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The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Clonmel Parkinson's device gives man new lease of life

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A life-changing device for people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders is being created at Boston Scientific Clonmel.

Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) involves implanting electrodes in certain areas of the brain.

The treatment comprises

of a stimulator or implantable pulse generator (IPG) being surgically inserted under the skin, usually just below the collarbone. The IPG produces small electrical signals which pass along fine wires - known as leads - positioned in the subthalamic nucleus, a small lens-shaped nucleus in the brain.

Boston Scientific Clonmel is the only site within the Boston Scientific network that manufactures neuromodula-

tion IPGs, as per the ones used in DBS. More than 5,000 DBS devices are made in Clonmel every year by a team of up to 130 people. These DBS devices are also used to treat other neurological conditions including essential tremor, dystonia, epilepsy, Tourette syndrome, chronic pain and obsessive compulsive disorder.

"Movement disorders associated with Parkinson's disease, dystonia and essen-

tial tremor can significantly impair daily living and the quality of life of those affected. There is no cure for movement disorders but their symptoms can be managed. In many patients, control of symptoms by medications diminishes with time," a Boston Scientific spokesperson tells South Tipp Today.

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Karen opens up about losing her husband to pancreatic cancer

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A heartbroken Tipperary mother has opened up about losing her husband to pancreatic cancer this month.

The late Garda Sergeant Martin Hopkins, a father of three young children and married to Clonmel's Karen Ferris, had been fighting pancreatic cancer since July 2017.

Garda colleagues formed a guard of honour as the funeral cortege made its way through the streets of Clonmel, following requiem mass at St Mary's Church on November 16.

Based in Clonmel, a fit and healthy Martin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the age of 39.

But despite Martin's battle, Karen never gave up hope as the disease progressed. "Because the reality is that no matter how much you understand the low chance of survival, or eventually adjust to a terminal diagnosis, you never give up hoping," Karen said.

"I spent my nights researching innovative treatments, wondering how we might fund a trip to the States, worked with our oncologist to explore how to get him on a clinical trial in Belfast and followed Vicky Phelan's journey with immunology wondering if this could offer some hope of fighting back," she continued.

Karen only accepted that Martin was dying while sitting by his bed in his final days at Marymount Hospice in Cork. Karen wanted to see Martin's pain and suffering come to an end, but she is not at peace with how pancreatic cancer ravaged a healthy man's life so quickly and how it offered little opportunities for positive outcomes all the way through.

