

NEIGH

Editor:

Walk by for child

SCOTLAND

LIMERICK people have been asked to walk 100 kilometres in the Scottish Highlands to raise funds for extending the vitally important Childline service to this area.

The problem of child abuse has been very much in the news in recent times and the Scottish walk will raise money to help fight this growing problem.

Caroline Moloney, divisional organiser with the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, hopes the walk will raise about £100,000 for Childline - the telephone service for children in danger.

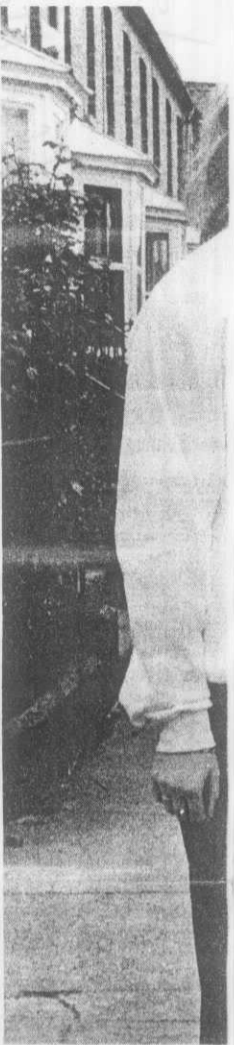
The ISPCC hopes to extend that service to Limerick by the end of this year. At present some 18% of calls to Childline come from this region so the development is urgently needed.

The walk will take place from June 19 to June 27 and will be from Fort William in Northern Scotland to the capital of the Highlands, Inverness.

"We have got a great response to our appeal for volunteers so far and it is our hope that a few more will now join in this walk to raise the funds so urgently needed to help children in danger," Caroline explained.

About 90 of the 100 places have already been filled and the ISPCC are now inviting applications for the remaining 10 places with the deadline for registration being April 30 next.

Special arrangements



Caroline Moloney, seeking Limerick p

will be made for couple groups who are interested in travelling on what will be very much a fun event.

The organisers say they are not looking for marathon runners or four minute milers!

"All we want is ordinary people who enjoy a walk and they will be allowed plenty of time for themselves for shopping and sight-seeing each



At the official opening of the St Mary's Prize Band museum were committee members Gus McCoy, Tony McGrath, Aidan Hurley, vice president; Colum McGrath, treasurer and secretary; Junior Minister Willie O'Dea, Joe Sheehan, Jack McGrath, president, and Derek Mulcahy.

History of prize band preserved in new museum

ST. MARY'S

WHEN Joe "the Dane" Hayes led the attendance in a rousing rendition of the parish anthem - There is an Isle - the new St Mary's Prize Band museum was well and truly open.

Just prior to that the band secretary and treasurer, Colum McGrath, was given the honour of cutting the tape to officially open the museum.

Canon Connellan, PP, blessed the refurbished room and congratulated the committee on the wonderful work they had done in preserving the heritage of St Mary's - something they are justly famous for.

Band president, Jack McGrath, welcomed everyone to the ceremony and said it was good to see all the old familiar faces gathered in the bandroom once again.

The new museum was named after Patrick McNamara, the person who first had the vision to suggest developing such an amenity.

The band's honorary president up to the time of his death, Michael Burke, was also remembered and



Enjoying the official opening of St Mary's Prize Band's new museum were Anne O'Neill, Thomondgate; Lilly Sheehan, Ballinacurra Gardens; Rita Hurley, Corbally, and Kitty Kiely, Treaty Tavern.

had one of the display cabinets named after him.

Jack said the museum was a credit to all those who made it happen and it was a fitting tribute to all the past members of the band.

An appeal was issued to the general public who had any artifacts associated with St Mary's Prize Band down through the years to consider donating them to the museum.

He said it was up to the present members to keep

the tradition going and to pass it on to those coming after them.

He finished his address by quoting from the poem "Ghosts" by W W Gleeson.

Junior Minister, Willie O'Dea, attended and said he was very impressed by the renovations which were a tremendous improvement.

"It is great to see tradition, particularly in this historic part of Limeick, being preserved in such a wonderful manner," he said.

Deputy O'Dea thought it was wonderful to see the

strengthening of communities in the city when throughout the world many older communities were breaking up.

The families of past band members present at the opening included those of the late Captain Michael Danford, Michael Burke, Christy Kiely, Sean Meehan, Michael Pamo Kelly, Sean E Cronin, Jimmy Daly, Jackie Harris, Christy Nash, George Tweedle, Tom McCarthy, John McInerney and Sean Keogh.

Thanked for their contribution to St Mary's band were Kieran O'Neill of Rail Link; flautist Derek Mulcahy, the building contractor who refurbished the room, and Paul McMahon, who built the showcases.

The catering for the opening was done by Lilly Sheehan.

St Mary's Prize Band was founded in 1885 and in the 108 years has had just five presidents: Paddy McNamara, Paddy O'Mahony, Michael Burke, Aidan Hurley and Jack McGrath.



Some of the people who received certificates for the Unemployed.

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Cllr John Quinn, presenting the certificates at a function.