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They’re on the homeward leg of an epic round the world race and will receive a ‘Legenderry’ welcome back to Europe when they reach their next port of call.

To mark the stopover in Londonderry of the Clipper Round The World Yacht Race, BBC Northern Ireland will bring viewers a flavour of the celebrations taking place which are expected to attract thousands of families and sightseers to the city.

The homecoming celebration, one of the biggest events in preparation for Derry-Londonderry’s year as UK City of Culture in 2013, will see the city welcome the racing yachts to the Foyle including a very special boat bearing the city’s name.

Claire McCollum and Gavin Andrews will present The Clipper Homecoming Festival starting at 7.00pm on BBC One Northern Ireland on Friday, July 06. The one-hour programme will bring viewers across Northern Ireland the sights and sounds of the homecoming celebrations and a taste of the atmosphere on the day (Friday, July 06).

It will reflect on some of the highlights of the homecoming celebrations including the musical acts, a look at the heritage of the city and the Foyle and the family attractions.

Viewers will get to hear the first-hand experiences of some of the Clipper crews about what it was like to take part in the race that spans 40000 miles of ocean setting sail from Southampton in July last year.

Presenter Claire McCollum said: “I’m delighted to be co-hosting BBC Northern Ireland’s coverage of the Clipper Homecoming programme with Gavin. We will be capturing all the colour as these magnificent yachts and their crews take centre stage for a really colourful maritime festival on the Foyle. Among the highlights for me will be meeting some of the intrepid men and women who have swapped their everyday lives to sail around the world, finding out what it’s like to live and work in such close quarters on board these vessels!”

The programme will also look at how ‘shipshape’ the city is in preparation for its big year as UK City of Culture in 2013.

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When Olenka Frenkiel came to Northern Ireland as a reporter in the late 1970s, she heard about a photo of a youth football team taken in 1969. The team was based at the Star of the Sea youth club near Rathcoole; it didn’t matter what religion you were, you just needed to be a good player.

In 1983 this unremarkable photograph was the starting point for Olenka’s ground-breaking documentary, Old Scores. By then everything had changed for Northern Ireland and the members of the football team. Three of the players were involved with paramilitary groups. One of them, a young Bobby Sands had become a Republican hunger striker and MP. Two others had served time for loyalist paramilitary offences.

In Old Scores players spoke for the first time about how their utopian dream team had been scattered and shattered by the arrival of the Troubles.

Now nearly 30 years on, What Happened Next – Old Scores, the reporter Olenka Frenkiel revisits Rathcoole and looks back at Star of the Sea, a team she believes showed how sport had the power to cross Northern Ireland’s sectarian divide.

Left to right: Journalist Olenka Frenkiel reminisces with Raymond McCord, Willie Caldwell and Dessie Black, former players from Star of the Sea football club.

Three former Star of the Sea players revisit their old haunts, travel back to the pitch where they played, remembering their friends and the good times when they had no thought of politics or religion.
In A Quiet Place

New BBC Radio Ulster documentary looks at the lives of Benedictine monks in the Holy Cross monastery in Co Down

In A Quiet Place, BBC Radio Ulster, Sunday, July 1 at 1.30pm

In an increasingly busy and noisy modern world it can be difficult to find a bit of peace and quiet, but a new documentary on BBC Radio Ulster aims to bring a little calm to the airwaves as Marie McStay meets the monks of Holy Cross monastery in Co Down.

In A Quiet Place, on BBC Radio Ulster on Sunday, July 1 at 1.30pm, is a profile of the six Benedictine monks who live a quiet life of prayer, work and reflection in the beautiful Kilbroney Valley, nestled in the foothills of the Mournes and overlooking Carlingford lough.

A familiar voice to many listeners as a reporter on BBC Radio Ulster’s Your Place and Mine programme, Marie lives near the monastery in Rostrevor and has been a visitor there for many years.

Marie says: “I wanted to explore the radical approach lived by these six men, to discover why they choose this life and why they came to Northern Ireland. As monks, they live by The Rule of St Benedict - written in the 6th Century by a man who was so frustrated with the chaos surrounding him in society that he stepped aside to find peace and quiet in order to worship God. The monastery is a place of silence and serenity and offers a space where people can take a moment to be by themselves and spend time with their thoughts.”

Marie McStay with the Benedictine monks from Co Down’s Holy Cross monastery

In A Quiet Place blends atmospheric sounds of life in the monastery with the serene chanting and inspirational stories of the six monks themselves. We learn that they arrived here from the Abbey of Bec in Normandy and opened their new monastery in 2004 to help work towards peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

The community is well-known for their forward-thinking approach to spirituality and regularly welcome people of all faiths and none to their services. Marie discovers that hundreds of people from all over the world visit the monastery for retreat, searching for some solitude, quiet and inner peace.

As they work in their kitchen, candle workshop and laundry, the monks reveal why they chose a monastic life, the importance of silence to their faith, and how we could all benefit from a little quiet time in our lives. Four of the monks are French, including a theoretical mathematician and a former antiques dealer, and Marie also meets the community’s newest member, Brother Joshua from the Yucatán area of Mexico, who is from a Presbyterian background. The monastery’s superior, Belfast man Father Mark Ephrem Nolan, says the community came here because they hoped in some small way to “help heal the deep wounds of division that exist in this land”.

In A Quiet Place is an intimate portrait of monastic life and, for some, may offer a little interlude of peace and quiet in an otherwise busy life.

In A Quiet Place can be heard on BBC Radio Ulster on Sunday, July 1, 1:30pm.

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Projects across Northern Ireland currently funded by BBC Children in Need were invited to a reception in the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings this week to celebrate their work with MLAs and community representatives.

Guests heard from supported projects that included MACS (Mulholland After Care Service) where vulnerable young people are mentored to help them develop and achieve their goals through positive and fun relationships. Ballymoney Community Resource Centre also shared experiences of their Rock School, engaging disabled children and young people in a programme of creative activities, including last year a jamming session with Jedward!

Also speaking at the event was Jane Black from Buttle UK. Buttle UK is itself a funder that is supported by BBC Children in Need to provide individual hardship grants through their Emergency Essentials Pro-
William Hay MLA, Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly; Paddy Sloan, National Head BBC Children in Need Northern Ireland; Jennifer McCann MLA, Junior Minister.

Clare and Stephen Burns, Andersonstown Contemporary Music School joined with Paddy Sloan, National Head BBC Children in Need Northern Ireland to treat guests to some traditional music during the reception.

gramme, helping families to meet children’s most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in or a cooker to give them a hot meal.

Paddy Sloan, National Head, BBC Children in Need, Northern Ireland, said: “I am really pleased today to meet with so many enthusiastic, positive and hardworking groups who are focussed relentlessly on the aim of making life that little bit better for those within their community. I am especially grateful to the Speaker, Mr William Hay MLA for inviting us all here to share our experiences, and to MLAs who have taken the time to join us and to hear about the valuable work going on in their constituencies. Since 1980 BBC Children in Need has raised over £600 million to help disadvantaged children in the UK, and this year alone over £3m will go to local projects here in Northern Ireland.”