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'Stay positive and live life to the fullest'

By DYLAN WHITE
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A 23-year-old Tipperary man with epilepsy is "living life to the fullest" after a difficult ten years.

Mullinahone's Chris O'Brien lost his dream apprenticeship and was told he would have to take some time off the road because of the central nervous system disorder, but he is staying positive and driving on with his future plans to become a salesman.

"I only had seizures when I was asleep at first but when I turned 20 I started having them during the day. What upset me the most was when I was told I had to stop driving and had to sell the car. I have to be seizure free for a year before I can drive again. It's not ideal always looking for bus and train times and relying on lifts," Chris tells South Tipp Today.

"I was an apprentice plumber two years ago, and at the end of the first year the foreman called me in and said 'you didn't tell me you had epilepsy' even though I put it on the form at the start. He said I was a liability and let me go. He said nobody in the trade would ever take me on



Mullinahone's Chris O'Brien.

and that it would be best I get out of the trade. It was a real knock back because I loved being a plumber and it's what I had always set my mind on doing," he continues.

Chris was left "shocked" after being diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 13. "I was down in Irish camp and went to bed one night and when I woke up there were a load of people around me. I had a seizure in my sleep and was brought to hospital where the doctor said it was triggered by tiredness and that it was a once off. But it happened again and again. I had to go to Dublin for an MRI and that's when I was told I had epilepsy. It was a shock because I didn't know what I could and

couldn't do," Chris admits.

But learning to cope with epilepsy over the past decade has made Chris a stronger person, and he is thankful to his family and friends for their support. He is currently studying Epilepsy Ireland's flagship course Training For Success at IT Sligo, and plans to pursue a degree in Marketing and Sales in the future.

"I still play hurling and football in Sligo and go for pints with the lads. Even in secondary school at Presentation Ballingarry people knew I had it and never treated me differently. My friends have never said 'we can't hang around with you

because you have epilepsy'," Chris highlights.

Monday 12th February marks World Epilepsy Day, and Chris is encouraging people struggling to deal with an epilepsy diagnosis to stay positive. "My main advice to people who are just after being diagnosed is to not let it hold them back or get them down. Hang around with people who are positive, and if people don't want to hang around with you because you have epilepsy then they are not your real friends. If you want to play sport do it, unless a doctor tells you not to. And as the saying goes, live life to the fullest," he adds.



Cillian O'Connor and Eoin Keating at rehearsals for Cahir Pantomime's upcoming production of Robinson Crusoe. See more community news on pages 11 and 31.

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Clonmel family to take on Extreme Zipline Challenge for ISPCC Childline

Clonmel businesswoman Tracey O'Keeffe and her family are limbering up for a courageous challenge and calling on adventure enthusiasts across the South East to join them.

This April, the intrepid family will soar through the skies at speeds in excess of 100mph when they take on the fastest zip line in the world in aid of national child protection charity, the ISPCC.

The charity, which provides services including Childline, is presenting supporters with an exhilarating opportunity to hurtle over scenic Snowdonia, Wales, by taking part in Zip World Velocity on Saturday 21st April.

The prospect of this day trip with a difference has already piqued the interest of many with a thirst for adventure, including Tracey, who owns and runs Play and Learn Creche and Montessori on the Cahir Road in Clonmel, along with her daughters Rebecca (24) and

Rachel (18) and son Matthew (20).

"When my 18-year-old daughter Rachel spotted the ISPCC's Zipline Challenge and suggested we take it on, we decided to do it and we're going to give it our all," Tracey says.

"I work with children every day and I meet their parents and carers every day. My husband and I have also been involved in fostering children. It upset me, therefore, to read that over 1,000 children contacted Childline on Christmas day. It's terrible to think there are children out there who are cold and hungry and to whom Santa doesn't arrive.

"The Zipline looks very impressive. Even though we haven't really done anything like it before, we can't wait to take part. We've started fundraising and would absolutely appreciate any support towards our endeavor for this very worthy cause," Tracey adds.

Tracey, Rebecca, Rachel and Matthew will join participants travelling by ferry to

Holyhead on the day, before being taken by coach to begin their adventures. After completing Little Zipper, a line to build confidence, the participants will ascend Penrhyn Quarry towards the Big Top of Velocity. This is where the pulsating fun starts.

Whetting appetites further still, participants on the day will also have the opportunity to experience the thrilling Zip World Fforest Coaster set in the idyllic Conwy Valley.

By taking part in this adventure of a lifetime, 'zipper' will help to raise vital funds for the national child protection charity. Those taking part are asked for a deposit of €150 to secure their place on the trip and to fundraise €500 in support of the ISPCC's work. The ISPCC delivers innovative child-centered services, including Childline, in a number of locations throughout Ireland. As Ireland's only 24-hour listening service for children and young people, Childline provides free, confidential and non-judgmental sup-



Rachel (18), Tracey, Matthew (20) and Rebecca (24) O'Keeffe.

port.

As part of her family's fundraising ahead of the ISPCC Extreme Zipline Challenge, Rebecca O'Keeffe has set up a donations page on Facebook

in her name. Alternatively, anyone wishing to support this delightfully daring endeavor is welcome to drop donations into Play and Learn Creche and

Montessori on the Cahir Road in Clonmel. All involved in the business will be cheering on Tracey, Rebecca, Rachel and Matthew each exhilarating second of the way.

Carrick-on-Suir to benefit from project to replace old water mains

Residents and businesses in the Carrick-on-Suir will benefit from a much more secure and reliable water supply as a result of an Irish Water project to replace 5km of the aging Crotty's Lake Trunk main. The section of main being replaced provides water to parts of Carrick-on-Suir from the Crotty's Lake supply and has been subject

to frequent bursts and a high level of leakage in recent years, leading to regular disruptions to supply for customers.

This project will address this problem by replacing the aging mains with modern plastic water mains. Mark O'Duffy, Water Networks Programme Regional Lead with Irish Water, com-

mented: "By replacing this old section of water main we will resolve what has become a regular problem of supply outages due to burst pipes. This will benefit the residents and businesses in Carrick-on-Suir and surrounding areas by providing them with a secure and reliable water supply.

"This work will also reduce

leakage on the network which will help to reduce the volume of treated water that is lost unnecessarily and will result in improved water pressure for customers."

Construction work got underway on 22nd January and is expected to take five months to complete. During that time, the project team will work closely with the

local community to minimise any disruption to customers.

The work sections will be limited to short sections and traffic management arrangements will be put in place to minimise impact on customers. The works may involve some short-term water shut offs and the project team will ensure that customers are given a minimum of 48 hours prior notice of any planned water shut offs. Customers can contact the Irish Water call centre on 1850 278 278 if they have any queries.

This project forms part of Irish Water's national Leakage Reduction Programme which will see an investment of over €500 million nationally over the next four years to improve the public water supply. These works will ensure that customers have a more reliable service and experience fewer water outages due to burst pipes and leaks. The new pipes will also ensure a clean and safe water supply for all our customers.

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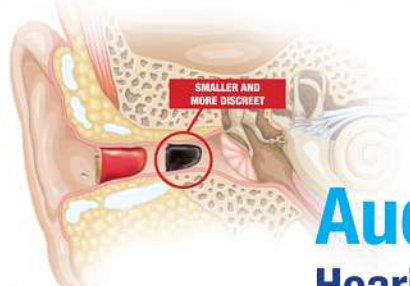
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Research report launched to over 100 businesses and agencies

Months of research, analysis and debate came together in the Anner Hotel, Thurles, recently with the official launch by the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office and Tipperary Education and Training Board of their training and skills gap report.

The report, entitled 'Analysis of the Education, Training and Business Support Needs of Companies in County Tipperary', provided a detailed review of employee training and education gaps in the county.

The event was attended by over 100 local businesses and agency representatives.

The report was commissioned jointly by the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Education and Training Board. The appointed research agency, Marla Communications, engaged directly with 110 Tipperary companies to identify their challenges, concerns and gaps in the areas of employee training, skills and education. The research focused mainly on companies with over 10 employees, and spanned a wide spectrum of business sectors including manufacturing, tourism, retail and customer services.

Officially launching the

report, Roger Kennedy, Leas Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, applauded the local agencies for their initiative in taking this research forward, highlighting the value the insights now bring to all employers and agencies in the county. "Tipperary has a working population of 700,000 within an hour's commute, and we are within an hour of nine leading third level colleges. Continuous monitoring of training and development needs is essential to ensure we have an adequate supply of skilled people to meet present and future needs".

Cllr. John Hogan, chairperson of Tipperary Education and Training Board, acted as master of ceremonies on the night, introducing those directly involved in the research initiative, including Rita Guinan, Head of Enterprise at the LEO, Eileen Condon, Director of Further Education and Training and Sheila Gallogly, Managing Director of Marla Communications. Rita Guinan highlighted the timely nature of the report, having had direct contact with employers on their skills shortage issue in recent months. Eileen Condon spoke of current and future employment trends and of particular further education and training programmes in Tipperary

Education and Training Board that have strong employment outcomes, namely Post Leaving Certificate Programmes, Apprenticeships, VTOS courses and the Skills for Work programme that upskills the employed. She also referred to the growing demand for apprenticeships in Irish industry, and the opportunities for women in traditional craft apprentices.

Post the panel presentations, a lively round table discussion followed, with businesses from all sectors sharing their views on how to take the 'next step'. All attendees agreed with the report recommendation to set up an Employers Forum to allow for the sharing of insights, exchanging of ideas and exploring the training and upskilling requirements of the businesses in the county.



Back l-r: Edmond Connolly (manager, Regional Skills Forum, South East), Cllr. Roger Kennedy (Leas Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council), Rita Guinan (Head of Enterprise, Tipperary County Council), Eileen Condon (director, Education and Training Board), Con Trass (chairman, Tipperary Food Producers), Cllr. John Hogan (chairman, Education and Training Board). Front: Joe Leddan (manager, Regional Skills Forum, Mid West) and Sinead Carr (Director of Services, Tipperary County Council).



Belle Voci Choir raise €815 for Friends of Bridgewater House and Knocklofty Rural Day Service

Belle Voci Choir's recent charity concert in St. Joseph's Church, Ferryhouse, raised €815 for Friends of Bridgewater House and Knocklofty Rural Day Service.

Belle Voci chairperson Marion Connors presented the cheque to George Hogg of Friends of Bridgewater House and Knocklofty Rural Day Service. George expressed his gratitude for the donation and explained that it would go towards the purchase of three extra seats for their specially adapted mini-bus.

The candlelit concert was a huge success, and as well as the choir there were performances from singer Sean Callaghan, musician

Dave Corbett, Maria Fennessy with her young students, and soloist Madeleine Hearn.

Under the musical direction of Eamon O'Malley, with accompanist Mary Rose McNally, the choir performed the Irish premiere of the music of renowned composer and conductor Bob Chilcott - 'The Mid-night of your Birth'.

The choir are grateful to Fr. Paddy Pierce for the use of St. Joseph's Church for the concert venue and for rehearsals on Monday evenings. Their next performance event will be their summer concert in May for which rehearsals are already afoot.

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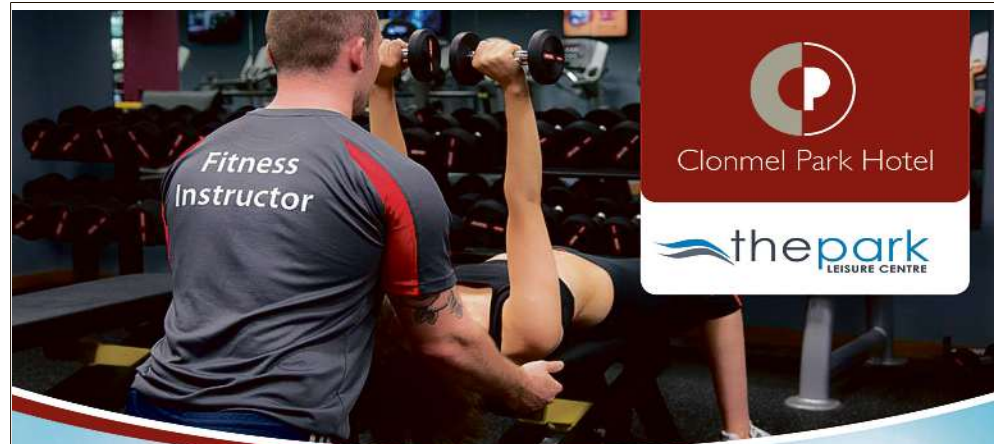


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'Tipperary town roads are worse than that of a third world country'

The state of the roads in Tipperary town is getting a lot of traction on Facebook recently with people being encouraged to write to Tipperary County Council and to contact their TDs and councillors about the shocking situation facing car owners and pedestrians in the town every day, writes Canon Hayes Recreation Centre chairman Martin Quinn.

The Tipp Town Facebook page is asking people to copy and paste a letter from a Tipperary citizen and forward it to Customer Services at Tipperary County Council. The letter raises the issue of the serious condition of the roads in Tipperary Town and surrounding areas, and says: 'It looks like the people of Tipperary town and the hinterland surrounding it have been completely forgotten about. We have listened to broken promises one after another and now the day has come where our roads are worse than that of a third world country'.

The letter goes on to say that if anything happens to their car because of the disgraceful condition of the roads that they will be holding Tipperary County Council responsible. They hope that hundreds of emails will be sent and that the powers that be will have to listen if they get many complaints in writing.

