



Baby Bugle

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WEEK 3

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Buns, branches and song
- Easter Egg Hunting
- Birthday celebrations
- Life goes on

The sun shone and the first buds of the magnolia tree presented themselves.

Easter, Sunshine and Celebrations

For most this was indeed an unusual Easter. This year, no weekend breaks, no seaside holidays, no large noisy family gatherings. Even on this most Christian of holidays, our churches lay empty, the simple act of worship in our congregations denied. But despite these changes the spirit of Easter still



filled our lives. To favour us the sun shone, the first buds of the magnolia tree presented themselves, the birds sung, the spring light bathed us, held us and connected us.

For in these unusual circumstances some traditions remained.

On Easter Sunday morning, the sound of bells awoke every house in the Community as Katrina, Patrick, Wiebke and Vincent, donned their gloves and rang their bells at every doorway. Even the cows enjoyed the melodious chiming across the community. A beautiful start to a beautiful day.

As the day continued there was the traditional Easter egg hunt (see inside for pictures) and of course each house enjoyed a delicious celebratory meal.

And then there was the singing. Today there could be no communal get together to sing our songs. Instead something quite remarkable happened.

As the clock struck 4.00 every house started to sing, singing the same



songs in unison, singing to one another, with one another.

Then in a spontaneous moment another song was heard and in the palm of the community, people raised their voices together, sung to the rolling hills, to the birds, the trees and the sky.

This was our Easter Sunday.



Buns, Branches and Song (Our Easter preparations)



Right: Alison and Kathryn rolling out the dough and baking the hot cross buns for Riverstown house. Lucky Riverstown!

Easter preparations continued as normal during Holy Week.

The afternoons saw houses litter picking and good weather meant everyone enjoyed doing it.

Individual houses prepared for Easter, decorating the table branch to welcome springtime. For good Fri-

day, the Bakery made the dough but gave the raw dough to the houses who then rolled and baked their own hot cross buns, an activity well enjoyed. I suspect quite a few of these buns didn't have the chance to cool, the benefits of being the cook!

Singing and bible reading were central to the Easter preparations. A verse from the Bible was read every afternoon to prepare people for Easter. On Maundy Thursday silent supper was observed.

Below: James very carefully adds decoration to the Easter branch in Artaban House, nicely done James!



Singing took place in individual houses each day and all these preparations resulted in us being able to enjoy a very special Easter.



We're going on an egg hunt!

Easter brings many joys and one of those joys is chocolate. Not the usual boring flat bars of chocolate, but egg and bunny shaped chocolate, chocolate dressed in shiny gold foil, chocolate promising much.

Chocolate as delicate and as beautifully presented as this does not give itself up easily. We

have to find it, search for it and then once found we can peel off that golden wrapper and enjoy the fruits of our labour.

We all enjoy an egg hunt.



Above: Dessie finding his nugget of gold under the Rainbow bushes.

Left: Christopher spotting something shiny in Columba undergrowth.



Glenn expecting a big haul... he might have to manage his expectations

Looking, finding, eating.....



Left: Allan helping the Easter Bunny hide eggs, as chocoholic Sigrid (with Yarne) watches carefully... not saying there's an ulterior motive....

Below: Joey takes no chances, he's holding on to his egg. Must have heard Sigrid was about!

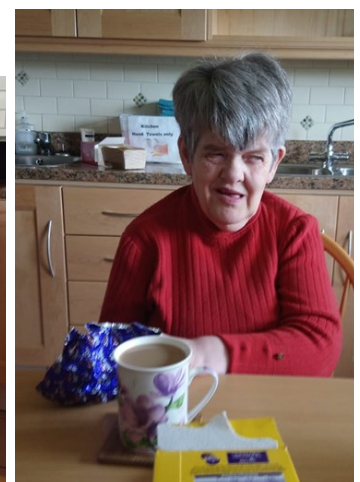


Above: Katherine quickly and with a broad smile finds her egg; and Clare finds one with her name on it.

Right: Jill and Timmy joyfully show off their eggs as David quietly hides his. Brendan has egg in hand.



As the men of Artaban and Columba house continue their search, Caroline, Jo and Thelma get down to the business end of the deal.



Birthday Boys

This week saw two birthday celebrations, one in Artaban house on Monday and the other in Riverstown on Tuesday.

Paul Jerome celebrated his 36th year with his friends in Artaban house. This day was enjoyed by the whole house especially Paul Jerome. Singing commenced with 'The Yellow Submarine', followed by (in no particular order) birthday supper, cakes and presents. Michael the farmer who is now attached to Artaban was the chief cake maker and Marian made cupcakes with a birthday candle for all.

The following day in Riverstown, Glenn hit a mile stone and celebrated his 40th birthday. Again this was a day of joy for all the house and Glenn asked for his favourite supper of chicken and chips. Miriam baked a chocolate cake and then there was the present opening. Glenn welcomed his 40th birthday with a wide smile that remained on this face throughout the day.



Glenn wondering what first, presents or cake... the presents won out but he then got the cake to the table for sharing.



Paul Jerome has the dilemma of which cupcake to blow out first and then which one to eat.. Some problems are worth smiling at.

Life goes on

Life is going on as normal here in Clanabogan, routine has been re-established and the sun still shines. Perhaps Michael from the Farm/ Artaban said it best . "It feels like life is normal here in the

Community as opposed to outside of it, everything is calm and peaceful here, it's when you leave you notice the COVID impact."



Right: Soup still needs to be made and Martin sees to that.



Left: Michael enjoys a seat in the rays of the sun.



Left: Milk still gets delivered by Timmy and his new cart (more on that next week).

Right: There is always time for laughter with friends, as Neil and Paul Jerome enjoy a moment.