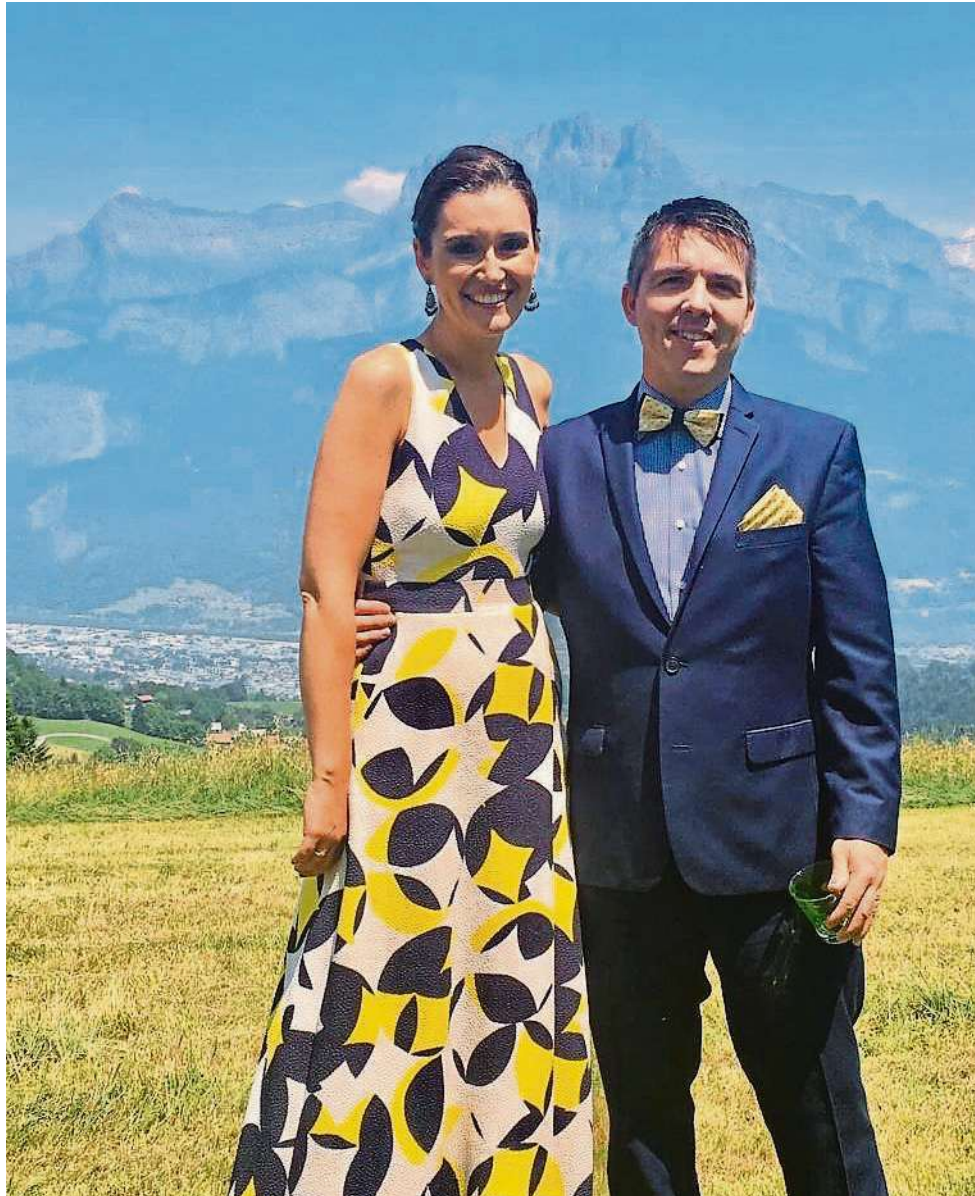
Recalling Martin's first

diagnosis in July 2017, Karen said he started to turn jaundice and while the GP suspected hepatitis, medical tests at Cork's Bon Secours Hospital revealed a mass blocking his liver. "We lived for a few days hoping it may be gallstones, before an analysis of a tissue sample confirmed cancer. We met a surgeon a few days later who gave us the frightening news that Martin's tumour looked like it was attached to a portal vein, meaning surgery was only possible if they could shrink it back," Karen recalled.

The family spent months in limbo when further scopes proved inconclusive. "Eventually in October, after another CT scan which indicated the tumour was likely to be in a hard to reach part of the pancreas, we had to decide to take the risk of starting treatment without a fully positive biopsy. We started treatment," she said.

Karen described the devastating moment she found out her husband's cancer had spread. "While the treatment was successful in reducing the tumour, the cancer had started to spread by the time we got to surgery in May of this year.

"The best hope was a complicated surgical procedure to remove part of the pancreas and the tumour. After nine months of very aggressive chemotherapy and then a course of radiotherapy to reduce the tumour, we got the good news that he was finally a candidate for this surgery - the Whipple. The tumour had shrunk away from the portal vein enough to enable the surgeon to attempt the procedure. It was a seven hour operation and all the potential risks and side effects were outlined to me: death on the operating table, a spread to the lymph nodes and not being able to remove the tumour because of where it was.



Karen Ferris and her late husband Martin Hopkins

"The possibility of the cancer having spread to the other organs was not really considered as nothing had been picked up in CT scans prior to surgery. So it was devastating to get the call that they had found two tiny white spots in his liver during surgery and they had come back as cancerous. It was even more devastating to be the person an hour later who was there at his side when he opened his eyes in recovery and gave me a thumbs up,

only for me to have to shake my head with tears in my eyes and respond with a thumbs down. But that's the impact of pancreatic cancer, the absolute crucifying blow to families who have to live with the consequences of this 'environmental' cancer. The spread of the cancer meant we had no hope."

Karen detailed adjusting to Martin's terminal diagnosis and how the family got on with life. "Martin recovered from surgery well

enough to make it home for his son's First Holy Communion a week later, while we adjusted to a terminal diagnosis. When we returned for a follow up scan in August, they indicated it had spread to the liver and the colon, and despite starting another round of chemotherapy he started to deteriorate rapidly.