People commenting on the post on Facebook are venting their anger also at politicians who they claim have neglected the town for years. One poster says that 'It shouldn't have to resort to this but Tipperary town has never really had a strong political figure who can talk in the right circles in Dublin and hence infrastructure and a major employer coming or staying in the town has passed us by over the years'.

Another person highlights: 'The roads are an absolute disgrace what are our

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local councillors doing?' Another adds: 'Tipperary town is a joke, driving from Cashel road to Limerick road is a disgrace with potholes and no one is doing anything about it'.

Road conditions are compared to third world countries, with one poster underlining: 'I've actually been in third world countries where the roads are better than what they are here. And that is no exaggeration'.

Another poster writes about the damage done to their vehicle: 'Limerick road is a joke. Made bits of a leaf spring on the back of my van during the week cost almost €750 to get repaired. Yet we are paying top dollar for rates in the town'.

The rates issue surfaces a lot in the post with many saying to stop paying road tax

until Tipperary town streets and roads are resurfaced. However, most posters feel that the best course of action is to write to Tipperary County Council and to TDs and councillors.

Along with the concern for vehicles, there is also great concern expressed for the safety of pedestrians, with many worried about the risk of an accident. Somebody will have a serious accident, yet another local person underscores: 'You can't even cross the road without dodging a pothole. I for one am sick of it. Will it take a serious accident or a child falling in a pothole out in front of a car to get it fixed? Pure disgrace it is'.

Based on the thread on Facebook, there is huge anger and genuine concern about the state of the roads in Tipperary town and hinterland.



Kathy features in powerful video about dementia diagnosis

A Tipperary woman with dementia features in a powerful video launched to educate healthcare professionals about supports needed when a person receives a dementia diagnosis.

Cashel's Kathy Ryan, who was diagnosed with early onset dementia in 2014, heartbreakingly described 'fading away' in front of her two sons Andrew and Matt in an interview with South Tipp Today last April.

Kathy features in the new video 'The Experience of a Dementia Diagnosis', which is a joint campaign by the Irish Dementia Working Group (IDWG) and the Dementia Carers Campaign Network (DCCN), developed to highlight the different experiences that people have of receiving a diagnosis including people of different ages, genders and with different types of dementia.

The video includes personal experiences from people with dementia and family carers, including members of the IDWG and the DCCN.

In addition to this, the advocates are joined by Dr. Tony Foley from the PREPARED project (Primary Care Education, Pathways and Research of Dementia), a three-year



national primary care dementia project which aims to support GPs and primary care team members in their delivery of integrated dementia care in the community.

In the coming months, the two advocacy groups, which are both coordinated and supported by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will seek opportunities to present to healthcare professionals including GPs, public health nurses, geriatricians, neurologists, memory clinics, physicians, Nursing Homes Ireland and third-level students about this issue.

All healthcare professionals are being encouraged to visit dementiathways.ie, which is a web-based clinical education resource designed for Irish GPs and community based healthcare professionals.

Dementiathways.ie is part of PREPARED, which is a

project that is part of the overall implementation of the Irish National Dementia Strategy.

The number of people with dementia in Ireland is expected to more than double over the next 20 years, from 55,000 today to 113,000 in 2036. Dementia affects 50 million people worldwide – a number that will almost triple by 2050.

Kathy, who is a member of the IDWG, said: "I was told I had mild cognitive impairment – that didn't sound so bad. But as I was crossing the carpark [following the meeting], I met the nurse who had assessed me, she apologised for not being with me for the diagnosis. I thanked her and said I was fine. Again she apologised. In that moment I knew, either I hadn't heard something or something hadn't been said. I asked her: 'Are you saying I have Alzheimer's?' And the answer was 'yes'. Even though it can be heartbreaking to hear those words for the first time, I would have preferred if I had been told straight out that I had dementia. For me, not using the word gives it more power and helps to reinforce the stigma that, as people living with the condition, we are fighting against."



Cashel Community School's transition year business project students who run the school bank 'The Pennywise Bank' made a presentation of a cheque for €250 to The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland recently. The students held various fundraisers since September such as a table quiz, a popcorn stand and a makeup masterclass. All proceeds from these events were donated to the society.

Cllr. Richie Molloy hits out at Good Friday alcohol ban being lifted

Independent councillor Richie Molloy says he is disappointed with the abolishing of the ban on pubs opening on Good Friday.

Cllr. Molloy expresses the view that the passing of legislation in the Dáil to allow the sale of alcohol on Good Friday

is "the end of another bit of Irish culture" and believes "it's typical of Government to abolish this law so easily and yet has dragged its heels with allowing the sale of alcohol so freely in the various supermarkets around the country".

He continues: "The sale of cheap alcohol in supermarkets has led to huge problems in Ireland and this is the area that should have been tackled".

Cllr. Molloy feels publicans would have been happy to close on Good Friday.

"It would allow pub owners to renovate premises and gives staff time off on fixed days of the year".

In his criticism of the Intoxicating Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2017 being signed into law, Cllr. Molloy suggests that Government could have

taken the opportunity to ensure Good Friday was a national awareness day with a focus on a healthy relationship with alcohol. "Government could have used Good Friday as educational awareness on drinking and its effect on growth and personal

development".

Cllr. Molloy adds: "I cannot see any merit in the Government's arguments that it will increase tourism as Ireland and Tipperary have plenty to offer as an alternative if the pub happens to be closed on Good Friday."

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Rathgormack National School triumph at Schools Quiz

Carrick-on-Suir Credit Union's Schools Quiz proved more popular than ever at the Carraig Hotel on 26th January.

Winners in the under 11 category were the Rathgormack National School team consisting of Rebecca Murray, Joanne Brunnock, Megan McCormack and Ava Connolly. Teacher: Deborah Cahill Fogarty.

Winners in the under 13 category were the Rathgormack National School team consisting of Oscar Brunnock, Eimear Skehan, Ellen Bolger and Sarah-Jane O'Hickey. Teacher: Maggie Flynn.

Well done to the winning teams as they achieved terrific high scores. Runners up in both categories were Granemockler National School.



Rathgormack National School's under 11 and 13 teams had great success at the Carrick-on-Suir Credit Union Schools Quiz.

Rockwell advance to the quarter final of Munster Senior Cup

ROCKWELL COLLEGE 15 CASTLETROY 7

Rockwell College survived a late second half scare from Castletroy (Limerick) to advance to the quarter final of the Munster Senior Schools Rugby Cup.

Rockwell opened strongly with the wind at their backs and were rewarded with a well taken try by no. 11 Conor Pearson to the right of the posts. Jake Flannery narrowly kicked the conversion to the left of the posts.

Conall Kennedy made some terrific tackles in this period to deny Castletroy's attempted advances, and Jake then added a further three points from a penalty 15 minutes into the game.

Three minutes later a brilliant break through by full back Ryan O'Sullivan saw him offload to Dylan Farrelly who neatly weaved through defenders to go over the line and touch down, while Jake Flannery added the extras.

Rockwell went for the jugular with their tails up - they pummelled the Castletroy backline for the next ten minutes and were rewarded with two penalties. They elected to kick to touch but infringed from both when the kick for posts might have been the wiser choice. Despite their territorial superiority, Rockwell went in at half time only 15-0 to the good.

Playing the second half with conditions in their favour, Castletroy tested Rockwell's resolve but were met with resolute defending and were driven back any time they entered Rockwell's 22. Sean Madden and Joseph

Johnson were moving at speed into the line, creating all sorts of problems for the Rockwell defence. They were rewarded 12 minutes into the second half with a beautiful kick through by Michael O'Halloran and pick up by J. Johnson to score under the Rockwell posts - an excellent individual score which was converted by Sam Burns.

Jack Harney was an outstanding leader, Conall Kennedy and Robert Browne at second row excelled, Ryan O'Sullivan cleaned up at full back, while the Ryan brothers were a proverbial thorn in the Castletroy side with their pace and physique.

Rockwell displayed great guile throughout and were more physically dominant. However, they made too many handling errors and will need to improve greatly to get past Crescent in Thomond Park.

Coach, Kevin Leamy, stated that they were happy to get over the line and recognise that there is still work to be done.

Rockwell: Ryan O'Sullivan, Conor Pearson Jack Hunt, Andrew Daly, Dylan Farrelly, Jake Flannery, Oisín Mangan, Darragh Molloy, James O'Meara, Brendan Ryan, Stephen Grogan, Robert Browne, Conall Kennedy, Jack Harney, Ciaran Ryan.

Replacements: Tom Dowling, Tom Russell, Cathal Hayes, Niall O'Hanrahan (58 for S. Grogan), Harry Tobin, John O'Sullivan (65 for O. Mangan), Maurice O'Sullivan (65 for J. Hunt), Sean Cotter (68 for D. Farrelly).



Rockwell's Ryan O'Sullivan on the move.



Rockwell's Andrew Daly attacking the Castletroy defence.



Jack Harney on one of his many forays.



Rockwell hooker James O'Meara.

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A spring in our step

Wildlife Matters

Albert Nolan

The threatening rain was holding off, but the dark clouds encouraged us to stay near to the school.

Still there was plenty of nature to be discovered, and often the most interesting wildlife stories are right under your nose.

I was in St. Michael's Girls National School in Tipperary town. We started of inside the classroom, and discussed that the winter is slowly fading into spring and some of the signs of that change. Birds are singing more, and flowers like snowdrops and crocus are blooming.

Outside in the schoolyard, we examined the purple and white heather in a bed. The girls were aware that these flowers are important for early queen bees, and packed full of life building pollen and nectar.

Nature is a feast for all the senses including our noses. I passed around the purple flowers of winter heliotrope, which have a very fragrant scent. The leaves were also out, and I loved the description from one of the students that they looked like frog pads.

We closed our eyes and listened to a robin singing. I asked the students to describe as best they could any bird they see and to use their hands to give its size. Learning to describe plumage and size are two basic skills of a birdwatcher, and you can never start too early.

Next we saw a pied wagtail in the school yard. He is a familiar bird as he resident in the school throughout the year. We went through our checklist, from his long wagging tail, black and white plumage and about the size of a closed fist.

Through the back gate brought us to the back of St. Michael's Church. Old stone walls are often overlooked habitats, but are full of interesting plants. Growing from the mortar we found wall rue, valerian and Maidenhair spleenwort.

Ivy tumbled over the wall, and I explained that the berries are eaten by birds and that they will also nest in the tangle of branches. We squashed a few between our fingers and the seeds popped out. Insects like moths and bees also feed on the ivy flowers.

Another robin greeted us with a song, and the girls saw a yellowish bird with white cheeks and a black line down its belly. From the bird guide, we identified them as a pair of great tits that were foraging in the ash trees.

At the side of the sports complex, we talked about an unusual tree. Eucalyptus trees are normally found in Australia, where they are the food plant of the Koala bear. These seem to survive fine in Ireland's wet and cold climate, and this tree was at least 20 years old. The bark is peeling, but like the London plane, this is a good adaptation to deal with pollution.

By the base of an old stone wall we found empty snail shells, and many of these were damaged and centred on a large stone. I showed the class a photo of the song thrush that uses a stone called an anvil to break open the hard shells and get at the soft bodies.

The path between the church and the scout's hall revealed a bird that appeared in the student's homework. A sharp teacher spotted a collared dove on the branch of the tree and we marvelled at its pinkish colours with a neat black colour. The previous

nights they had to learn the word 'dove' as part of their spellings.

The tall spire of the church drew our eyes up and we saw a grey hooded crow at the very top. We could see its grey belly, and from there they have a fantastic view into the schools and can watch for the end of breaks. Even the toiling Angelus bells failed to make the bird move on. A robin hopped along the ground giving the class good views until it disappeared underneath a car.

Back on the street we picked some long catkins from a tree, and a song thrush obliged us with a burst on song from a well wooded garden. He repeated each phrase three times, and this helped identify the bird.

Just as we were leaving after lunch I was gently reminded that I promised to call in to another class and listen to their reports from their nature walk. The student's reports were excellent, and they even had a drawing of me out enjoying nature.

As I got into my car I heard a wren singing and a beautiful male bullfinch came down to feed on the lawn in front of the car. A perfect end to a great morning exploring nature.

The news around the environment is often dire, but the interest these students are showing is hope for us all and the future of wildlife.

An upcoming Tipperary birdwatch event takes place on 26th February in Halla Na Feile, Cashel, at 8pm. All are welcome and admission is free to indoor events but donations might sought to cover cost of room and speaker. The event, titled 'Barn Owls in Tipperary', looks at the positives and the pressures on the population in their stronghold by John Lusby.

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Child custody and access battles in Irish courts are something solicitors try to avoid, favouring instead mediation and other more amicable ways of solving family disputes.

However, sometimes the courts are needed to make the final decision when no agreement can be achieved. When it comes to custody and access, Irish law has put an increasing importance on the voice of the child.

If a parent who is not a legal guardian of the child, or indeed any adult family member (such as a grandparent or aunt/uncle), is seeking access through the courts, the judge will decide on what is in the best interests of the child.

To decide what is in the best interest of the child, the court will often need to take on board the views of the child themselves, especially where parties before the court are giving conflicting evidence as to what the child wants.

GOING FOR COFFEE WITH THE CHILD

The court can be an intimidating arena for a child and so a child's views will be obtained in a different way than

that of an adult, who would typically be called in to give evidence in a witness box.

