

# Knockmore Céilí Band Visit Portglenone CCÉ



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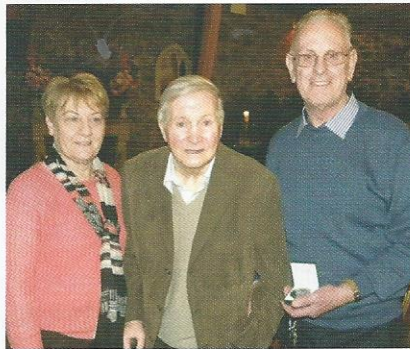
2014 All Ireland Céilí Band Champions, Knockmore Céilí Band, were the star attraction at a concert in The Riverside Suite at The Wild Duck Inn in Portglenone on Friday night. Hosted by the local Portglenone Comhaltas Branch and supported by local acts, Portglenone CCÉ Junior Traditional musicians and Glenullen Scór na nÓg Set Dance group, the concert was a resounding success.

During the first half of the concert, Bean a Tí for the evening, Máire Darragh, and Branch Chairman, Eamon Graham, presented Gradam Ceoil Awards to local musician Robert Close for services

to traditional music. Portglenone Comhaltas Branch members, Geraldine Donnelly and Tony Convery, were also presented with Gradam Ceoil awards for Services to Portglenone CCÉ over the past 30 years.

The second half opened with the Knockmore Céilí Band being piped to the stage by James Andrews from McNeillstown Pipe Band to thunderous applause in recognition of their recent All-Ireland victory. A packed house witnessed a truly remarkable exhibition of Irish traditional music.

After the concert the musicians



Geraldine Donnelly, Robert Close and Tony Convery



stayed in The Wild Duck Inn were a tremendous session followed with local musicians eager to join in which lasted to the wee small hours!

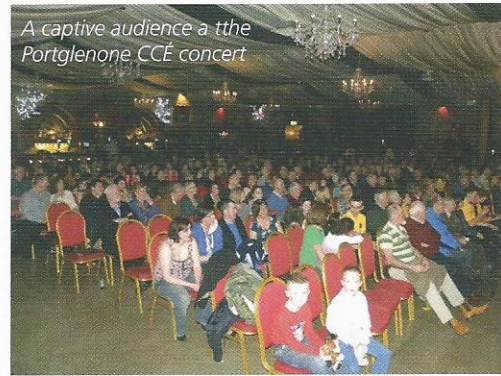
On Saturday well-attended workshops were held with members from the local Comhaltas groups from Portglenone and beyond taking part in a range of instrumental workshops led by the Knockmore Céilí Band members.

The festivities ended on Saturday night with the singing session held in The Men Shed where singers from far and wide joined local vocalists in a wide medley of song well into the night.



Portglenone CCÉ Group audience

A captive audience at the Portglenone CCÉ concert



Workshops at Portglenone CCÉ

