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## Chris Higgins named Junior International Player of the Year

By DYLAN WHITE  
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A Tipperary sports star who pulled out of playing with the county minor footballers and went on to captain the Republic of Ireland amateur soccer team is feeling proud after being named the Football Association of Ireland's (FAI) Junior International Player of the Year.

St. Michael's Chris Higgins had to fight off competition from international teammates - Clonmel Celtic's David Joyce and Newmarket Celtic (Clare) sensation Eoin Hayes - at the 2017 Three FAI International Awards in RTÉ Studios on Sunday (March 18).

Higgins, who has won almost every medal at junior soccer level in Ireland, says winning the Junior International Player of the Year award is the ultimate achievement. "It's the highest award a junior player can get and it's a good identity of a player when you hear they have won that award," he tells South Tipp Today.

Higgins played an important role on the Republic of Ireland amateur interna-



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tional team that were runners-up at the UEFA Regions Cup finals in Turkey last summer.

Higgins journey to captaining Ireland followed stellar underage careers in soccer and GAA. Higgins signed for St. Michael's in 1993, excelled as a defender throughout his teenage years and made his first international cap in 2011. "I wouldn't

have been as technical as most of the players ahead of me when I signed for St. Michael's, but I stuck with it and got there eventually. I was always very fit and quick," Higgins says.

Higgins won soccer and GAA Munster titles at St. Ailbe's School in Tipperary Town, and represented the county at underage levels. The full-back was selected to

train with the Tipperary minor footballers, but admits having to make a big decision regarding his sporting career. "I pulled away from the Tipperary minors because I was more dedicated to soccer and wanted to play for the county youth team. At the time in my village and at Galtee Rovers they saw my dedication to soccer and didn't put any pressure on me. It has worked out very well for me and I have been lucky with my career," Higgins smiles.

Higgins, who also had a spell with the Tipperary senior footballers, recalls the 'unbelievable' atmosphere in the Irish camp at the UEFA Regions Cup finals in Turkey. "It was so professional. We trained every day at the Turkish Football Federation grounds and we had the best facilities at our base in Istanbul.

"You really find out what professional football is all about. You're gone for two weeks at a time, it's very intense coming up against top quality European teams and it brings the best out in you.

"At club level you could go to a pitch at the side of a mountain, whereas at international level the pitches, referees and opposition are at a high standard," Higgins adds.



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# The Gourmet Butcher is coming to Showgrounds Shopping Centre

By DYLAN WHITE  
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**A Tipperary man has crafted a teenage dream into reality and is set to open his own butchers in Clonmel this week.**

Ballyneale's Kevin Walsh is feeling proud ahead of launching 'The Gourmet Butcher' at The Showgrounds Shopping Centre on Friday (March 23rd).

Having mustered up over a decade of craft butcher experience, the 29-year-old has taken on "the biggest challenge" of his life. "It's huge starting my own business and it's probably one of the most important decisions I'll ever make," Kevin tells South Tipp Today.

"I am very nervous but excited at the same time. Ever since I got work experience at a butchers in Carrick-on-Suir at the age of 15, it has always been a dream to open a shop on my own. Over the years I have gained an understanding and an appreciation of what it takes to make it, and it was just about getting the timing right. It's a massive step but if I don't try it now I will always regret it. I am young and have the energy and time to put everything into it," an entrepreneurial

Kevin says.

High-quality local produce will be top of the counter at The Gourmet Butcher. "Everything will be of the highest quality, produced on site to ensure products that we can stand over. My first two orders went directly to two local farmers as opposed to two meat factories. Our emphasis will be 'support local, provide consistent quality and excellent customer service'.

"I am working very closely with local producers and farmers to bring something unique to The Gourmet Butcher - Comeragh Mountain Lamb in Lemybrien to provide a very natural lamb product; John Commins from Two Mile Borrish to bring Piedmontese beef to Clonmel; and Crowe's Farm in Dundrum to provide top quality traditional meats," Kevin explains.

The Gourmet Butcher will compliment traditional butchery methods in a modern retail setting. The shop will cater for everyone, offering extra ingredients for those interested in fitness and people with hectic lifestyles. "People are seeking healthier options and The Gourmet Butcher will provide them. The promotion of healthy eating on

social media and TV shows has generally got people asking about where their food is coming from.

"The health and fitness market is an area I really want to focus on. I will have a large pre-pack display that can be browsed and I am working on getting the health and fitness range in the shop all macronutrient labelled. I was company director in a butcher's down in Cork before I took on this venture and I had all the products analyzed and had the macronutrients on the labels. People who are training hard need to fuel their bodies properly and there will be an extensive nutritious range to meet their needs," Kevin continues.

Kevin, who has managed renowned butchers across the country, believes it's "exciting times" for dining at home. "Cooking has become an event with dinner parties and family gatherings and it's probably a lot to do with social media. Years ago if you wanted to make something you would have to buy a cookery book, but nowadays you can get a Michelin star chef on your phone who will give you a step by step tutorial on whatever you fancy.

"When people are hosting

events they want everything to be right and that's where The Gourmet Butcher comes in. We will use our expertise and give you the best advice and quality produce on the market. We will also have a range of oils, sauces and spices to go with our meats," Kevin smiles.

Kevin has been living in Clonmel the past two years and says the "buzz" around The Showgrounds Shopping Centre gave him that extra push to locate The Gourmet Butcher in the town. He has two staff members already on board and plans to grow the team in the weeks to come. Kevin hopes to launch a click and collect service that will take The Gourmet Butcher to the next level. "I plan on starting small and building from there. The layout of the shop will give people the freedom to browse what's on offer and have the option of purchasing high-quality products.

"The Gourmet Butcher will be a great addition to The Showgrounds Shopping Centre, the town of Clonmel and surrounding areas. The welcoming atmosphere in the shop will be topped off with exceptional traditional meats and excellent cus-



tomers service," Kevin highlights.

Kevin has been blown away by the support of family and friends. "It's a lonely place starting a business on your own, but the support of my partner, family and friends has been unbelievable. I have all local tradesmen and contractors working on the shop and they have been so supportive.

"I could have bought a house or set up my own business. I am not a gambler by nature but it was in my head to just do it. Because I am so young and taking a risk people have really gone out of their way to help me. From my contractors to refrigeration

suppliers, they will take a phone call at any time about something that concerns me. That's the beauty of dealing with people who are local. They are always willing to listen and reassure me," Kevin adds.

The Gourmet Butcher's opening hours are Monday to Thursday and Saturday 8am-6pm, Friday 8am-7pm and Sunday 11am-5pm. The shop is a short stroll from Clonmel town centre and customers can also avail of free parking at The Showgrounds Shopping Centre.

Check out 'The Gourmet Butcher-Clonmel' on Facebook and Instagram and visit [thegourmetbutcher.ie](http://thegourmetbutcher.ie).

## Exciting 'Grease' in Clonmel this April

Preparations are underway for St. Mary's Choral Society's 123rd production 'Grease' at the White Memorial Theatre.

Grease will be directed by the award-winning Des Henn, with Laura Cotter as musical director and Barbara

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Students at National Learning Network during class.

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## LEADER funding worth €1.5 million approved to date across Tipperary

Over 70 projects - to the tune of €1.5 million - have been approved for LEADER funding across county Tipperary.

Chairman of the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) John Carroll is "delighted to see that the LEADER programme is being rolled out throughout Tipperary with a variety of projects being approved each month".

One of the first contracts signed by Tipperary LCDC was with J.N. Cummins and Co. Ltd, Cashel, for the purchase of machinery to cut, lift and fold artificial grass from artificial playing pitches. This grant has allowed this business to offer an environmentally friendly and cost-effective solution for clients as the new machinery can recycle the infill or sand and potentially re-use the lifted artificial grass carpet in certain products such as dog runs.

Cais na Tire Farmhouse Cheese have been supported to acquire key items of equipment for their cheese making facility just south of Terryglass. This equipment will enable them to start producing Cais na Tire cheese on site at the farm. Cais na Tire is a unique award winning cheese described as earthy and sweet with caramel and pear like tones. Sheep cheese is a growing market both nationally and internationally

and Cais na Tire are hoping to increase their export potential and create rural employment along the way.

Tipperary Boutique Distillery Ltd has also been approved funding for the construction of a bottling and distilling facility at Ballindoney farm, Grange, Clonmel. This will enable this start up business to become the first field-to-bottle farm based whiskey in Ireland, and has the potential to generate both employment and tourism in the area.

Farm Diversification support has also been endorsed for Blackcastle Farm to fund the development of a food processing unit on site in Two Mile Borris. At Blackcastle Farm they breed Piedmontese beef with a no fat gene, making them the leanest variety in the world. The RDP grant will assist the farm with renovation of an existing farm building to incorporate a state of the art kitchen and preparation facilities. This will allow them to expand production of their delicious and healthy range of raw and fresh meat products. Healthy living is in high focus for Blackcastle Farm along with job creation and the export potential for their expanding farm enterprise.

Some of the community projects under the Rural Towns Sub-Theme approved to date include the development and enhancement of playgrounds in Cappawhite



On the site of the sensory playground in Clonmel's Mulcahy Park are - Marie McMahon, Rotary Clonmel; Anthony Coleman, Clonmel Borough District; Catherine Kennedy, South Tipperary Autism Support Group; Isabel Cambie, South Tipperary Development CLG; Brendan Nyhan, Rotary Clonmel; Clare Cashman, Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC); and Mayor Catherine Carey, Clonmel Borough District.

and Borrisoleigh; the community walking/running track in Borrisoleigh; a sensory playground and garden in Mulcahy Park, Clonmel, by the South Tipperary Autism Support Group; the further enhancement of Ballynonty Memorial Garden; the Borrisoleigh River Walk Trailhead; and a recreation garden and car park at Gortnahoe.