Instead, a child's views will be sought in the way the judge feels is most appropriate. This might be by way of a representative – a person who will talk to the child outside court and represent their interest within it. Alternatively, the court may commission a report by a social worker or child psychologist for example, who will interview anyone relevant in the child's life and report back to the judge.

The court can also talk directly to the child themselves, usually by conversation in an informal setting, perhaps in the judge's offices. Indeed, we have seen this meeting take place in a café next door to the courthouse as the judge thought this to be the most comfortable setting for the child.

The key element in receiving the views of the child is that the parents will not be there to hear it and will not be aware of what the child has said. The scenario of a child in a witness box looking down on both parents and making a decision in public as to where they want to go does not happen.

NOT FOR EVERYONE

Despite best efforts, this process can still be very troubling for a child and in some cases the views of the child will not be sought.

It may be decided that to put the child in a position where they feel they have chosen one parent over another would do more harm than good. It may also be decided that the child is not yet mature enough to make any decision.

As with all things in family law, circumstances are incredibly important and each case will be different.

THE 'BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD'

Listening or not listening to the views of the child is only part of ultimately deciding what is in the best interests of the child. This begs the question, what does 'best interest of the child' mean?

Essentially, it is an umbrella term for all the factors that are important for the child such as their relationships with each parent, their educational and personal needs as well as other needs such as religious or cultural influences.

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Ford claims top spot in January car sales 2018 for Tipperary

With all the talk of Brexit and imported cars, you might expect new car sales figures to be down on last year in Tipperary, but you would be wrong, as levels have remained nearly identical to 2017.

The SIMI recently released their January report showing the volume of new registered passenger car sales in January 2018 by model and make, with Ford claiming top spot on both lists.

The new model Ford Focus claimed the honour of top model sold in Tipperary (59), with the Hyundai Tucson a close second (54)

and Ford Fiesta in third place (47). This is very similar to the same time last year, albeit Tucson and Focus swapped places this year, but it does show a consistency that is very promising for the future of both Ford and Hyundai in Tipperary.

The report also details the top makes sold in January 2018. We can see from the sales data that Ford comes first with 171 units, Toyota second with 154 and Hyundai third with 120 units sold. This data also shows that Ford, Toyota and Hyundai have a 40 per cent combined share of the Tipperary market.

Maxi Zoo's guide to making pets feel part of your plans for a new arrival

During the last weeks of pregnancy, it is not unusual for relatives to question the parents love of animals. "I suppose you'll be giving the dog away?" The worry ranges from bad hygiene to a jealous dog. These fears are understandable, but according to the experts at Maxi Zoo there is no reason to give up your beloved pets.

However, there are a few things to consider when making plans for a

new arrival. When dogs live with a family they usually enjoy attention from everyone. However, when a new arrival appears on the scene, the situation tends to change somewhat. The mistress is doing almost nothing else but looking after the screaming, struggling little human and the dogs can soon be forgotten.

In dogs, jealousy can lead to real problems. In order to make sure nothing happens why not use the

time now to set the scene for the baby's arrival. Allow your four-legged friends to sniff at everything you have bought for the baby. The mistress should purposefully have less to do with the animals so that the changes that are to come later do not seem too sudden.

Once the baby is there, your dog should be allowed to greet the member of his pack i.e. with lots of sniffing. Hold the child away from

him and signal that it is dangerous. Once he has understood, allow him contact with the baby. Praise your pet when he is friendly and include him when feeding, changing and of course going for walks. Whether you have dogs or cats always take a few minutes of your day to spend time alone with them! By not neglecting and remembering to think of the needs of your pet after the birth you will have a true playmate for your

child.

Keeping your pet away from your baby's face must remain a taboo area. Pet hairs are also harmless if your pet is well looked after. But you should get your pet vaccinated and worm them more frequently.

Want to learn more? Call in to your local Maxi Zoo and speak with a pet expert. Visit www.maxizoo.ie.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Send community news/photos to dylan.white@iconicnews.ie

CAT SHOW

The 33rd Midland Cat Club of Ireland Championship Cat Show takes place at Presentation sports Complex Thurles on Sunday 11th February from 12:30 to 4pm. Adults €4 and students €2.

MUST SEE GIG

Ryan Sheridan and Ronan Nolan play The Source Arts Centre Thurles on Saturday 03rd March at 9pm. For tickets to see the fast and furious live acoustic dynamic duo, contact 050490204 or visit www.thesourcearts-centre.ie.

SUCCESS FOR JAMIE

Jamie Lawlor Crash Repairs Clonmel has been shortlisted in the category Bodyshop of the Year for the SIMI Irish Motor Industry Awards in association with Bank of Ireland Finance. The overall award winner will be announced in each of the categories at a special ceremony to be held in conjunction with the SIMI annual dinner in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, on Thursday 15th February. "We are delighted to be shortlisted for this prestige award I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their continued support and our staff for their dedication," says Jamie Lawlor.

Jamie Lawlor Crash repairs has been in business since 2002 in Killenaule. Jamie expanded his business in 2006 by open a body shop in Clonmel, where business has gone from strength to strength.

Being accredited approved repairer with all major Irish insurers, Jamie Lawlor Crash Repairs closed out 2017 with an impressive list of manufacturers approved body repairer awards from BMW, MINI, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Skoda, Seat, Ford, and KIA, becoming the first Irish body shop to achieve the innovative 'Volkswagen Group Aluminium Cosmetic Repair Standard'. In doing so they have also become the first body shop in Europe to be awarded approval. "Winning the SIMI Irish Motor Industry Awards would just be the icing on the cake," Jamie adds.

NEW INN

Knockgraffon ICA

Meeting takes place on 13th February at 7:30pm in the Old School, Knockgraffon.

Rockwell Rovers

The adjourned meeting of the juvenile club was held on 2nd February. Kevin Halley is the new Child Welfare Officer and thanks to

outgoing officer Sandra English for her hard work and endeavour in this area. James O'Dwyer is the new West Board delegate, replacing Conor English. The History of Rockwell Rovers GAA book is currently being compiled and over the next few weeks, club members will be calling to your homes looking for contribution of €50 towards the costs. In return you will receive the following: your name will be printed as a patron on a special page in the book, you will receive a copy of the work signed by the author and you will be invited to the book launch. The history of the Rockwell Rovers GAA club is the history of the parish of New Inn and Knockgraffon and the many historic townlands that are in it. Contact Kevin Barron on 087-2231353. Hard luck to the u21 B footballers who were defeated by Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams in Dundrum 2-02 to 0-15. Team: James Ryan, Andrew Moloney, Fergus English, Charlie Costello, Darragh Campbell, Kevin Tobin. Tom Dowling, Conor Walsh, James Walsh, Jonathan Keating, Liam Fahey (1-01), John Burke, Gerard Cummins, Colm Moloney (1-01), Cillian English. Lotto jackpot of €13,400 takes place in Barron's pub on 10th February.

Play

Fr. Mathew Players present 'THEM' from February 21-25 at 8pm nightly.

25 cards

Recent winners of Knockgraffon 25 cards were Maisie O'Grady and Mary Gleeson and in joint second place were Teresa Breen and Betty Ryan and Donal O'Dwyer and Sandra English.

AGM

New Inn Community Centre AGM takes place on 1st March at 8pm.

KILSHEELAN/KILCASH

Table quizzes

KBK Community Alert are holding a table quiz in Kilkash Hall on 16th February at 8pm. €20 for a table of four and there will be a raffle with many prizes. Kilkash Parents Association will hold a table quiz on 2nd March in Kehoe's Pub.

AGM

Killurney Sports and Social Club's AGM reported another successful year for the club. "Thanks to all those who supported our Bring and Buy and Easter hamper draw which provide the funding for the year. Our revamped Christmas party which widened the net to over 50s proved a marvellous idea and is sure

to continue in the new format. Upgrading our kitchen is our project for the coming year," a club spokesperson said. Officers elected included chairman: Gerry Marshall, vice chairman: Terry Cunningham, secretary: Michael Delany, assistant secretary: Eileen Marshall, treasurer and PRO: Bridget Holohan, assistant treasurer: Ann Grant, committee: Catherine Brunnock, Philly Cahill, Bridget Fogarty, Amanda Grant, Jim Healy, Ann Marie Morrissey, Mary Power and Eileen Ryan.

DRANGAN

Whist Drive

Takes place in Drangan Community Hall in aid of Drangan Community Centre on 12th February at 8:15pm.

Enrolment

St. Patrick's Junior National School Drangan is currently enrolling new pupils for September 2018. Application forms are available at the playschool or by contacting 052-9152278.

Progressive 25

Winners on 1st February were Margaret Fallon and Bridget O'Dwyer, Kitty Hanley and Marie Cuddihy, Breda Nolan and Teresa McGarry, and Breda Wilson and John St. John. Jackpot winner for January was John St. John.

Badminton Club

Senior badminton continues on Monday and Thursday nights in Drangan hall at 8pm.

St. Patrick's GAA

Joe Hackett of Newtown and the late Jack O'Dwyer of Corbally won €500 each and Bernard O'Halloran of Kilenagranagh won €200 in the February County Board Draw.

Over half of juveniles registered on Saturday last in Cloneen. Those who have not yet registered contact Micheál Broderick or Julie Ann Gahan. GAA membership fees should be paid to Micheál Broderick, Colm Duggan, Eamon Murphy or Catherine Mockler. Adult fee is €50 with a reduction to €35 for under 18s, students and senior citizens. All membership fees must be paid before 31st March. Players must pay before they play.

Tickets for the GAA National Club Draw are now on sale and are priced at €10 each. Top prize this year is a brand-new Renault Dynamique. Other prizes include shopping vouchers, travel voucher and many more. Tickets can be bought from any officer of the club. The u21 footballers game against Mullinahone has been fixed for this 8th Feb-

ruary at 8pm under lights in Monroe. The under 21 footballers defeated Ballinagarry in Killenaule by 0-18 to 1-6 recently. This was a game in which Anner Gaels were in control for most of the hour. Team: Charlie Manton, Michael Boland, Conor Duggan, Eoin Ryan, Jamie Broderick, Aidan Buckley, Cameron Moynihan, Joey Noonan, Paul Moloney, Jack Ward, Jack Dolan, Jack Purcell, Conor Harrington, Cathal Mahony, Stephen Crotty, Mikey O'Brien, Pauric O'Brien, Eoin O'Donovan, Frank Meagher, Tom Condon, Liam Quigley, Seán Ryan, Jesse McCormack. St. Patrick's GAA Lotto takes place on 13th February for a jackpot of €6,000 in the clubrooms at Anner Park at 9pm.

FITNESS CLASSES

Body conditioning and circuit training classes take place on Mondays at 7pm in Ballinameela Community Centre. All levels of fitness welcome. Classes are one hour long and cost €5. Contact 087-8229762.

CAPPAWHITE GAA

Fixtures/Results: U21B West Football Championship: Cappawhite Gaels 2-5 Éire Óg Annacarty Donohill 0-12. Cappawhite Gaels team: Dara McCarthy, Cian Ryan, Shane Ryan, Alan Spillane, Brendan Murphy, Eoghan Ryan, Tommy Coughlan, Kieran Duggan, Philip Gantley, Jim O'Dwyer (0-1), James Dee, Eanna Buckley, Willie Barry (0-2), Tim Meagher, (1-1), Ryan Renehan (1-0)

Subs used: Fionn Brady for Brendan Murphy, Aaron Ryan for Kieran Duggan, Denis O'Shea for Eanna Buckley, Christopher Irwin (0-1) for Jim O'Dwyer, Cian Doody for Shane Ryan (black card). Next match v Rockwell Rosegreen on 9th February in Cappawhite at 8pm.

AGM: The following officers were elected for the coming year - life presidents: Fr. Pat O'Neill, Fr. Dermot O'Neill, Fr. Jim Egan, John Kelly and Jerry Creedon; honorary president: Paul O'Neill; chairman: Willie Meagher; vice chairman: Pat O'Neill; secretary: Joe Carmody; assistant secretary: Niamh Julian, treasurer: Liam Treacy; assistant treasurer: Niall Hayes; PRO Kathleen Kiely; health and wellness/child welfare officer: Owen Doody; membership officers: Joe Carmody and Kathleen Kiely; insurance officer: Liam Treacy; development officer: Dan Ryan; West Board Rep: Willie Meagher; County Board Rep: John O'Dwyer; Bord na nÓg chairman: Owen

Doody; secretary: Sean Carmody. Niamh Julian, Niall Hayes, Dave Barry and Ciaran Ryan will also join the existing club committee.

NEWCASTLE

Award

Congratulations to Con Dwyer on recently being awarded the Benemerenti Papal medal. The award is in recognition of service to church and community over a long period. The presentation will be made by his Lordship Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan at a celebrated mass in St. Mary's Church, Newcastle, on 23rd February at 7:30pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Community Hall followed by a social evening.

AGM

Newcastle Community Alert will hold its AGM on 11th February at 2:30pm in Tigh na nDaoine.

OPEN AUDITIONS

Open auditions for main roles and chorus in JW Productions upcoming show Mr. Carter take place at Clonmel Park Hotel on Sunday 11th February from 10am. Contact 087-2345760 or email mrccarter-themusical@gmail.com.

CAHIR

Panto

Tickets for Cahir Pantomime's production of Robinson Crusoe, which runs from 15-18 February, are on sale now in The Heritage on The Square.

