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Community support drives Rosegreen development forward

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A €860,000 development supported by the Rosegreen community really got its wheels in motion in recent weeks.

The Rosegreen Community Development Plan 2016 - 2020 will transform Rosegreen's Nijinsky Park, with new grass pitches with lighted walkway around them, an all-weather astro turf surface, a playground and a new car park the highlights of an exciting new dawn for the community.

The project is being spearheaded by local residents, who gathered at Rosegreen Community Hall back in January 2016 to pool ideas for the €860,000 development. "We are trying to develop a good facility for residents where there can be matches in various sporting codes, and it will have a lot of facilities for the community and the children in the area," Rosegreen Development Association's secretary, Marie Devitt, tells South Tipp Today.

"A facilities committee was set-up and they formu-



Marie Devitt, Pat Cummins and Gerry Quinlan at the site of Rosegreen Community Development Plan.

lated the list of ideas generated at the community meeting into a plan and sat down with engineer Eddie Kennedy night after night to get these ideas into one comprehensive facilities development plan. We went back to the community members that initially gathered at the meeting in Rosegreen Community Hall, asked them what they thought of the draft facilities plan, and we tweaked bits and pieces. After that we went to planning application and while we waited for that to go through

we had a very strong fundraising committee who came up with some very successful fundraising events. They applied and were approved for various grant funding for the multi-purpose community development. The chairperson of the Rosegreen Community Development Plan, Michael Quinlan, is absolutely superb in driving the whole plan," Marie continues.

After a treacherous winter, work began over Easter on Rosegreen Community Hall's entrance,

lowering the level of the car park, putting in disability parking, new tarmacadam and raising the level of the path going into the hall. In addition to grants and a generous €200,000 donation from The Magnier Foundation, door-to-door fundraising has helped move the first phase of the plan forward, with contractors PST Sport now focusing their efforts on resurfacing the pitch and putting the walkway in place by July.

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Over €230,000 in capital grants for Tipperary childcare providers

Over €230,000 in capital grants has been awarded to Tipperary childcare providers.

A total of €6.87m in capital funding will be awarded to providers of Early Years and School Age Childcare across Ireland, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Katherine Zappone announced recently.

Daisychain at Knockanawley Resource Centre (€25,000) in Tipperary Town, Tír na nÓg Pre-school (€6,549) in Cappawhite, Fethard Community Play-

group (€7,000), Réiltíni Ruthie (€29,438) in Carrickbeg and Little Scholars Carrick Playschool Limited (€6,643) in Carrick-on-Suir are amongst the Tipperary childcare providers to receive funding.

Minister Zappone said: "I am delighted to announce the €6.87m which will create over 2,000 new childcare places across the country. There was an unprecedented amount of applications this year which shows the appetite for expansion within the sector. I will con-

tinue to seek increased investment in this area in order to increase capacity and deliver the highest quality of childcare for families in Ireland."

Tipperary Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn has welcomed the funding.

"The announcement follows on from the childcare measures we introduced last September, giving up to 70,000 children extra supports. This funding will contribute towards the creation of new childcare places, nat-

ural outdoor play areas and the essential maintenance and repair of services here in Tipperary.

"The capital funding has been awarded following the completion of a very competitive application and appraisal process.

"The extra supports announced last September included a universal childcare subsidy of up to €1,040 per year, available for children aged from six months up to starting their free pre-school year (ECCE Scheme) at 36 months.

"Families on lower incomes, who qualify by way of a means test, are eligible for supports worth up to €7,500 per year for children aged six months to 15 years of age. The aim is to ensure that parents previously prevented from taking up jobs, training or education because of the cost of childcare are now able to join the workforce.

"In addition, the free pre-school year we introduced and later extended to two free years has been hugely beneficial to families, saving them on average €4,000 per child.

We introduced two weeks paid Paternity Leave for new fathers for the first time in the history of the State.

"Under 6s now benefit from GP care and an extra 10,000 children now qualify for a medical card thanks to it being extended to those on Domiciliary Care Allowance.

"We have provided for 47,000 extra breakfast club places to benefit children, and the back to school clothing and footwear allowance has increased by 25%," Ahearn added.

'Rosegreen will be transformed by community development'

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Rosegreen Development Association chairperson, Pat Cummins, praises the "brilliant and very positive" community reaction to the project. "Nearly every household in the community has contributed in some way. It's hard when you have to go out to houses looking for money but it was wonderful that the work had started on the field because when you go out looking for money people

might be wondering when the fruits of it will come on board," Pat says.

The final phase will focus on developing a playground for the children of Rosegreen and surrounding areas, but €300,000 needs to be raised to see out the project. Rosegreen Development Association committee member, Gerry Quinlan, is confident that the shortfall will be made up. "The development will be of phenomenal benefit to the people of Rosegreen and the

communities around us, from an eight month old to a 90-year-old. It will be here for the generations to come. The walkway is particularly needed - it will be a community walkway where people get to meet and have a chat with each other. It will be a congregation area, right beside the school and in the middle of the village.

"We have some brilliant people here in the village and the brilliant community spirit has been central to getting this project started and going well. From fundraising door-to-door, we are seeing huge positivity from everyone for this project and it will be fantastic when it's fully complete," Gerry adds.



Pat Cummins, Marie Devitt and Gerry Quinlan at the site of Rosegreen Community Development Plan.

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'Men's health programme has changed our lives for the better'

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"Whether you're having a great day or a poor day, having routine and somewhere to go and something to do challenges your thinking and challenges you physically," encouraged Tipperary senior hurling manager Michael Ryan at a men's health and wellbeing certificate presentation on Friday (June 8).

The Spring Into Health programme, run by Clonmel's Place4U in conjunction with Tipperary Education and Training Board (ETB), enriched the lives of a dedicated group of local men that completed the ten week challenge.

The men took part in nutrition and cookery classes at Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn with ETB's Martin Coughlan, while fitness training was carried out at the Old Army Barracks with ETB's Harley Barnes and sports and recreation student Dylan Barnes.

Before honouring the Spring Into Health graduates, Michael Ryan praised the "fantastic" programme, and encouraged young and old to look after their health. "No matter what age you are, whether you're five or 85, it

doesn't matter - you still have to look after yourself and we are all very conscious of that," Ryan said.

Ryan said the whole community and social concept of Place4U has been nothing but a success. "Number one in terms of restoring an old, treasured building in Clonmel. Number two, getting a vibrant bunch of young fellas like ye in here to use it and all the mentors that come with it and obviously the ETB in what they have done for ye too in terms of funding which is hugely, hugely important".

A good-spirited Ryan received affection from the group. "Ye have a bit to go. I was just watching some of the behaviours of some of ye. Basically another ten weeks wouldn't go astray," Ryan joked.

"I see ye enjoyed your time together lads and that's the whole point of it - ye are going to make new friendships and have a bit of craic and it's something to look forward to. It's a great start to any day or any time of the day that you can fit it in.

"Well done! Don't stop now! The Spring Into Health programme might be done but you have to find something else now, so whatever that is - drive into it!

"I don't mind what sport



Graduates of Place4U's recent men's health and wellbeing programme received certificates in Clonmel on Friday. Pictured are Ann Binchy (course co-ordinator), Veronica Crowe (ETB), Tom Weste, Seán Kelleher, Michael Ryan (Tipperary senior hurling manager), Eamon Lonergan, Donal O'Halloran, Canon Brendan Crowley, Mary Campbell, Mary Hillery (Place4U administrator), Dylan Barnes (course helper), Jim Burke, Paul Peters, Eddie Power, Bernard Prendergast, Pat Fogarty, Liam Reidy, Brian O'Keeffe, Sean Nugent, Martin Coughlin (ETB tutor), John Aylward, Jimmy Ryan, Bernard Sweeney, Frank Blackwell, Edgar Lee and Harley Barnes (ETB tutor).

you play. GAA is my sport but if it's cricket, soccer, rugby - it really doesn't matter as long as you're active and involved in something," Ryan added.

Spring Into Health co-ordinator Ann Binchy praised the "wonderful" group of men for taking part in the programme. She applauded the participants for their commitment and dedication, and for bringing "humour, banter, fun, friendship and enthusiasm" to the sessions.

"It was wonderful to hear all your individual achievements, stories and reactions to the programme. It certainly has been a positive experience for you all and that is really wonderful to hear".

Ann thanked Place4U administrator Mary Hillary, ETB tutors Harley Barnes and Martin Coughlan, Dylan Barnes, and ETB community education facilitator Veronica Crowe for keeping the programme on track. "No programme such as this could be so successful without some key players on the ground. A very special thank you to Mary Hillary for her diligence, efficiency and organisational skills. Mary kept in constant contact with the group, gently encouraging and supporting everyone as they journeyed through the programme and it was invaluable. We all appreciate her kind, gentle

manner.

"A huge thank you also goes to our amazingly dedicated tutors - we were so blessed to have Harley and Martin's commitment and fantastic skills on this programme. A big thank you also to Dylan. We have been very blessed with the calibre of tutors who have come on a weekly basis to share their knowledge on a wide range of topics.

"Veronica's support for this initiative has been tremendous from the start. Her positivity and belief was invaluable," Ann continued.

Health and wellbeing talks took place at Place4U as part of the programme, covering topics such as blood pressure, cholesterol, back care, weight management, motivation, stress management, mindfulness, and knowing one's limits. The interaction between the men was admired by the guest speakers, as they shared their knowledge and asked questions about the issues.

The men also received health screening and completed a general wellbeing questionnaire, both at the beginning and end of the programme. There were significant positive results all round, with many participants making personal commitments to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Ann said Place4U is committed to promoting men's health and wellbeing, and is currently developing an annual programme which will run from September to June. "The vision is that we will kick-start Spring Into Health again in 2019 alongside an annual programme. We encourage all graduates of the

programme to encourage friends, neighbours and colleagues to participate and support our programmes.

"The men's health programme is designed to challenge your thinking and behaviours, and strives to develop better routine and habits," Ann added.

Ss Peter and Paul's Church parish priest Canon Brendan Crowley said the Spring Into Health programme was a tremendous success. "I am 20 years working in Tipperary and 30 years in Waterford. Place4U place was in a shambles before it was renovated ten years ago and it was one of the best projects that I was ever involved in. The last two programmes are among the best things to happen at Place4U.

"Place4U is a space where people of all ages are welcome to avail of the facilities and opportunities it provides to enrich their lives. From speaking to people who have done the men's health programmes, they have enriched their lives. Some of them were terribly depressed and overweight, and their physical, mental and spiritual health got great help from the programmes," he said.

Harley Barnes said it was an "absolute pleasure" to train the group, encouraging them to stay active and look after their health.

Programme graduate Donal O'Halloran added that it was a pleasure to make new friends, thanking Place4U and the tutors for giving the group a new lease of life. "You couldn't put a cost on the information we got from the Spring Into Health programme."

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Clonmel's Robyn Barlow crowned Miss Tipperary 2018

By **DYLAN WHITE**
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Clonmel's Robyn Barlow was crowned Miss Tipperary 2018 at the Anner Hotel in Thurles recently.

Robyn will represent Tipperary at Miss Ireland 2018 later this year, while Carrick-on-Suir's Ciara Danagher and Ballylooby's Niamh Myles took the runners-up places and will compete in the Miss Ireland semi-finals.

The prize for Miss Congeniality went to Borrisoleigh's Emer Delargy, Miss Photogenic was presented to Cork based Tessa Coffey and Best Dressed was bestowed upon Clonmel's Laura Sheehan.

A proudly thrilled Robyn Barlow told South Tipp Today that winning Miss Tipperary 2018 means "everything" to her. "To be honest it hasn't fully sunk in. It's amazing and it's only up from here, and next step is Miss Ireland and that's going to be exciting".

Robyn saw a shoutout on Instagram for Miss Tipperary 2018 entries but admitted entering the heat was only a "passing thought" at the time. "I thought about it more and the different kind of things you can do from the competition with charities, promoting awareness and even

meeting new people which is great," Robyn continued, while thanking her friends for their support and Barlo Motor Group for sponsoring her.

Robyn wants to be an advocate for suicide awareness if she wins Miss Ireland.

"There are so many people that commit suicide because they think that their problems won't be heard or can't be fixed.

"We need to promote an environment where people can listen to your problems, hear what you have to say and they will tell you that 'it's going to be alright' because it is!

"I think on a platform like Miss Ireland you actually can create that environment," Robyn added.

Ciara Danagher said securing a Miss Ireland semi-final place is "one of the proudest moments" of her life. Her "kind and caring" nature, along with her determination to succeed were central to advancing onto the national beauty with a purpose semi-final stage. "I am actually so delighted - I can't wait. I never thought I would have the confidence to be actually standing up here giving it my all so I am proud of myself".

Ciara thanked her family



Miss Photogenic 2018 Tessa Coffey.



Miss Tipperary 2018 judges included Patrick McLoughney (Hi Magazine's male model of the year), Catwalk Modeling Agency's Kellie McGrath (Miss Limerick 2011), Clonmel's Lauren Browne (Miss Tipperary 2015) and Niamh Kennedy (Miss Tipperary and Miss Ireland 2016).



LEFT: Miss Congeniality went to Emer Delargy.

RIGHT: Best Dressed went to Clonmel's Laura Sheehan.



Ciara Danagher, Niamh Myles and Miss Tipperary 2018 Robyn Barlow.

and sponsors for their support. "Hair, make-up, tan, picking out dresses - the full works [were involved in preparing for Miss Tipperary]. I would like to thank my parents, my sister Clodagh, and Meany's Shoes, Leonie's Boutique and Briena's Beauty for sponsoring me," Ciara said.

Niamh Myles was stunningly surprised with her runners-up place. "I didn't expect it and wasn't prepared for it but I am absolutely delighted that I get another night out and get to dress up again so it's great," Niamh said.

Niamh admitted that her confidence has come on a lot in the last few years. "I knew girls that were doing it as well, so I thought it would be a really great opportunity to do charity work and it's a great

platform.