Rural Tourism projects supported to date include the upgrading of Christ the King Viewing Point by the Glen of Aherlow Failte Society, marketing support for Cashel Arts Festival, and the development of a tourism proposal in conjunction with Kilkenny LEADER Partnership focusing on the development of

Linguan River Valley that straddles the Tipperary - Kilkenny border area north of Carrick-on-Suir and south of Callan. Hidden Tipperary, a Thurles based tourism promotion group, have been approved to develop their marketing capacity. Tavern Caravan and Camping Park in Ballinderry will also receive support to extend and enhance their facility. A number of cross county tourism projects focused on Lough Derg are also in the pipeline.

Community facilities and groups approved for funding under the Basic Services sub-theme to date include Tipperary Dyspraxia Association, Nenagh Olympic Indoor Stadium, Derynaflan

Residents Group, Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Glengoole Hall, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Hillview Sports Club Clonmel and South Tipperary GAA Centre.

John Carroll added: "Tipperary LCDC is delighted to be associated with these projects which will benefit communities, individuals and businesses throughout the county. The priority for the LEADER programme is to promote social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas like county Tipperary."

All of these projects are being financed under LEADER as part of Ireland's Rural Development Programme which is part-fin-

anced by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development which aims to foster local development in rural areas.

Decisions on LEADER funding are made at a local level by the Tipperary LCDC and they have been awarded a project budget of over €7.5 million for the 2014-2020 programme period. Tipperary County Council are the financial partners with the Department of Rural and Community Development for this programme. The LEADER Programme is implemented on the ground by South Tipperary Development CLG and North Tipperary LEADER Partnership on behalf of Tipperary LCDC.

South Tipperary Development CLG and North Tipperary LEADER Partnership are currently seeking Expressions of Interest from interested parties under the Rural Development (LEADER) Programme 2014-2020. Applications for projects under the Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns, Rural Environment and Rural Youth sub-themes can be submitted all year round, subject to budget availability.

A Targeted Call for projects under the Basic Services Measure - typically community-based infrastructure or capital type projects and social supports - will be announced in April.

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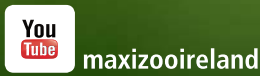
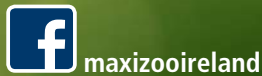
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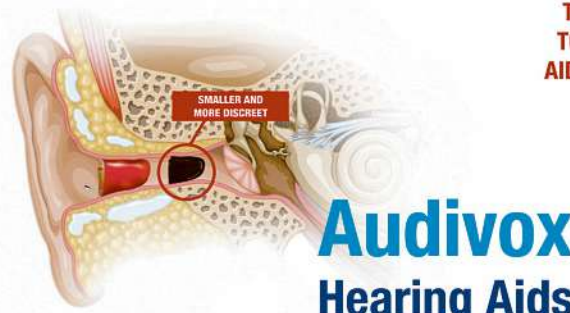
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# Cashel rocks with news of 200 jobs

A €14 million investment is set to create 200 new jobs for Cashel.

Rockshel Life Sciences has purchased a plant site in Cashel - formerly the property of the Sun Pharma Group - that closed in 2016 with the loss of more than 100 jobs.

Deputy Michael Lowry confirmed that he introduced the new owners to the site and after complex negotiations it was officially purchased in January 2018 by AG Infoceuticals Technology Limited, a privately-owned investment company with Irish, UK and UAE investors.

The €14 million investment includes site purchase, renovation, plant fit-out and the purchase of production lines and equipment. Site-works upgrade and renovations have already commenced on the 40,000 square foot plant.

"This is a hugely significant and exciting development for Cashel. Recruitment is already underway within the catchment areas of Cashel, Thurles district and Tipperary Town areas. 50 positions are to be created immediately across areas of manufacturing, Research and development, technical, analytical, quality and support sectors, with a further

150 positions to be filled over the next 24 months," Deputy Lowry said.

Rockshel will begin production of an extensive range of nutritional, herbal and health supplements in May 2018. The natural products range of vitamins, supplements and dietary minerals will be manufactured on-site in the form of capsule, tablets, film coated tablets, sugar coated tablets, sachet and soft gelatin capsules under the brand name of Rockshel.

Rockshel will manufacture its products under the highest pharmaceutical standards. Rockshel will become a niche player in the food supplement market by intensifying its research and development and innovation in the plant extract area.

Joint ventures are already secured with world class nutritional and herbal companies, and Canadian and American agreements are also underway. Extensive research is ongoing with German, French and Italian healthcare companies.

The site will have ultramodern laboratory facilities to further research collaborations with some of Ireland's most prestigious universities in the area of herbal extraction.

Commenting on the announcement, co-founder

and CEO Dr. Azzam Hussein praised Deputy Lowry for the enormous role he has played in bringing the project to Tipperary. He thanked Deputy Lowry for his consistent encouragement and support. "He has been instrumental in making this project happen for Tipperary. I also wish to thank him for arranging to meet with Minister Heather Humphreys in her Department of Enterprise and Employment Office. The minister was very enthusiastic about the project and assured us of every assistance. We look forward to an official visit from the Minister in the weeks ahead," Dr. Hussein said.

"The project will be on par with multinational players in the area of food supplement specialty and we look forward to expanding our operation to more than 40 countries within three years. There is no doubt that Ireland is continuing to flourish with dozens of new businesses opening, but this area is niche and the Irish market has not yet tapped into its full potential."

"Our board members are increasingly looking for innovative approaches to bring products to market effectively and efficiently. Our flexible project team models, collaborative approach, and proprietary research



TJ Ryan (Cashel publican), Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald and Deputy Jackie Cahill.

methods will increase the level of collaboration and allow us to respond quickly to our clients needs while maintaining our focus on high-quality deliverables," Dr. Hussein added.

Rockshel will be a full-service Contract Research Organisation providing research services for the biotech, life sciences and pharmaceutical industry. Clients will have dramatically improved services, productivity and maximum

value of research and development investments by obtaining fast, high-quality results leading to better quality and values as part of a strategic approach.

Rockshel expects to manage numerous projects in the Innovation Centre during 2018-2019 with potential global expansion.

"There is a certain need of re-engineering the marketing mix: creating and implementing a strategy in which the desire for natural

remedies and plant extract medicines knowledge incites action on behalf of the patients and healthcare professionals. That is, companies should refocus their marketing message from health and safety point of view for patient satisfaction.

"The company's mission statement is clear. Rockshel will do everything better, faster, simpler and safer than their competitors," he concluded.



Marie Whelan (KW Opticians, Cashel), Fiona Molumby (AM Office Supplies, Cashel), Áine Gallahue (Friary Pharmacy, Cashel) and Loughlin McGovern (Campion Insurance, Cashel).



Deputy Michael Lowry, Haya Hussein and Dr. Azzam Hussein (CEO Rockshel).



Denis Leamy (coach and former international rugby player), Deputy Michael Lowry, Dr. Azzam Hussein (CEO Rockshel), TJ Kinsella (president of County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce) and Noel McGrath (Tipperary senior hurler).



Sean Shieils, Loretta Cunningham, Val Cunningham and Des Cooney.



Members of Cashel Tidy Towns group at the launch of Rockshel in Cashel. L-r: Paddy Downey, Paul Monks, Cliff Cope and Pat Buckley.

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# OUT AND ABOUT

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Anne Clifford, Angela Barrett, Phil Ryan, Carol Mohally, Fiona Barrett, Rosemary O'Donnell and Philly Fahey enjoying an afternoon tea party in New Inn Community Centre.



Congratulations to Kumon Maths and English Study Centre Clonmel students who were presented with certificates and medals for their achievement of studying advanced work in comparison to their peers worldwide.



Clonmel's The Dancer's Academy Of Performing Arts (DAPA) came fourth at the All-Ireland Dance Championships in Donegal recently.

Seven DAPA dancers travelled to the competition, placing sixth in the lyrical solos and won medals and the group trophy for a piece choreographed about the homeless crisis in Ireland. DAPA dancers that competed included Roseann Foley, Lauren Ryan, Ada Kaak, Michaela Barthova, Clodagh O'Meara Ryan, Emma Mahony and Aimee Rose Bowe.



Grainne Hedont Of CARE Cancer Support in Clonmel receiving a cheque for €250 from Clonmel Theatre Guild's Carol Acheson and Adrienne Small. The money was raised from the Guild's December run of 'Funny Money' dinner theatre. Clonmel Theatre Guild have donated €6,500 of raffle proceeds to local charities over the last eight years.



Michael and Mary Hickey celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends at Raheen House Hotel recently.

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## Birthday Celebrations



Val O'Neill and Bernie Farrell celebrating their birthdays at Knockgraffon cards recently.



Tipperary ladies football captain Samantha Lambert with Cllr. Martin Lonergan, Deputy Mattie McGrath and Cllr. Richie Molloy at a civic reception for the All-Ireland champions in Ardfinnan Community Hall.



## 'KICKSTART YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE'

Tipperary ETB's programme 'Kickstart your Way to a Healthy Lifestyle', based in Clonmel, has been shortlisted for an AONTAS STAR Award. The STAR Awards (Showcasing Teamwork, Awarding Recognition) are an awards initiative organised by the national adult learning organisation, AONTAS, to recognise and celebrate the work undertaken by adult learning initiatives throughout Ireland.



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## WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

# Celebrating trees at Curraghchase

## Wildlife Matters Albert Nolan

The sun crept out from beneath the trees as Curraghchase Forest Park was bathed in glorious spring sunshine. Along the edge of the wood, chaffinches, blackbirds and thrushes flew away noisily, as they resented my early morning intrusion. I even spotted a red squirrel, but unfortunately I could not entice him to come along and meet families that would be arriving later. As I parked the car ravens flew overhead and a pair of majestic swans glided over the surface of the lake.

On this occasion, Living Limerick were celebrating National Tree Week. Families got the opportunity to plant/take home a native tree, sow an acorn and go on bird, bat and tree walks.

Nature works best in co-operation, and for the first walk all three speakers joined together and were directed by co-ordinator of Living Limerick Sean Hartigan.

Steve and Aedin took charge of the acorn sowing. These were gathered last autumn in Curraghchase and stored in damp leaves during the winter. They have just started to root, and are ready for a new home and hopefully a long life.