Craft morning

Valentine's craft morning for children aged 6 to 10 years old takes place on next 10th February in the Craft Granary, Cahir, at 10am. Booking is essential from Dianne on 052-7441473 or see Craft Granary on Facebook.

Mother programme

The group meets every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3pm in the Catherine McAuley Room in Cahir Day Care Centre. All mums and babies welcome.

Tidy Towns

The group will be back in action on 21st February for litter picking and will continue to meet at weekends. St. Paul's Church rose garden project is gathering momentum every day - be part of this project by donating €50 at the Enterprise Centre. Annual Tidy Towns quiz takes place on 2nd March. Quizmaster will be Larry Quinn. Starts at 8:30pm. Teams of four €20.

Meet and Train

Operation Transformation 5k takes place on 24th February. This weekend's walk

is to Lake Muskery at 11am, meeting at the castle car park at 10:30am for car-pooling.

Fundraiser

A concert took place at Cahir Park Golf Club recently where Eleanor Shanley (De Danann) and Mike Hanrahan (Stocktons Wing) gave a fantastic performance in aid of Cahir Day Care Centre. Popular local musician Neville Flynn supported and a great crowd attended. €1,200 was raised in total, and Bobby Condon, Margaret Walsh and Denis O'Mahoney accepted a cheque for the proceeds on behalf of the Cahir Day Care Centre from John O'Reilly who was MC on the night.

Parish news

Parish office will be closed from February 8th and will reopen on February 12th at 10am.

Grave concern

At the recent council meeting, Cllr. Andy Moloney raised the question of grave spaces in Cahir Cemetery. He asked the environment section about the extension to the cemetery and the fact that space was running out fast. Although there is scope to expand the cemetery in the long term, Cllr. Moloney said that the rate of interment's is concerning and a quick fix solution is required.

Cllr. Moloney has been in talks with those involved and an extra 22 graves could be accommodated within the boundary of the new cemetery while tests are being completed in the new grounds. There was agreement reached to provide extra spaces within the boundaries to sort the crises in the interim.

Cahir Park AFC

Cahir Park under 12s had a hard fought win against Clonmel Town AFC - final score 3-2. A thunderbolt free kick from Kevin Murray and a deft finish from winger Ger Quinn secured a massive three points for Cahir Park B away to Ballyneale in the TSDL Division 3 League - final score 1-2. Cahir Park lost a Tipperary Cup thriller away to Old Bridge 3-2 (aet). Conor Lonergan and Andy Fitzpatrick were the goal scorers. Men of the Move programme takes place every Monday and Thursday morning at 10am.

Area review

The Local Electoral Area Review is currently underway and the closing date for submissions is February 19th. Make your views known to Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees 2017, Room 1.67, Custom House, Dublin 1, D01 W6X0.

Artwork by Tipperary children from 24 schools on display

The Artist in Primary School Scheme is an initiative of Tipperary County Council's Arts Office with the support of the Arts Council of Ireland and is open to applications from all primary schools in the county. The aim of this scheme is to give pupils the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off project from any artistic discipline including visual arts, music, dance, literature, film, architecture, photography and new media.

The magnificent work created by children from all parts of Tipperary over the

last two years of the scheme is currently on display at two locations in Tipperary. The Clonmel exhibition, which runs at the Tipperary County Museum, was launched recently by Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, Cllr. Catherine Carey, and runs until 9th February. Opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and the exhibition is open to the public. An exhibition of work created by children in the northern part of the county runs in The Civic Offices in Nenagh until 13th February.

Mayor Cllr. Catherine

Carey praised the high standard of the work created by children from the participating schools and thanked the artists, school principals, pupils and staff for their work to ensure this artwork finds a public audience. She also thanked curator Katy Goodhue and staff of the Arts Office and County Museum who coordinated the exhibition. The closing date for the next round of applications to the 2018 Artist in Primary School Scheme is 14th March, and guidelines and application forms are available on Tipperary County Council's website.



RIGHT: Children from Gaelscoil Carrig na Siúire with artist Úna O'Grady at their display.



Children from Rossmore National School at their display with artist Alan O'Dwyer.



Children from Cahir Boys National School at their display.



Children from St. John the Baptist Girls School, Cashel, at their display with artist Aoife Barrett. Also included are Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr. Catherine Carey and Tipperary Arts Office's Melanie Scott.



Children from Lisronagh National School at their display (artist Theresia Guschlbauer).



L-r: Mary Conroy, Tipperary Arts Office's Melanie Scott, Aoife Barrett, Margueritte Kent, Úna O'Grady, Des Dillon, Theresia Guschlbauer, Alan O'Dwyer, Brigid Teehan, Liz Quinn and exhibition curator Katy Goodhue.



Children from Gaelscoil Chluain Meala at their display with artist Des Dillon.



LEFT: Photographed at the official launch of the Tipperary County Council's Artist in Primary School Exhibition held on January 25th at the County Museum, Clonmel, are l-r: Michael Grace (County Museum), Jayne Sutcliffe (County Museum), Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr. Catherine Carey, Tipperary Arts Office Melanie Scott, and exhibition curator Katy Goodhue. The exhibition will run until February 9th. ABOVE: Children from Mullinahone National School at their display with artist Mary Conroy. Also included are Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr. Catherine Carey and exhibition curator Katy Goodhue.

Excellent facilities and education at Bansha National School

Bansha National School is a small five teacher school located in the village of Bansha, Co. Tipperary.

We are a mixed rural school, catering for boys and girls from junior infants to 6th class and operating under the Catholic ethos. We currently have an enrolment of 74 pupils.

From our early years philosophy of learning through play, we have espoused the Aistear play ap-

proach through our whole school commitment. From community involvement, Green schools initiatives and wide range of curricular activities for our pupils, we aim to provide a holistic education for all pupils in Bansha National School.

Our school provides extensive P.E. and extra-curricular programmes including soccer, gaelic football, camogie, hurling, athletics, tag rugby, dance,

swimming, basketball, cycling, and scratch coding club. A homework club operates two days a week after school.

Music is an integral part of school life in Bansha National School. The teaching of tin whistle, drama concerts, variety shows and the annual carol service are major highlights in the school calendar. We have a very active Green Schools' committee and are currently working towards our 5th Green Schools' Flag

for Biodiversity. Our school garden has been a great success in recent years, growing a wide variety of vegetables and flowers.

During a recent Science Evaluation in June 2017, the inspectors commended the school on having achieved a very high standard of learning in science, with a good standard of teaching represented and high level of support for pupils in collaborative and practical activ-

ities.

We are fortunate to have excellent facilities, including three bright classrooms, a spacious gym hall, tarmac playground and a playing field. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard, laptops, and the school has 11 iPads. Our active and supportive Parents Council have been instrumental in allowing Bansha National School purchase new iPads and a school

cooker most recently.

Bansha Pre-School under the guidance of Paula Grogan-Ryan is also housed on our campus. The playschool is free under the ECCE scheme (two years) and is Tusla approved.

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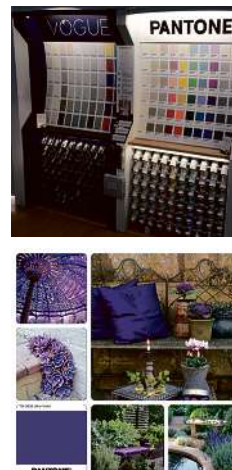
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CASHEL GIRLS QUALIFY FOR WORLD IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By DYLAN WHITE
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Three talented Cashel girls are thrilled to be representing County Tipperary at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow in March.

Cashel Community School second year students Abbie Gilmartin, Ariana Krasniqi and Danielle May are training up to five times a week in the build up to the

championships.

14-year-old Abbie, who trains at the Anne Whelan School of Irish Dancing, has been dancing with nine years. "This achievement means so much to me because all the hard work is worth it in the end. It's nice for the teacher as well who works so hard to help me," Abbie tells South Tipp Today.

13-year-old Ariana, who started dancing six years ago, and 14-year-old Danielle, who has been dancing with six years, are members of the Michael Ryan School of Irish

Dancing.

"This means a lot because of all the time and effort I put into it. It's great as well for our teachers as they put so much effort into helping us," Ariana smiles.

Danielle also praises their dance teachers for guiding them along the way. "This means so much to me as since I started dancing it's what I wanted to achieve. The teachers in the Michael Ryan School work so hard to help us, and it's great to show them that their hard work pays off," Danielle adds.



Abbie Gilmartin, Ariana Krasniqi and Danielle May have qualified for the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow.

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LEFT: Local woman Una Redfern recently won the Employee of the Year Award for Apleona HSG Facilities Management, who run the catering department at Abbott in Clonmel.

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Local playwright Robert Power's production of 'A Story of Destiny' takes place on 9th and 10th February at 8:30pm at Brewery Lane Theatre, Carrick-on-Suir. Admission is €12 and tickets are available from the Tudor Artisan Hub in Carrick-on-Suir.

American drama film The Florida Project will be shown on 13th February at 8:15pm. Members €4, non members €7.

NoCrows perform live at tearoom sessions on 16th February at 8:15pm. Tickets are €20 from 087-4047803.

MEETING

Glasna Flower and Garden Society will meet in the Cardinal Browne Hall, Grangemoockler, on 12th February at 7:30pm.

AIMS

Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society congratulate Seamus Power on his election as national president of AIMS.

BAKE SALE

The Norris family bake sale fundraiser in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital Foundation takes place in the Carraig Hotel on 9th February from 11am-1pm.

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RUGBY CLUB

U18s beat Skibbereen 32-5 to reach the Munster Cup final on March 3rd. U15s played a challenge match against Enniscorthy ahead of their Munster Cup match

against Mallow on February 10th. U13s played three games in the Munster Development competition.

BRIDGE CLUB

Results: Tuesday Bridge Club (January 16th) - 1st Joan English and Marie Cooney, 2nd Kitty Lalor and Joan O'Sullivan, 3rd Mary Arrigan and Tilly O'Donnell. January 23rd - 1st Irene Purcell and Marie O'Connor, 2nd Marcella Power and Honora

Murphy, 3rd Elizabeth Malone and Joan Shannon.

88 Bridge (January 18th) - 1st Marie O'Connor and Vera O'Donnell, 2nd Mary Arrigan and Ita Power, 3rd Tess O'Shea and Irene Purcell. January 25th - 1st Maureen Coffey and Maudie Walsh, 2nd Joan O'Sullivan and Marie Cooney, 3rd Bernadette Cleary and Honora Murphy.

Golf Club (January 21st) - 1st Breda Feeney and Vera

O'Donnell, 2nd Joan O'Sullivan and Maura O'Donoghue. January 28th - 1st Joan Shannon, 2nd Vera O'Donnell.

92 Bridge (January 22nd) - 1st Vera O'Donnell and Maureen Nolan, 2nd Ita Power and Giancarlo Laiso, 3rd Liz Brennan and Breda McCarthy. January 29th 1st - Liz Brennan/ Breda McCarthy, 2nd Pauline Fitzgerald/Teasie Blanchfield.

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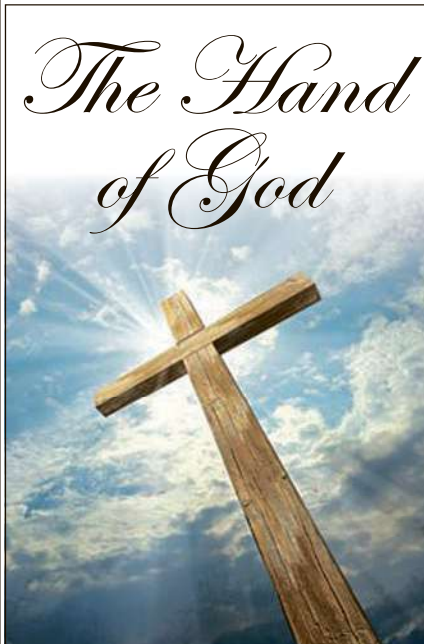
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His family wish to gratefully acknowledge all the help and support received from family, friends and neighbours and to thank all who sympathised, sent Mass cards and attended his funeral service.

Thanks to Fr. Jimmy Browne for your prayers and kind words.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.

First Anniversary Mass will be offered in St. Mary's Church Grangemockler on Sunday 18th February at 11am.



*Though today, you walk in sorrow
You will not be alone.
There is One whose loving wisdom
Is far greater than our own.*

*Put your trusting hand in His,
As a little child would do
And He like a loving father
Will guide and comfort you!*

*Day by day, there will come to you
New faith, new hope, new light.
You'll find that stars unseen by day,
Shine through the darkest night*

*And though your heart is longing,
For the dear one who's at rest.
You'll know before the journey's end,
That God's dear ways are best!*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

O'DONNELL

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Grainne O'Donnell

South Clonmore
Cahir

16th February

Grainne's family - Colm, Maria, sister Kate, brothers Eoin, Brian and Kieran, sister-in-law Emma, brother-in-law Brian, niece and nephews and extended family wish to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our neighbours and friends and all who helped us in our recent sad bereavement. We are still humbled and so grateful for all the support at this tragic time and since then.

We want to thank sincerely all the staff in E.D. in C.U.H. and in I.C.U. for the kind sensitive way they treated us and Grainne's friends during her brief stay here.