"I am confident, I am intelligent, I am beautiful and I can say that because I am confident and that's what this competition is all about - being confidently beautiful," Niamh smiled, before thanking her sponsor Niamh's Massage and Beauty (Cahir).

The Miss Tipperary final consisted of cocktail and long dress rounds, with the contestants getting the opportunity to voice why they should represent the Premier County at Miss Ireland.

The five judges - Clonmel's Lauren Browne (Miss Tipperary 2015), Niamh Kennedy (Miss Tipperary and Miss Ireland 2016), Cailin Duggan (Miss Tipperary 2017), Catwalk Modeling Agency's Kellie McGrath (Miss Lim-

erick 2011) and Patrick McLoughney (Hi Magazine's male model of the year) - asked the ladies questions before leaving the ballroom to determine a Top 9. The judges then had the difficult task of choosing Miss Tipperary 2018 and the other category winners.

Miss Tipperary organiser Esme Mansergh-Wallace praised the winners and the other contestants - Sarah Morrissey (Cahir), Jayne O'Gorman (Clonmel), Aoife O'Dwyer (Tipperary), Simone Crotty (Cahir), Lily Hampshire (Clonmel), Ailish O'Donovan (Clonmel), Megan Quirk (Clonmel), Michelle Kirwan (Kilsheelan), Shineen Hoyne (Limerick) and Alana Duffy (Clonmel) - for making it an "amazing" event at the Anner Hotel.



Miss Tipperary 2017 Cailin Duggan, Miss Tipperary 2018 Robyn Barlow and Miss Tipperary organiser Esme Mansergh-Wallace.

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Exciting line-up for Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival (CJAF) turns 18-years-old this year and brings a jam-packed 2018 programme to its annual week-long celebration of culture in Clonmel from Monday 2 until Sunday 8 July.

With this milestone coming-of-age anniversary, immerse yourself in the best theatre, circus, dance, music and comedy in the county of Tipperary, a one-stop shop where you can also find lots of free entertainment all across town. This year's programme of events puts a sharp focus on home-grown talent as many artists are either from Clonmel or have a strong connection to the town.

The River Suir and the wealth of creativity that springs from it provides the theme of this year's festival and the Home-Grown Heroes strand is a must see this July. The sheer number of amazing artists that hail from the town or who are connected to it in some way is something of which Clonmel is rightly proud of. From talented singer-songwriter Ruairi de Leastar to rising indie

stars Pale Rivers, breakout dance choreographer Olwyn Lyons to iconic DJ and activist Tonie Walsh, local artists are at the heart of this year's festival.

With many exciting events over the seven days, this year's festival hosts a show in a bakery, a handball alley, an ammunition storehouse, a 13th century church, a magic bookshop and a piano bar. Some of the feature events will be at the Big Top circus tent at the Old Military Barracks.

CJAF begins under the directorship of a brand-new festival director, Nollaig Healy, who promises a festival for everyone to enjoy and for everyone to engage, wonder and be challenged. "I'm so excited about this programme of events coming to CJAF this July. In my inaugural year programming the festival I'm delighted to be able to announce the new Home-Grown Heroes strand celebrating the vibrant culture of the town and surrounding areas. When I moved to Clonmel first I was astonished at the number of amazingly talented artists who were either from the

town or had a strong connection with Clonmel and I have been privileged to work with so many of them in various capacities over the years. I really want the festival to celebrate all this amazing creativity while showcasing some of our emerging talent who have grown up with the festival over the past 18 years. I really am immensely proud and in awe of these young artists, while being utterly thrilled that the festival can provide a platform for them. I'm also particularly excited about the military take-over in the Barracks. For a space that was once so vibrant, it will be awesome to see a mammoth injection of life into this dormant location in the town with The Big Top @ The Barracks hosting some of the showcase events of this year's Festival," Nollaig said.

This year's theatre programme starts with the return of 'Fishamble: The New Play Company' and Olivier award-winning theatre from Pat Kinevane who presents his landmark show 'Silent, Forgotten, and Underneath' for audiences to enjoy on three consecutive nights.

'Pests', written by Vivi-

enne Franzmann and directed by Clonmel native Jack Reardon, is a fast-paced drama with language that sizzles, skitters and explodes across the stage. 'The Bold Brigid Cleary', starring Home Grown Hero Eve O'Mahony, recreates the infamous case in which a Ballyvadlea dress-maker was burned to death by her husband.

Corkman and IFTA award-winner for 'An Klondike', Timmy Creed, looks back at 21 years playing GAA in his site-specific show 'Spliced'. Set in a handball alley, Spliced asks is it possible to talk about male mental health, self expression and masculinity in the GAA context. Joanne Ryan's acclaimed one-woman show 'Eggsistentialism' is a funny, tender and moving exploration of reproduction in 21st-century Ireland, while Belfast man Michael Patrick's terrific one man show 'My Left Nut' looks into men's health issues and will have you laughing one minute and crying the next. 'Every Morning I Wake Up and Seem to Forget' is a best-selling interactive theatre experience that will lead the audience in pairs, through audio instruction, on a journey by the river - a hidden festival gem. Festival favourite Julie Sharkey returns with a new show in Hickey's Bakery called 'Three Fat Women from Antibes'.

Dance is featured in this year's festival programme and local choreographer and dancer-in-residence Olwyn Lyons stages her new show 'Age of Influence', an exciting new collaboration between choreographer Lyons and young local dancers, exploring the ways in which information technology is shaping the views of young people in Ireland today. Olwyn also runs a dance workshop and challenges those over 55 to try on their dance shoes.

CJAF promises plenty of family theatre for the younger people in our lives. Five-star rated 'Me and My Bee' brings an important message about climate change and our much needed fuzzy, buzzy friends; Jack Reardon faces a 'Hero's Choice' in The Box, a brand new pop-up theatre performing mini productions in multiple locations introducing small children to the arts; and why not step inside The Magic Bookshop and swap a book and maybe even take a little of the magic home with you (for ages 5 and over). Other family events include The Book Doctors and Circus 250: Lulu's World; and what festival would be complete without a Family Fun Day for children at Denis Burke Park, hosting oldskool games, face-



Breakout dance choreographer Olwyn Lyons (left) with Gael Choláiste Chéitinn, Clonmel, student dancers Conor Gregory, Rachel Ni Fhógartaigh, Georgia Breathnach and Rós Áine Nic Gearailt (all are 16).

painting, clowning, inflatables, music and lots more for all the family.

Funnyman Neil Delamere rolls into town too with his brand new stand-up show 'Controlled Substance'. More LOLs with Après Match - one of the best-loved sketch shows on television, poking fun at everyone from Eamon Dunphy to Bono. This brand-new show crunch tackles the high and mighty and elbows the great and good in the face. Blending biting satire with side-splitting lunacy, this is one match you won't want to miss.

Music lovers get to indulge in The Ruby Sessions (curated by Conor Donovan), bringing the acoustic music club based in Dublin for the past 19 years to CJAF on July 4. Acts that have graced its candle-lit stage in the past have included Ed Sheeran, Paolo Nutini, Mumford and Sons, Damien Rice, Glen Hansard, George Ezra, Lisa Hannigan, Paul Brady, Rodrigo y Gabriela, Hozier, Jack L, Gabrielle Aplin, Liam O'Maonlai, Cathy Davey and many more. There's more music with The California Feetwarmers and Buile Suibhne, composed by Dana Lyn and performed by the RTÉ Contempo Quartet, Barry McGovern and David Power.

The festival music programme also offers the chance to come and see many of Clonmel's Home-Grown Heroes including Pale Rivers' Eoin Hally who is curating an exciting new programme of up-and-coming music acts for the Camida Street Party (at Narrow Street) and festival favourite Under the Arches. More Home-Grown Heroes include legendary DJ Tonie Walsh spinning the decks at the festival club; choreographer Olwyn Lyons will be hosting dance workshops and calling for participants to take part in a new performance piece; and for photography buffs there's an exhibition that will feature photographers with a connection to Clonmel, including John Kelly, Donal Wylde, Justyna Kielbowicz, Mark Stedman and Cyril Helnwein.

In conjunction with Earra-gail, Boyle and Cairde Festivals, celebrate 250 years of circus over four days in The Big Top. Situated in a prime Clonmel location at the Barracks and hosting four days of circus, music and children's events - don't miss Ireland's top acts that include the award-winning Tumble Circus in pursuit of acrobatic divilment. For younger fans, Lulu the Clown - a street artist that can't be contained in any gallery - will sweep you off your feet and drag you into her imagination as she brings Lulu's World to the Big Top.

Author and columnist Michael Harding will read from his latest novel and ruminate on life in his own unique style. Blindboy from the Rubberbandits will record his eclectic podcast containing short fiction, interviews and comedy in a live show from one of Ireland's foremost satirists. And spoken-word poet and playwright Stephen James Smith, whose poetry has amassed over one million views online, brings a new show with musical responses from Little John Nee.

An exciting large-scale arts residency comes to Clonmel with artists James Early in collaboration with Joe Channon. James will relocate to Clonmel to build on the relationship he established last year and together with Joe they will create a legacy art piece, inspired by the river. James is eager to work with Joe in fusing the traditions of the forge and stained glass. Also, internationally renowned Irish artist Cleary Connolly will take up residence in Clonmel during the festival, holding a number of workshops where the public can become actively involved in exploring art and science. Giving a distinct nod in appreciation to the River Suir, artist Maurice Caplice invites some of the river animals to emerge into the streets in a new artist-led installation representing the river.

This year's CJAF has all of the above and much more, so get booking and take part in Tipperary's pride of July multi-disciplinary arts festival.



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WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

Discovering pollinators

Wildlife Matters Albert Nolan

The Excel Heritage Centre workshops on protecting pollinators continued with a visit to the Gaelscoil recently.

These workshops are funded through the Tony Ryan Community Fund. Every school in Tipperary town has been given the opportunity to learn about pollinators, and also plant a garden in the school grounds that will provide lots of nectar and pollen.

The day was beautiful and even in the early morning the temperature in the car was reading above 20 degrees. Thankfully the school classrooms were very cool, and we started off with a very energetic and enthusiastic junior classroom. I explained to the pupils what pollinators are and why they are so important for the human community.

Learning works both ways and as I taught the pupils about bees they shared some of their Irish with me. My first new word was "beacha", and I could feel long forgotten Irish rising to the surface. In the open and supportive atmosphere of the school learning and speaking, Irish was a real pleasure.

Outside we planted up large plastic tubs with bee friendly plants. Thyme, nasturtiums, sage and marigolds will attract plenty of pollinators. Weigela growing at the front of the school had busy honey bees feeding on the flowers. They can travel up to 3km on their foraging trips and there are a growing number of people keeping hives in their urban gardens. The natural birdwatcher in me is hard to ignore, and we

paused to look at a pied wagtail foraging on the school lawn for insects for its chicks.

After a welcome bottle of water it was the turn of the middle and senior classes. We started off in the classroom with a discussion on pollinators. Over 75% of what the students eat each day is pollinated by bees somewhere in our globalised world. Without bees our lives would be pasta, breads and cereals and while I like all three, pollinators make our diets more interesting and sweeter.

Outside with the help of some tall sow thistle flowers and lots of willing noses, I demonstrated what the bees gather from flowers. A quick brush on the student's noses left a yellow patch and soon all of the classes were showing of their summer noses.

We walked to the back of the school to plant up some shrubs. A real treat was a cinabar moth on the back wall of the school. Its bright red and black colours and daytime habit of flying means it is often mistaken for a butterfly. The teacher told me the moths name in Irish. Féileacán Oiche means butterfly of the night and this is so descriptive.

With plenty of willing hands we planted ceanothus, cotoneaster, foxglove, berberis and scabious bees and these will provide food from early spring to late summer.

Across the road from the school the grass is long. The long grass has a rich diversity of flowers and we need more of these areas in our gardens and community. I showed the pupils how to play soldiers, gathering the long stems of plantain and pairing them

up. Each pupil took a turn and tried to knock their opponents seed head off.

The long grass margin is full of life. We found spot ladybirds, a green veined white butterfly, silver ground carpet and common carder bumblebee feeding on the flowers of vetch. We put one in a bug container and admired her beautiful ginger abdomen. The day was so hot we quickly released her and I explained that respect for the creature you are studying is a lesson to be learnt from the beginning.

The last flower of the very enjoyable walk was from a red horse chestnut tree. I first came across this species as a child as one grew across the road from my grandmother's. Plants communicate with pollinators by colour. When they want a bee to visit they are brightly coloured, but as soon as the flower is pollinated they switch to a more subtle colour. We could already see tiny conkers developing on the tree.

One of the actions for the Junior Pollinator Plan involves leaving parts of the lawn grow long. This change in management allows all the native bee friendly flowers to flourish. Putting up a sign informs people as to the reasons and benefits of having long grass with flowers.

By the side of the school there is a natural bee area with willow, birch and horse chestnut trees, along with flowers from nettles to dandelions. All that is needed here is a sign and the pupils are going to make some during their computer class.

Thanks to all the staff and students for a very enjoyable day in the sunshine learning about pollinators.

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.



Peggy Fitzgerald with her daughter Margaret and Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly at the Global Rosary Relay in New Inn Church.

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There are many important decisions to be made when planning for the future. One of those may include a situation where your health has deteriorated and you are no longer able to voice your preferred treatment options.

What is the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015?

In a sense, the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 provides multiple mechanisms for 'future proofing' your future. It allows you to outline your preferred treatment should your health deteriorate and you are no longer able to express your wishes. While in 1996 the Enduring Power of Attorney effectively allowed for power to be given to someone else to look after your affairs when you are no longer able to do so, the 2015 act dramatically changed the perception of capacity to a more fluid approach. Section 3 of the Act provides that "A person's capacity shall be assessed on the basis of his or her ability to understand the

nature and consequences of a decision to be made". The focus is on the individual and their situation which moves away from an approach previously taken which perceived capacity as something you either have or do not have and which only applied to people of a certain age.