"Despite what feels now like way too short a time, our last 18 months have not all been about cancer and this

fight. Life goes on, particularly when you have three young children. It's about birthdays and milestones at school, and cups of coffee, and getting a game of golf on occasion or buying a new bike even if he did only get to ride it about three times."

While on treatment, a determined Martin underwent two rounds of interviews and was made garda sergeant last month. "It was a real source of pride in his final days. It was about truly learning the meaning of good friends and how important family really are to keeping the show on the road, and also about hospitals and all the amazing staff who become much more than health sector workers when they are by your bed night and day in your darkest days."

Married to Cavan native Martin the past 12 years, Karen shared the family's struggle to shine a light on the "cruel disease" for Pancreatic Awareness Month. "Two tiny white spots, less than two millimetres each, that's what the surgeon said. Two tiny white spots that made all the difference in our lives. The difference between hope and despair, between a possible chance at a future and no future at all, between watching him survive cancer and watching him die from cancer.

"It is one of the worst cancers out there - the stats aren't good. It is the only major cancer with a single digit survival rate. Just nine per cent of people with pancreatic cancer will live five years beyond diagnosis.

"I know so many other families have gone through and continue to go through losing a loved one to cancer.

"This month seeks to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and I want to shine a spotlight on the painful legacy so we may one day start to change this story for another family," she added.

Proposal to link up greenways

The creation of a greenway connecting Carrick-on-Suir with the popular Waterford to Dungarvan Greenway has been proposed as a way of boosting Carrick-on-Suir's tourism industry.

Under the proposal, part of the greenway route would follow an old track linking The Navigation on the Suir near Carrick-on-Suir with the Curraghmore Estate in Portlaw, County Waterford.

Carrick-on-Suir councillor David Dunne, who put

forward the idea at the October meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, said the path to the River Suir through Curraghmore Woods was created by a former Lord Waterford in case he needed to make a quick getaway.

A riverside walkway from Dillon Bridge to The Navigation already exists but is overgrown and would need to be developed.

He revealed there is already a move to link the

Curraghmore Estate with the Waterford Greenway.

He informed councillors that Portlaw based councillor's motion promoting a proposal to develop a greenway linking Curraghmore Estate with the Waterford Greenway was passed at a meeting of Comeragh Municipal District.

Cllr Dunne said connecting Carrick-on-Suir with the Waterford to Dungarvan Greenway would extend Carrick-on-Suir's tourist in-

dustry and argued it was "well worth looking at".

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Director Pat Slattery said his advice was for a community group to be formed to put forward the proposal and seek funding first for a feasibility study through LEADER and at a later stage for the development of the greenway.

He pointed out that LEADER was struggling to spend the budget it had on rural environment projects.

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Minister McHugh urged to consider Tipperary schools campaign

The national president of St. Vincent de Paul Kieran Stafford has called on the Minister for Education Joe McHugh to provide extra resources to five Tipperary town primary schools.

He said the five schools - St. Joseph's, Gaelscoil Tiobraid Arann, St. Michael's GNS, The Monastery CBS and St. Michael's Junior Boys School - had a "valid" request for DEIS support and called on the new minister to grant the status.

The choir of one of the five Tipperary schools, St. Joseph's, engaged in a battle for DEIS status were invited to take part in the St. Vincent de Paul national launch of their 2018 appeal in Dublin with Ryan Tubridy this month.

The following day the schools principals met Minister McHugh in Dublin to discuss DEIS status. They were informed that any further roll-out of the DEIS scheme would not be until spring 2019.

Kieran Stafford said there were serious levels of disadvantage in Tipperary town and the case for providing additional supports through DEIS was very strong. "I have supported the long running campaign for St. Joseph's and other Tipperary town schools to be granted DEIS as the need for it is abundantly obvious.

"Despite the fact the Department of Education changed the DEIS assessing model in 2017, a move that



St. Joseph's school choir at the launch St. Vincent de Paul's national 2018 appeal in Dublin

should have guaranteed that these schools would be successful, they are all still waiting. DEIS supports are vital if the pupils of schools experiencing disadvantage are to have an equal right to fulfil their potential as citizens of our country," said the Clonmel-based national president of St. Vincent de Paul.

