

The 3rd Aaron Hagan Memorial Hunt and Auction took place on January '12 - proceeds raised were donated to Meals on Wheels and Tubber Patrick Cemetery Committee to help restore/replace the Stations of the Cross - in total €8,000 was raised.

Please mark your diaries as the next Hunt is scheduled for January 26th January 2013– All experienced huntsmen/women and happy hackers are invited to attend.

Also Included - Killoe man Mickey Joe Keogh who cycled the 120km distance from the nation's capital Dublin to Longford town. The cycle, which formed part of an overall GAA fundraising initiative linked in with the Route 66 Challenge.

Pictured – Longford Senior GAA Players – Damien Sheridan, Fergal Battrim, Colm P. Smyth, Declan Reilly, Sean McCormack

The Committee and Team Manager Glen Ryan organised a panel of Cyclists from the GAA Senior Team who cycled the equivalent of the famed 4,000km Route 66 road trip in the US on special gym bikes positioned on a viewing area at Longford's Market Square. The event continued throughout the night and into Sunday afternoon with a fun-filled afternoon involving all the county's GAA clubs.

The initiative has been partly inspired by the work of the late Padraic Gearty, himself a great GAA man and staunch supporter of the county team. For that reason proceeds from the event went to Co. Longford Social Services (a charity close to Padraic's heart) with other Charities also benefitting from the event.

Team Manager Glen Ryan told the Longford Leader: "All involved with Longford GAA are well aware of the support that we get every year and it doesn't go unappreciated and we want to give something back."

Longford Social Services supplies nutritious dinners to the elderly in Longford town and county, who for one reason or another are unable to provide a main meal for themselves. The service is provided in the town and county of Longford on a seven day per week basis including Christmas day and other public holidays. A total of 46,758 were delivered in 2011.

This service also provides social contact with the elderly and people living alone, leaving them secure in the knowledge that a friendly volunteer will call on delivery days and respond if an emergency arises.

Other Fundraising events include the annual Ceili, Church Gate Collection (15th & 16th December 2012); Flag Day (Holy Saturday 2012) and the Longford Marathon (August Bank Holiday Weekend).

A sincere thank you to all involved in Fundraising events, your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated.

Also- Thank You to our ever loyal Volunteers, Staff, Chairman & Committee who ensure the smooth running of our organisation.

Longford Social Services is a non profit, voluntary organisation, part subsidised by the HSE, with payment from recipients, together with donations, bequests and fundraising all of which help to ensure the continuance of the service.