Will Hayes was our bird expert for the day. He has travelled all over the world but still gets excited by Irish birds. His interest and enthusiasm was infectious, and he started off by showing how to use a pair of binoculars. After we had mastered this important skill, Will handed out a worksheet, showing photographs of the main species of birds found in Curraghchase. As we walked along we ticked of the different species we came across.

The swans of course performed for the group, as the adult male was trying to drive away last year's cygnets. Like

all children, it is time for them to find their own way in the world.

Coots and moorhens were out on the lake, and a kestrel put in a brief show for the bird watchers. A colourful male reed bunting allowed us close up views from the bridge, and his partner also appeared at the water's edge.

Tanya from Limerick Bat Group talked about the special colony of lesser horseshoe bats that roost in the old house. This is a scarce species in Limerick, and they hunt through the woodland searching for insects and moths. They have large appetites and can consume up to 3,000 insects each night helping control insect species. Daubenton's bats will feed over the surface of the lake, and the night-time world of wildlife can be just as interesting as day. Joining the Limerick Bat Group is a great way to learn about these misunderstood species - check out their Facebook page for more information.

A dotted border and chestnut moth captured the previous night gave people hands on experience with nocturnal insects. They play an unseen role in pollination and are food for bats. Their protein packed caterpillars are gathered from the leaves of trees by birds and fed to their chicks.

I chatted about trees, and a mix of native species provide food and homes for many different species of birds and bats. Oak is one of the best and we found some fine examples on our walk. Nests are built among the oaks branches and in any decaying holes in old trees. Berries, seeds and insects that feed on the trees are eaten and creatures can shelter from the adverse weather or sleep the night away in a dense canopy of leaves. Trees are

the community centres of the natural world and accommodate a diversity of life.

On the next walk, Tanya talked about the dangers of invasive species and the damage they can cause to woodland habitats. They out-compete native flowers that provide food for bees, and everyone who enjoys the countryside needs to be educated around best practices.

Slugs and worms are not universal loved but are vital recyclers and keep a woodland healthy. Fungi also fulfil this important role by breaking down fallen trees and branches and releasing the trapped energy and nutrients.

Searching for squirrel dreys in the trees, animal's tracks in the mud, leaf miners and listening for birds all stimulated our senses. Of course four buzzards appeared, mewing overhead just as I introduced a slug. We all know who got all the attention.

I had a fabulous day listening, learning and sharing and look forward to more events with Living Limerick. Check out their Facebook page for more details.

Events: Enjoy Seedy Sunday on 25th March from 2-4pm in the Sunroom Pyramid, Kilmee. Deirdre Morrissey will give a talk on seed saving. Adults €2 and children free. Refreshments €1. Contact Cynthia at meithealcoop@gmail.com or 085-1750898.

Tipperary and Laois Birdwatch branches joint outing to the hide at Ashton's Callovs takes place on 25th March. Meet at the old gates to Birr Castle at 2pm. Wear wellies and dress for the weather. More information on Tipperary Birdwatch's website.

*Comments/questions to albert.nolan@rocket-mail.com or 089-4230502. Albert is also available to give walks/talks to schools, Tidy Towns, youth and community groups.*



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### What is Wardship?

When a person becomes unable to manage their assets because of mental incapacity, an application can be made to the courts for them to become a Ward of Court.

### When does Wardship arise?

An application must be made to the court before someone can be made a Ward of Court.

On application, the court will make a decision as to whether the person is capable of managing their own property. If it is decided that the person cannot manage their own property because of mental incapacity, a committee is appointed to control the assets on the Ward's behalf.

The circumstances in which such an application might become necessary are varied and can be following an accident or a prolonged illness.

Wardship can also arise in the case of minors. If a minor is subject to the courts system and is awarded a substantial sum of money, decisions may need to be made on their behalf as to decide what these funds should be used. For example, purchasing a house or provision of long term care.

### How does the court decide if someone should be made a Ward of Court?

The court must be satisfied that the person is mentally incapacitated and incapable of managing their affairs and that it is necessary for the protection of his or her person or property that they be taken into Wardship. In deciding the issue of mental incapacity, the court will base this decision on medical evidence available.

### What is a committee?

The Committee is the person appointed by the president of the High Court to act on behalf of the ward. The committee can only do what the court authorises them to do. Typically, a committee will be authorised by the court to carry out such functions as collecting a ward's pension, letting his farm or selling their house.

### Is there an easier way?

In a situation where loss of capacity is foreseeable, a common practice is to prepare an Enduring Power of Attorney. This is a legal document which allows an individual to choose to appoint a specific individual (usually a close family member) to look

after both their personal and financial affairs in the event that for any reason they lose their mental capacity in the future.

### What law governs Wardship?

For over 140 years the Lunacy Regulations Act provided the foundation for Ireland's approach to issues of capacity.

The Assisted Decision Making Act 2015 sought to change this dramatically. Although not yet fully implemented into force, the act makes practical changes with the vulnerable party and their interests central to the process.

Under the old system, capacity was seen as a whole or nothing status. You either had it or you did not and all decisions were treated the same. Under the new system, capacity is to be decided on an issue by issue basis and so a person may be deemed to have capacity to make certain decisions, while still lacking capacity to make others.

While the new approach is in its infancy in Ireland and may not be fully implemented for a while to come, the move is to be welcomed as a step forward in human rights and preserving the dignity of the individual.

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Cahir Garda members helped out at the party. Back l-r: Sgt. Sean O'Dwyer, Gda Philip O'Sullivan, Gda Louise Lorden, Gda Stephen Burke, Inspector Mark Allen. Seated: Arezoo Khozouiee, Sgt. Olivia O'Donnell, Superintendent Carmel Banville.



Organisers Bill Coffey (right) and Pascal O'Dwyer (left) with Superintendent Carmel Banville.



John and Mary Regan.



Maureen Davis and Maudie O'Donoghue.



Davy and Eileen Ryan.



Eileen and Dudley Berry.



Marie O'Farrell with her mum Maureen Williams.

# CAHIR CORNER

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Kathleen Carroll, Kitty Taylor and Chris Flynn enjoying the Garda senior citizens party at Cahir House Hotel.



McGrath School of Dance's Abby Burke, Aisling Corbett, Niamh O'Connor, Clara English, Éabha Slattery, Saoirse McCarra, Kayleigh Condon and Amy O'Dwyer performed at the party.



Josephine and Tommy Mason.



Hillary and Arthur Carter.



John and Josie Goff.



Betty and Gerry O'Looney.



Superintendent Carmel Banville and Maureen Davis.



Doreen Maher, Mary O'Neill and Ann Moloney.

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### KILSHELAN/KILCASH

#### Walk

An Easter Monday (April 2nd) Slievenamon walk in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, starts 1km north of Kilcash at the 'Sliabh na mBan Summit' yellow signpost at 12:30pm.

### PEAKS CLUB

Peaks Mountaineering Club's 11th annual Knockmealdown Crossing leaves from Newcastle Community Centre on April 7th. All levels of fitness catered for. Three Walks: 29km walk is self navigated and requires a high level of fitness and skill. Registration from 7 to 7:45am. Bus leaves at 8am. 20km walk is suitable for fit hill walkers. Registration from 8 to 8:45am. Bus leaves at 9am. 15km walk on trails is suitable for a reasonable level of fitness. Registration from 10:30 to 11:15am. Bus leaves at 11:30am. Buses will transport you to the start of the various walks. €25 entry fee includes a meal at the end of the walks. All profits donated to charity.

### KNOCKMEALDOWN

Knockmealdown Active are organising a five stage guided walk of St. Declan's Way Pilgrim Path from Cashel to Ardmore. The stages are approximately 20km each and run as follows: Stage 1 - Cashel to Cahir on March 31. Stage 2 - Cahir to Goatenbridge on April 28th. Stage 3 - Goatenbridge to Lismore on May 26th. Stage 4 - Lismore to Aglish on June 30th. Stage 5 - Aglish to Ardmore on July 28th. Stages cost €25 for one or €20 each if you wish to participate in more than one. Payment covers bus transport from your car to the start point, guides, sweepers, medics and food at the end of each walk. Those who book all five stages will receive a free Pilgrim Passport and commemorative St. Declan's Way badge. The passport can be stamped on completion of each stage. Book online at [www.kmdactive.com](http://www.kmdactive.com).

### DRIVER LICENCE

From Monday 9 April,



Compostable cups are coming to Cashel. As part of the move away from non-recyclable single use disposable coffee cups, Grogans Cake and Ice Cream Parlour and other Cashel businesses are making the switch to compostable coffee cups, ice cream bowls and other take away containers. Appreciation is extended to Zeus Packaging for coming to town with samples of their large range of compostable containers. Pictured l-r: Thomas Grogan, Margaret Brady (Zeus Packaging) and Tommy Grogan.

the Public Services Card will be the only form of identity accepted at the National Driver Licence Service when applying for or renewing a driving licence or learner permit, advises Cllr. Richie Molloy. "The card will be used to verify a customer's name, PPS number, address and identity. This information may be of particular use to younger drivers who do not have a Public Service Card but who are planning to undertake the Driver Theory Test in the next few months and beyond," he adds.

### CLONMEL

#### The Coachman

Social dancing on Friday 23rd March at 8pm. Music by Legends. Free entry and prizes. All are welcome.

#### Table quiz

In aid of Cappanagarrane Horse Rescue and Sanctuary takes place at Liam Daly's on 22nd March at 8:30pm. Tables of four are €20.

#### Probus Club

Next meeting in the Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel takes place on Thursday 29th March. Catherine Bertels from Le Cairde will deliver a talk entitled 'Support Services for people with Alzheimer's'. The meeting will commence at 10:30am with tea/coffee and biscuits with the presentation at 11am. Contact Jim Keating on 086-1737532.

#### Whist

Whist on March 25th at 2:30pm in Clonmel Bridge Centre.