We also want to thank Wally and Patty Costigan for the caring and professional attention and support they gave us. We wish to acknowledge Fr. Knight who was so supportive to all of us and to Grainne's friends throughout the funeral and in the year since then - we really appreciate all your support.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a sincere token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Anniversary Mass at 11.30am on Sunday 18th February in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

THANKSGIVINGS

ST. THERESA THE LITTLE FLOWER

Please pick a rose from your Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favour I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more Amen. Say with Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be for 9 consecutive days. Thanks for many favours received. MO'S

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I've asked for many favours. This time I ask You this very special one (mention favour). Take it, Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. (say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favour will be granted. (Never know to fail) Many thanks for favours granted. CH

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask You this very special one (my illness). Take it, Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within Your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and favour will be granted no matter how impossible (never known to fail). HS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SHANLEY

(Acknowledgement & Months Mind)

Cathal Shanley

Capel Street, Dublin 1
& formerly of the Old Spa Road,
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Who died on 12th January 2018

Sonia, Orla, Aidan and family of the late Cathal Shanley, Capel Street, Dublin 1, (formerly of the Old Spa Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary), who died on the 12th January 2018, would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent and untimely loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake, and service including members of the Defence Forces and An Garda Síochána. Thank you to those who provided emotional and practical support for us throughout his illness and at this difficult time.

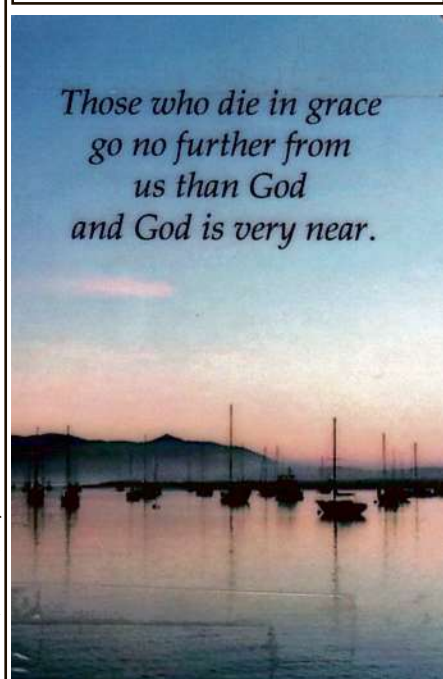
For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent cards and messages of condolences, as well as those who made charitable donations to Our Lady's Hospice, we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to the management, nurses and staff of St. James' Hospital for their treatment and care given to Cathal, and to Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, who cared for Cathal in his last few weeks.

To all those who participated in the Mass, especially Fr. Crowley, the readers and musicians; and finally, John O'Donoghue's Funeral Directors, for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Cathal's Months Mind Mass will be held on February 16th, 2018 at 7.30pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Clonmel.



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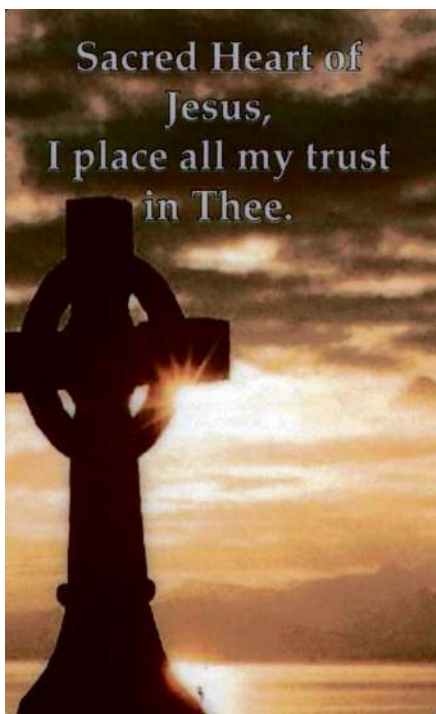
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THOMPSON

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Gwen Thompson

45 Ard na Greine,
Clonmel.

In loving memory of Gwen, who died on 1st February 2017.

The family of the late Gwen Thompson would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

To our family, friends and neighbours we are very grateful. We would also like to thank Dr. Rochford and all at Mary Street Medical Centre, the Ambulance crews and the staff of South Tipperary General Hospital. We are so grateful to Nora, Mags and Anne for their help and support both at home and in hospital.

A special word of thanks to O'Donoghue's Funeral Directors and all at Cork Crematorium for their professionalism and kindness in handling all the arrangements for Gwen.

Gwen is sadly missed by her loving husband Cliff, sister Irene and family.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

DARCY

(Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of my brother Liam Darcy, late of 1 Barnora Crescent, Cahir whose birthday occurs on 8th February.

Put your arms around him Lord, don't leave him on his own. For today is his 56th Birthday, and we know he can't come home.

Love always - Tom, Ann and girls.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

DARCY

(Birthday Remembrance)



1st Birthday away from home.

Treasured memories of our brother Liam Darcy, whose birthday occurs on the 8th February.

No presents can we give you Liam, no photos can we take, candles will be lit, but not on your birthday cake. A birthday kiss we blow to you, a song we'll sing, but not like you, a drink we'll have, just one or two, to celebrate this day with you Liam.

Happy Birthday Liam xxx

Loved and sadly missed.

By your loving sisters Rose, Geri and Teri xxx

O'MALLEY

(80th Birthday Remembrance)



Arthur O'Malley

Ard-na-Greine,
Clonmel.

(First Birthday away from home)
2nd February

To our dearest and beloved Dad,

Missing you greatly - your son John, daughters Caroline, Sandra, Anna, Sarah and families. xxxxx

IN MEMORIAM

BARRY

(nee Cahill)



(4th Anniversary)

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother Kathleen Barry, late of Tullamaine, Fethard, who died on February 18th 2014.

No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do, no morning dawns, no evening falls, without a thought of you.

Loved and remembered by her husband Jimmy, daughters Kay and Mary, sons Seamus, Tom, Michael, Eamonn, John, Noel, Paul and extended family.

Anniversary Mass for Kathleen will be celebrated at The Holy Trinity Parish Church, Fethard on Sunday 18th February at 11am.

BLANCHE

(20th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Paddy Blanche who died on 15th February 1998.

Your photo stands in pride of place, a lovely smile lights up your face. You always seem to be so near, how we wish Dad, we were still here.

With love - Michelle, Trevor, Seán and families.

Also remembering his brother Jimmy whose 40th Anniversary is on 18th February.

Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm in the Friary on Saturday 10th February 2018.

IN MEMORIAM

CORCORAN

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Elizabeth Corcoran (nee Sweeney), late of 270 Elm Park, Clonmel, who died on 6th February 2017 RIP

Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close, we miss you more than anyone knows. With tender love and deep regret, we who love you will never forget.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Stephen, daughter Deborah, son Kevin, grandchildren Louise, Christopher, Robert, Lauren and Eimear.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 9th February in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm.

CUMMINS

(22nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Anna Cummins, late of Monroe, Fethard, who died on 12th February 1996. RIP

Deep are the memories, precious they stay. No passing of time can take them away. They bring a smile, sometimes a tear, but forever a wish that you were still here.

Sadly missed by your son Richard and granddaughter Anna xxx

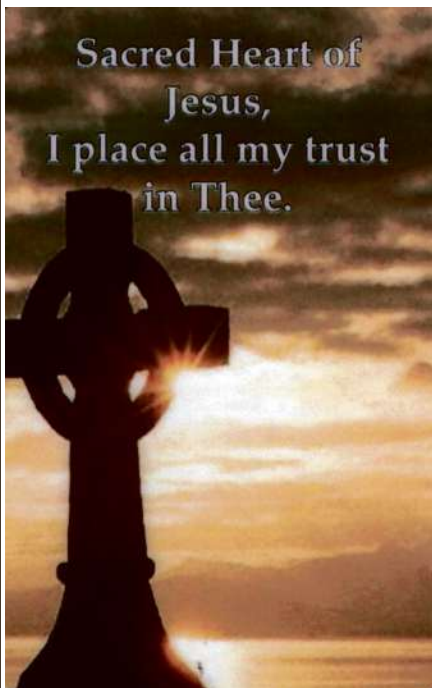
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 10th February at 7pm in the Parish Church, Fethard.

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IN MEMORIAM

DANIELS
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of June Daniels (nee Moroney) late of 53 College Avenue, Clonmel whose 1st Anniversary occurs on February 13th, 2018.

There comes a time we all must part, but you left too soon and broke our hearts.

Always loved and remembered by her husband Philip, children, grandchildren and extended family.

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 13th of February at 1pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

DEVINE
(6th & 35th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my parents William (Billy) and Catherine (Kitty) Devine, late of 74 Griffith Avenue, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time RIP Also remembering Dad's birthday which occurs on 20th February, which is also his anniversary.

It does not take a special day, to bring you both to mind, a day without a thought of you, is very hard to find.

Love from your daughter Lorraine, son-in-law John, grandchildren Graham, Cliona, Sarah-Jane and Cathriona and great-grandchildren Chelsea, Chyanne, Alex, Madison and Loren also sister Frances and families. xxx

Anniversary Mass in Ss Peter and Pauls Church at 1pm on Tuesday 20th February.

FITZGERALD
(Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear parents, Jimmy and Nan Fitzgerald, late of 8 Glenegad Road, Old Bridge, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lovingly remembered by Jim, Mary, Brid, Ann, Frances, Ronnie and families.

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 13th February at 10am in St. Oliver's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

GEARON
(5th Anniversary)



In loving memory of John Gearon, 32 Oliver Plunkett Tce., Clonmel, whose 5th Anniversary occurs on 9th February, 2017.

Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.

Also remembering his sister Mary whose 8th anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass in St. Oliver's Church on Saturday 17th February at 11.30am

Always loved - Ger, Natasha and Keith xxxxx

GRACE
(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mary Grace, 22 Beech Park, Tramore and late of College Avenue, Clonmel who died on 20th February 2014 RIP

Look around your garden Lord, for a lady with a smile. That will be my mother, she must stand out a mile

- Caroline, Cyril, Christopher, Gillian and Niall.

Happy memories we keep forever, of days when we were all together. They bring a smile, and often a tear and always a wish that you were still here.

- Fiona, Frankie, Kevin and Coia.

Time will pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

- Tony, Siobhan and Dillon.

The happy hours we once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still, but death has left a vacant place, this world can never fill.

- Patricia, Loucas, George, Christopher and Alex.

Anniversary Mass in Fethard Parish Church on Saturday 17th February at 7pm.

IN MEMORIAM

GRACE
(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mary, 22 Beech Park, Tramore and late of College Avenue, Clonmel, whose 4th Anniversary occurs on 20th February.

Your life is a lovely memory, your absence a silent grief, but now you rest in God's garden, beside a rose called peace.

Always loved and missed - Cora, Conor, Wade and Reece xxxx

GUIRY
(nee Whelan)



(3rd Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear mother Nora (Nannie) Guiry, Knockaune, Nire Valley, Ballymacarbry who died on 15th February 2015.

Your life is a lovely memory, your absence a silent grief but now you rest in God's garden beside a rose called peace.

Always loved and remembered by your family - Mary, Michael, Pat, Bridget, Theresa, Rita, Thomas and extended families.

Anniversary Mass on 14th February in St. Helena's Church, Nire Valley at 7.30pm.

KAVANAGH
(45th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Jimmy Kavanagh, late of 42 Baron Park, Clonmel, who died on 17th February 1973 aged 43 years. RIP

Your life is a lovely memory, your absence a silent grief. But now you rest in God's Garden, beside a rose called peace.

Always in our hearts

- your loving wife Mary and family.

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IN MEMORIAM

MCLOUGHLIN
(2nd Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



Joe (Joseph) McLoughlin

Gillinham, Kent, UK
& formerly of
7 Mountain View Drive,
Cahir.

In loving memory of a son, brother, father, grandfather who sadly passed away on 13th February 2016 RIP

A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here.

Always remembered, loved and never forgotten by your sons, grand-daughter, Mother, brothers, sisters and their families.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cahir on Saturday 10th February at 7.30pm.

O'BRIEN
(23rd Anniversary)



We remember in sadness but with great love a very dear husband, father and grandfather Doney, late of Chestnut Meadow, Rossadrehid, who died on February 12th 1995. RIP.

- Tess and family.

O'DWYER
(8th & 10th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our parents John and Catherine O'Dwyer, late of 78 Ard na Greine, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Always in our thoughts and prayers.

- Timmy, Mary, Andy, Michael and their families.

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IN MEMORIAM

PROUT
(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Seanie Prout, late of Wilderness Grove, Clonmel whose 2nd Anniversary occurs on 7th February RIP.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Bridget, Paul, Mark, Faggie, Alli, Cathy and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 10th February at 1pm in Ss Peter and Paul's Church.

PROUT
(2nd Anniversary)



In memory of Séan Prout, late of The Wilderness Grove, Clonmel who died on 7th February 2016 RIP.

Its been a lonely time without you and nothing is the same. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. You hold a spot deep in our hearts, where the sun will always shine, for there will never be another to me, like that wonderful Dad of mine.

Sadly missed by your daughter Mary, son-in-law Eddie, grandchildren Carol, Sarah, Jamie and Dan and great grand daughter Nyomi.xxxx Also remembered by your son Jimmy and granddaughter Becky. xxxxx

IN MEMORIAM

PROUT
(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Seanie Prout, late of 28 Wilderness Grove, Clonmel, who sadly passed away on February 7th 2016 RIP

To have you for a father was cause enough for pride. No one could ever equal, no matter how they tried. Our hands cannot write what our hearts want to say. We will love you forever and miss you every day.

