

Rev Dr Harold Good OBE MBE guest speaker at Novembers Glens and Dalriada u3a meeting

THE Glens and Dalriada u3a held their monthly meeting in Sheskburn Hall on Wednesday 8th November.

Chairman Patrick O'Donnell introduced and warmly welcomed Rev Dr Harold Good OBE MBE as guest speaker.

Patrick said: "His fascinating PowerPoint presentation was entitled 'The 5 Decommissionings'.

"The spellbound audience was presented with a seventy-five minute precis of his involvement with Peace and Reconciliation initiatives.

"This involvement bears witness not only to his distinguished reputation but also to his vocation as a Methodist Minister.

"The first two examples he gave of decommissioning happened at a local level when guns were handed in to him personally.

"His place in history, though, will be assured when recording the role he and Fr Alec Reid played as independent witnesses, overseeing the decommissioning of weapons in Northern Ireland - an essential requirement of the Good Friday Agreement.

"Furthermore in April 2017 at Bayonne France he and Cardinal Zuppi played a significant role in



Patrick O'Donnell u3a Chairman pictured with Dessie Smith of Ballycastle Community Fridge who provided the refreshments prior to Dr Good. Also included in photo is Dr. Harold Good



Joseph Ferris committee member u3a presenting a gift voucher and honorary membership card to Dr. Good following his inspirational talk.



u3a Chairman Patrick O'Donnell with Dr. Good after his talk to the group last week.

witnessing the handover of ETA's weapons to the French authorities.

"In 2015 he was a member of a delegation from Northern Ireland who travelled to Cuba to provide support for Peace talks between the Colombian Government and the FARC rebel group. (Other members of the delegation were: Paul Maskey-Sinn Fein, Jeffrey Donaldson-DUP and Mark Durkan-SDLP)" The meeting

concluded with a standing ovation in appreciation and recognition of a charismatic figure whose courage, wisdom and discernment are beacons of Hope.

Rev Harold Good's quest for peace finds resonance in the Methodist 2021 Conference "...the desire for a lasting peace can only be based on trust, security and freedom from fear for all people"