant contribution to the business or community life of the town.



## CLUB PRESIDENTS



**Current President**  
**Joseph D. Gunning**

- 2010 Brian Dooley
- 2009 Sheilagh McGirl
- 2008 Alphonsus O'Dowd
- 2007 Jim Brett
- 2006 Noel Mitchell
- 2005 Barry Donaldson
- 2004 Ger O'Carroll
- 2003 Sean Tangney
- 2002 Tony McCarthy
- 2001 Pat Dunleavy
- 2000 Michael Ryan
- 1999 Fintan Keating
- 1998 Paul Douglas
- 1997 Tony Maverley
- 1996 Tony Maverley
- 1995 Noel Ryan
- 1994 Stephen MacDonagh
- 1993 Michael D'Arcy
- 1992 Tony McCarthy
- 1991 Paul O' Brien
- 1990 Eddie Mc Donnell
- 1989 Jim Mc Cormack
- 1988 Brian Quinn
- 1987 Frank Higgins
- 1986 Joe Bannon
- 1985 Des Killen
- 1984 Donal Hanley
- 1983 Peter Mullock
- 1982 Joe Mc Donnell
- 1981 Jim O' Farrell
- 1980 Richard Smyth
- 1979 Alan Marlborough
- 1978 Charlie O'Connor
- 1977 Alan Lawless
- 1976 Lionel McKee
- 1975 Bill O' Brien
- 1974 Nigel Beamish
- 1973 Nigel Beamish

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