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Tireless worker for over 50 years

Resident Johnny Middleton spent over 50 years of his life fundraising and giving back to the community, so it was no wonder that in 1997 he received the Sligo person of the year award.

Johnny has been a tireless worker on behalf of numerous organisations in Sligo including St. John's School, Cregg House, Nazareth House and Marist Brothers' Past Pupils Union.

Johnny was honoured with the position of President of the Marist PPU 3 times and has been a driving force and an inspiration to the committee. St John's school at Temple Street boasts one of the finest halls in Sligo and much of the credit for this went to Johnny who was President when the hall was erected in 1989. Through extensive fund-raising the hall was paid for in just four and a half years.

Johnny has also raised funds that enabled the sending of five deserving invalids free of charges to Lourdes each year. Johnny and his committee also gave £4,000 to St. John's school each year to further enhance education facilities there. He was credited with the introduction of the Golden Goal fund-raising system in Sligo in the late 1940s and early 1950s that helped junior clubs make 'away games' at a



time when money and petrol were scarce.

Johnny was also believed to be the first to produce a junior soccer football programme and when Sligo Rovers Supporters' Club was established in the 1960s, he was on hand once more to help out with fund-raising. He also worked selflessly on the club's management committee for many years.

Nazareth House was another of Johnny's favourite places and they benefitted enormously from bingo bazaars and raffles he organised. The St. Vincent De Paul Society organisation with whom Johnny has been closely associated with down through the years. Each Christmas the people of Sligo are accustomed to seeing Johnny in the Tesco Arcade

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DID YOU KNOW!

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning

There are hundreds of different types of Cobra. The King cobra is the longest venomous snake in the world, it can reach a length of over 20feet. It is also the only snake that builds a nest for its young.

The first public television pictures were transmitted in 1926. The first TV interview was made with Irish actress Peggy O'Neil in April 1930. The first daily broadcast was started by the BBC in November 1936. The first TV commercial was a 20-second ad for a Bulova clock, broadcasted by WNBT, New York during a game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies in July 1941.

In the 1950's some 80% of chickens in Europe and the US were free-ranging. By 1980, it was only 1%. Today, about 13% of chickens in the West are free-ranging.

The first watch was invented by Heter Henlein (Germany) in 1504. Watches were very expensive until 1868 when cheap pocket watches were produced in Switzerland. In 1922 a London watchmaker, John Harwood invented a self-winding wrist watch. The digital watch was introduced in 1971

The parachute was invented by DiVinci in 1515

Red wine will spoil if exposed to light; hence tinted bottles

A pound of potato chips (crisps) costs 200 times more than a pound of raw potatoes

There are more pyramids in Peru than in Egypt

Names in Iceland's phone books are listed alphabetically by first name not by last

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

LOST IN TRANSLATION

Three men who were a little hard of hearing were walking along a street on a blustery day. One said, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' said the second, 'it's Thursday.' The third man said, 'So am I. Let's have a beer.'

PET NAMES

A widower was invited round to his friends' house for dinner one evening. He was touched by the way the husband preceded every request to his wife with a term of endearment - 'My love', 'Honey', 'Sweetheart', 'Darling', etc. Even though they had been married for nearly sixty years, they were still clearly very much in love.

While the wife was in the kitchen, the guest leaned over to the husband and said, 'I think it's really sweet that after all the years you've been married, you still call your wife by those pet names.'

'To tell the truth,' replied the husband, 'I forgot her real name about ten years ago.'

CHARGE

A farmer, fed up with hikers going through his fields and disturbing his cows and the fierce looking bull, put the following notice on the gate into this field: 'Admission Free—But the Bull will charge'

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BY SEAMUS P. CAHILL



10 QUESTIONS

- 1.) Which actress was the mistress of King Charles II
- 2.) What event does Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture commemorate?
- 3.) In which war was the novel "For Whom The Bell Tolls" set?
- 4.) Which company owned the ill-fated Titanic?
- 5.) Which Archbishop of Canterbury was assassinated in 1170?
- 6.) Which flower is also the name of the Greek goddess of the rainbow?
- 7.) By what nickname was the ornithologist/prisoner Robert Stroud better known as?
- 8.) Who was the last British Prime Minister not to have a wife?
- 9.) How old was Princess Diana when she died?
- 10.) What was the 1st Hand held camera called?

Summer Party

Although it may not seem like it, it is July and it is Summer! So we are planning to hold our Summer Party outdoors . The party will be held n July, the date... well, that will depend on the weather. We will be keeping an eye on the forecast and announcing a date as soon as we can tell that the sun will be shining.

Keep an eye out for posters announcing the Summer Party Date.



Tireless worker for over 50 years

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along with the Marist PPU committee and pupils of St. John's hospital. Christmas was also a time when Johnny and his helpers organised a gift for each patient at St. John's Hospital. He also organised for Santa to visit and give out the gifts.

Cregg House too has been close to Johnny's heart over the years. He arranged for the annual PSV walk from Cloonamahon to Cregg House and this paid for the 'Bus Men's Day out' when all the children were treated to a trip to Bundoran.

The Family Circle has also benefitted from Johnny's incredible fundraising abilities. It has been estimated that he sold between 20 and 30 cards each week in aid of Church funds. Other organisations which Johnny has had a special relationship with include the Gillooly Hall Committee and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Sligo Person of the Year... An award well deserved.

The Sligo Champion, October 8th 1997

MAY MIDDLETON CELEBRATES HER 98TH BIRTHDAY



May Middleton



Family and friends attend May's 98th Birthday

REFLECTION

A prayer for the end of the day.

Grant, O'Lord, that each day
 Before we enter the little death of sleep,
 We may undergo a brief judgement of the
 past day,
 So that every wrong deed may be forgiven
 And every unholy thought set right.
 Let nothing go down into the depths of
 our being
 Which has not being forgiven and sancti-
 fied.

Then we shall be ready
 For our final birth into eternity,
 And look forward with love and hope
 To standing before you,
 Who are both judge and saviour,
 Holy judge and loving saviour.

Fr. Leo Henry.

R.I.P.

Tommy McGoldrick

1st March 1916

9th May 2011

BIRTHDAYS

Marion Collery	1st July
John Jack Kerins	10th July
Rita Barber	10th July
Mary Ward	11th July
Chris Higgins	30th July
Mona Fitzsimons	4th August
John Joe Herity	5th August
Malachy Hannaway	8th August
John Middleton	8th August
Bridie Bree	9th August
Sheila Quinn	12th August

ANSWERS - 10 QUESTIONS

- 1.) Nel Gwyn, 2.) Napoleon's retreat from Moscow, 3.) The Spanish Civil War, 4.) White Star line, 5.) Thomas a Becket, 6.) Iris, 7.) The birdman of Alcatraz, 8.) Margaret Thatcher, 9.) 36 - July 1st 1961 to 31st August 1997, 10.) A Brownie