#### Toastmasters

Clonmel Toastmasters held a well-attended and dynamic International Club Contest on 8th March. Well done to all the people who

helped out in various roles and especially to all the contestants who participated in this annual event. The results were as follows: International Speech Club Contest - 1st Isweri Pillay, 2nd Michael Maunsell, 3rd Margaret Hyde. International Evaluation Club Contest - 1st Michael Maunsell, 2nd Jim Keating, 3rd Margaret Hyde. Thank you to Martina Stapleton, Cashel Toastmasters, who gave a great Test Speech. Best wishes to the winners in the Division D Area 8 final of the International and Evaluation Speech Contest on Friday 23rd March in The Park Hotel Dungarvan at 8pm. New and returning guests are free and welcome to attend the next meeting at Clonmel Park Hotel on 22nd March at 7:50pm.

### NEWCASTLE

#### 45 Drive

Newcastle Muintir na Tire Community host their annual Monster 45 Drive on March 30th at 8:45pm in the Community Hall in aid of the Lourdes Invalid Fund. Entry fee €10.

### DRANGAN

#### Whist Drive

In Drangan Community Hall on March 26th at 8:15pm.

#### Progressive 25

Winners on 15th March were Tess Maher and Moira Cullivan; Breda Wilson and John St. John; Bernie Myles and Alice Quinn. Jackpot winners for February were Breda Nolan, Tony and Brian Cullivan, Lory Byrne and Joseph Meagher. Regular card player Tess

Maher celebrated her 90th birthday last week and Marie Cuddihy baked a special cake to mark the occasion at the weekly card game.

#### St. Patrick's GAA

Fun run/walk on St. Patrick's Day raised over €1,000. A special word of thanks to Sam Richardson who made all the arrangements. Under 12 D footballers play Clonmel Óg and the under 12 B side play Ballingarry this weekend in Anner Park Cloneen if weather permits. Minor footballers game against Kilsheelan/Kilcash takes place 25th March at 4:30 in Davin Park, Carrick-on-Suir. Under 16 footballers play Ballingarry on 27th March at 6:15pm in Fethard. Club lotto takes place on 27th March for €6,600.

### FETHARD

#### Daffodil Day

A Daffodil Day coffee morning takes place in Fethard Town Hall on March 23rd from 9am to 1pm.

#### Commemoration

The annual George Plant Commemoration takes place on 1st April at St. Johnstown, Fethard, at 2:30pm. Cllr. Catherine Carey, Mayor of Clonmel will chair the days proceedings. Senator Paul Gavan will be the main speaker. There will be a wreath laying and the Carrick-on-Suir RFB will be in attendance. All are welcome.

### P'TOWN/LISRONAGH

#### Baptisms

Welcome into the community Jamie Hallinan, John Hall, Conor Lonergan

and Kaylie Delaney. Congratulations to their parents Owen and Laura, Jonathan and Susan, Conor and Rachel, and William and Melanie.

#### Rathkeevin cards

Weekly card game winners on March 15th were Michael Power and John McNamara, and Joe Aherne and Mick O'Dwyer on 9 games. Table Prizes on 19th and 20th games went to Pat and Anne Butler with Michael Prendergast and Margaret Quinlan. Cards again on 22nd March at 8:30pm.

### MARLFIELD

#### Wall repairs

The repair of the village stone walls - which got a very favourable mention in the reports of the adjudicators of the Tidy Towns competition - is well under way. The first wall to get the mason's attention is the section of wall damaged some time ago by a falling tree in the avenue of St. Patrick's Chapel. There is plenty of work for Tús worker Gerard Delaney in and around Marlfield and the trowel and hammer will be busy.

### GRANGE

#### Fundraiser

The community of Grange are holding an Easter walk/fun run on Sunday 25th March in support of Tomás Kelly. Registration begins at 10:30am in Grange Community Hall. The run will commence at 11:20am, followed by the walk at 11:30am. Refreshments will be provided in the hall afterwards. Sponsorship cards are available from the office in Grange National School. There will be a registration charge on the morning of €10 per adult

and €20 per family. Fancy dress is optional, and the Easter Bunny will be out to greet the children.

#### Fashion show

Ballybacon/Grange Camogie and Hurling Club's fashion show takes place in Cahir House Hotel on 22nd March. Prosecco reception at 7:30pm with the show starting at 8pm. Lots of great prizes to be won. Tickets are €20 each and can be purchased from Burkes and Flynn's Stores in Ardfinnan and club from club committee members.

### ARDFINNAN

#### Coffee morning

In support of Daffodil Day will be held in Ardfinnan Community Centre on 23rd March from 9:30am to 1pm.

### NEW INN

#### Tennis Club

AGM takes place on 28th March at 8pm.

#### AGM

New Inn Fine Gael Branch will hold their AGM in the community centre on Thursday 22nd March at 8pm.

### BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL

#### 25 Drive

Every Monday at 8:30pm in Ballylooby Hall.

#### 45 Drive

Every Sunday at 8:15pm. Good Friday card drive in Newcastle in aid of the Lourdes Fund.

### ÉIRE ÓG ANNACARTY

Senior hurlers play Borrisoleigh in the County League on 25th March in Annacarty at 11:45am. Minor footballers play Kickhams in the West Championship on 24th March in Dundrum.

### CLOGHEEN

#### Sympathy

Deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Sean Byrne on the recent death of their father after a long illness, and to JJ Sheehy on the death of his mother Nell.

### EXHIBITION

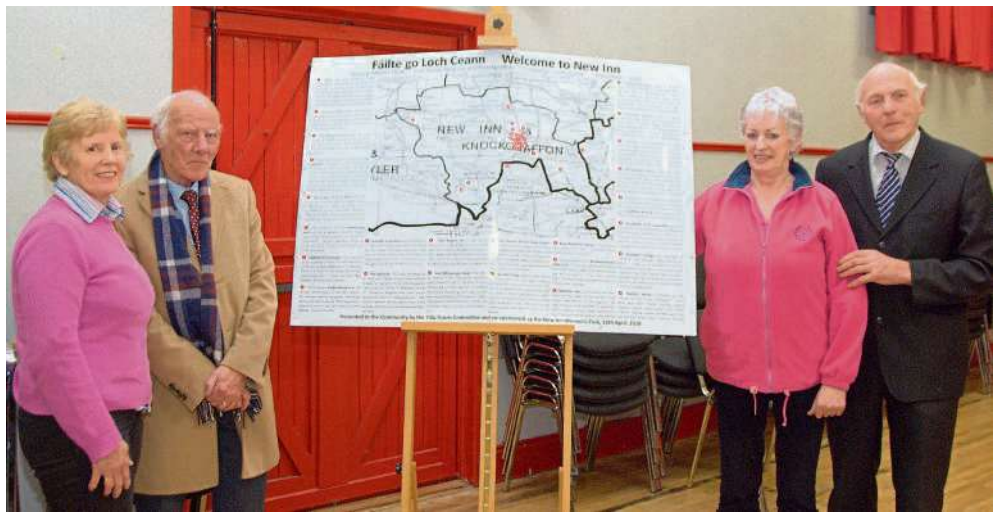
Pluck Projects are delighted to announce 'Vox Materia' by Kilmoyler's Alice Maher will open at The Source Arts Centre, Thurles, on Thursday 29th March at 7:30pm. It comprises of a multi-part installation of sculpture and works on paper. Runs at The Source until 5th May.

# OUT AND ABOUT

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CBS High School, Clonmel, students with Deputy Mattie McGrath on their recent visit to Leinster House.



Local historian Dave Morris gave a presentation on the history and origins of place names around New Inn and Knockraffon. Pictured with Dave are Philly Fahey (Tidy Towns), Breda Culleton (Women's Group) and John Landy (hall committee) at New Inn Community Centre.



Save Our Acute Hospital Services Committee organised a visit of Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People Jim Daly regarding reinstating acute inpatient psychiatric beds to replace beds lost by the closure of St. Michael's unit in Clonmel.



Newcastle figure and set dancers enjoyed double success at the Munster Senior Scór Finals in Cappamore.



Children from St. Thomas the Apostle National School, Rosegreen, won medals at Scór in Hollyford recently.



Tommy Cleary from Graigue, Clogheen, celebrated his 99th birthday at Vee Valley Day Care Centre recently.



New Inn Women's Group presented the proceeds of an afternoon tea party to various organisations in the parish recently. L-r: Eileen Halley, Marie Walsh, Kay Lonergan, Liam O'Gorman, Philly Fahey, Esther Boland, Sean Looby, Patricia Wilson, Breda Culleton, Carmel Leonard and Mary Frances Barron.



Clonmel Bridge Club members won the Irish Bridge Union's O'Connor Trophy. L-r: Tony Lonergan, Tom O'Donnell, Fergal O'Neill (president, Irish Bridge Union), Ann Nolan and Willie Corby.



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# Rockwell College students plan for the future at Careers Night

Rockwell College students got the opportunity to explore different work paths at Careers Night recently.

Most of the Tipperary professionals who volunteered their time and knowledge on the night were past Rockwell College students.

“Feedback from the students has been excellent,” Rockwell College career guidance counsellor Orla Cremin told South Tipp Today.

“They found it very beneficial as they gained a further insight into different pathways into their chosen careers. Students also highlighted that it was perfect timing to think about other possible career areas,

especially with the CAO deadline looming.

“On a personal note we are very grateful that people took time out of their busy lives and careers to meet and speak to our students,” Orla added.

Volunteers at Careers Night included The Nationalist and South Tipp Today reporter Dylan White (journalism), Brian Morrissey (medicine, general practice and health sciences), Conor Durack (dentistry and health sciences), Cillian Balfe (law, solicitor practice and business), Brian Kavanagh (engineering and design practice), Lynda Kelly (poli-

cing, criminology and psychology), Enda Shine (agricultural food business, agricultural science, economics and nutrition), EmmyLou Flores (computer science and information technology at the University of Limerick), David J. Butler (geography, history, arts, humanities and social sciences at University College Cork), and Monica Kennedy (primary teaching).