The Act provides for any person over the age of 18 to make an Advance Healthcare Directive. This directive outlines the wishes of the person whose capacity is compromised in a situation where they require medical treatment. This allows a person control of their health even when they cannot express their intentions and also removes a considerable weight from loved ones who are often faced with difficult choices during a sensitive time.

What is the difference between a directive under this act and a will?

The main difference between a directive and a will in this sense is that a will

outlines the wishes of the deceased, whereas a directive caters for your decisions when you are still living but no longer have the ability to express your desired treatment should your health decline.

Who is in control of my directive and can I amend it?

Caution should be exercised, however, when selecting a person to hold power over this directive. A lengthy discussion is necessary so that they understand their role and your intentions fully. They not only exercise the decision but they must also record it, which is supervised by the Director of Decision Support Service, an office established under the 2015 act which has provided a move away from the courts. It is also important to realise that any decision outlined is revocable and can be changed should you wish to do so.

Effectively, the advance healthcare directive ensures that a person's requests are catered for in a situation where they cannot communicate or understand the options available to them. In an age of choice, this is another option available to people to ensure that they can control their healthcare as much as possible where their decision-making ability is compromised.

Maxi Zoo's guide to flying hassle free with pets

Follow Maxi Zoo's steps to flying hassle free with your pet this summer:

Only book non-stop flights without transfers or stopovers.

Discuss with your vet how you can calm down an anxious pet. Homeopathic remedies can help. Chemical tranquilisers should be avoided as in the air they often have much stronger effects.

Start getting your pet used to the transport box at home by putting food inside or letting your pet sleep there.

Do not feed your pet on the day of the journey. Dogs should not eat anything 12 hours before the flight. Water is allowed.

For safety reasons, do not leave any toys inside the transport box. A blanket or a pillow, which smells familiar, should have a soothing effect. If your pet is travelling on a long-haul flight, line the box with absorbent material and



provide water and food.

Take your dog for a walk shortly before boarding the plane.

Pick up your pet immediately after landing. Remember to find out about the entry regulations for your particular holiday destination

at least three months before travelling. Take your pet to the vet and make sure it has all required vaccinations and examinations.

Need to prepare for your trip? Call in to your local Maxi Zoo store and talk to a pet expert. Visit www.maxizoo.ie.

Eye-catching Rock of Cashel ads in Spain

Millions of commuters in Madrid and Barcelona are seeing eye-catching ads for the Rock of Cashel and Ireland right now.

Tourism Ireland has teamed up with Logitravel – one of the largest online travel agents in Spain – for a joint promotional campaign to raise awareness of Ireland as a fantastic holiday destination and to drive sales of Logitravel packages and coach tours from Spain over the coming months.

The campaign will run until mid-July, taking advantage of late booking patterns among Spanish holidaymakers. It is highlighting iconic attractions

like the Rock of Cashel, the Cliffs of Moher and Kilkenny Castle.

The campaign includes billboard ads in metro stations in Madrid, including two ads at the metro at Santiago Bernabéu, the home stadium of Real Madrid (which were seen by fans celebrating the club's recent Champions League triumph), as well as in train stations in both Madrid and Barcelona. TV ads on national stations, which will reach more than nine million viewers over a two-week period; online ads on popular travel, news and lifestyle websites like La Razón, El Economista and 20 minutos; ads on digital radio stations like Kiss.fm and Cuarenta Prin-



cipales, which will reach around 300,000 listeners; full-page ads in popular travel magazines such as Lonely Planet España, Viajes National Geographic and Viajar Magaine; half-page ads in top national newspapers including El País, El Mundo and ABC; and extensive exposure on the Logitravel website until mid-July are all part of

the campaign.

Barbara Wood, Tourism Ireland's Wood in Spain, said: "Spain is an important market for tourism to the island of Ireland and travel by Spaniards to Ireland has grown significantly over the past 17 years – going from just 90,000 Spanish visitors in 2000 to a record 443,200 in 2017. We are rolling out a busy and targeted programme of promotions to continue to grow Spanish visitor numbers to County Tipperary, Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland in 2018. Our co-operative campaign with Logitravel is an important element of that programme, to boost travel to Ireland during the summer months."



Pictured are retired Defence Forces officers Col George Kerton from Clonmel, Col Michael Cleary from Clonmel and Lt Col Michael McCarthy from Tipperary Town with Comdt Roseanna White (currently on a tour of duty) from Carrick-on-Suir at UNIFIL HQ in South Lebanon.

C-SAW needs help to secure permanent home

An organisation that provides an invaluable service to the community is appealing for support to help it secure a permanent home.

C-SAW, the Community Suicide Awareness Workers, have been offered the option of purchasing the house at 24 William Street, Clonmel that has served as its headquarters since November 2015.

"We recognise this as a unique opportunity to ensure that C-SAW has a permanent home, where we can continue to provide a valuable and much-needed support service to the people into the future", says chairman Joe Leahy.

"We are now seeking help to enable this dream to become a reality," he says.

A voluntary charity organisation, C-SAW was founded in 2013. The organisation

works to reduce the number of suicides in Tipperary by raising awareness, educating the community and providing emotional and practical support to those in need, as well as those bereaved by suicide.

Its services - all of which are provided free by trained volunteers and volunteer professionals - are provided at 24 William Street, which is located just a short step from the junction with Bolton Street and Mary Street.

Last year, more than 500 people availed of the services provided at C-SAW House. These include a Listening Ear Support Service, which is totally confidential and held between 6.30-7.30pm every Monday and Thursday evening; bereavement counselling from 2-3pm every Thursday; and a free coffee morning from 11am-1pm

every Wednesday.

Take Time to Talk Counselling with qualified counsellors is also available by appointment.

C-SAW has trained more than 200 people in recent years in SafeTalk and ASIST. Both courses are certified by the HSE and equip people with the skills to assess and intervene in crisis situations.

"We would be delighted to receive any financial assistance that you might be able to provide to the local community in your support of C-SAW House. All donations will be acknowledged with gratitude," adds Joe Leahy.

Any business, organisation or individual who would like to assist with the purchase of the house may contact Joe Leahy at 086-2606988. C-SAW may be contacted at 052-6172477 and email c-saw@live.com.



The C-Saw committee - Patricia McCarthy, Joanie Whelan, Joan O'Brien, Joe Leahy (chairman), Anthony Morris and Mai Walshe - at their 24 William Street, Clonmel, headquarters.

Tipperary County Museum awarded €200,000 Fáilte Ireland grant

The history and stories behind Tipperary County Museum will be brought to life thanks to a €200,000 development grant from Fáilte Ireland.

As part of its wider strategy to boost tourism and revenue across Ireland's regions, Fáilte Ireland is providing a series of capital grants through the new Storytelling Interpretation Grants Scheme to improve the quality of animation and storytelling at existing attractions throughout Ireland's Ancient East.

Successful bids, including Tipperary County Museum, have been recognised for

their ability to improve the quality of physical interpretation at their sites through a range of innovative resources including audio guides, video and interactive technology.

Tipperary Fine Gael General Election candidate Garret Ahearn is "delighted" that Tipperary County Museum is set to receive this funding. "Ireland's Ancient East was launched in 2016. It has been developed by Fáilte Ireland as a branded visitor experience encompassing the rich heritage and cultural assets that Ireland has to offer in the midlands/eastern half of the country, providing a counterbalance to the Wild At-

lantic Way on the west coast," Ahearn says.

"The Ireland's Ancient East visitor experience is based on Ireland's rich built, natural and cultural legacy, made accessible and delivered through storytelling and interpretation at key historical sites throughout the region.

"I am very pleased that Tipperary is set to benefit with the County Museum set to receive €200,000 in funding.

"Ireland's Ancient East is working in partnership with industry and stakeholders on destination development by creating great places to visit," Ahearn continues.

Ahearn says promoting

and supporting arts, culture and heritage is good for society, the economy and national identity, both at home and abroad.

Tipperary County Council's Marie McMahon also welcomes the announcement. "This funding affords Tipperary County Council the opportunity to commence with phase one of the 'Flights of Discovery' tourism vision for Tipperary. This project, when complete, will bring a substantial increase in visitor numbers leading to sustained economic growth and investment into Clonmel. We are extremely grateful for Fáilte Ireland's support for the first phase of this project.

"The Flights of Discovery

tourism project will focus around Clonmel and will centre initially around three core linked but separate hubs, including the re-interpretation and re-imagining of the County Museum's extensive collection, the re-visioning and re-use of the Westgate on O'Connell Street/Irish town, and the development of a unique significant cultural and heritage attraction of scale on the original Bulmers sites," she adds.

Fáilte Ireland has identified a number of strategic objectives and priorities for Ireland's Ancient East which target the use of storytelling interpretation to create brilliant experiences and in turn

to deliver economic benefits.

These objectives are to deliver engaging world-class visitor experiences that make Ireland's living and historical culture accessible through the use of authentic stories as a differentiator; create and deliver unique visitor experiences based on "living" the history; provide the visitor with interpretation in the first language of the target audience; increase the length of time visitors spend in Ireland's Ancient East and the amount of money they spend there; and encourage overseas visitors to stay beyond the traditional tourism season and to visit longer.

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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IRISH GROUP

A call for past Gaelscoil pupils in Tipperary interested in forming a Irish language social group to contact Mary T Keane on 087-2782071.

CLONMEL

Toastmasters

Congratulations to Michael Maunsell for reaching the District 71 final of the International Speech Club contest. Michael competed in both the Speech and Evaluation contests. Pat Kinsella won the area Tall Tales Speech contest in DLS Communicators, Waterford, for a second year.

There was a Clonmel Toastmasters BBQ in Raheen House Hotel recently. Distinguished guest Teresa Redmond, outgoing Division D Area 8 Director, attended and handed over her chain of office to Clonmel Toastmaster Jim Keating who is looking forward to serving as the Director. Club president Anna Marie O'Dwyer thanked her committee and wished the incoming president Martina Clancy all the very best in her new role in leading the club.

Next meeting at Clonmel Park Hotel on Thursday 14th June at 7:50pm.

Golf Club

Fixtures: Senior competition on 14th June. Fourball on 16th June and singles on 17th June. Mixed foursomes at Tipperary Golf Club on 16th June. Singles Stableford on 24th June. Singles stableford on 30th June and 1st July.

A club lotto jackpot of €6,700 is up for grabs on 16th June at 5pm. Ladies: Lady Captain's Prize on 23rd June Three person rumble Waltz Format on 27th June. Three person champagne scramble on 11th July.

PROBUS

Last meeting before the summer recess takes place at Raheen House Hotel on Thursday 21st June. The very welcome speaker will be Brendan O'Mahony of Clonmel Travel who will deliver a talk on 'Changed times in the travel industry'. The meeting will commence at 10:30am with refreshments, followed by the presentation at 11am. Contact Jim Trehy on 087-9608713.

Jive weekend

A jive weekend takes place at Clonmel Park Hotel from 27-29 July. Learn from the best in the business at beginners, improvers and advanced workshops.

Entertainment package available from €179 which includes two nights B & B with admission to dances



Cashel Community School fifth year student Sorcha Ryan won an Amneal Pharmaceuticals sponsored prize for a design project centred on creating a user friendly inhaler for an individual with special needs. Sorcha is pictured with Robert and Fiachra from Amneal and engineering teacher Trevor Galvin.

and workshops. Contact 052-6188700 or email info@clonmelpark-hotel.com.

Music event

There will be an evening of music and song at Place4U café on Thursday 14th June. A musical trio called The Rubber Wellies will perform as part of their 2018 tour. Admission is €10 on the door or €8 in advance, with under 16s free.

Dolphin Swimming

The club finishes up on Friday 29th June for the summer and will resume back in Ferryhouse in September.

AGM

Clonmel Theatre Guild's AGM will be held on Thursday 19th of June at 7pm in Clonmel Resource Centre. All are welcome.

Arts Centre

South Tipperary Arts Centre will host a free public event to mark the end of the Centre's current initiative 'Protest! Memories of 1968' on Saturday 16th June. The closing night of the exhibition at 7:30pm will allow people to view the final additions to the popular and interesting 'Protest Wall' where people of all ages and backgrounds have used the opportunity provided by the exhibition to articulate what they feel needs to be

protested today. Responses range from humorous to profound, and the Arts Centre has commissioned artist Eimear King to document the participative artwork with a video. The new Arts Centre team were lucky enough to get funding from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for an attractive new high-end website which will be launched during the event, with a new Friends scheme inviting people to join the Arts Centre and become part of the arts in Clonmel. Becoming a Friend gives you a discount on classes, workshops and events, as well as access to special Friends and Sponsors meetings and a monthly newsletter keeping you up to date on the wide range of arts activities, both at the Arts Centre itself at its home on Nelson Street in Clonmel, but also at other venues in Clonmel and throughout the region. All are welcome to join. The annual subscription is €30 for an individual, €50 for families and €150 for small businesses. Drop into the Arts Centre for a form or check out the Friends page on www.southtipparts-centre.ie.

Next up at the Arts Centre is the 'Midsummer Daydream' event on Saturday 23rd June as part of the national Crinniú na nÓg fest-

ival of creativity for children. The centre will be transformed into fairy woods where families will be welcomed by Puck, the elf, who will help them get transformed into elves, fairies or woodland animals – though you're welcome to come in costume, if you like!

Louise Garcia, author of children's book 'Shelliky-Booky Land', has written a new story to share with children. Catherine McVicker of Chakra Productions will present a shadow puppet play and then offer kids the opportunity to invent one themselves!

Their fairy guide will then bring them upstairs where Elke Wilson and Mags Rudnicka have a range of woodland themed arts and crafts activities. Outside, there will be a bouncy castle, kindly sponsored by Clonmel Borough District. There will be a special session for babies and toddlers in the morning from 10am, with a session for kids and teens with sensory issues and special needs from 11am to 12:15pm. Both of these can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre on 052-6127877 or info@southtipparts-centre.ie. The afternoon will be open to all from 12:30pm, with a last visit starting at 4:30pm. At 5:30pm, there will be a procession to the Main Guard where Alison Cronin of Clonmel Dance Centre will host a public outdoor dance workshop under the arches. Then it's back to the Arts Centre for the Midsummer Ball – a kids' disco from 7pm.

BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL

Walk

Walk/run takes place from Ballylooby Community Centre on Thursday 21st June at 7:30pm, with refreshments served afterwards.

Ladies Club

Takes place on Saturday

30th June to County Cork. Contact Judy on 086-3545539, Terri on 086-1900961 or Rose on 086-2207336.

Card Drive

Continues every Monday in the parish hall at 8:30pm

Duhill 45 Drive

Continues every Sunday at 8:15pm. Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of Gerry O'Sullivan - late of Cahir, New-castle and Clonmel - who died on recently. Gerry attended the Drive regularly and will be missed by all.

Graduation mass

Takes place on Thursday 14th June at 10am in Ballylooby.

Exams

Best wishes to all the students from the parish that are sitting exams.

Clean-up

Takes place at Ballylooby Cemetery on Thursday 14th June from 7-9pm.

CLOGHEEN

AGM

The following officers were elected at the AGM for St Paul's Community Centre: chairman Mattie Maher, vice chairman Fr Bobby Power, secretary Ann Keating, treasurers Audrey O'Grady and Marie Murphy, and PRO Thomas Quirke. Mattie thanked everyone who attended the AGM, praising outgoing chairman Liam Fleming and the rest of his committee who did trojan work during their time in charge. He promised to keep this work going and build on it.

NEW INN

Collection

The Parents Council of New Inn Boys National School would like to thank everyone who contributed to their clothes collection.

Mary Doyle Memorial Run

Mary Doyle Memorial Run men's results: 1st Gareth McGlinchey (Dundrum AC, 16:54), 2nd Anthony Bowen (Clonmel AC, 17:17) 3rd Evan Fitzgerald (Clonmel AC, 17:49). Women: 1st Dymphna Ryan (Dundrum AC, 19:17), 2nd Ann Marie Boland (Clonmel AC, 21:17), 3rd Michelle Doherty (Clonmel AC, 21:27). Juniors: 1st Shane Buckley (Dundrum AC, 18:06) and 2nd Ruby Carroll, (Clonmel AC, 22:06).

Rockwell Rovers

The under 12 girls footballers put on a great per-

formance on Saturday against Arravale Rovers in their first challenge match. Training continues on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm.

Lotto

A jackpot of €17,000 is up for grabs at Barron's on Saturday 16th June.

Cemetery masses

On 19th June in Knock-graffon and 26th June in Lagganstown at 7:30pm.

Festival

Fr. Mathew Player's one act play 'Plaza Suite', supported by New Inn Voices and art exhibition, take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 23rd June. A family fun day takes place on Sunday 24th June from 1:30pm.

P'TOWN-LISRONAGH

Baptism

We welcome Alex Joy-Penkert in the community and congratulate his parents Gerry and Jackie.

Fun Day

The Waterford Diocese are hosting a free fun day at Melleray on 24th June from 2-6pm. Activities will include music, face painting, bouncy castles, kite making and much more. It will end with Adoration and closing liturgy. Bring your own picnic.

Collection

A national collection for World Meeting of Families will be taken up at the offertory collection on the weekend of June 16/17th.

Rathkeevin cards

Winners on June 7th were John O'Connor and Dick Lonergan on 13 games; and Paddy Franey and David Blissett on 12 games. Table prizes on 19th and 20th games went to Sean Spillane and Nuala Hogan; and Nora Lee and Kathleen Hallinan. Cards again on 14th. June at 8:30pm.

Fr Sheehy's

County Hurling League results: Fr Sheehy's 0-16 Clonmel Óg 1-9. Fr Sheehy's 3-18 Rosegreen 1-2. Fixture: Under 12 C hurling St Marys v Fr Sheehy's at Clonmel Sportsfield on Thursday 14th June 7:30pm. Congratulations to Ben Hyland on being named vice captain for the Tipperary under 20 football panel. Well done to the Fr Sheehy under 10s who played Galtee Rovers recently.

SHOW

The Fionn Mac Cumhaill Players present Comedy Capers in Clonacody House, Fethard, from June 21-23 at 8pm nightly. Tickets including refreshments are €20 from 086-0834208.



Ss Peter and Paul's under 12 skittles team from Clonmel won the County final at Fairfields recently, beating Roscrea in the decider. The team will now compete in the Munster final in Limerick. L-r: Kanzie Yousif, Anthony Fitzgerald, Jamal Yousif, Anna Prendergast (captain), Cillian Fahey and Brandon Landers.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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FAMILY DAY]

Tipperary Library Service will celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg at a family fun day in Thurles Library on Saturday 23rd June from 11am-4pm. All the child-centred events are free and activity based with plenty of opportunities for children to make and create! There will be a magic show with Jelly Bean Julie from 11am, a puppet show, balloon modelling, face painting and much more.

TIPP GOLF CLUB

Fixtures: Club Day on 13th, Committee Prize on 20th June and Friday mixed scramble with barbeque on 22nd June.

Results: Senior Ladies Scramble (4th June) - 1st Irene Condon, Cora O'Dwyer and Sheila Hammersley on 37.2, 2nd Meta Kelly, Bridget O'Brien and Mary Martin on 38.6. Open team of two (6th June) - 1st Ellie O'Sullivan and Mary Whelan on 48pts, 2nd Kathleen O'Dwyer and Kay Kavanagh on 47pts, 3rd Roisin Madden and lady president Evelyn Connery on 46pts, 4th Mary Crowe and Anne Crotty on 46pts.

DRANGAN

Progressive 25

Winners on 7th June were Teresa McGarry and Breda Nolan; Bernie Myles and Alice Quinn; Breda Wilson and John St John; Tess Maher and Kitty Brett. Jackpot winners for May were Bernie Myles and Alice Quinn.

St Patricks GAA

The junior hurlers beat Rockwell Rovers in County League at Cloneen, 4-21 to 0-7. Team: John Moroney, Liam Brett, Nicky Kearney, Conor Gorey, Cathal Mahony, Neil Gleeson, Paddy Moroney, Conor Barry, Brendan Gleeson, Aidan Buckley, Tony O'Brien, Conor Duggan, Mark Mullally, Robbie Meagher, Shane Gorey, Ciarán Mockler, Paul Horan, Brian McCormack, Jamie Broderick, Joey Noonan, James Fitzgerald. Next up is Newcastle on 17th June at 7:30pm in Kilsheelan. Under 16 footballers are away to Kilsheelan/Kilcass on 25th June at 7:30pm. Under 12 B hurlers are away to Cahir on 18th June at 7pm and at home to Ballybacon-Grange on 2nd July at 7pm. Under 14 hurlers are at home to Fethard on 28th June at 7pm. Church gate collection on 23rd and 24th June in Drangan. Lotto jackpot of €7,800 is up for grabs on 19th June at



Members of New Inn Vintage and Classic Club presented the proceeds of the recent Walter Cleary Memorial Run to Cahir Day Care Centre and Bridgewater House, Clonmel. A total of € 2,727 was raised.

9pm in Anner Park.

KILSHEELAN/KILCASH

Fundraiser

A Tidy Towns Garden Open Day fundraiser takes place at Mildred Stokes, Kilsheelan, on 24th June from 2-4pm. Entry is €10 including refreshments. Tickets available at Maher's Post Office, from Tidy Towns committee members or at the gate on the day. Garden will be signposted from Killurney School.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Boxing Club

St. Nicholas Boxing Club in Carrick-on-Suir will hold their annual flag day this Friday and Saturday 15th and 16th June. A team of youth boxers, including Chantelle Robinson, Noreen O'Gorman, Dane Finn, Celb Butler, Darren O'Dwyer and Stefan Laisso, will travel to Monkstown to compete in the International Box Cup 28th June.

Carrick United

A table quiz in aid of Carrick United's school teams

takes place this Friday 15th June at 8pm in O'Cealachain's. Table of four are €20. All welcome.

Comeragh College

Celebrity chef Paul Flynn of the award-winning Tannery Restaurant, Townhouse and Cookery School in Dungarvan prepared, cooked and served seven fantastic dishes for second year students at Comeragh College in Carrick-on-Suir recently. Flynn's visit was part of the Junior Certificate School Programme Celebrity Chef visit initiative, affording students a brilliant opportunity to learn from someone who has worked as a chef for over 30 years. Flynn has written cookery themed articles for the Irish Times and has also produced three cookery books. He has starred in TV programmes such as 'Paul Flynn: Irish Food' and 'Lords and Ladles' on RTÉ. "Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are eager to recreate the dishes themselves," a Comeragh College school spokesperson said.

Bridge Club

Tuesday Bridge 22nd May - 1st Joan Shannon and Joan O'Sullivan, 2nd Milena Mullins and Kitty Mullins, 3rd Marie O'Connor and Irene Purcell. 88 Bridge Club 22nd May - 1st Ita Power and Kitty Mullin, 2nd Vera O'Donnell and Mary Arrigan, 3rd Kevin Curran and Gemma Houlihan. 92 Bridge Club 28th May - 1st Breda Feeney and Gemma Houlihan, 2nd Ita Power and Giancarlo Laiso.

Glasha Flower and Garden Society

Annual outing to Wicklow takes place on Saturday 30th June. Leaving Grangemockler at 8:30am with first stop at the Arboretum Garden Centre and Restaurant for breakfast, coffee and a spot of retail therapy. Next the group will visit the garden and nursery of June Blake in Blessington. Onwards then to Russborough House and Gardens where lunch will be available, and afterwards you can join in the tea dance with the Ballymore Brass and Reed Band in association with the Blessington International Dance Festival. A guided tour of Russborough

House takes place at 3pm. A visit to the newly restored 12th century walled garden, the extensive parkland and maze will delight everyone. Trip cost is €60 and includes the bus, visits to the gardens, house tour and dinner in the Talbot Hotel in Carlow on the return journey. Booking fee of €15 is required to secure your seat. Contact Mary on 087-7963681 or Kathleen on 086-8659721.

Ahenny and Faugheen Defibrillator Project

The Ahenny and Faugheen Defibrillator Project was launched in Faugheen Parish Hall recently. The village has received a defibrillator, kindly sponsored by Carrick-on-Suir based Quality Recycling. The group set about considering a range of events to raise the funds needed to provide a box to contain the unit, which would be mounted at an accessible location in Ahenny. It was decided that a similar box would be purchased so that the existing unit in Faugheen could be mounted

outside to give better access.

Funds are required to run a training course for volunteers who will operate the defibrillator. Various possible fundraising events were put to the meeting, including a concert, barbeque, sponsored walk and pub quiz, each of which is being followed up by members of the group. The first fundraising event is a cake sale and raffle and takes place on Sunday 17th June at Faugheen Parish Hall after 10am mass.

Swan GAA Club

The senior hurlers beat Lattin Cullen Gaels by six points on Saturday last. The win moves them onto four points from four games and into joint 2nd in the group. On Sunday next (June 17), the junior hurlers play Fr Sheehy's in Ned Hall Park, Clonmel Óg, at 7:30pm. The u12s begin their championship against Ballingarry on Thursday 14th June on The Green at 7:15pm. The clubs extends get well soon wishes to minor and senior hurler Jack Connolly who was injured in a senior challenge game last week. Jack made his senior championship debut in April and has been hurling out of his skin all year. "Jack will be a huge loss to both our senior and minor teams in the coming months. Hopefully it's a speedy recovery, and we see you back hurling again soon," a club spokesperson said. Juvenile lotto jackpot last week was €2,000. The numbers drawn were 06, 09, 12, 27. Eight Match 3s won €30 each. Next Week's Jackpot is €2,250.

ÉIRE ÓG

Camogie: The under 12 'blue' team that had a great win away to Thurles. The girls were down 2-1 to 5-1 at half time but were a completely different team in the second half and gave an outstanding display of camogie to finish winners on a scoreline of 6-12 to 5-1. The under 8s attended the County Blitz in Cahir on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who travelled to Cahir, the County Board for organising the blitz and coach Anne O'Dwyer. Jean Kelly and Eibhlís McDonald were part of the Tipperary senior camogie panel that beat Meath 6-14 to 0-10. GAA: Junior footballers were defeated by Galtee Rovers in the opening round of the West Championship. They play Aherlow Gaels on 15th June in Solohead at 7:45pm.

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Rockwell Rovers defeated Galtee Rovers to win the Martin Peters Cup tournament in New Inn on Saturday. Mary Peters, wife of the late Martin Peters, other members of her family and mentors James O'Dwyer, Sean O'Carroll and Eoin O'Gorman (with son Tadhg) are also pictured.

Zumba at the award-winning Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Club

Workouts don't have to be a chore. In fact, workouts don't have to feel like workouts at all.

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At its core, Zumba classes provide a large calorie burn through aerobic activity done with interval training in mind. The average person will burn around 600 to 1,000 calories in a Zumba class. With the classes choreographed to provide intervals of intensity in both pace of

music and type of movements, class members' energy expenditure is maximized for fat-burning benefits. Fitness moves are also incorporated within Zumba dances, so don't be surprised if you find yourself moving from a fast merengue beat to a long, slow set of push-ups on the wall, or doing several sets of squats followed by plyometric jumps.

Improved coordination

By joining a Zumba class, you'll definitely improve your coordination, which is extremely important to maintain as you grow older.

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warm up the upper body to footwork that strengthens and stretches calves and ankles, this fitness method touches on nearly every muscle and joint. Even those who are just learning the dance steps will find themselves waking up the day after a Zumba class with a definitive post-workout feeling.

It gets you hooked on exercise - workouts that feel like work are hard to get excited about. But Zumba is so enjoyable you actually want to keep coming back. It completely changes the idea of exercise because it's something you really look forward to. It will keep you on a healthy routine.

