New book sheds light on 19th Century radical

Crawford’s pivotal role in Ulster politics

William Sharman Crawford and Ulster Radicalism: The Definitive Biography of a Pioneering Agrarian and Democratic Radical

William Sharman Crawford (1780–1861). This comprehensive work, authored by Peter Gray, is the first full biography of Crawford, the leading agrarian and democratic radical who played a pivotal role in Ulster politics from the 1830s to 1850s. Gray, a distinguished historian and author, provides a meticulously researched and engaging narrative that sheds light on the enduring impact of William Sharman Crawford and his family’s political legacy.

Crawford’s political journey is traced from his father’s involvement in the Volunteers during the American and French revolutions to William’s leadership in various Irish and British radical reform movements, including the Repeal Association, Chartism, and the Tenant League. The biography explores Crawford’s relentless pursuit of reconciling Irish patriotism with the Union through his concept of ‘Federalism.’ It also delves into his efforts to be an ‘ideal landlord’ during times of agrarian unrest and famine, as well as his unwavering commitment to achieving land and welfare reforms that would empower both tenant farmers and the labouring poor.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School appeal is huge success

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PUPILS from Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School in Dunmurry collected almost 400kg of food and a variety of household essentials including cleaning products in their Christmas appeal for the South West Foodbank based on the Stewartstown Road.

The food alone collected equates to well over £900 and on the Trussell Index is enough to provide approx 920 meals.

“The appeal started in early December and the products were delivered in time for Christmas,” Principal, Nicola Dougan said she was delighted and humbled by the generosity of the pupils and their families, particularly in these exceptionally difficult financial times.

“We try to impress upon our children that there are people in our community who are much less fortunate than ourselves,” she said. “The pupils appear to have taken this message to heart and responded accordingly. “The sheer amount of foodstuff and essentials collected has been absolutely breathtaking. “I would genuinely like to thank both our pupils and their families for the time, effort and generosity that they put into this exceptionally worthwhile venture.

“As well as benefitting the most vulnerable in our society and community it also helps our pupils to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.”

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School Principal Nicola Dougan and pupils

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