“The students had great variety, with several more tables to attend at than last year, and the novel addition of secondary, as well as primary, topics to discuss, placed on the wall notices,” Dr. David J. Butler concluded.



# John Carey continues to produce artistic masterpieces

Talented Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir, transition year student John Carey plans to continue producing artistic masterpieces after winning a Special Merit award in Category B of the Texaco Art Competition last year.

The 16-year-old from Ballylooby entered an amazing picture of an old

man titled 'Wisdom' in the 13-15 years of age group. The stunning work was created using coloured pencils, felt tips and Tipex for texture.

John also received a prize in the Cahir Credit Unions Art Competition before Christmas. John's love of drawing has seen him amass almost 20 pieces of work,

and he was involved in painting the mural on the dining hall wall in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh as well as helping paint the background for the school's shows.

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh art teacher Anne Ryan Maher has guided John on his journey.



John Carey won a Special Merit award in the Texaco Art Competition.



Cahir Boys National School sixth class pupils at the RDS Primary Science Fair with their project 'Bubbleology! Can we investigate the Science of Bubbles?'



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## Tipperary students graduate from Shannon College of Hotel Management

Tipperary students graduated from Shannon College of Hotel Management recently.

Some 89 graduates from Shannon College of Hotel Management – the only third level college in the country with 100% graduate employment since it was founded – received their degrees, with eight countries other than Ireland represented among them, including USA, Canada, India, China, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Seychelles. In all, 20 different nationalities are represented across the college's student body.

Clonmel's Michael Delahunty, Cahir's Jane O'Donovan, Fethard's Sam Manton, Nenagh's Niamh Geaney and Stephen Nagle, and Holycross' Malachy Joe Gavin celebrated with their classmates at their graduation ball in Dromoland Castle, County Clare.



Tipperary students at their graduation ball in Dromoland Castle, County Clare.

## Tipperary Athletics Star Awards



Jonathan Doyle presented Dundrum AC's Kate Ferncombe with the under 14 girls Mary Doyle Memorial Cup.

## Glory for Cashel Community School's choirs

Cashel Community School secured first place in two choir competitions recently.

On Wednesday 28th February, the senior boys choir travelled to County Cork for the Feis Maitiú competition. They sang 'Riu Riu Chiu', a 16th Century Spanish piece arranged by Michael McGlynn, and 'Poor Wayfaring Stranger', a traditional spiritual piece arranged by Victor C. Johnson. The boys sang very well and took home the Cash's of Cork Perpetual Trophy, thereby retaining the award which was won by the school's senior girls choir in 2017.

On Friday 9th March, Cashel Community School's senior choir took part in the Limerick Choral Festival Post-Primary Mixed Voices competition at the Redemptorist Church. Their first song was 'Precious Lord Take My Hand', written by Thomas



A. Dorsey. The second piece the choir performed was 'White Winter Hymnal', written by Robin Pecknold and arranged by Michaela Maher. The choir sang against schools from Connaught and Leinster. This was the senior choir's sixth time taking first place in the competition. Cashel Community

**ABOVE:** Cashel Community School's senior choir celebrating their success at the Redemptorist Church in Limerick.

**RIGHT:** Cashel Community School's senior boys choir won the Cash's of Cork Perpetual Trophy.

School congratulates both choirs and their music teacher Ms. Liane Bradley.



Eibhlís Purcell presented Clonmel AC's Evan Lynch with the Tipperary Best under 23 Male Athlete award.

## Séamus Callanan presents prizes to Cashel students

Cashel Community School's first year Business Studies students took part in an enterprise competition recently.

Students worked in teams, researching local businesses and presenting their findings to peers and teachers.

Tipperary senior hurler Séamus Callanan presented prizes to the winning students, complimenting them on their teamwork, research and presentation skills. The winning teams were Ruby Doherty and Ellen Butler; Dean Mulcaire, Ellie Butler, James O'Sullivan and Aoibheann Ryan; and Ciara Fleming, Alice Fleming and Mikaela Lawrence.



Séamus Callanan, Micheál Hassett, Claire Whelan, Deirdre Reddan, Ruby Doherty, Ellen Butler, John Cooney and John Murray.



Jim Ryan presented the under 14 girls Tom Healy Memorial Cup to Clonmel AC's Grainne O'Connor.

# Tipperary teenagers secure places at Student Enterprise Programme National Finals

11 budding teenage entrepreneurs have been selected to represent Tipperary at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals in Croke Park. The young entrepreneurs will represent their Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and their county at the Student Enterprise Programme showpiece on May 2.

Every September, entrepreneurial secondary school students across the country begin their business journey as they are encouraged to brainstorm, create and run their own businesses. In September 2017 over 23,000 students from 480 schools nationwide begun their entrepreneurial journey with the help of their teachers and their LEO.

This year almost 1,400 students from 24 Tipperary schools took part in the county competition which culminated in the County Final recently at the LIT

Thurles campus involving 190 students with 67 projects representing 22 schools. In the Junior category, the students representing Tipperary at the National Finals will be David Kennedy, Oisín Dillon-O'Rourke and Jack Egan from Clonmel's CBS High School with their business 'JOD Enterprises'.

In the Intermediate category, Morgan Lambert, Sean Cunningham, Cian O'Brien and Callum McGrath from Cahir's Coláiste Dún Iascaigh with their business 'Ushield' will be representing the county in Croke Park.

In the Senior category of the competition, Tipperary will be represented by Dylan Murphy, Billy Howard, Darragh Spillane and Cathal Spillane from St. Joseph's CBS, Nenagh, with their project 'DCBD Helmet Visor'.

Sean Prendergast from Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, with his business entry 'WOOD'

won the Entrepreneurial Award worth €250.

The success of the Student Enterprise Programme is down to the entrepreneurial spirit of the students involved, with Head of Enterprise Tipperary Rita Guinan praising this year's entrants. "Every year we are astounded by the ideas and the business savvy that these students have acquired at such a young age. They really are a credit to their teachers and school staff who have helped to nurture this talent.

"The Student Enterprise Programme is growing appeal every year and we hope to see many of these excellent young students coming through the door of their local LEO in the years to come. We wish today's winners all the very best as they go on to represent their county at the National Finals in Croke Park in May," she added.



CBS High School Clonmel 1st prize winners in the Junior section. Pictured are Martina O'Reilly (teacher), David Kennedy, Oisín Dillon O'Rourke, Jack Egan and Sue Anne O'Donnell.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir, students came 1st in the Intermediate section. Pictured are Tipperary County Council's Sinead Carr, students Morgan Lambert, Sean Cunningham, Cian O'Brien and Callum McGrath, and Cllr. Roger Kennedy.



Gaelchoilaiste Cheitinn Clonmel students came 3rd in the Senior section of the Student Enterprise Awards at LIT Thurles.



Carrick-on-Suir students came 3rd in the Junior section.



Leah Jones from Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel, won 2nd prize in the Intermediate section of the Student Enterprise Awards at LIT Thurles. She is pictured with Tipperary County Council's Sinead Carr and Cllr. Roger Kennedy.

# Niamh Doyle is crowned Ireland's 'Best Student Baker'

A talented Tipperary student has been named Ireland's 'Best Student Baker'.

14 finalists from secondary schools across Ireland went whisk to whisk recently to create an array of novelty cakes in the fourth annual CEIST All Ireland Bake-Off, which was organised with the support of Odlums. The aim of the bake-off was to encourage a new generation of bakers, with students asked to design, plan and bake a novelty cake.

Niamh Doyle from Scoil Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir, was chosen as the winner of the Senior category for her design. Niamh fought off ex-

tremely tough competition from the seven other finalists which showcased some magnificent creations.

The CEIST All Ireland Bake-Off had two categories - Junior (1st - 3rd year) and Senior (4th - 6th year). While students in the Junior category were asked to present a cake based on a theme they picked themselves, students in the Senior category were required to design, bake and decorate a cake around the theme of 'Wellbeing'.

Hundreds of submissions were received from 110 schools nationwide and after a tough judging process these entries were whittled down

to just 14 entries. The finalists took part in the bake-off final in Ardscoil na Tríonóide in Athy, Co. Kildare, with six junior finalists and eight senior finalists working hard to create their cake in front of judges, which included Odlums ambassador Catherine Leyden. Over a three-hour duration, the finalists mixed, whisked, baked and iced their cakes to recreate their shortlisted designs.

For the past three years, Odlums have been a proud supporter of this initiative, witnessing first-hand the truly talented student bakers across the country. "It is always encouraging to see the

high calibre of entries we receive every year from students around the country, and this year was no different. Watching our 2018 finalists pour their heart and soul into their designs, their passion for perfection and desire to create something truly unique has been eye-opening. We have a highly skilled and talented number of bakers across the country. Well done to everyone who submitted entries, to those shortlisted and our overall winners Niamh Doyle and Tara Maher, it has been a fantastic effort by all," Catherine Leyden added.



Ireland's 'Best Student Baker' Niamh Doyle.

# Clogheen Drama Group stage 'The Cripple of Inishmaan'

Clogheen Drama Group's production of Martin McDonagh's play 'The Cripple of Inishmaan' runs at St. Paul's Hall from March 22nd -24th at 8:15pm nightly.

Directed by Liam Wall, the play is set in 1934 on the remote island of Inishmaan off the west coast of Ireland and centres on the excitement caused by the arrival of a film crew from America on the

neighbouring island of Inishmore who are making a film about island life called 'The Man of Aran'.

Younger inhabitants of Inishmaan show great interest in the film, including Helen played by Annette Meaney, Bartley played by Kevin O' Connor and most of all by Cripple Billy played by Kevin Farrell, who sees this as his chance in a lifetime of es-

caping the drudgery of life on this remote outpost.

The Cripple of Inishmaan was one of McDonagh's earlier plays and has played to sell out audiences in London's West End and on Broadway in New York starring Pat Shortt and Daniel Radcliffe.

Tickets are available from PJ and Margaret English on 087-7984929 and at Clogheen Fruit and Veg Shop.