Everyone can join in!

because Zumba is based on music and dance, it seems to speak a universal language that people of all nations can relate to. There is no large learning curve in a Zumba

class. New participants may receive small-scale step rehearsals before some longer dances, but in most cases first-timers can simply jump right into a class and follow along with the instructor.

Mood boosting

Zumba is the perfect workout to take if you want to get rid of all that stress you accumulate during your every day. The upbeat moves specific to this type of workout favour the release of those mood-improving endorphins, and by joining a Zumba class you'll surely be able to feel your worries melt away as you lose yourself in the music.

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Clonmel Park Hotel's Stephen Whelan (duty manager) and Matylda Piotrowska (assistant food and beverage manager).

Fantastic Rhododendron Walking Festival an incredible success

The inaugural Rhododendron Walking Festival over the June bank holiday weekend was an incredible success.

Over 500 walkers took to the foothills of the Knockmeal-down Mountains to sample a range of events during the weekend.

Part of the attraction was that the weekend itinerary was varied. It included walks for all abilities as well as a wonderfully successful family friendly event at the Kildanogue Duck Ponds in Goatenbridge.

The Friday evening event was opened by walkers at either end of the age spectrum, Edwin Fitzgerald and Dillon Lynch. This was followed by a free heritage walk taking in the Reigh Cemetery and Clogheen Hospital, with refreshments afterwards in the local hall where there were stands featuring activity



Kids at Kildanogue Duck Ponds.

groups and entertainment by Cahir Comhaltas.

On Saturday, the group took on the newly way-marked Knockmeal-down Way from Ballyporeen to Newcastle. The 34km long route offered A (34km), B (18km) and C (9km) events

from Ballyporeen, Clogheen and Goatenbridge, attracting walkers of varying abilities. Clogheen Community Centre was the start-point for a fascinating historical tour with UCC Professor Emeritus Willie Smyth and historian Ed O'Riordan. This also en-

compassed Coakley's Cross in Burncourt, Shanbally Castle and Shanrahan Cemetery.

On Saturday evening, there was a celebration in the centre of Clogheen with some wonderful entertainment from the excellent Retrophonics. The village was buzzing with activity, giving a suitably festive centrepiece to the event.

On Sunday, the signature events were two wonderful looped walks highlighting the rhododendron blooms around Baylough and Loughlenbridge. There were three hour and 90 minute events, both of which were very well attended. The comments on the views across the Galty Vee Valley from the three hour trail in particular were effusive. Entertainment on return was provided by the Fogues at Clogheen Community Centre



Edwin Fitzgerald and Dillon Lynch opening the Rhododendron Walking Festival.

while participants enjoyed a range of wonderful refreshments.

Monday was family day, which began with a buggy-friendly walk from Goatenbridge GAA hall via the Knockballiniry Trail Head to the newly renovated Kildanogue Duck Ponds. ABGN Gun Club have upgraded this facility into a

wonderful family amenity. The weather was exceptional and the day included plenty of family friendly entertainment such as face painting, fairy door art sessions and a variety of treasure hunts around the duck ponds. Buses then regularly brought participants back to their cars.

LOCAL HEROES

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Hard-working and committed Clonmel Theatre Guild cast praised for Dancing at Lughnasa production

By DYLAN WHITE
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"I can't say enough about the cast and crew who put 100% into the production," praised director Paul Kelly following Clonmel Theatre Guild's engaging performances of Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa at the White Memorial Theatre.

The Guild cast - which included Sean Scott (Michael Mundy), Jennifer Lynch (Maggie Mundy), Suzanne Kirwan (Agnes Mundy), Fidelma Collins (Kate Mundy), Carolanne Mullooly (Rose Mundy), Adele Armstrong (Christina Mundy), Edmond Ryan (Fr Jack) and John Morris (Gerry Evans) - thoroughly embraced and propelled the constraints experienced by the Mundy family in the fictional Donegal town of Ballybeg in 1936, while unearthing the sisters' passion for song and dance and desire to find love.

Paul admitted that uncovering Dancing at Lughnasa's complex layers, which include the influence of religion

and the inevitable realism of the tribulations ahead, involved "a lot of hard work and commitment" from the cast. "The cast weren't used to being in such demanding roles and they had to work very hard on characterization. I got a nice quote from someone on the opening night who said 'it was a very good, solid production with characters that were very grounded'. And by the time we got to Saturday night the cast were galloping out of the stalls and knocked it out of the ball park," Paul told South Tipp Today.

From the mundane setting of the family cottage staged at the White Memorial Theatre to the buoyant music of Marconi, Friel's masterpiece was crafted together with detail by the Guild and effortlessly drew plaudits from audiences throughout. "Getting the right lighting was important so that we could convey the themes and the tones of the play. Paul Kavanagh was super - he gave a full day getting the lighting up and brought his own suggestions to the table," Paul continued.

The timing of the play, albeit a coincidence, couldn't have been better for the

Guild, with empowering women and equality at the forefront of the news agenda across Ireland and afar. "Dancing at Lughnasa is a very popular play. The society that it's set in, albeit a fictitious place, is still very much relevant. Friel has an awful lot to say, even when you look at society today and a lot of the issues that come up in Lughnasa are still relevant. The main thing is that we deal with his work thoroughly. It's not to be taken lightly and we must reflect on the themes and tones of Dancing at Lughnasa," Paul added.

Fidelma Collins was exceptional in the role of Kate, a character with a very different personality to her own. "Kate comes across as severe and strict, whereas I would be quite bubbly and fun-loving and it was a challenge for me to be so serious. In some ways Kate is a misunderstood character and it's the circumstances that are forcing her to be so serious and she has the weight of the world on her shoulders. She is trying to hold the house together and she loses her job because the church disapproves of Fr Jack's activities in Ryanga," Fidelma said.

"I enjoyed the challenge of



John Morris (Gerry Evans), Fidelma Collins (Kate Mundy), Edmond Ryan (Fr Jack), Jennifer Lynch (Maggie Mundy), Sean Scott (Michael Mundy), Adele Armstrong (Christina Mundy), Suzanne Kirwan (Agnes Mundy) and Carolanne Mullooly (Rose Mundy) made Clonmel Theatre Guild's production of Dancing at Lughnasa a huge hit.

playing Kate on the White Memorial stage and I felt it improved me as an actress, broadening my horizons as opposed to just doing comedy all the time. I learnt an awful lot from the production and the director Paul Kelly in particular because he persisted with me, watched my every movement and brought me on a lot," Fidelma added.

Dancing at Lughnasa producer and Guild chairperson,

Carol Acheson, commended the "powerful" production. "Dancing at Lughnasa is all about the interactions between the characters, even if they are not saying anything. The sisters have this secret relationship going on between them, with glances and subtle nudges. Paul Kelly worked with the cast on making that sort of relationship without any words more intense and ensured that it

was conveyed properly on stage," Carol praised.

Carol said it's "fantastic" being part of the Guild, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2019. "Seeing the Guild go from strength to strength has been great. We never leave a drop in audience numbers dishearten us and we keep coming back stronger," she added.

Talented Comeragh College students awarded

Comeragh College celebrated the achievements of their students at the school's annual awards ceremony in Carrick-on-Suir recently.

5th year students Eve Torpey and Lee Keane started the ceremony by speaking about the many successes that the school had experienced during the academic year, both inside and outside of the classroom. The junior and senior girls basketball teams winning the regional

finals for the second year in a row was a particular highlight.

Transition year students led the way for a lot of school activities during the year, with Positivity Week brightening up school life and Racism Awareness Week allowing the school community to acknowledge the cultural diversity and sense of equality at Comeragh College.

The commitment and hard work of the students was honoured when the school received the Amber

Flag, WorldWide Global Schools Passport and BT Young Scientist awards.

Model United Nations was also introduced this year with students participating and receiving awards for resolving global issues in the world today.

The awards were presented under five categories - Cultural Award, Academic Award, Sports Award, Personal Achievement Award and Contribution to School Award and were bestowed upon students by their year heads and tutors.



Comeragh College celebrated students achievements at a school awards ceremony recently.



Katherine Cahill presenting an award to Tracy Egburonu.



Lee Keane and Eve Torpey hosted Comeragh College's annual awards.



Kathleen O'Donovan-Ryan presenting an award to Tadhg Sheehan.

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Music, drama, art and sunshine at Clancy Brothers Festival

With plenty of outdoor fun and entertainment, this year's Clancy Brothers Festival of Music and Art in Carrick-on-Suir was blessed with glorious weather over the June bank holiday weekend.

Youth buskers took to the streets to compete on Saturday afternoon, and the Riverside Family Fun Day drew huge crowds to enjoy the sunshine, music and family entertainment on Sunday afternoon.

Various walks and tours of the town and the River Suir Blueway attracted large numbers of people, with the annual heritage walk with Tom Walsh on Saturday and as many as 300 people enjoying the River Walk to Dove Hill on

Sunday. The River Suir Blueway tours were also a great success, with kayaking on the river on Friday morning and a Castle to Castle cycling tour along the Blueway from Ormond Castle to Kilsheelan on Monday.

Artists performed to sell-out crowds in the theatres as audiences enjoyed the opening variety concert, Freddie White, Cordeen, and the Clancy family Concert with Finbarr Clancy, Dónal Clancy, Robbie O'Connell, Kevin Power and Colm Power in the Brewery Lane and 'Musical Society Goes Folk!' in Christy's Bar at the Strand.

The Nano Nagle Chapel also played host to a sold out concert as The Bread and Beer Band returned to Carrick-on-Suir for a virtuoso performance, featuring

Robbie O'Connell, Martin Murray, Paul Grant and Tommy Keane. And the crowds came out to support music across town as the Pub Trail took place in 11 venues in Carrick-on-Suir and Tullahought.

Lunchtime theatre at the Brewery Lane Theatre had sell out crowds as audiences enjoyed 'The Snug', by local playwright Jack Ryan and produced by Peg Power.

The Eoghan Power Memorial Singing Competition in Figgerty's Pub on Thursday night was won by Seán Fagan from South Lodge, with Regina McLean from Faugheen coming second and Katie Barry from Carrick-on-Suir coming third.

Aibreán - which consisted of Scoil Mhuire students

Emily Foskin, Meadhbh Houlihan, Jessica Gaynor, Hannah Walsh and Hannah O'Callaghan - took overall first at the Youth Busking competition on Saturday afternoon. The Ballyneale Beats won Best Intermediate Group and the Ballyneale Gems were judged best Junior Group. Annie Dunne from Carrickbeg was Best Instrumentalist; the Rambling Rogues from Ballinagranna, Co Waterford, were best Vocal and Instrumental Group; Shauna Byrne from Owing won Best Solo Vocalist; and the Melody Makers from Piltown won Best Instrumental Group.

With 14 venues throughout Carrick-on-Suir, artists from across the South East, innovative installations and live art events, the Art Trail was enjoyed by great numbers of art enthusiasts. Artists, writers, musicians and the public came together for 'Seeing Things in a Different Light' and 'Giving Art a Voice', and the Furrries, Fidget, Mutley, Tayy and Lanky demonstrated their suit making skills and entertained people across town.

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Amoris Art Competition, with the theme of 'The Reality of Family Life Today' in the



Sarah Power presenting the Eoghan Power Perpetual Trophy to Sean Fagan.

local National Schools. The winners were announced after an exhibition in the Carrickbeg Community Hall at the Clancy Brothers Festival. The winners were Tom Kennedy (Crehana N.S.) Emily Power (Crehana N.S.), Calum Boland (Newtown N.S.), Paul Keane (Newtown N.S.), Eoin Connolly (CBS N.S.), Nathan Maher (CBS N.S.), Billy Norris (Gaelscoil), Charlotte Ni Domhnall (Gaelscoil) Shayna Walsh (Presentation N.S.), Sandra Tijanac (Presentation N.S.) and Chloe Drennan (Present-

ation N.S.). It was another great year for the Clancy Brothers Festival of Music and Art and the committee thanks all the performers, artists, community groups, volunteers, patrons and sponsors who participated and made the festival a success, and Tipperary County Council and all the local businesses who worked to make the town look its best for the festival. The festival committee also thanks all those who came out to support and enjoy the festival.



Sharon Goulding, Louise O'Dwyer, baby Bella O'Dwyer, John Paul O'Dwyer and Dessie Goulding.



Brian White leading the Blueway Cycle Tour.



Tina Faulkner, Susan Kinsella, Lily and 'Super Garden Viewers Choice 2018' winner Anthony Faulkner.



Carrickbeg's Billy Norris.



Furrries at the Clancy Brothers Festival of Music and Art in Carrick-on-Suir.



Ellen Bolger and Katie Doyle.



Trisha Shoer and Noelle Gardiner with a group of young music fans at the Riverside Festival Day in Sean Healy Park.

20 years of Après Match stops off at The Source Thurles

As World Cup fever grips the nation, 20 years of Après Match stops off at The Source Arts Centre in Thurles for a hilarious one-off night of satire and eye-watering comedy on Friday 22 June at 8pm.

Join Barry Murphy, Risteárd Cooper and Gary Cooke for hilarious and cutting edge comedy at The Source, with their all-new World Cup special show featuring a vast arsenal of characters from the worlds of

sport, politics, media and everything in between.

Watch the boys rip the piss and deflate the egos of the great, the good, the high and very mighty. From Eamon Dunphy to Bono, from Ivan Yates to Graham Norton, from Joe Duffy to TV3 - nobody escapes their evil eye.

Make a date with destiny, baby. Tickets are €20 from The Source Arts Centre box office on 050490204.



Après Match's Barry Murphy, Risteárd Cooper and Gary Cooke.

Cash prizes for Clonmel Show National Artisan Food Awards

The Clonmel Show National Artisan Food Awards 2018 will bring a substantial change to the level of food related competition at Clonmel Show on Sunday 1st July.

Aimed at truly artisanal food producers whose businesses meet the Food Safety Authority of Ireland Food Marketing Terms Guidelines for the use of the term 'artisan', entries will be accepted only from food producers with an annual turnover of less than €100,000.