From your son Martin, Aisling, Nathan and Kian.

QUINLAN
(9th Anniversary)



BRIDIE
February 8th 2009

It doesn't take a special day, to bring you to our minds. For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

You always did your very best, your heart was true and tender. You simply lived for those you loved and those you loved remember.

We did not hear the footsteps, of the Angels drawing near. To take from earth to Heaven our 'Bridie' we loved so dear.

Always on our minds, forever in our hearts.

Loved and missed and never forgotten - your daughter Mary, son-in-law Timmy, grandchildren Sandra, Anthony and Siobhan and great-grandchildren Joseph and Samantha xxxxx

IN MEMORIAM

REIDY
(30th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a wonderful mother and grandmother Peg, late of Baron Park, whose anniversary occurs on 11th February.

Today, tomorrow, our whole life through, we will always love and remember you.

A Mass, a prayer are all we can give and these you shall have for as long as we live.

Thinking about you today and always.

Sadly missed by your family.

Mass offered.

WALSH
(2nd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a loving son and brother Kieran Walsh, Kilnockin, Fethard, whose second Anniversary occurs on 12th February.

Kieran, you were full of life, you had such a big smile for everyone and a heart of gold. You left us the greatest memories, this world could ever hold.

You gave us your love, the greatest gift of all. We miss you Kieran and we will love you, as long as time will last.

Sadly missed everyday by your heartbroken parents Owen and Maureen, brothers Eugene, Donal, Patrick and Michael.

Kieran's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Fethard, on Sunday 11th February at 11am.

IN MEMORIAM

WALSH
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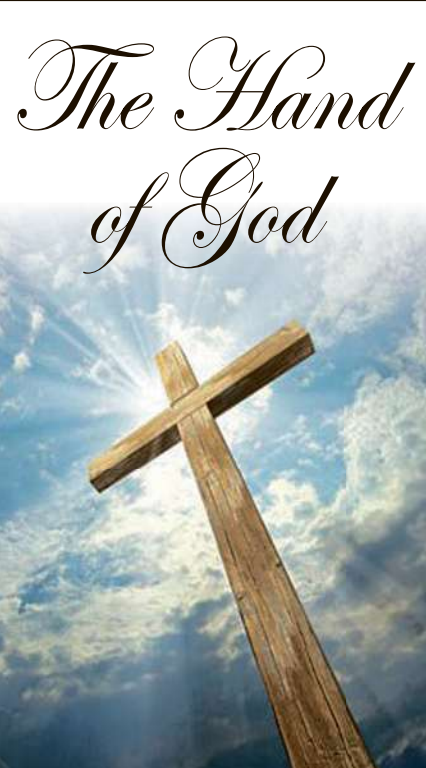


In loving memory of Tracy Walsh (nee Ryan) late of Fethard and Ard Gaoithe, Clonmel, who passed away on 8th February 2016.

You fought your illness bravely and always with a smile. Our lives are lonely without you. We love and miss you everyday. So when we see a dragonfly we know that you are always near.

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, Derek, Ann Marie, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Mass offered.



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You will not be alone.
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Stephen announced as new FAI Development Officer for South Tipp

Stephen Quinn has been announced as the new FAI Development Officer for South Tipperary.

Stephen, who is originally from Tipperary Town, began coaching with Tipperary Town Ladies FC in 2011 before gaining valuable experience on the FAI Project Futsal course run by newly appointed Head of Women's Football, David Lenane.

Stephen's passion for football soon came to the fore as his hard work with the TSSDL's Girls Emerging Talent Programme (ETP) has firmly established South Tipperary as a major force in women's football in Ireland.

Stephen's inspiring drive and hard work with various squads, programmes and projects over the years soon projected him as a major in-



Stephen Quinn.

fluence of football in South Tipperary. This led to him ap-

plying for the FAI course in Carlow IT and being accepted on the course.

Stephen will look to follow on from the fantastic work completed by his predecessor David Lenane.

No doubt Stephen will work with the same incredible passion and enthusiasm he has shown with his various footballing experiences over the years.

Cashel CS into Munster Rugby Cup semi-final



Cashel Community School beat St. Caimin's of Shannon in the quarter final of the Munster Senior Cup to set up a semi-final clash with Mount Sion of Waterford at WIT on Wednesday 14th February at 1pm.

Presentation Thurles crowned Munster soccer champions

Cahir Park was the venue for the 2018 Munster Senior A soccer final as Presentation Thurles welcomed reigning All-Ireland champions Rathkeale to Tipperary.

Rathkeale set the early pace with a flurry of attacks but Presentation defence marshalled by Katie Ryan and Kate Cavanagh stood firm. Irish international Aoibheann Clancy began to gain a foothold in midfield, allowing her Presentation Thurles side to grow into the game and it was her defence splitting ball which created the opening goal as she released Queva O'Meara who in turn squared for Lauren Mccormack to fire home.

Rathkeale were rocked by this setback and Presentation Thurles pushed for a second, with two quick fire efforts from Aoibheann Clancy and Casey Hennessy narrowly missing the target.

On the stroke of half time, Presentation were made to rue missed opportunities as Rathkeale's Anna Mullane capitalised on a defensive error to fire home from a tight angle.

Presentation emerged for the second half determined



Presentation Thurles celebrating their Munster Senior A soccer final win over reigning All-Ireland champions Rathkeale of Limerick at Cahir Park.

to regain the initiative and laid siege to the Limerick goal. Having been denied by the post and a goal line clearance, their persistence eventually paid off when the impressive Aoibheann Clancy scored direct from a corner after a wicked delivery evaded the Rathkeale net minder.

Presentation would again

find out exactly why this Rathkeale side were All-Ireland champions as the Limerick girls once again grabbed themselves a lifeline with ten minutes remaining when a fiercely struck effort from all of 25 yards flew past the Presentation keeper Rachel Sweeney.

With extra time looming large, Presentation had one

more push in them. The tireless Casey Hennessy latched onto another Clancy pass and fired past the Limerick keeper to spark wild celebrations as the Thurles players and supporters sensed this blow might prove to be fatal. Katie Ryan's defence was not for passing and Presentation Thurles were crowned Munster champions once again.

Leslie O'Donnell wins Week 4 of Carrick-on-Suir AC Spring League

Dungarvan 10 Mile

Club results: 41st Derek Walsh (57.35), 68th Patrick Roche (59.06), 176th Andrew Downey (64.55), and Geraldine Houlihan in 1hr 39 mins.

Spring League

Week 4 results: 1st Leslie O'Donnell, 2nd Brian Graham, Mary Fitzpatrick and Margaret Kirwan, 3rd Tom Egan.

Munster Senior and Master Indoor Championships

Jack Pender ran well in a time of 7.66 secs in the senior category to take 5th place in the 60 metre race. Jake Vermeer took 2nd place with a time 24.28 secs in the men's race and RoseAnn Fitzgerald had a decisive win in the

women's 200 metre race in 26.37 secs.

In the over 35 category, Richard Phelan finished 4th in the over 35 category in 7.81 secs in the 60 metre race.

Patrick Roche finished 2nd in the over 40 category in the 3,000 metre race in 9.53.19 and finished 3rd in the 1500 metre race in a time of 4.41.06.

John Carroll finished 4th in the over 50 category in the 1500 metre race in 5.27.88.

Frank Leahy 5 Mile

Carrick-on-Suir AC's Brian Murphy ran very well to win the St. Paul's Parish Frank Leahy 5 Mile road race in 26:45, followed by fellow club member Miguel Ponce de Leon who put in a fine run to finish in 37th place.



Cashel Community School lost out to St. Mary's of Middleton in the Munster junior camogie final recently. However, the Cashel displayed fighting spirit and a maturity well beyond their years. 13 members of the team are eligible to play in the same grade next year. Credit goes to the full panel of players as well as their coaches Ruth Barry and Trevor Galvin.



Richard Phelan, Jake Vermeer, Patrick Roche, RoseAnn Fitzgerald and John Carroll at the Munster Senior and Master Indoor Championships in Nenagh Indoor Stadium.

Hard-working Cashel Community School book Munster final place

CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2-08 BANDON 0-13

Cashel Community School qualified for this year's Munster Post Primary Schools Senior B Hurling final after edging past Bandon last Saturday in St. Ita's GAA pitch near Youghal. This was a thoroughly enthralling encounter, where two seriously committed and well-prepared sides gave everything they had in pursuit of victory.

The beach-side pitch meant the game was played with a very strong wind throughout, with the Tipperary boys playing with it in the first half. While Cashel started well, it was not re-

flected on the scoreboard after 20 minutes, with only a 3 points to 2 lead.

The Tipperary school found the swirling nature of the wind difficult and clocked up seven wides, many from long range. However, as half time approached Mossy Skeffington scored the first point from play in the game and a minute later scored a vital goal after a brilliant pass across to him from Ross Bonnar, leaving Cashel ahead at half time 1-5 to Bandon's 0-2.

On the resumption, Bandon immediately went after Cashel's lead and scored the first three points of the half, leaving only three

between the sides. Against the strengthening wind, the Tipperary school rallied again with Ross Bonnar netting and Colm Moloney immediately adding a free for Cashel.

Bandon, who competed in the Harty Cup last year, responded with the next 6 points to level the score at 2-06 to 0-12 with ten minutes left. Cashel showed heart and desire from here to the finish, taking a one point lead twice, only for Bandon to equalise.

With time up Cashel attacked again and won a free - Colm Moloney, holding his nerve, scored his fifth free of the game. Bandon had a number of minutes of injury



time to get an equaliser but the Cashel defence held strong. There were scenes of great joy for Cashel and utter devastation for Bandon when the final whistle blew. The huge Tipperary support spilled onto the pitch to salute the fantastic efforts of all

involved.

Cashel had huge performances all over the field with Aaron Browne in goal, and John Ryan, Mark Downey, Eoghan Connolly and Ross Bonnar to the fore in a real panel effort. Against a physically bigger and stronger Cork

side, Cashel's work rate and willingness to chase, hook, block and create turnovers helped them over the line on a score of 2-08 to 0-13. They now play another fancied Cork school, Mitchelstown CBS, in the Munster final on February 17th.

75 Clonmel AC athletes run in John Treacy Dungarvan 10 Miler

Dungarvan was the venue for the very popular John Treacy 10 Mile, with 75 Clonmel AC athletes competing very well despite a few late withdrawals due to injury and sickness. Kevin Maunsell underlined his good form when winning this popular event in 49 mins 23 secs. The race itself saw a group of four athletes go to the front after the first few miles with last year's winner Alan O'Shea of Bantry, along with David Flynn of Clonliffe Harriers and Emmet Dunleavy of Sligo AC. This group stayed together until the final few miles when Kevin increased the pace and once in the lead kept the strong pace going to win comfortably in a very good time of 49:23, the second fastest winning time over this course in recent years.

Jimmy Boland also had the proverbial blinder when running very well to finish 21st in 55:39.

Other results included 56th Joey Feery (58:37), 160th Paudie O'Keeffe (63:15), 230th Eddy O'Donoghue (65:22), 284th Cornelius McFadden (67:49), 290th Bernard Durand (67:58), 295th James

Denn (68:03), 310th Emmet Prendergast (68:19), 324th Aine Roche (68:37), 341st Rebecca Doocey (69:00), 363rd Brendan Walshe (69:21), 367th Ailish Mansfield (69:24), 379th Barry Horgan (69:33), 395th Siobhan McHugh (69:52), 404th Noel Ryan (70:07), 410th Richard O'Gorman (70:19), 414th Brian Carroll (70:26), 420th John Perry (70:34), 430th Neil Proven (70:46), 431st Vincent McHugh (70:47), 434th Ann Marie Boland (70:49), 449th Anthony Power (71:30), 464th Cyril Fogarty (71:47), 476th Suzanne Shine (72:01), 481st John Griffin (72:08), 508th Keith O'Brien (72:42), 550th Tom Bourke (73:47), 556th Michelle Doherty (73:53), 564th Sheila Perry (74:00), 568th Edel Roche (74:05), 582nd Kenny Brett (74:19), 635th Sean O'Dea (75:04), 661st Martin Walsh (75:33), 678th Elaine Horgan (75:48), 690th Tommy Dunphy (75:59), 698th Keith Robinson (76:14), 723rd Edmond Prendergast (76:47), 749th Donal Ryan (77:18), 830th Sancha Quigley (78:42), 853rd Marian Flaherty (78:59), 887th Aisling English (79:26), 890th

Michael Ryan (79:28), 898th Michael Doocey (79:32), 948th Dan O'Keeffe (80:28), 976th Pat Walsh (81:06), 986th John Laste (81:16), 997th Eamonn English (81:27), 1004th Orla Durand (81:43),

1041st Angela Walsh (82:18), 1264th Claire Tierney (86:06), 1293rd Ned O'Brien (86:56), 1298th Nicole O'Gorman (86:59), 1332nd Sarah Toomey, 1351st Brian Tyrrell (87:54), 1398th Sinead Kennedy (88:23), 1397th Julie Tideswell (88:40), 1451st Grainne O'Malley (89:36), 1456th Deirdre Fahey (89:42), 1537th Miriam O'Gorman (90:43), 1583rd Martina Crotty (91:27), 1597th Eoin Morrissey (91:40), 1626th Silvia McGee (92:18), 1648th Paul Higgins (92:37), 1668th Sandra Laycock Flack (92:59), 1675th Lorraine Kennedy (93:17), 1705th Jo Brett (94:04), 1748th Aisling Cooney (95:05), 1788th Marion O'Neill (95:52), 1882nd Catherine Murphy (98:23), 1883rd Jacqui Walsh (98:25), 2119th Claire Falvey (112:13) and 2133rd Jackie Hickey (113:10).