Margaret English, Kevin O'Farrell, Kevin O'Connor, Conor O'Farrell, Hannah Sheehy, Michelle Shaw and John Noonan are excited about performing in The Cripple of Inishmaan.

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## PLANNING NOTICES

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Take notice that we, Oliver & Anne Marie O'Flynn, intend to submit Significant Further Information & Revised Plans in connection with Planning Application Ref. No. 17/600469 (Retention of Domestic Garage/Store and (ii) Permission to Construct Extension to existing Dwelling and all associated site works) at Garryduff, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. [The Significant Further Information & Revised Plans relate to a change in the Design of the Proposed Extension along with the Retention of i) amended position of Western site boundary, ii) amended location of Dwelling and paved area around same, iii) roadside boundary wall as constructed and iv) location of percolation area – all from where permitted on foot of Planning Ref : 00/997]. This Significant Further Information & Revised Plans will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this Significant Further Information & Revised Plans may be made in writing to the planning authority not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the planning authority. A submission or observation must be accompanied by the prescribed Fee of 20.00 except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation.

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Martin O'Mahony, intend to apply to the above authority for planning permission for retention of the as-constructed agricultural shed and retention of modifications to the existing entrance at Dinguib, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Micheal Moloney wish to apply to the above authority on behalf of Eamon & Richard Walsh for full planning permission to construct an agricultural cubicle shed with slatted tank and all associated site works at Glenacunna, South Lodge, Carrick-on-suir, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee of 20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission

## PLANNING NOTICES

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Take notice that I, Orla Hassett, on behalf of my Daughter Nicole Hassett, intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for (i) Demolition of the Existing detached Garage (ii) Construction of a new detached Garage (iii) Extension and alterations to the Existing Dwelling and (iv) relocation and upgrading of the existing Waste Water Treatment System and all associated Site Works at 2 Mylerstown Court, Powerstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. This Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee ( 20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I Breda Lonergan intend to apply to the above Authority for  
(i) Planning Permission to demolish an existing outbuilding,  
(ii) Planning Permission to construct an extension to an existing dwelling,  
(iii) Retention Planning Permission for an existing porch extension to the front of the existing dwelling and  
(iv) Retention Planning Permission for an existing garage and all associated site works at 6 Hogan Square, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.  
The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee ( 20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.  
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### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Marcus Russell, intend to apply to the above authority for planning permission to construct a one and a half storey dwelling house, entrance and all associated site development works at James Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## PLANNING NOTICES

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Raymond Vere Hunt intend to apply for planning permission for the following:  
Construction of a new milking parlour, drafting & handling area, ancillary rooms & calving pens,  
Construct an unroofed slatted parlour washings tank to rear of new parlour  
Extend and slat existing open concrete slurry tank and Construct a roofed collecting yard over same  
Erection of a Meal Bin and Water Storage Tank  
Construction of a cubicle shed with underground slatted slurry storage tanks along with all associated siteworks at Ballyherberry, Dualla, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## PLANNING NOTICES

### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I Aidan Kelly Agricultural Design & Planning Services (ADPS) (085 7466211) intend to apply to Tipperary County Council on behalf of my clients Liam & Marian Croke. Permission to construct a (i) Cubicle house containing underground effluent slatted tanks (ii) Cubicle house with straw bedding area and all associated site works at Donaskeagh, Co Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, 20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

### SECTION 177 AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED ARTICLE 249 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, AS AMENDED

Tipperary County Council proposes to carry out the following development:

Remedial works to Ardfinnan Bridge consisting of:

- Repair and repointing of masonry throughout the bridge extents;
- Scour repairs to the bridge, immediately upstream and downstream of the bridge, and sections of the concrete wall on the northwest embankment;
- Replacement of failed section of gabion wall on the southern bank downstream of Ardfinnan Bridge.

Alterations to the traffic arrangement at Ardfinnan Bridge as follows:

- The introduction of a pedestrian pathway on the downstream side of the bridge, delineated by line marking, coloured surfacing and flexible posts. This pathway will accommodate safe passage of pedestrians over the bridge;
- This restriction on the carriageway will necessitate restriction of traffic flow over the bridge to a traffic signal controlled arrangement, allowing alternating one-way traffic to cross the bridge;
- Associated traffic signals, detectors, line-marking and localised civil works to allow installation of the revised traffic arrangement on both approaches to Ardfinnan Bridge;

at Ardfinnan, (Ardfinnan and Commons Townlands) Co. Tipperary

Pursuant to Section 177 AE (4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Article 249 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, take note that Tipperary County Council proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála for the proposed development.

Ardfinnan Bridge is a protected structure (Record of Protected Structure Ref. 5205).

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development and a copy of NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased during the period from 16th March 2018 to Thursday 3rd May 2018 inclusive during times at which the offices of the Council are open to the public at the following locations:

- Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary
- Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

Submissions and observations relating to—

- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out, can be made to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, during the period from 16th March 2018 to 5.30pm on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

Please note that any person who has already made a submission/ observation on this application to An Bord Pleanála need not repeat such submissions/observations already made to An Bord Pleanála as their initial submission/observation will be taken into account.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### BUTLER

(Months Mind)

Esther Butler

Ballyknockane, Ardfinnan.

5th February 2018

Months Mind Mass for the late Esther Butler will take place on Wednesday 28th March in Duhill Church at 7.30pm.

## IN MEMORIAM

### BARNETT

(5th Anniversary)



Keith

Late of Elm Park and formerly of Kilmacomma, Clonmel.

Died 20th March 2013.

Keep Keith close Lord as we say a prayer. Whisper softly in his ear that we love him and always care.

Always remembered by his loving partner Mary and family. xxxx

### BURKE

(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear mother Mary, Griffith Avenue, Clonmel, who died on 25th April, 2016.

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered each day, happy times together, leave good memories.

Always remembered by your daughter Geraldine and family and late husband Michael.

Mass offered in Ss Peter and Paul's Church.



## IN MEMORIAM

### CAREY

(3rd Anniversary)



Pauline Carey

7 River Walk, Clogheen.

Died 16th March 2015

In loving memory of Pauline on her third anniversary.

It was a sudden parting, too bitter to forget. Only those who loved you, are the ones who will never forget.

We often sit and think of you and think of how you died. To think you could not say goodbye before you closed your eyes.

The blow was hard, the shock severe, to part with one we loved so dear. Our loss is great, we'll not complain, but trust in God to meet again.

Our family chain is broken, nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the links shall join again.

Also remembering Patrick (O'Keeffe) whose birthday occurs on 17th March.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts - your loving family - Mam, Dad, partner Robert and son Anthony, brother Martin, sisters Mary, Carmel and Tina, brother-in-law John, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. xx

### CRONIN

(1st Anniversary)



Michael Cronin (Mickey Hat)

43 Wilderness Grove, Clonmel.

Treasured memories of a dear son and brother, who died on 16th March, 2017.

I often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep and I think about you Michael with tears upon my cheek, I can't get over losing you no matter how I try, I will always keep you in my heart until the day I die.

Love always - your Mam Carmel and your sister Laura xx

Anniversary Mass in Ss Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday 25th March at 11am.

## IN MEMORIAM

### CRONIN

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear nephew and treasured cousin Michael, late of Wilderness Grove, Clonmel who died on 16th March 2017.

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain, to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

Loved and dearly missed - Jackie, Frankie, David, Karen, Louise and families.

Sleep tight Mike x

### CRONIN

(1st Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a very special cousin Michael.

No need for words except to say, still loved and missed each passing day.

Forever in our hearts  
- Kelly Ann and Kyle. xxx

### DALTON

(3rd Anniversary)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of my dear sister Rita whose anniversary occurs on 18th March.

Sadly missed - Joan, John and family.

## IN MEMORIAM

### DILLON

(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Shane, late of 13 Bianconi Drive, Clonmel, who died on 19th March 2014 RIP

Shwaa boy Shane no more pain, our loss is Heavens gain. You've filled all our hearts with joy, always remembered our blue eyed boy. A true gent with a heart of gold, forever young never to grow old. A cheeky happy loveable chap, never to be seen without his cap, up for the craic, up for the joke, always holding a can of coke. Looked out for others before you own needs, did your fair share of good deeds. Loved to fish, gamble and cook, not one to pick up a book. With your artistic flair and ginger hair, always remember good times you when you were alive, living it up in Jamaica Drive.

Love - Mam, Michael, Melissa, Sophia and Nadia.

### DILLON

(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Shane Dillon, whose 4th anniversary occurs on 19th March.

Sad and sudden was the call, so dearly loved by one and all. His memory is as sweet today, as in the hour he passed away.

God only knows how I miss you, each and every day.

- your heartbroken Grandad.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### DILLON

(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Shane, whose anniversary occurs on 19th March RIP

It only takes a little space to write how much we miss you but it will take the rest of our lives to forget the day we lost you. May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how much we love and miss you and wish you were here.

Sadly missed and never forgotten - Pauline, William and family.

### DILLON

(4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Shane Dillon, whose 4th anniversary occurs on 19th March.

The blow was great, the shock severe, we never thought his death so near. Only those that lost can tell, the sorrow of parting, without farewell.

Missed every minute of everyday.

- Joan, Joe and family.

### DORNEY

(24th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather Tommy, late of 162 Elm Park, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs on 24th March RIP.

No special day is needed for us to think of you. For you were someone special and we wish we still had you.

Always remembered by your wife Ita, son Brian, daughters Nancy, Imelda and families.

Mass offered.

## IN MEMORIAM

### FARRELL

(12th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Peter Farrell, late of 14 Carrigeen, Cahir, who died on the 15th March 2006 R.I.P.

Peter, loved with a love beyond all telling, missed with a grief beyond all tears.

God saw the road was getting rough, the hill was hard to climb. He gently closed your weary eyes, and whispered 'Peace be Thine'.

Your painful days are over, your restless nights have passed. God gently closed your eyes and gave you peace at last.

Miss you  
- Mum, sister Katrina and family.

Rest in Peace.