'Artisan' food is made in limited quantities by skilled craftspeople; the processing method is not fully mechanized and follows a traditional method; the food is made by a micro enterprise in a single location; and the characteristic ingredient(s) used in the food are grown locally where seasonally available and practical.

The classes will be judged in the following categories: Preserves, Sauces/Condi-

ments, Dairy Produce, Honey, Chilled Meat/Fish Products, and Non-Alcoholic Bottled Drinks.

There will also be a more open class entitled 'Modern Irish Artisan Foods'. Judging of these classes will be carried out before Clonmel Show by Michelin star chef Kevin Thornton, chef/proprietor of Chez Hans Restaurant (Cashel) Jason Matthia, chef/proprietor of Dooks Fine Foods (Fethard) Richard Gleeson, and Con Traas of The Apple Farm (Cahir)

The overall winner in each class will receive a Clonmel Show National Artisan Food Awards trophy. There will be cash prizes and Clonmel Show rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. Gold, silver and bronze awards will also be awarded to entrants who meet particular standards to be set by the judging panel.

Darina Allen of Ballymaloe Cookery School will be at Clonmel Show on Sunday 1st July to present prizes to winners of the artisan food awards.

Sean Kelly MEP visits CBS students

CBS transition year students in Carrick-on-Suir were treated to a visit and talk by MEP Sean Kelly recently as they celebrated completing the European Parliament Ambassadors Programme and marked Europe Day.

This was the first year the school delivered the EU programme and a group of Junior Ambassadors representing CBS attended a special Ambassador School award ceremony in Bru Boru Centre in Cashel last month to collect a plaque and certificates for their school.

The programme's six modules are designed to raise awareness and understanding of the EU. The programme was welcomed by the students, who worked together and hosted events in their school and in conjunction with other schools, to explore the culture, languages, food, currency, the Erasmus programme, policy decisions and the core values of an integrated Europe which respects human rights and democracy.

MEP Sean Kelly was delighted to talk to the students and was warmly welcomed by deputy principal Myles Mitchell and language teachers Linda Barry and Mrs Moylan. Kelly outlined his own role within the EU and how he represents Ireland South. He was first elected to the European Parliament in June 2009 and was re-elected for a second term in May 2014 and will again be up for election in 2019, "depending on



the stability of the Government".

Kelly spoke of the current negotiations on Brexit, the difficulty in changing legislation and other EU issues of interest.

Kelly regaled the path of history and the determination of countries to live in peace following WW1 and WW2. He also spoke on the reduction of emissions through solar and geothermal clean energy sources and the move away from fuel powered transport to electrically powered transport. He highlighted his role in helping manage the Data Protection Regulation legislation which became law on May 25 and talked on how member countries all contribute into a financial pool within the EU from which allocations of funding are evenly distributed amongst the weaker member countries and how each member

state has benefited over the years through grant provisions.

Kelly took time for a Q & A session from the students and talked of his sporting past and love for GAA. His time away from Brussels is spent traveling around the

constituency and attending many functions. "It is work that I thoroughly enjoy," he stated.

Kelly was presented with a gift by the students and then had refreshments and a social chat in the assembly hall.



A black and tan, long haired male chihuahua went missing on 1st June. Last seen on 4th and 5th June in Cahir. Contact 087-1167739 or 087-9830253 with any information as he is a dearly loved family pet. Please check your property in case he has taken shelter there. Reward for safe return.

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BOWE

(Acknowledgement & Months Mind)



John Bowe
Bianconi Drive,
Clonmel.

16th May 2018

The family of the late John Bowe would like to express sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us.

We are extremely grateful to all of those who attended the removal, Requiem Mass and burial, those who telephoned, sent Mass cards, messages of condolences and floral tributes.

Thanks to the Doctors and nurses of South Tipperary General Hospital for their kindness and care. Thanks to Dr. Quirke who cared for John throughout the years.

A special thanks to Fr. Michael Toomey for a most fitting celebration of his Funeral Liturgy. We would also like to thank Anthony and David Fennessy of Fennessy's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and for their handling of the Funeral arrangements.

A special thanks to the O.N.E. and the Defence Forces for their tribute to John. Thank you to our neighbours and friends for all the kindness shown.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

John's Months Mind Mass will take place in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday 16th June at 7.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE

(7th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Betty Byrne (McCarthy), a loving wife and mother, late of Glenconnor and Munroe, on this her 7th Anniversary away from home (22/06/11)

Loved and missed everyday by husband Austin and family. x

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24th June at 9am in St. Oliver's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

FARRELL

(44th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our father, Walter (Wattie) Farrell, late of 16 Garrymore, Clonmel, who died on 17th June 1974.

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

Sadly missed by his loving sons and daughters.

IN MEMORIAM

LOOBY

(1st Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Lily, Western Road, Clonmel who died on 2nd June 2017 RIP.

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

Sadly missed by your loving family.

CONWAY

(14th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Willie late of Heywood Rd, Clonmel who died on 13th June 2004 R.I.P.

Time may pass and fade away, but memories of you always stay.

Always remembered by Denis, Breda, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mass offered.

FOX

(3rd Anniversary)

In loving memory of my Dad, Eugene Fox, late of 4 McDonagh Crescent, Old Bridge, Clonmel who died on 15th June 2015 RIP

Lifes work well done, lifes race well run, now comes rest.

Sadly missed by his daughter Della, son-in-law Kieran, grandchildren Aisling, Eoghan, Deirdre, grandson-in-law Aidan and great-grandchild Cian and his brother Edward..

Anniversary Mass offered in Naas.

POWER

(Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Elizabeth Power and her daughter Diane, late of 31 O'Neill Street, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur on 15th and 28th June.

Gone from our home your smiling faces, your cheerful happy ways. Yours hearts that won so many friends in bygone happy days.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

THANKSGIVINGS

OH GLORIOUS APOSTLE ST. JUDE

faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered thy beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused thee to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases--of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded thee of bringing visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (mention your request), and that I may bless God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity. I promise thee, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor thee as my special and powerful patron, and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to thee. Amen MC

DEAR HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours, this time I ask you this very special one. Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it in your own broken heart where Your Father will see it and then in His merciful eyes, it will become your favour not mine. Amen. MC

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DALY

(6th & 3rd Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Bart and Alice Daly, late of Irishtown, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time. RIP

To know you was to love you, with your kind and loving smile. To have you for our parents, made everything worthwhile.

Always remembered by sons Eddie, Brendan, Anthony, daughter Denise.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17th June at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown, Clonmel.

MCCRAITH

(9th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Agnes McCraith, late of Abbey Road, Clonmel, who died on the 13th June 2009.

Look around your garden Lord, she won't be hard to find. For she has a face so full of love and a heart that is good and kind.

- your loving son John, daughter Catherine, son-in-law Noel and friend Brendan.

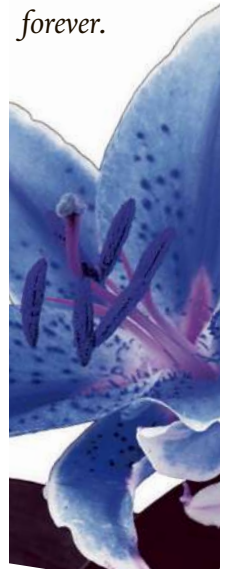


Memories Live Forever

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, when we were all together, our family chain is broken now, but memories live forever.



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IN MEMORIAM

MURPHY
(35th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our father Thomas Murphy, Glenaleamy, Powerstown who passed away on 22nd June, 1983. RIP.

Quietly today your memory is kept, no need for words we will never forget. When thoughts go back as they often do. We treasure the memories we have of you.

Always remembered by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 23rd June at 6.15 pm in Powerstown Church.

IN MEMORIAM

PRENDERGAST
(6th Anniversary)



In fond memory of Aileen Prendergast (nee Hogan) late of 12 St. Bernadette Tce., Old Bridge, Clonmel, who died on 10th June 2012.

To us you were someone special, someone set apart. Your memory will live forever, engraved within our hearts.

Always remembered by your loving family.

Mass offered.

PRENDERGAST
(Anniversaries)

In loving memory of our dear parents, Aileen and Arthur and our brothers Arty and Kevin late of Old Bridge, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.

From their loving family.

WILLIAMS
(Anniversary)



In sad and loving memory of our dear Dad, Patrick Williams, late of Marlfield Road, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

Always missed by his daughter Mary, sons Joe, Paul and families.

O'GORMAN
(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Eddie O'Gorman, late of 18 Killonerry Close, Carrick-on-Suir, who died on 20th June 2016.

Our thoughts are ever with you, though you have passed away, and those who loved you dearly are thinking of you today.

Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Jackie, daughter Charlotte, sons Edward and Pádraig and grandchildren Chloe, Carly, Charlie, Conor, Leah, Daniel and Jodie.

Anniversary Mass for Eddie on Saturday 23rd June at 7.30pm in St. Nicholas Church, Carrick-on-Suir.



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in every robin's song.
For he is in His heaven,
and though He takes away,
He always leaves to mortals,
the bright sun's kindly rays.
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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CAHIR

Missing chihuahua

A black and tan, long haired male chihuahua went missing on 1st June. Last seen on 4th and 5th June in Cahir. Contact 087-1167739 or 087-9830253 with any information as he is a dearly loved family pet. Please check your property in case he has taken shelter there. Reward for safe return.

Blueway

At this month's meeting of Tipperary County Council, Cllr Andy Moloney asked for an update on the launch of the Blueway from Cahir to Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr Moloney said that the river had gotten very busy in recent years and competitions in Clonmel recently highlighted how successful this stretch can be. "Tipperary Sports Partnership is actively promoting summer camps on the river and the Cahir camp is from 18th to 21st June for teenagers from 13-16 years and we still need signage for leisure paddlers who are using the waterways and we need the Blueway launched officially".

The Cahir councillor also drew down on signage on the river edge, highlighting that there are no lifeguards on duty and there should be signage in a few languages. "Recent tragedies in Co. Clare highlight the danger of old Quarry sites and while they may have been classed as private property, the council has a duty to the public to make them aware that it's unsafe to swim and boat in these areas. Moloney was also critical about a motion that he had passed previously to have awareness signage erected along the river banks had never been carried out. The director of services is to look into where the breakdown in communication had occurred and get back to him.

Midsummer Melodies

A fundraising concert will take place in Cahir House Hotel on Friday 15th June at 8pm in aid of St. Theresa's Hospital, Clogheen. The concert will feature Gina Oberoi, Cahir Brass Band, CJ Kickham Brass and Reed Band, Michael Harty and Cahir Comhaltas Ceoltóirí, Suzanne Buttimer, Cahir to Sing Choir, Michael Duggan and Fidelma Nugent. Tickets are €10 per adult and €5 for children and are available in Cahir House Hotel, Catriona on 087-2998602 or Fidelma on 087-6998346.

Pro Am

Cahir Park Golf Club officially launched their 50th anniversary Pro Am recently. It takes place on 14th August and the cost is €300 per team and includes a BBQ meal. Teams consist of one professional and three amateurs. 52 teams and 52 professionals will take part. There's a prize fund of €10,000. There is a hole in one competition for amateur's only, with a SKODA RAPID up for grabs thanks to Ryan Motor Power and there will be golf clinics on the day. Contact 052-744 1474.

Half Marathon

Hosted by Mooreabbey Milers AC, Cahir Half Marathon and Team Relay takes on July 7th at 2pm. Proceeds from the race will be used to support the wonderful work of South Tipperary Hospice Movement and also Aspect Autism Day Support which is based in Cahir. Generous cash prizes for the top three men and women, plus category and spot prizes. Entry fee is €30 per individual or €40 per team of two for the relay. Closing date for entries at the current prices is 24th June.

Tidy Towns

The group has been busy

preparing for the visit of the national adjudicators. All our planters are back out on the streets and the dry spell is proving difficult for members trying to keep plants watered. There has been a steady increase in the number of businesses, residents and estates putting up hanging baskets in the past week and this is very much welcome.

The wild rose garden at St Paul's has been planted and wildflower has been put into the area at the top. We would hope to see some flowering here in the coming weeks and will erect the signage with a list of sponsors once the list of subscribers is finalised. We hope to get working on Ted's Bed soon.

We are appealing to everyone to help us out on general tidiness. The businesses in town are best placed to keep an eye outside their own premises for litter during the day. The toilets are due to open and we hope that the rain water harvesting system in the toilets will be a bonus in the energy saving, conservation and environment section.

Castle festival

Tickets are on sale for Cahir Social and Historical Society's Summer Festival at the Castle. The festival opens on 6th July with a lecture by David McCullough - admission is €10. Chattyboo Productions perform 'Will's Women' on 13th and 14th July - admission is €15. Musical duo Zrazy perform in the Great Hall on 20th July - admission is €15. The festival will close with two performances by Jennifer Davis on 27th and 28th July in the Great Hall - admission is €20. Contact Cahir House Hotel on 052-744 3000 for tickets.

Picnic

Cahir Park Pre-school have renewed their partnership with the Cahir Tidy Towns



Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin with Bernie Quinn, Carmel Leonard, Tunde Szentesi and Hillary Cleary from Ardfinnan at Bloom 2018 in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

group and the County Council to create a new picnic and wildlife information area close to the Swiss Cottage. The work has been carried out over the last few months by John O'Meara and his reliable crew as well as Seamus Conway from the Tidy Towns group so that there is an area where families and friends can sit beside the river to enjoy a picnic or just have a chat. Boys and girls of Cahir Park Pre-school had a lovely day out when they enjoyed a teddy bears picnic under the watchful eye of Aishling, Christine and Jackie recently. Two real life teddy bears presented the kids with colouring books to mark the occasion. They got a little treat from John O'Meara too and they sang songs.

Active Retirement

Outing to Gowran Park Races on 24th June. Autumn Holiday to Torremolinos takes place from from October 2-9. Results of card game on June 8 - 1st with 10 games Mary Fitzgerald, Maureen Maher, Rita Walsh and Kitty Slatery. On the lucky table were Teddy Dillon and Tom O'Mahony. Raffle went to Timmy Fitzgerald. Next game on June 15.

