

The 4th Aaron Hagan Memorial Hunt and Auction took place in January '13 - proceeds raised were donated to Meals on Wheels and Tubber Patrick Cemetery Committee to help restore/replace the Stations of the Cross - in total €6,000 was raised.

Please mark your diaries as the next Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014– All experienced huntsmen/women and happy hackers are invited to attend.

Meals on Wheels is often the first service that is offered to older people as they become more dependant, but are still capable of continuing to live in their own homes.

The benefits of the service are many as it can improve the nutritional status of clients, provide clients with a measure of social contact particularly important for those who are socially isolated or living in remote areas - leaving them secure in the knowledge that a friendly volunteer will call on delivery days and respond if an emergency should arise.

The service can enable the early detection of problems that require further interventions. In addition the Meals on Wheels service is a local response to local needs.

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 40,612 meals were delivered in 2012.

Other Fundraising events include the annual Ceili, Church Gate Collection (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013); Flag Day (Holy Saturday 2013) 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.