### HICKEY

(13th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Jerry, late of College Avenue, Clonmel, who died on March 19th 2005. Rest in Peace.

To us who loved and lost you and whose parting brought such pain. We will treasure your memory forever, to a world that's not the same.

Sadly missed by your wife May, Margie, Ella, Vincent and their families xxx

Mass offered.

*Those who die in grace  
go no further from  
us than God  
and God is very near.*

## IN MEMORIAM

### KIELY

(12th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of Liam Kiely, Ballingeary, Cahir, who died on 29th March, 2006. RIP

Gone from our sight,  
but never our memories.....

Gone from our touch,  
but never our hearts.....

Sadly missed by his family and friends.

Anniversary Mass at 11.30am on Sunday 25th March in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

### MCCRAITH

(14th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a loving father, Andrew McCraith, late of 35 Abbey Road, Clonmel, who died on 23rd March, 2004.

A smile for all and a heart of gold, one of the best this world could hold. Never selfish, always kind, a beautiful memory left behind.

Never forgotten by your son John, daughter Catherine, son-in-law Noel and friend Brendan.

### MCKENNA

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Dominic McKenna, late of Kilmacomma, Clonmel, who died on 23rd March 2015.

Today, tomorrow and every day, you are forever in our thoughts. Time may pass but the memories of you will never fade.

Forever loved and remembered by your Dad George, sisters Keira and Caroline, nephews Ethan and Luc and niece Saoirse.

## IN MEMORIAM

### MILLING

(9th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Martha Milling, late of St. Bernadette Tce., Old Bridge, Clonmel, who died on 29th March, 2009.

Though you have left this world, you are still in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Always remembered by Francis, Carole and nephew Frank and family.

Mass offered.

### O'DONNELL

(36th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother Catherine (Kitty) O'Donnell late of 74 Garrymore, Clonmel, who died 18th March 1982. RIP

For as long as we live, we will always be glad, for a very special Mother, we were lucky to have. We will never forget you Mam, we won't even try, we miss you more and more as time goes by.

Love always from your loving sons xxxx

### O'DONNELL

(35th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother Catherine (Kitty) O'Donnell late of 74 Garrymore, Clonmel, who died 18th March 1982. RIP

For as long as we live, we will always be glad, for a very special Mother, we were lucky to have. We will never forget you Mam, we won't even try, we miss you more and more as times goes on.

Love always from your loving daughters and their families. xxx



*Memories  
Live  
Forever*

*A bouquet  
of beautiful  
memories,  
sprayed with a  
million tears,  
wishing God  
could have  
spared you,  
if just for a few  
more years.*

*It does not take  
a special day,  
for us to think  
of you, each  
Mass we hear,  
each prayer we  
say, is offered  
up for you.*

*We cannot  
bring the old  
days back,  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**O'MAHONY**  
(12th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Eddie O'Mahony, late of 9 Fairfields, Clonmel, who died on 24th March 2006 RIP.

May the winds of love blow gently and whisper for you to hear. How much we love and miss you and wish that we still have you here.

Always remembered by your loving wife Laura, daughters, son and family. xxx

Mass offered.

## IN MEMORIAM

**ROSSITER**  
(8th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of my dear husband Tom, late of Bianconi Drive, who died on 21st March, 2010. RIP.

I remember the day I met you and the day God made you mine, I remember the day He took you and will till the end of time. We made our vow together, till death do us part, but when God came and took you, my whole world fell apart. The years we spent together, I keep within my heart, for they hold precious memories which will never let us part.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Joan xx

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm in St. Olivers Church.

**ROSSITER**  
(8th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear father, Tom Rossiter who died on March 21st 2010. R.I.P.

March comes with sad regret, it brings back a day we will never forget. We watched and we waited and we prayed in vain, that God would make you well again.

But He knew best and we had to part, He eased your pain but broke our hearts.

Dad, your memory is our greatest treasure, to have, to love and to keep forever. We will always miss and love you Dad.

Always loved and remembered by your sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## THANKSGIVINGS

### THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time is ask You this very special one (mention request). 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). Thanks for granting request TM

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and though He takes away,  
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the bright sun's kindly ray.  
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,  
and lovely forest, green.  
And gives us new found comfort,  
when we on Him will lean.



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# Gold for Dermot Hayes at National Masters Indoor Championships

Three Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Irish Life Health National Masters Indoor Championships in Athlone. Dermot Hayes ran in the men's over 50 3,000m and 1,500m races. In the 3,000m, he had a superb race to claim gold in a personal best time of 9:32.22. Dermot was the clear winner, 22 seconds clear of silver place. He finished 4th in the 1,500m in 4:37.96.

In the men's over 65, Liam O'Dwyer's high jump of 1.05 secured bronze. Michéal O'Beirne won bronze in the men's over 70 shot putt in 3.03. He also won silver in the weight for distance 28 lbs in 1.51.

**RUN FOR WINE 5K**

Fit4Life's Naoimh Dooley recorded a personal best time of 28:46 in the Run for Wine 5k in Kildare.

**COUNTY JUVENILE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

23 Dundrum AC juveniles took part in the County Juvenile Indoor Championships at the Nenagh Indoor Stadium.

Ellisse Kelly, Belle Kelly and Muireann O'Neill all ran well in the girls under 9 race. Niall Quirke won bronze in the boys under 9 race. The relay team of Billy Kilmartin, Cian Buckley, Niall Quirke and Jack Ferncombe won bronze medals.

Sophie Moynihan won bronze in the girls under 10

race. The relay team of Sophie Moynihan, Sarah Meehan, Clodagh Kilmartin and Laura Hales collected bronze medals in the 4x100m.

Oisín O'Neill and Conor O'Donnell competed well in the boys under 10 race. Emma Kingston won a silver in the girls under 11 60m contest, while Ruby Kelly, Brid Quirke and Roisin Ferncombe also competed well in the race.

Shannon O'Grady and Niamh Buckley competed in the girls under 12 race. Shane Buckley won the 600m race in a personal best time of 1:42 to be crowned county champion. He also won silver in the long jump. Tadgh O'Donnell also competed in the Boys under 12 race.

Millie Kelly won silver in the girls under 13 600m race and Paula Quirke secured bronze. The two girls combined with Niamh Buckley and Ruby Kelly to win silver medals in the relay.

Juvenile training continues on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7pm

**BRITISH INTER COUNTIES**

Kevin Moore placed 61st and was third scorer on the Sussex team that placed 7th overall at the British Inter Counties Cross Country Championship.

**KILSHEELAN 10 MILE**

Four Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Kilsheelan 10 Mile Road Race. Results included 23rd John

Kelly (1:07.52), 54th Teresa O'Connor (1:15.08) and crossing the line together were 64th Mairead Julian and 65th Brid Quirke (1:16.49).

**Munster Juvenile Indoor Championships**

Five Dundrum AC juveniles took part in the Munster Juvenile Indoor Championships at Nenagh Indoor Stadium. Results in the girls under 13 600m included 21st Paula Quirke (2:06.38) and 28th Millie Kelly 2:13.74. Girls under 14 800m results included 5th Kate Ferncombe (2:39.55) and 14th Orla Ryan (2:45.02). Shane Buckley won silver in the boys under 13 600m race in 1:45.94.

**OPERATION TRANSFORMATION 5K**

Kathleen O'Brien, Martina Butler and Patricia Moloney took part in the Cahir Operation Transformation 5k in conjunction with Thumbs Up For Tomás.

**TEMPLEMORE 4 MILE**

Club results from the Templemore Fit4Life Track and Trail 4 Mile included 4th Paudie Coen, 7th John Kelly (24:43) and 65th Martina Butler (37:32).

**BROOKS ARMAGH 5K**

Kevin Moore finished the Brooks Armagh 5k International Road Race Armagh AC in 15:05.



Dundrum AC's Kevin Moore at the British Inter Counties Cross Country.



Dermot Hayes, Michéal O'Beirne and Liam O'Dwyer at the National Indoor Championships in Athlone.



Dundrum AC's Naoimh Dooley at the Run for Wine 5k in Kildare.



Dundrum AC's Emma Kingston at the County Juvenile Indoors



Niall Quirke at the County Juvenile Indoor Championships.



Mairead Julian, John Kelly, Teresa O'Connor and Brid Quirke at the Kilsheelan 10 Mile.



Dundrum AC members at the County Juvenile Indoor Championships.



Liam O'Dwyer won bronze in the men's over 65 high jump at the National Masters Indoor Championships

**St. Patrick's Day**

Community groups, individuals and commercial vehicles gathered on an unseasonably cold morning at Cahir Business Park for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Cahir last Saturday. The parade theme was 'Under the Sea', so it was a colourful parade with lovely costumes and floats. Cahir Community Bingo sponsored the prizes and the judges awarded prizes to the winners of the following categories: The Perpetual Cup for the Best Community Float - 1st Cahir Comhaltas, 2nd Cahir Tidy Towns, 3rd Cahir Farmers Market. Most Entertaining Entry - 1st Flip and Twist Gymnastics, 2nd Ballingearry ICA. Best Commercial Float- 1st John Ryan Truck Repairs, 2nd Daltons Trucks. Best Youth Float- 1st Redking Taekwondo, 2nd Beavers. Most Unique prize went to Tommy Barrett (Spongebob Squarepants). Thanks to main sponsors Cahir Community Bingo, Tipperary County Council, Cahir Development Association and all other sponsors. Thanks also to Cahir Garda Division, Civil Defence, Gerry Duffy, Andy Moloney, Elaine Doyle, Deborah Boles, Nellie Williams, DJ Eoin O'Donoghue, Stephen Flannery, Daltons, Burke's Ironworks and the many others who helped make the parade a success.