Comhaltas

The group will join Cahir to Sing Choir for a concert in Cahir House Hotel on Friday 15th June at 8pm. Cahir Comhaltas will honour National Play Day outside Cahir Castle on 1st July at 3pm and on 3rd July at 4pm. The summer programme of seisiún will commence in Cahir House Hotel ballroom on 12th July at 9pm and will run for seven weeks every Thursday night. Admission is €10. This is a family show and children are free when accompanied by parents. First show this year will be a fundraiser for the Tomás Kelly Trust Fund.

Meet and Train

The Cahir Meet and Train group took part in the Mary Doyle 5k in New Inn and Elaine Doyle attended the launch of the Mooreabbey Milers Cahir Half Marathon. Members will attend the 5km in Tipperary on Friday 15th June in aid of Circle of Friends. Training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members welcome.

Cahir GAA

Hurling League: Cahir were beaten in the league by Thurles Sarsfields at Semple Stadium, 3-16 to 0-15. Team: Keelan Hickey, James Walsh, Kieran O'Dwyer, Keelan Looby, Ryan O'Donnell, Brendan Donaghy, Liam Howard, Niall McKenna, Darragh Howard, Alan O'Connor, Daniel Moloney, Johnny B.

O'Brien, Eanna Heffernan, Eoin Donaghy, Conor Casey. Subs used: Johnny McMahon, Rhys Chowtie, Nicholas Reidy.

Fixtures: U12D Hurling-Cahir v St. Mary's on 14th June in Clonmel Sportsfield at 6:45pm. Junior A Hurling South - Cahir v Killaule on 17th June in Monroe at 7:30pm. Junior B Hurling South - Cahir v St. Mary's on 19th June in Goatenbridge at 7:30pm. County Hurling League- Cahir v Kilsheelan/Kilcash on 24th June in Cahir at 12pm. Draw the Joker: Recent winners include Mary Casey, Mary Francis Barron, Michael O'Brien, Mary Shinnick and John O'Brien.

Cahir contact

Send Cahir news and photos to Maria Taylor at 086-1022014 or caplicetaylor@hotmail.com.



Mayor Catherine Carey, Cllr Richie Molloy and family carers supporting National Carers Week, which runs until June 17. The Clonmel branch of Family Carers Ireland are hosting a number of events for National Carers Week, including a trip to Kilkenny on June 14 and a vintage coffee morning at the Parish Rooms in Cahir after 10am mass on June 15.



Best wishes to Daniel Gibbons, Abbey Meadows, Clonmel, who is a member of the Scoil Aonghusa team competing in the Special Olympics National Finals in Dublin this weekend. Daniel is representing the school in athletics, and all his family and friends wish him and his teammates all the very best.

OUT AND ABOUT

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Cahir GAA's under 8 girls took part in a camogie blitz recently. Pictured are Lauren Duggan, Niamh Hyland, Mary Molan, Evie Hyland, Doireann Elebert, Annie Casey, Rosie Sheehy, Rose Molan, Kate Casey, Avril Moloney and Alex O' Dwyer with mentors Cathal Moloney and Paddy Elbert.



Cahir Park Golf Club's Lisa Blackett, lady captain Ann Fitzgerald, president Derek Runacres, vice-captain Marie Devitt, Susan Carey and Kate Sheehy at a coffee morning and golf classic recently.



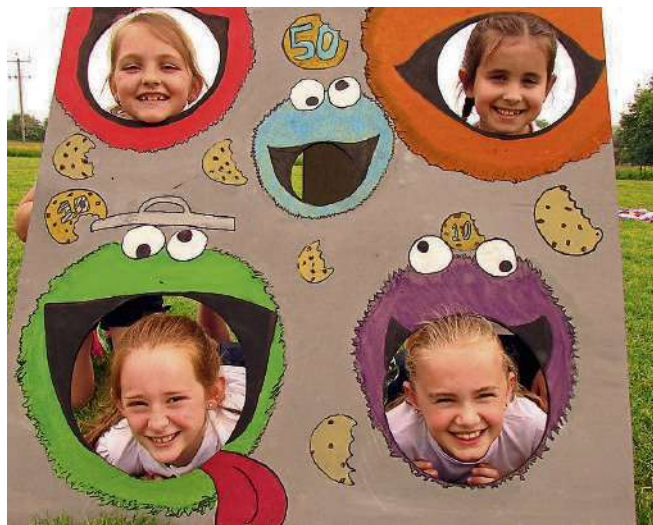
Tipperary Special Olympics team members - back: John Flynn (Rosegreen, soccer), Denis Ryan (New Inn, bowling), Richard Kerr (Tipperary, soccer), Daryl Needham (Killusty, soccer), Frank Ryan (Galbally, athletics) and Andrew Kerr (Tipperary, soccer). Front: John Carew (Galbally, athletics), Conor Murray (Ayle, badminton), Olivia Morrissey (Tipperary, swimming), Sarah English (Tipperary, bowling), Shauna Bloom (Cashel, badminton), Liam Kennedy (Cahir, soccer).



South Tipp Tigers Special Olympics Club have 13 athletes competing in the Ireland Games this week. They include Ann Marie Tobin and Phillip Hall (bocce); Kelly Delaney and Margaret Carey (basketball); Claire Maher, Amy Foran and Rachel Lonergan (athletics); Eamon Tierney (swimming); Mark Fraher (soccer); Richard Colohan (badminton); and Joe Manning, Anthony Walsh and Jason Slattery (motor activities). Coaches are Mark Buckley, Aoife McCarthy and Stacey Coonan.



Cahir Youth Resource Group's Sharon McGee was presented with a gorgeous bouquet by Caitlin Power at her surprise leaving recently.



Akville Slusnyte, Martyna Sterna, Ava McKenna and Casey Butler at Our Lady of Mercy Primary School's sports day in Cahir.



Hilary Carter, Reverend Arthur Carter, musical director Fidelma Nugent and Reverend Barbara Fryday at a concert in St. Paul's Church, Cahir, in aid of its restoration fund



Callum Boles, Victor Kozdron, Jayden Ferris, Cara Hayes and Karina Slusnyte at Our Lady of Mercy Primary School's sports day in Cahir.



Paul Conway, John O'Meara, outdoor council staff, two real teddy bears, children from Cahir Park Pre-school, Seamus Conway and Jim Halpin at a teddy bears picnic at the Swiss Cottage, Cahir.

Outstanding Ss Peter and Paul's 25th anniversary gala concert

Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School, Clonmel, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the school band with a gala concert recently.

Parents, families and loyal supporters turned out in great numbers to enjoy a feast of music featuring the junior and senior bands, school choir, three ukulele orchestras and an ex-members band.

The excitement was palpable as crowds stepped through the doors and revelled in 200 performers delivering in style.

MC Eddie Kearney introduced each performance and the junior band were first to take the stage. They entertained with a selection of familiar tunes and impressed the audience with their confident performance which was acknowledged with well-deserved applause.

The 4th class ukulele orchestra then took the stage and played 'Home on the Range' and 'Cockles and Musshells', encouraging the audience to sing along. The boys had just completed their first year of ukulele lessons with teacher Jimmy Fenlon and are looking forward to taking

part in the school's Uke Factor for the first time.

The 5th class ukulele orchestra gave a polished performance of 'Count on Me' and 'Viva la Vida' under the direction of Laura Ryan. The progress they have made since last year was clearly evident. The boys exited the stage with military precision to make room for 6th class who were not planning to be outperformed by any other group. These boys showed their versatility with a fine performance of 'Carrickfergus', followed by the 'Cups Song' in both English and Irish with choreography by Kamil and Jimmy.

The 3rd to 6th class choir sang three beautiful arrangements. Soloists Tadhg and Joey tugged at heartstrings with their delivery of 'Queen of the May'. The 'Lava Song' was familiar to many of the audience members and the arrangement of 'Heal the World' appealed hugely to the audience and it was clear that the choir enjoyed singing it too.

It was hard to imagine that this performance could be surpassed until the senior band took the stage. It was their day of celebration and

they were ready to enjoy it! Under the watchful eye of the ex-members they performed with skill and confidence. They had prepared well and the audience was in no doubt when they heard the opening bars of 'Another One Bites the Dust'. Soloist Killian Owens showed his prowess on saxophone and the boys concluded with one of their favourite tunes, 'Raiders March'.

Ex-members of the CBS band who currently perform with Banna Chluain Meala were delighted to be back in familiar territory. Under the direction of Peter Taylor, they gave a dazzling display. Younger audience members particularly enjoyed 'Beauty and the Beast', while the entire trombone section featured in 'Basin Street Blues'.

The highlight of the day had to be the combined forces of the senior band and ex-members. Opening with 'Superheroes r Us', they certainly performed like superheroes. It was scarcely credible that some of these performers were only in 4th class.

MC Eddie Kearney spoke about the achievements of the band over the years. He



acknowledged the contribution of many staff members who contributed to a great gala concert. Events like this could not happen without the behind the scenes work of many staff members. Supervising pupils, organising equipment and assisting with rehearsals are all vital elements in bringing performances like this to fruition.

The benefits to children of learning an instrument are

well documented, in terms of cognitive development, behaviour and social development. The highly successful music programme in Ss Peter and Paul's, driven by the principal and musical director Yvonne Moran, ensures that every pupil in the school has an opportunity to learn an instrument. Yvonne acknowledged the dedicated, enthusiastic contribution of Peter Taylor to the school's

music programme. The evening concluded with the combined bands performing the theme tune from Game of Thrones. The amazing sound that echoed through the walls of the school filled all who have been associated with Ss Peter and Paul's band for the past 25 years with great pride and inspiration for the future.



ROCKWELL ROUND OFF MEMORABLE YEAR WITH TRIP TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Rockwell College transition years brought the academic year to a close with a four day trip to Northern Ireland.

50 students and their teachers departed for Derry with stops at the Marble Arch Caves and visit to the Cuilcagh Mountains on their way.

Day two began with teacher Niall McGonagle giving a guided tour of the Bogside, the scene of Bloody Sunday. This involved a walk of the Walls of Derry, after which the students visited the famous Free Derry Corner and got to see the many murals.

Afterwards the students



Rockwell College transition years enjoying a trip to Northern Ireland.



Transition year co-ordinator Pat Egan saying goodbye to Spain's Francisco Cardeno.

visited the Giants Causeway where they examined the hexagonal columns up to 100 metres deep, formed 90-55 million years ago from successive outpourings of lava as the North American Plate separated from the Eurasian Plate. They took advantage of the fantastic weather to walk the scenic coastal route to Dunseverick.

A great day was rounded off with a barbecue at White-

park Bay beach.

The penultimate day began with a visit to the Dark Hedges, made famous by Game of Thrones. The students were then given a Black Taxi Tour which brought them to the Falls Road and the Shankill Road as well as other interface areas. The day was rounded off with a visit to Stormont Assembly.

The final day began with a well-deserved visit to Tayto

Park. The students then returned home to begin their summer holidays.

The trip was, however, tinged with sadness as ten of the students who went on the trip returned to their native countries. One of the students, Francisco Cardeno from Seville, was dropped at Dublin Airport as the group made their way home. "I am looking forward to meeting my family but I am very sad to

leave. This has been the best year of my life. I will keep in touch with my Irish friends," said a tearful Francisco.

Transition year co-ordinator Pat Egan paid tribute to the students, many of whom have visited Germany, France and Spain on exchange programmes. Others were fortunate enough to earn scholarships to China with a further 16 visiting Kolkata with the Hope Foundation.

Rockwell College student shares Leaving Cert journey

By ROBERT BURKE

"D-Day is coming" - the warning our vice-principal greeted us with every morning over the past year.

Most of us weren't awake enough to realise that the 6th June, the beginning of the Leaving Cert coincided with the 74th anniversary of the D-Day landings - a fact that I shouldn't really have the time to be looking up.

Hearing that first thing in the morning, and the lethargic groan that followed is one of the many things I will remember about this past year, and the past six years at



Rockwell College.

Coming into September, our year had a fair share of

problems - divides among friend groups, an overall negative attitude towards life in general, and some terrible haircuts. While some are still evident, for the most part, I feel we have overcome the majority of them.

The day of Graduation and in particular the night that followed helped us to get over ourselves. Coming into school the following day, I saw people laughing and joking that never would have spoken to each other nine months ago. It is a shame that it has taken until the end for that to happen, but at least we can now leave Rockwell for wherever we end up come

September feeling like we have connected with everyone.

The final weeks of sixth year are like no other. The sudden camaraderie that takes hold makes it bearable. What should be the most stressful time of our educational careers is made all the more liveable thanks to those around you.

On top of this, sentiment becomes a factor, whether we like to admit it or not, and we will miss the place. The last six years seem now as though they have flown by, and, watching my brother finish his final year in college last week, I can only assume that

the next four will go by even quicker. That adds a bitter-sweet taste when I feel relieved to be finished, knowing that we are nearing the end of sharing the same building for 12 hours a day, and life is only going to speed up from here.

Secondary school plays a big role in shaping who you are, your character and personality are transformed in ways you mightn't even notice. In particular, how you deal with stress and tension can be defined in secondary school.

Luckily, we are a pretty relaxed year. We have faced these exams with calmness - some teachers may call it

complacency- but I feel like we prepared well for them. It is surprising how much you can cram into the week before the exams, with most people spending the week before the exams locked away, making the most of caffeine tablets, energy drinks and pre-workout shakes. Sunburn and a defiant attitude will mark out the ones that haven't.

All that we have left to do now is to get pen to paper and get the rest of the exams over with.

The Leaving Cert isn't easy, but sharing the exam hall with everyone makes it a little less painful.