Nicola Maunsell, Yvonne O'Connor, Courtney McGuire and Ciara O'Neill.



Alan Carter, Billy Moloney, Anthony Bowen, John Hynes and team manager Aidan Cremin.



Fantastic performance by Sean Tobin at the Millrose Games

Sean Tobin ran a fantastic race at the Invitational Mile at the Millrose Games. The race started with nine athletes in the field and at the end of the 1st lap Sean was 6th in a close group, at the end of 2nd lap he was 7th reaching 409m in 60.45 secs, and at halfway he had moved into 6th place in 2:33. He reached 1209m in 2:59.65 secs in 4th place having moved up two places on the tight circuit with two laps to go. Then over the final two laps he gave it everything, moving into 3rd place at the bell in 3:28.66. He put in a tremendous effort over the closing stages to finish a fantastic 4th in 3:58.28. This was a PB for Sean who was under 30 secs for seven of the eight laps.

County Relays

The County Road season got underway at Clonoulty Rossmore GAA Complex with the County Road relays. The women's relay team included two junior athletes making their debut in this event, Ciara O'Neill and Courtney McGuire, along with Nicola Maunsell and Yvonne O'Connor and there were seven teams competing in this relay. Nicola Maunsell ran the first leg over 800m and the team was well placed at the changeover. Ciara O'Neill was the club's 1500m athlete and ran a great race when moving the team into a close 3rd place before handing over to Courtney McGuire who managed to hold that spot before handing over to Yvonne O'Connor for the 3k leg of the event. Yvonne ran very well when finishing a close 5th to win silver medals in the B section in a combined time of 23 mins 57 secs for the 6.1km race.

The men's team consisted of Billy Moloney, Alan Carter, John Hynes and Anthony Bowen. John Hynes, making his club debut, set the pace in the 800m and handed over to Billy Moloney for the 1500m leg. At this stage the team was battling hard for 5th place and the silver medals in the B section. Billy ran very well before handing over to Alan Carter in 5th place in a close event. Alan managed to keep the team in 5th place before handing over to Anthony for the 3k leg. Anthony had a lot of ground to make up on the 4th place but he gave it everything and with 1600m to go he had moved into 4th place. However, the effort of closing that big gap began to tell and going out on the final lap he was 5th. He rallied over the final 400m to finish a clear 5th in a combined time of 19 mins 38 secs for the 6.1km relay event.

Next up is the County Novice road race on 18th Feb-

ruary in Moyne.

4k Series

The third race of the Clonmel AC 4k Series saw athletes like Alan Whyte improve by 31 secs, Ali O'Connor by 4 secs, Angela Walsh by 40 secs, Annmarie Boland by 6 secs, Barry Horgan by 21 secs, Carmel Armstrong by 1 min 19 secs, Caroline Myles by 1 min 29 secs, Cathy Mansfield by 21 secs, Declan Nolan by 24 secs, Eddy O'Donoghue by 7 secs, Emma Ryan by 26 secs, Emmet Prendergast by 5 secs, Eoin Morrissey by 1 min 45 secs, Fergal Clifford by 26 secs, Fergal Condon by 22 secs, Gints Plaudis by 31 secs, James Denn by 35 secs, Jimmy Loneragan by 1 min 37 secs, John Shanahan by 30 secs, Keith Robinson by 45 secs, Lar Martin by 22 secs, Martin McGrath by 23 secs, Michael Hally by 44 secs, Michael Murphy by 12 secs, Michael Ryan by 1 min 7 secs, Michelle Bergin by 1 min 4 secs, Nessa O'Dwyer by 48 secs, Niall Brannigan by 8 secs, Niall O'Ceallaigh by 11 secs, Noel Ryan by 58 secs, Oliver Lynch by 38 secs, Patricia Moloney by 43 secs, Paul Shanahan by 1 min 6 secs, Richard Fitzgibbon by 46 secs, Sarah Toomey by 42 secs, Tadhg Toomey by 9 secs, Tom Butler by 48 secs, Trish Cooney by 3 secs, and Willie O'Connell by 22 secs.

Lucky Dip winners were Lar Martin 5th (15:54), Martin McGrath 30th (18:01), Alan Whyte 50th (20:05) and Ann Casey 75th in 23:40. Anthony Bowen won the race in 13:59 with Nigel O'Flaherty 2nd (15:01) and Billy Moloney 3rd (15:07). The top three women finishers were Claire Annan 14th (16:32), Suzanne Shine 19th (17:08) and Elaine Horgan 20th (17:10).

Eddy O'Donoghue won the second race of the Clonmel AC New Year 4k Series in 16:15, holding off late challenges from Niall O'Shea in 16:16 and John Shanahan in 16:18. The top three women finishers were Elaine Horgan (17:23), Ali O'Connor (17:31) and Elaine Morrissey (17:40).

Lucky Dip winners were John Shanahan, Ali O'Connor, Angela Walsh 28th (19:03) and Declan Nolan 48th (23:03).

Raheny 5 mile

William Maunsell finished 3rd in 23:56 at the Raheny 5 mile.

National Junior Indoors

The Irish Life Health AAI Junior and U23 Indoor Championships took place in the AIT International Arena, Athlone, on Sunday the 28th January and Clonmel's sole athlete was Colm McCarthy in

the Junior Men's 800m.

Colm made it to the semi-final stage and ran a great race when finishing 6th in a PB equalling time of 2:08, four seconds outside the qualification time to make the final. This was a superb performance considering Colm is only 17 years old and was competing at Junior level (U20).

The next Juvenile race is the East Munster Schools Cross Country Championships in WIT on Thursday 8th February and Clonmel A.C. would like to wish all club athletes competing the very best.

Annerville Awards

Sean Tobin was rewarded for his fantastic performances during 2017 with the Athletics Award. Sean's brother Anthony accepted the award on his behalf.

Newcastle 5k

The club promoted Newcastle 5k took place recently. As the first race in 2018 it was great to see Clonmel AC club members competing as they plan ahead for the year. Emmet Prendergast made good use of local knowledge when leading home the club contingent by finishing 9th in 19:33. Aine Roche finished 2nd woman in 20:03. Other results included Barry Horgan 15th (20:17), Daniel Slattery 16th (20:22), Niall O'Ceallaigh 1st over 45 in 20:25, Suzanne Shine 1st woman over 40 (20:55), Annmarie Boland 25th (21:03), Michelle Doherty 29th (21:49), Darragh Boland 36th (22:46), Eddie Prendergast 37th (22:46), Ruby Carroll 43rd (23:06), Tommy Cahill 45th (23:26), Ned O'Brien 52nd (24:14), Ian Patterson 53rd (24:22), Neil Proven 61st (25:05), Kieran Proven 62nd (25:07), Eoin Morrissey 64th (25:11), Eamonn Crowley 82nd (27:42), Myles McHugh 85th (28:00), Helen Cahill 124th (38:58) and Paudie Everard (52:39).

Jimmy Boland wins Kildare Half Marathon

Jimmy Boland got 2018 off to a flying start winning the Kildare Half Marathon in Donede Forest recently. He had 10 seconds to spare at the finish when winning in 78:08. The race was four laps of a trail run, with a group of athletes dictating the pace that included Jimmy. Midway through the first lap Jimmy went to the front and increased the pace that soon saw him and another athlete go into a clear lead. At this stage Jimmy was running strong and on the second lap he was a clear leader. He kept that pace going but going out on the final lap his lead was



Hazel Galloway, Neil Proven, John Laste and Bernard O'Neill at the Munster Master Indoors in Nenagh.

down to a few metres. However, Jimmy rallied well over the final 2k to win a great race.

Kealey Tideswell finished 2nd senior woman and 11th overall in 93:11.

Munster Master Indoors

Neil Proven made his debut in the over 50 category at Nenagh. The highlight of his events was the high jump when he cleared 1.45m. He also put in a brilliant performance in the 800m, winning bronze medal in 2 mins 26.34 secs. He also showed a quick turn of foot when running the 200m in 29.21 secs. He rounded off a great day winning the shot putt with a throw of 9.14m.

In the over 55 category John Laste showed great speed, winning the 400m bronze medal in 69.88 seconds. He also ran a great 800m race, finishing a close 4th in 2 mins 46.17 secs.

Hazel Galloway achieved the sprint double gold in the over 60 60m and 200m. Hazel won the 60m in 9.94 secs, while in the 200m she was the very impressive winner in 35.84 secs.

Bernard O'Neill competed in the over 65 category and he too had a brilliant Championships, considering his training has been recently hampered by injuries. Bernard recorded a personal best in the 200m behind Joe Gough of West Waterford when clocking 31.92 secs. Bernard was also impressive when winning the 60m in 9.34 seconds. He then turned his attention to his favourite field event, the long jump, where he won gold with a jump of 3.51m. He rounded off a great Championships with a silver medal in the shot putt with a throw of 7.28m.

County Awards

Clonmel AC members were honoured at the

County Tipperary Athletic Awards in the Horse and Jockey recently.

Grainne O'Connor got the night off to a flying start. She was the recipient of the Tom Healy Memorial Cup for the Best Female Juvenile under 13 performance for 2017 when she won an All-Ireland silver medal for the under 13 walk.

Evan Lynch was honoured as the Best Under 23 Male Athlete in County Tipperary as he made a successful transition from juvenile to senior ranks. He had success in both the National Under 23 Walk and the National Universities Walks titles.

Michael Carey was also honoured for his National University Steeplechase title. Kevin Maunsell was honoured for his many achievements during the year as the Best Senior Male athlete in County Tipperary. Sean Tobin was honoured for his fantastic year in 2017 as the recipient of the Best International Performance of the Year 2017 when finishing 15th at the European Senior Men's Cross-Country Championship as well as 12th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in the United States. These awards were accepted on behalf of the athletes by club chairman Conor Fleming and vice chairman Frank Lynch.

Clonmel AC was awarded the Best Juvenile Indoor Club Award, accepted by Albert Doyle. At senior level, the club was also presented with the Novice Men Road Cup, the Master Women's Over 45 Road Cup, the Master Men Over 35 Cup, and the Michael Cahill Cup for the Best Senior Club at the Road Championships for 2017. These awards were accepted by Conor Fleming.

The awards night also saw the presentation of two cups honouring club stalwart Mary Doyle who died during

2017 for all her work at county level where she was the County Juvenile Cross Country secretary for many years. As one official said, Mary 'brought sunshine into all the lives she touched and who will be sadly missed at all levels of the sport'. These awards were presented by her daughter Lorraine to Cian Hodgins of Nenagh Olympic and by her son Jonathan to Kate Ferncombe of Dundrum AC for their cross-country achievements in 2017.

Antrim International

Kevin Maunsell was on the Irish team for the Antrim International Cross-Country competition. Conditions were good while the underfoot conditions were soft in parts. The race over four laps had a very competitive edge to it. The pace was strong from the start and soon a group of seven athletes broke away which included world cross country silver medalist as well as a Kenyan and a Moroccan athlete, while Kevin was in the chasing pack along with Hugh Armstrong and Mark Hanrahan. Kevin ran a very good race to finish 9th overall in 24 mins 34 secs.

Ferrycarrig 5 Mile

William Maunsell finished 3rd in 24 mins 20 secs in the Ferrycarrig 5 Mile.

1 Mile Dash

Nigel O'Flaherty finished the Mooreabbey Miler 1 Mile Dash in 11th in 5 mins 6 secs, followed by 25th Neil Proven in 5 mins 32 secs and 33rd Alan Carter in 5 mins 49 secs.

Togher AC 5k

Pauline Condon finished the Togher AC 5k in 25 mins 26 secs.

DUNDRUM AC

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Dundrum AC hosted County Road Relay Championships at Clonoulty GAA pitch. Conditions were crisp with dry and cold weather.

The club had two ladies and three men's teams. The total length of the race was 6.1km.

In the ladies race, the club's first team won bronze in Section A in 22:59. Brid Quirke, making her debut in these Championships, completed the first 800m leg which was then passed over to Laura McCarthy Armstrong to take on the 1,500m, who then passed onto Catherine Fogarty for the final 800m, who passed onto Dymphna Ryan to tackle the grueling 3,000m. Dymphna ran a very strong race to take the team from 4th place into 3rd place to take the bronze medals.

The club's second team placed 4th in Section B in 28:39. It was all four ladies debut in these championships and Jan O'Dwyer and Aisling Kiely's debut for the club at championship level.



Dundrum AC's Christina Fryday and Michael Moore at the Milford Hospice 10k.



Jan O'Dwyer at the John Treacey Dungarvan 10 Mile.

Jan O'Dwyer took on the first 800m and passed onto Aisling Kiely over 1,500m who made up some good ground. Patricia Moloney took on the final 800m and passed over to Christina Fryday who tackled the 3,000m. Great dynamic amongst the teams to saw Fit4Life leaders Laura McCarthy Armstrong and Dymphna Ryan running alongside six of the Fit4Life Ladies.