**Tidy Towns**

The group had a very good display in the local St Patrick's Day parade. The members displayed their bronze medal in front of the float. "On the float itself we displayed pictures of the improvements we made around town over the years. Walking behind the float we had members promoting the St. Paul's Rose Garden project, as the contributions for this project are starting to build up. This project will start at the beginning of April and a launch is planned for May. There is still time to donate and have your name associated with it," a group spokesperson said. "In other areas, the public toilets are progressing slightly behind schedule but will be fabulous when complete. There is a rain water harvesting system in this facility and it should look lovely when finished. "We have also made improvements to the Fairy Trail, but recent poor weather has hampered the project. There was fresh flooding to the Inch Field, thwarting efforts to walk around the castle over the Paddy's weekend. The Swiss Cottage is now open for business and a trip to the castle and Swiss over the weekend by visiting Mayors from Reading, France and Italy shows us the importance of our facilities". Meetings continue on Wed-

nesday at 7:15pm.

**Coláiste students**

Second year students at Coláiste Dún Iascaigh have designed a unique sports glove which solves a problem for hockey, rugby and football players as part of the LEO Tipperary Student Enterprise Programme. Cian O'Brien, Callum McGrath, Sean Cunningham and Morgan Lambert achieved this with the guidance, support and encouragement of their business teacher Ms. Harrahill and Student Enterprise co-ordinator Sue Anne O' Donnell. Tipperary's Brian Fox, Brendan Cummins, the 2 Johnnies, Emma Buckley and Rachel O'Donnell were in attendance at the launch. The UShield team members are all keen football players who are aware of the rules regarding compulsory wearing of gum shields and looked at possible solutions to prevent the loss of or damage to gum shields and so "UShield" came about. UShield is a custom designed sports glove in which players can safely hold their gum shield on the way to and from the pitch, which also ensures players gum shields are also kept clean. Under their company name UShield, the boys have designed and produced a couple of products which address the issues of lost gum shields, keeping gum shields hygienic and high-lighting general behaviour

around gum shield care. They have designed and produced products including a gum shield holder on the glove, a pocket for it in the shorts or a wrist holder and a clip on hygienic storage container like an Apple iPhone accessory container that can clip onto any bag. The boys presented their UShield idea at the LEO Tipperary Student Local Enterprise Programme finals in LIT Thurles in the Intermediate level and they were chosen as first place winners in their category. They will now represent Tipperary and Coláiste Dún Iascaigh at the national finals on 2nd May in Dublin.

**World title**

Ronan Casey had great success at the World Indoor Tug of War Championships in China recently. The son of Tim and Carmel Casey travelled to Xuzhou in China with his teammates to compete in two grades and took home medals in both. As a member of the St. Pats Tug-of-War Club based in Armagh, 27-year-old Ronan travelled weekly from Cahir to train. It was this dedication that saw him leave work early and travel north, returning again the same night to get a few hours sleep before work the following day. Ronan is the only Tipperary man on the team, along with two Cork men and the rest from Armagh and Louth. The

long days and nights of travelling and strict dieting paid off on March 9th when Ronan and his teammates won gold in the men's 680 kgs World Club final against a team from the Netherlands.

**Meet and Train**

The Cahir Meet and Train group were out in force over St. Patrick's weekend. Members were also out in action in Ardfinnan for the 5k and 10k road races. Meeting continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm in Duneske. Members will head to Grange this weekend for the fundraising 5k in aid of the Tomás Kelly Fund. Some will be taking on the St. Declan's Way challenge over five Saturdays, starting on 31st March.

**Flower and Garden**

Lismore's AnneMarie Reilly will speak about herbal medicines in Cahir House Hotel on 28th March at 8pm. Daffodil Day is 23rd March.

**Swiss Cottage**

Swiss Cottage is now daily until 4th November. Opening times are 10am-6pm with last admission on the day at 5:15pm.

**National School**

Cahir Boys National School celebrated World book Day recently. The children from first, second and third classes dressed up as their favourite characters from a

book. They brought their favourite book to school, talked about why they liked it and then each read their favourite section from it. Second class even designed their own book covers and book titles.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Our Lady of Mercy Primary School have been enjoying Seachtain na Gaeilge. Older children have been teaching the younger classes the 'Rinci Gaelacha', a lovely tradition in the school. Lots of Gaeilge can be heard around the school and playground, especially on Thursdays as it's 'Deardaoin Gaeilge.' Irish books have been written and read to younger classes. Board games 'as gaeilge' have been designed and played with other classes. Irish stories have been read in every class. The old favourite Oró 'sé do Bheatha 'bhaile' could be heard every Friday at assembly. Celebrations began with a 'Tráth na gCeist'. The entire school was a sea of green, white and gold as the children dressed in the national colours. The school hall was a hive of activity the entire day with céili dancing for all classes and a 'Ceolchoirm', with each class performing 'as gaeilge' songs, poems, a reel, a traditional session and of course 'Amhrán na bh-Fiann'.



Third class pupils at Cahir Boys National School celebrating World Book Day. Back l-r: Ernest Adler, Dara Ward, George Sourial, Brendan Collins, Lucian Morari. Front: Lennon Caplice, Thomas O'Donovan, Stephen Hanna, James O'Sullivan, Daniel Belinski.



LEFT: Back l-r: Emma Buckley, Rachel O'Donnell, Brian Fox, Coláiste Dún Iascaigh principal Peter Creedon, teacher Ms. Harrahill, Enterprise co-ordinator Sue Anne O' Donnell. Front: Callum McGrath, Cian O'Brien, Morgan Lambert, Sean Cunningham.

ABOVE: Flip and Twist Gymnastics won the Most Entertaining prize at Cahir's St. Patrick's Day parade. Pictured are Joe Guthrie, Paula Dempsey Boles, Lukas Boles, Mia Guthrie and Molly Boles.

## CARRICK-ON-SUIR CORNER

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### Athletics Club

Irish Life Master Indoor Championships: Richard Phelan won bronze in the men's over 35 long jump in 5.50m. Richard placed 7th in the 60m race in 7.79. Patrick Roche won bronze in the men's over 40 1,500 metre race in 4:32.76. Inis iron Meáin 10k: Sinéad Blackmore finished the Inis iron Meáin 10k road race 1:07.

Kilsheelan 10 Mile: 6th James Sullivan (59:33) won the over 50 and 9th Michael O'Sullivan (1:02.46) won the over 45 categories respectively. Other results included 16th Eoghan Coughlan (1:05.57), 20th Benny Hahessy (1:06.32), 44th John Carroll (1:12.05) and 57th Mary Molloy (1:15.34) Dungarvan 10k: Miguel Ponce De Leon finished in 20th place in a personal best time of 41:32.

### Darkness Into Light

The Republican Flute Band are hosting a fundraiser for Darkness Into Light Carrick-on-Suir on April 1st in the Carraig Hotel. Music by Black Rose and DJ. Tickets are €10 and are available from committee members. The third annual Darkness Into Light event in Carrick-on-Suir in aid of Pieta House takes place on May 12th at 4:15am. Stewards are needed to help out. Contact [dil.cos16@gmail.com](mailto:dil.cos16@gmail.com).

### Swan GAA

The seniors lost their first-round game of the County League to Ballinahinch GAA Club on Saturday morning. They play Knockavilla Kickhams this coming Saturday 24th March in Davin Park at 4:30pm. Juvenile lotto jackpot last week was €2,000. The numbers drawn were 02, 04, 06, 14. No winner. Nine Match 3's won €30 each. Next Jackpot is €2,250.

### Bridge Club

Results from Tuesday Night Bridge Club 20th February - 1st Teesie Blanchfield and Margaret Comerford, 2nd Biddy Skelly and Joan English, 3rd Rosaline Dowley and Aileen Brett. 6th March - 1st Margaret Comerford and Ita Power, 2nd Gemma Houlihan and Vera O'Donnell, 3rd Rosaline Dowley and Aileen Brett. 8th March - 1st Margaret Comerford and Ita Power, 2nd Gemma Houlihan and Vera O'Donnell, 3rd Ann Ellis and Maura O'Donoghue. 12th March - 1st Ita Power and Leishe Galvin, 2nd Eleanor Nolan and Breda Nolan, 3rd Deirdre Battye and Adrienne Blanco. 11th March - 1st Marie



Bridgewater House residents enjoying the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Carrick-on-Suir.



Happy Birthday to Kathleen Allen from Carrick-on-Suir who celebrated her birthday on St. Patrick's Day. Kathleen is pictured with her daughter Natasha Allen.



Carrick Musical Society Performing Arts Academy members at the Carrick-on-Suir St. Patrick's Day parade.



Carrick-on-Suir River Rescue were awarded the Carrick-on-Suir St. Patricks Day Best Group Cup 2018. Pictured are St. Patrick's Day committee members with Cllr. John Fahey who presented the cup to Seamus Campbell of COSBA, accepted on behalf of River Rescue. L-r: Una O'Dwyer, Hannah Walsh, Bido Regan, Eddie Reade, Seamus Campbell, Cllr. John Fahey, Margo Kavanagh, Cllr. David Dunne.



The Delahunty and Gahan cousins from Piltown and Mooncoin enjoying the St. Patrick's Day parade in Carrick-on-Suir.



Gerry Houlihan and Danny Kelly enjoying St. Patrick's Day in Carrick-on-Suir.



Carrick-on-Suir AC's Patrick Roche at the Irish Life Masters Indoor Championships.

### Dementia talk

Sean Healy Library in Carrick-on-Suir will host a talk on dementia on Friday 23rd March at 11am. The talk is free of charge but it is essential to book ahead as places are limited. Call 051-640591 or email [carricklibrary@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:carricklibrary@tipperarycoco.ie).

### Disco

A kids disco for ages 12 and under in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital takes place in the Carraig Hotel nightclub this Sunday 25th March from 3-5pm. Children must be supervised at all times.

### Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day takes place



Carrick-on-Suir AC's Eoghan Coughlan, James Sullivan and John Carroll at the Kilsheelan 10k.

this Friday 23rd March. Interested in volunteering? Contact Marie on 087-0564440.

### Concert

Brewery Lane Theatre will hold a concert in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust this Friday 23rd March at 8:15pm. A packed line-up of local singers and musicians

from Carrick-on-Suir and district will perform on the night. Admission is €10 and includes refreshments. Tel: 086-1274736.



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