'Battle of the Sexes is one of the best films I've seen in a long time'

By LAURA BUCKLEY

It's 1973 and the women's liberation movement is raging across America and indeed the world. One of the most famous events from that pivotal period was the so called 'Battle of the Sexes' tennis match between Grand Slam winner Billie Jean King and former Wimbledon

champion Bobby Riggs.

It was one of the most watched televised sporting events in history, gaining an audience of around 90 million people. But after watching the film, it's clear that there was plenty of drama taking place off the court as well as on it.

King (played superbly by

Emma Stone) was fighting for equal pay and recognition for women tennis players as well as coming to terms with her true sexuality, despite being happily married to the supportive Larry (Austin Stowell).

Riggs (portrayed by comic actor Steve Carell) is a player long past his prime, has a

chronic gambling problem and although he proudly professes to being a 'male, chauvinist pig', he is supported financially by his wealthy wife (Elizabeth Shue).

The situation comes to a head when after much cajoling King finally agrees to play Riggs in an exhibition match for \$100,000, to prove

not only that a woman could beat a man on the tennis court but that she could be just as exciting to watch also.

With a supporting cast that includes Sarah Silverman and Bill Pullman, this is one of the best films I've seen in a long time. It has the perfect blend of comedy and drama with some romantic

entanglements and fine tennis sequences thrown in for good measure. The two leads play their respective roles with aplomb (Carell even manages to make the unlikeable Riggs affable).

Watch this film and you'll see how one man's bet became one woman's making of history.

Keeping the beautiful game of cricket alive in Clonmel

United Cricket Clonmel (UCC) hosted a cricket blitz at the Presentation Secondary School recently.

There was a huge excitement in the air from the word go as eight teams from Clonmel, Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford and Ballinasloe took part in the blitz.

The blitz has become a highlight on the cricket calendar year for UCC and has been a regular feature since the club was formed in 2015.

"A few of the present members started playing cricket in 2015, but it wasn't that popular around the time, even though cricket was one of the best games played in Clonmel until 2011," says club member Renny Abraham.

"Sr Ann Healy of the Presentation Convent was

kind enough to permit us to play cricket on the school grounds and it was only after we got the proper pitch that the club started seeing suc-

cess. We won our first trophy in 2017, beating Nenagh in the final. We saw success again in 2018 when our two teams, UCC A and UCC B, beat exper-



Sr Healy, Cllr Richie Molloy and Sr Josephine.



ience Dublin teams Finglas XI and KCC in the semi-finals and ultimately UCC A beat UCC B in the final by six wickets," Renny continues.

Renny thanks everyone in the local community who has supported the club and re-

veals UCC's plans for the future. "Our primary aim is to register with the Munster Cricket Association and play in the league, mainly to promote the game of cricket on this side of Tipperary and also in due time we want to train

youngsters for the future. We thank all our sponsors who helped us achieve this feat, and Sr Ann Healy and Cllr Richie Molloy who were both made honorary members of UCC at the recent blitz for their support," he adds.

Munster gold medals for Carrick-on-Suir AC athletes

Carrick-on-Suir AC's Patrick Roche (4:35.85) won the over 40 1,500m at the Munster Senior and Master Track and Field Championships in County Kerry recently. Richard Phelan (5.41m) won gold in the long jump. Richard (12.32) also won silver in the men's 100m over 35 race.

Deadman 5 Mile

Club results included 1st over 40 and 4th overall Derek Walsh (27:20), 10th Patrick Roche (29:33), 18th Brian Graham (30:51), 1st over 45 and 19th overall Benny Hahessy (31:13), 21st Andrew Downey (31:37), 27th John Carroll (32:11), 30th Miguel Ponce De Leon (32:38), 34th

Eugene O'Keeffe (32:58), 39th Seamus Ward (33:27), 44th James Fox (34:07), 47th Dermot Lanigan (34:21), 66th Derek O'Dwyer (38:28), 67th Deirdre Power (38:32), 77th Sean Dunne (45:01), 78th Sinead Dunne (45:20), 80th Geraldine Houlihan (45:24) and 87th Mary Fitzpatrick (50:03). Final race is the Piltown 10k on Friday 27th July at 7:30pm.

Cork City Half Marathon

Personal best times for Jeffrey Brophy (1:26.29), Eoghan Coughlan (1:30.56) David Harrison (1:37.20).

Women's Mini Marathon

Ber Glascott finished the 10k women's race in 1:01.35.



Patrick Roche and Richard Phelan.



Jeffrey Brophy, David Harrison and Eoghan Coughlan.



Ber Glascott with her daughter at the VHI Women's Mini Marathon.

Support Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Cycle charity event

Carrick-on-Suir cycling legend Sean Kelly is urging leisure cyclists and the culturally curious to get on their bikes in the Déise county in the early hours of Saturday, July 14, for a landmark cycle which will help raise funds for two very worthy causes.

The Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Cycle will be an event with a difference as participants take to the start line at Rainbow Hall, Kilmacthomas, at 4:30am.

Following on from the success of the Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford event which took place over an 11 year period from 2007 to 2017, Kelly is now backing this fundraising cycle on the Waterford Greenway, with part of the proceeds from the event going to

Waterford City and County Mayor Cllr Pat Nugent's nominated charities.

Unfortunately, the Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Cycle clashes with the Tour de France and the sporting great will be on the continent for the Tour. But Kelly says he will be keeping a close eye on proceedings on social media and urged everyone to get involved in what will be the first ever Dawn Chorus Cycle and the highlight of this year's four day Comeraghs Wild Festival programme.

The event is limited to just 500 participants and cyclists aged 10 and over, and anyone interested in completing either of the two cycle routes is encouraged to register on dawnchoruscycle.com by

July 2.

"After the fantastic success story that was the Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford, I'm delighted once again to be able to lend my support to another exciting Waterford Cycling event. I wish everyone a fantastic, fun-filled early morning on their bikes while enjoying some of the most breathtaking views imaginable," Kelly says.

Mayor Nugent adds: "Solas Cancer Support Centre and St. John's Special School, Dungarvan, will both benefit from this event. They are two fantastic charities and do phenomenal work in our community. It's great to run such an event on the Waterford Greenway and we are very thankful to Waterford

giant Sean Kelly for supporting this leisure cycle."

The leisure and pleasure event will start at 4:30am when the Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus East Route leaves Kilmacthomas for Waterford city's Bilberry Car Park on a 46km return trip. The second group of cyclists will set off from the same starting point at Rainbow Hall, Kilmacthomas, at 5am and travel the slightly shorter 43km West Route to Dungarvan and back. Both events will take place fully off road on the magnificent Waterford Greenway.

The entry fee is €40 per adult, €20 per child over 10 and a family of four can register for €100. The entry fee includes refreshments at the

halfway points - Dungarvan and Bilberry - as well as a post event healthy breakfast back in Kilmacthomas. Each participant will also receive a goody bag at the finish line. Most importantly, 50% of the entry fee will go towards the two nominated charities.

Trails officer with Waterford City and County Council, Johnny Brunnock, says given that it's Bastille Day there will be prizes for the best French costumed cyclists. "We look forward to a great turnout and a carnival atmosphere. In the interest of safety, those taking part must observe the 18 kmph speed limit. All entrants must be over 10 years of age and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

"We're urging everyone to get behind the inaugural Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Cycle and urge clubs, societies, workplaces, groups of friends to register now and get on their bikes for a great day out and to help two very worthy appeals."

The Sean Kelly Dawn Chorus Cycle is one of the key events in this year's Comeraghs Wild Festival programme. This 2018 Festival runs from July 12 to 15 and includes surfing and seaweed foraging events, a concert at Mahon Falls with the Dublin Gospel Choir, heritage events, a céili and more.

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Shane Buckley wins gold and breaks Munster record

Nine Dundrum AC juveniles took part in the Munster Under 9 to Under 13 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Co Clare.

Shane Buckley (1:40.01) had a superb race in the boys age 13 600m, winning gold and breaking the Munster age 13 600m record that was held for a decade. The previous record had been set in 2008 and was 1:40.88. Shane also competed in the javelin throw and won silver in 32.46m.

Belle Kelly competed in the girls age 9 in both the 60m dash and the 300m race. In the boys age 9, Cian Buckley competed in the 60m dash and also placed 8th in the javelin throw turbo. Laura Hales placed 8th overall in the girls age 10 60m dash.

Sophie Moynihan competed in the girls age 10 500m. Emma Kingston competed in the girls age 11 60m dash, as did Shannon O'Grady in the age 12 category. Niamh Buckley competed in the girls age 12 600m and placed 12th in the javelin throw turbo. Mille Kelly ran very well in the girls age 13 600m race and placed 7th overall.

New Inn 5k

Eight Dundrum AC athletes competed in the New Inn 5k on Saturday as part of the New Inn Festival.

First home and winning this race for the second year in a row was Gareth McGlinchey (16:54). Shane Buckley (18:06) finished 5th overall and was 1st juvenile for the second year in a row.

Dymphna Ryan (19:17) showed her fantastic form by finishing 8th overall and was 1st lady. Other results included 17th Jim Halley (20:16), 31st Teresa O'Connor (21:59), 55th Niamh Buckley (25:02), 100th Cian Buckley (29:33) and 236th Anna Keane (53:06).

Munster Masters Track and Field Championships

Four Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Munster Masters Track and Field Championships in Co Kerry recently.

Jan O'Dwyer placed just outside the medals in 4th in 18.49 in the 100m and won

bronze in the 200m in 38.77.

Dermot Hayes won double gold in the 1,500m in 4:42.19 and the 3,000m in 9:34.64. Liam O'Dwyer competed in two events in the men's over 65 category, winning a double silver in the high jump in 1.00m and the discus in 15.65m. In the men's over 85 category, Michéal O'Beirne won silver in the discus in 6.45m and gold in the javelin in 4.46m.

10k charity event

A 10k charity run/walk/cycle took place in Dundrum on Saturday in aid of South Tipperary Hospice care team. The race was in memory of local man Paddy Horgan. Christina Fryday, Elaine Murphy and Patricia Moloney completed the 10k and Kathleen O'Brien finished the 5k.

Kilfinane 4 Mile

Club results included 7th Eamon Morrissey 24:15, 10th John Kelly (25:00) and 27th overall and 3rd lady Laura McCarthy Armstrong (27:28).

Drom and Inch Camogie Club 5k

Club results included 2nd Colm Bradshaw (17:36), 57th Tracie O'Dwyer (25:36), 86th Catriona Sadlier (28:44), 99th Martina Butler (29:54), 101st Claire Ryan (30:12) and 123rd Orela Blake (34:21).

Moyné 10k and 5k

10k race results included 2nd Gareth McGlinchey (35:53), 16th overall and 1st lady Dymphna Ryan (42:17) and 34th Christina Fryday (49:21). Catriona Sadlier and Lorna Duggan both ran the 5k.

Cork City Half Marathon

12th over 40 Teresa O'Connor finished in 1:41.40.

Cork City Marathon

Four Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Cork City Marathon. PJ Holmes completed his 39th marathon in 4:07.36. Jan O'Dwyer and Yvonne Heaney both crossed the line together in 4:31.22, raising money for Irish Lung Fibrosis Association which is very close to Jan's heart and it

was extra special as the race was on her late mother's birthday.

Over 600 teams of five took part in the marathon relay. Brighton Ab Group's Kevin Moore along with his training partners Josh Burgess, Will Cork, James Turner and Tom Niner from Brighton and won the relay in 2:19.29. The 5 legs were roughly, 4.6 miles, 5.5 miles, 5.8 miles, 5.8 miles and 4.5 miles. Fit4Life Naoimh Dooley's and her friends team 'Beaujolais Babes' finished in 4:56.51.

Deadman's 5 Mile

3rd Dermot Hayes (27:19) and 26th Donal Keane (32:01) at the race in Carrick-on-Suir.

Holycross 5k

11 Dundrum AC athletes took part in the Holycross 5k in aid of St Michael's National School. Results included 2nd Gareth McGlinchey (17:06), 4th Colm Bradshaw (17:36), 11th John Kelly (19:05), 12th overall and 1st lady Linda Grogan (19:38), 31st Brid Quirke (22:37), 35th Rebecca Lenehan (23:09), 38th Christina Fryday (23:30), 46th and 1st lady over 45 Elaine Murphy (25:50), 61st Catriona Sadlier (29:22), 75th Lorna Duggan (33:51) and 76th Kathleen O'Brien (33:57).

British Milers Club

7th Kevin Moore (8:42) ran a 3,000m personal best at the event in Brighton.

Vitality London

27th Kevin Moore (31:08) in the race that Olympian Mo Farah (29.45) won.

Walls of Fethard 6k

Club results included 2nd Colm Bradshaw (21:35), 4th Michael Ryan (22:02), 7th Donal Keane (23:03), 12th Jim Halley (23:34), 16th and 1st over 55 Michael Moore (24:05), 18th overall and 2nd lady Linda Grogan (24:16), 23rd overall and 1st Junior Stephen McDonald (24:57), 27th overall and 1st over 40 Catherine Fogarty (25:51) and 34th overall and 1st over 35 Brid Quirke (26:52).



Dundrum AC's Catriona Sadlier, Linda Grogan, Christina Fryday, Elaine Murphy, Brid Quirke, Lorna Duggan, Kathleen O'Brien and Rebecca Lenehan at the Holycross 5k.



Jan O'Dwyer, Dermot Hayes and Yvonne Heaney at the Munster Masters Track and Field Championship.



Gareth McGlinchey (centre) won the New Inn 5k.



Jan O'Dwyer and Yvonne Heaney at the Cork City Marathon.



Shane Buckley (centre) was 1st juvenile at the New Inn 5k. He won gold and broke a Munster age 13 600m record at the Munster Under 9 to Under 13 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Co Clare.



Teresa O'Connor at the Cork City Half Marathon.



Laura McCarthy Armstrong was 3rd lady at the Kilfinane 4 Mile.



Dundrum AC's Linda Grogan was 2nd lady at the Walls of Fethard 6k.



Dundrum AC's Stephen McDonald was 1st Junior at the Walls of Fethard 6k.



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