In the men's race, the club's first team won bronze in Section A in 19:01. Eamon Morrissey finished the first 800m and passed over to Dermot Hayes for the 1,500m, who passed onto Paudie Coen for the final 800m who passed over to Gareth McGlinchey for the 3,000m. Gareth had a strong race and was in 2nd place a couple of times.

Two other teams were in Section C and won silver and bronze respectively with only a second separating them. In silver position in a time of

21:32 was the team of Gerry Hayes over the first 800m, who passed onto John Shanahan Jnr. making his debut in these championships to complete the 1,500m, who passed onto Michael Moore for the final 800m, who then passed onto John Shanahan Snr. for the 3,000m.

The bronze team in a time of 21:33 was Declan Buckley over the first 800m, who passed onto John Kelly for the 1,500m, who made up great ground, who then passed onto Kevin McCarthy making his debut for the club over the final 800m, who then passed onto Ruaidhri Devitt for the final 3,000m. John and Ruaidhri pushed each other on over the 3,000m side by side and this comradery helped both teams secure medals and hold off the other teams.

DUNGARVAN 10 MILE

Dundrum A results included 387th Michael Ryan (1:09:32), 317th Teresa O'Connor (1:14:17), 706th Mairead Julian (1:15:42) and 809th PJ Holmes (1:18:07). Milford Hospice 10k

Three Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Milford Hospice 10k recently. It was not a timed event, but two members recorded their



Dundrum AC's ladies at the County Road Relay Championships in Clonoulty. L-R: Christina Fryday, Catherine Fogarty, Patricia Moloney, Brid Quirke, Jan O'Dwyer, Laura McCarthy Armstrong, Dymphna Ryan. Missing from photo: Aisling Kiely.



Dundrum AC members at the Resolution Run 5k Barefield, Co. Clare. Back l-r: Tracie O'Dwyer, Patricia Moloney, Jan O'Dwyer, Yvonne Heaney, Lorna Duggan, Elaine Murphy. Front: Colette Alley, Claire Ryan, Christina Fryday.

own times. Michael Moore finished in 40:30 and Christina Fryday finished 52:23. Eilish Ryan also completed the race.

MEMORIAL RUN

Naoimh Dooley placed 170th in 31:17 at the Charlie Curran Memorial 5k Run.

CLONMEL AC 4K SERIES

At the final race of the Clonmel AC 4k Series, Eamon Morrissey had a great race to win in 15:06. Next was 40th Christina Fryday (20:33), 45th Patricia Moloney (22:03), 57th

Lorna Duggan (29:54) and 58th Kathleen O'Brien (29:59).

Ali O'Connor placed 4th lady and 24th overall in 17:27 and Patricia Moloney 66th in 22:16 at the third race of the Clonmel AC 4k Series.

RESOLUTION RUN 5K

11 Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Resolution Run 5k Barefield on Saturday 27th January in Co. Clare. First home for the club was 13th John Shanahan (19:08), followed by 45th Liam Butler

(21:38), 172nd Christina Fryday (25:19), 240th Elaine Murphy (26:29), 255th Jan O'Dwyer (26:42), 257th Yvonne Heaney (26:45), 301st Patricia Moloney (27:25), 482nd Tracie O'Dwyer (29:48), 551st Colette Alley (30:49), 767th Claire Ryan (35:29) and 772nd Lorna Duggan (35:55).

AWARD WINNERS

The Tipperary Athletics County Star Award winners 2017 ceremony took place last month. Kate Ferncombe won an award for Excellence in Cross Country Under 14 Girls and was awarded the Mary Doyle Memorial Cup. Shane Buckley won an award for Team Achievement on the Tipperary Boys Under 12 Cross Country Team 2016, who won gold in the inter county competition at the National Juvenile Even Age Cross Country. Michéal O'Beirne was recognised for breaking three records at Munster track and field in the over 85 category - discus 16.35m, javelin 5.90m and weight for distance 4kg 2.92m.

Action shots from Kilfeacle's 18-9 defeat to Ashbourne in the All-Ireland Junior Cup final



Kilfeacle's Oisín O'Meara in the heat of the action.



Kevin Kinnane attempting to break the Ashbourne line with Gavin Heuston in support.



Conor Minor charging through with Jack McLaughlin, Pat McNamara and Oisín O'Meara in support.

CLONMEL

Gleesons gig

Tony McLoughlin and band play Gleesons on Sunday 11th February at 9pm will special guest Philip Donnelly. Free admission at the door.

South Tipp Art

New session for Junior STAG commences on 24th February. There's a waiting list in operation from age 9 years to Leaving Certs. The first of STAG's 50th anniversary celebration exhibitions is now running in the beautiful Craft Granary until March 9th. Free admission. Congrats to Marjorie whose very evocative painting of a ruined cottage sold recently from the Granary exhibition and to Anne whose beautiful pencil drawing was sold from Befani's Restaurant, Clonmel. Contact STAG on 086-8096823.

Whist

Takes place 11th February at 2:30pm in the Bridge Centre, Clonmel. New players welcome. Refreshments served.

Flower Club

Meeting takes place in Hotel Minella on 13th February. Classes for beginners begin at 7:45pm and will be given by Mildred Stokes. The titles for the club competitions on the night are beginners 'A Valentine Posy' 20cm, Intermediate Hint of Spring' 60cms, and advanced 'Daydreams' 80cm. Mildred Stokes will also talk and demonstrate the techniques of placing a flower arrangement in a basket.

PROBUS Club

Clonmel and District PROBUS Club's next meeting takes place in Raheen House Hotel on Thursday 15th February. The meeting is titled "In conversation with Vera Hewitt: Our Mayor" where member Vera Hewitt will be in the chair to discuss all aspects of mayoral and councillor work. Starts at 10:30am with tea/coffee and biscuits with the discussion commencing at 11am. Contact Jim Keating on 086-1737532.

Free talk

Eddie O'Brien will give a free talk on the nature of prejudice at Thinking Centre, Clonmel Enterprise, on 15th February at 7:30pm. Book your place by emailing info@thinkingcentre.net or phoning 086-3806999

County Museum

Upcoming childrens events include: Valentine's Day workshop – be inspired by the Museum postcard and stamp collection to design a Valentine and write your own verse on 10th February from 11am-12pm. Age: 6-12. Ad-



The English family from Knockgraffon, New Inn, won the recent Rosegreen community annual table quiz. They received their prize from Rosegreen Community Development Association members and chairperson Pat Cummins. Front l-r: Marie Devitt, Conor and Sandra English, Pat Cummins. Back: Michael O'Neill, Cormac and Finbarr English, Breda Culleton, Andy Quirke

mission: €3. Mother's Day and St Patrick's Day workshop – show your Mum how much you care and celebrate the national feast day on 10th March from 11am - 1pm. Age: 6-12. Admission: €3. Easter camp from 27-29th March from 10am-3pm daily. Age: 6-12. Admission: €30 - family discounts. Booking essential. Contact Julia on 07 61 065254 or email julia.walsh@tipperarycoco.ie.

GOATENBRIDGE

Table quiz

In aid of South Tipperary Parkinson's Support Group takes place on 23rd February at 9pm in Glenview Lounge. Tables of four €20. A raffle will also take place on the night.

Ballybacon/Grange

The Ballybacon/Grange victory social and county finals winner medals presentation will take place on 10th February in Cahir House Hotel at 8:15pm. Music by The Loose Cannons and will also feature special guest and former Tipperary senior hurling manager Liam Sheedy. Tickets €30 from committee members.

BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL

Brian Borus

Camogie Club registration takes place on 16th February in Ballylooby club-house from 7-8:30pm. First child €50, second child €35, family €100, u6 €25, adult non-member €20. Defibrillator training takes place in Duhill Hall on 26th February. Cost €15. Refreshments on the night. To book your place contact Maggie Moloney on 086-3846839.

Lourdes Fund

A fundraising table quiz takes place in The Village Inn on Friday 9th February at 9pm. €20 per table and

spot prizes on the night.

AGM

South Tipperary Cycling Club will be holding their AGM in Duhill Hall on Monday 12th February at 8pm.

ROSEGREEN

Drama

Rosegreen Players present Big Maggie, a play in three acts by John B. Keane, from 8th to 11th February in Rosegreen Community Hall at 8pm nightly. Tickets from O'Dwyers Pharmacy, Main Street, Cashel or by contacting Pat on 087-2204034.

Table Quiz

Rosegreen's annual table quiz was a great success with support from far and wide and wonderful family participation. "Questions were 'easy' for those who knew the answers, while many of us went home with new knowledge acquired. There was the occasional 'debate' and 'Google' was also challenged, however the fun of the event was not lost and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by many," a community spokesperson said. The victorious team consisted of Sandra and Conor English with their sons Cormac and Finbarr from Knockgraffon, New Inn. To great applause, Sandra accepted the Mattie Thornton trophy from the late Mattie's grandson Colin Bourke, together with vouchers for family events. There was a tight margin between runners up and third team with all the spoils going to the Cashel ooad area. John and Marisa Costello and Ger and Cait Bennett pipped Helen and Jerry Quinlan with their sons Podge and Gerard.

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Development Project

Rosegreen Community Development Association Lim-

ited wish to thank all who attended recent public meeting when plans were unveiled for Phase 1 of upcoming redevelopment of the community field and entrance area. Presenters spoke of planning work and meetings of sub-committees over the last two years, work of project engineer, eTender process, grant approvals, fundraising events, expenditure to date, future fundraising requirements and especially the value of developments to residents of Rosegreen village and surrounding areas for their future and that of future generations to come. By 2020 Rosegreen community will enjoy top class facilities. In the meantime, support is required and requested to complete Phase 1 in 2018 and commence Phase 2 in 2019. Local input is valued and all are welcome to join the committees and get involved in fundraising ideas and voluntary work.

Senior Citizens Party

Takes place in Rosegreen Community Hall on Sunday 18th February at 1pm.

P'TOWN/LISRONAGH

Rathkeevin NS

Rathkeevin National School would like to invite enrolments from parents of Juniors Infants for September 2018. Closing date 26th February. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Rathkeevin NS. Currently a publication is being prepared to commemorate this special occasion. If you can source any photos/objects relating to the past history of the school, please drop them into the office. Especially been sought are written reminiscences from people who attended school at

Rathkeevin. Contact Pat O'Brien on 052-6121680 or email rathkeevinns@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage

Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes and the Shrines of France takes place from 22nd to 29th September. All-in cost €900. Contact Susan Phelan on 052-6121352.

Ash Wednesday

Takes place on Wednesday 14th February. Mass and blessing of ashes in Powerstown at 10am mass. Mass and blessing of ashes in Lisronagh at 7:30pm

Rathkeevin cards

Next game on 8th February at 8:30pm.

CLOGHEEN

Collection

The second collection taken up at each vigil and Sunday mass goes to finance any on going work to the buildings in Clogheen and Burncourt churches.

The following three projects are calling out for attention and hopefully they will be undertaken (if funds can be found). Fundraising will have to happen for projects to be completed. Project (1) Sacristy in Clogheen. Project (2) Electrical repairs and improvements to Clogheen Church. Project (3) Church improvements in Burncourt Church.

Fr. Sheehy GAA

Adult teams and u14s and 16s are back training. Mick Norris Jnr. has taken over as club secretary. U10s, 12s and 14s had an enjoyable trip to Pairc Ui Chaoimh for the Tipperary v Cork football and Cork v Kilkenny hurling double header. Draw for the holiday to Lanzarote takes place on February 10th. Tickets available in local outlets and from players and committee members.

Fr. Sheehy's were delighted to host the Brian Borus 5k. A special shout out to Paddy Moran who was 3rd in a very impressive 20.34 and to Liam O'Connor and Johnny O'Brien who also ran well.

Vee Rovers

The juniors were at home to St. Michael's B in a league game on Sunday morning. After the recent victory, it was vital that the home side kept the momentum going and Alan Condon was vital to this with a goal after 8 minutes. Rovers continued to dominate the proceedings but it took until the 40th minute for the home side to increase their lead against a youth full Michael's side when Warren O'Brien was played in by Shane McGrath to increase the home sides lead.

St Michael's came more into the game in the second half without overly exerting the home defence and Rian Hennessey finally made the game safe for Rovers in the 80th minute with a neat finish. Shane McGrath added to Rovers account five minutes later when he was on the end of a loose ball inside the box after a good stop from the Michael's keeper. Debutant Sean Casey completed the Rovers scoring in the 89th minute with a clever finish to complete a 5-0 victory. The under 14s were away to Peake Villa B where they enjoyed a victory by a large margin. The u12s were away to Clonmel Town B at Ferryhouse where they were beaten 2-0. The u10s were away to Donohill and the u8s and u9s were involved in a blitz at Peake Villa.

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Bridge

Anyone who wishes to make their observations known to An Bord Pleanála in relation to Tipperary County Council's proposed works on Ardfinnan Bridge should write to Mr. David Curran, An Bord Pleanála, No 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 or email your observations for the attention of Mr. David Curran to bord@pleanala.ie before 1pm on February 9th. All correspondence must include the reference number ABP'300422'17. Ardfinnan Community Council would appreciate a copy of your letter - contact any committee member or email to magsegan12@gmail.com.

GAA

Ardfinnan Football Club's minor medals presentation and dinner will take place in Cahir House Hotel on February 16th at 8pm. Tickets are €20. Contact 086-2149678.



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