He called on Minister McHugh to examine and grant Tipperary town's valid request for the approval of DEIS support for its schools. "If we want to break the cycle of poverty that affects 140,000 children in Ireland today, then one way to achieve this is to make sure they all have equal access to

education," insisted Kieran Stafford.

Kieran Stafford said the focus of the national campaign this year was on children who are in poverty. "It was great to have the pupils of St. Joseph's Tipperary town join us for the launch as we have been supporting their campaign with the other Tip-

perary town schools to be given DEIS status. Having DEIS status means that the school receives more resources to ensure that the pupils enjoy equal opportunities in the education system, giving them the chance to achieve their potential, something that every child in Ireland should be en-

titled to," he said.

Principal of St Joseph's Louise Tobin said it was an absolute honour to be invited to sing at the launch of the St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal. "It was a truly wonderful experience for the girls to sing in Dublin and support the great work of the St. Vincent de Paul," she added.

Imelda Goldsboro added to Fianna Fáil general election ticket

The Fianna Fáil general election ticket for the five seat constituency of Tipperary has been completed with the addition of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District councillor Imelda Goldsboro.

Cllr Goldsboro joins sitting TD Jackie Cahill from Thurles and Sandra Farrell from Nenagh on the party ticket.

Elected for the first time to the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in 2014, Cllr Goldsboro is an active community worker in her home village of Ballingarry. A full-time public representative, she is a graduate of both Limerick Institute of Technology and Dublin Institute of Technology with a degree in business and a postgraduate qualification in accounting and finance.

Married with two children, she is involved with over 20 dif-



Cllr Imelda Goldsboro has been added to the Fianna Fáil ticket to contest the next general election

ferent community and voluntary organisations including Tidy Towns and Text Alert.

"This is a distinct honour for me and for my family. I am determined to ensure that Fianna Fáil returns a TD from the south

of the county," said Cllr Goldsboro.

"We elected a hard-working and diligent deputy in 2016 in the form of my former council colleague Jackie Cahill, and I am committed to moving heaven and earth to join him in the Dáil to fight for our county."

Cllr Goldsboro said pledged to campaign on behalf of ordinary people struggling to make ends meet and said the issue of mental health must be dealt with head on.

"No stone will be left unturned by me and the Fianna Fáil team in Tipp in the fight for a second seat. Myself, Jackie and Sandra are a united team and we are committed to delivering the second seat to ensure Micheál Martin is elected as our country's next Taoiseach," added Cllr Goldsboro.

MINOR WORKS GRANT PAYMENT FOR 157 TIPPERARY SCHOOLS

Tipperary schools will receive a minor works grant payment over the coming days for small scale works and improvements.

The Department of Education is advising the 157 school authorities to use the grant to prioritise fire safety prevention works.

"This follows a commitment under Project Ireland 2040 that the minor works grant will be paid on an annual basis to all primary schools," welcomed Tipperary Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn.

"All primary schools will receive a flat rate minor works grant of €5,500 plus €18.50 per mainstream pupil and €74 per special needs pupil attending a special school or special class. The grant is worth €6,425 for a 50 pupil school and over €11,000 for a 300 pupil school."

While schools have discretion under the minor works grant scheme in relation to the nature of small scale works and improvements to be carried out to

their school buildings, the department is advising all school authorities to use the grant in the first instance to prioritise fire safety prevention works.

"The key outcomes from the Department-led programme of fire safety assessments on 55 schools that was initiated last year highlights the need for a strengthened focus on fire safety housekeeping, maintenance and, where necessary, remedial works.

"The Department will be developing guidance for all primary and post-primary schools on the key issues identified from the fire safety assessment programme. This will focus on the importance of managing and prioritising fire safety, particularly in the context of funding provided under the minor works grant to all primary schools. It is envisaged that this guidance will be provided to schools in Q1 2019 and the department will be consulting with the school management bodies before finalising the guidance," Ahearn added.

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Boston Scientific device for Parkinson's disease gives Tipperary man new lease of life

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"However, more than 120,000 people worldwide have already benefited from DBS, a brain stimulator that helps regulate neural signaling in the brain. Essentially, DBS is an implant in someone's brain by a neurologist. When the stimulation is switched on it helps with the tremors and shaking. DBS can have a hugely positive impact on the lives of people with conditions like Parkinson's disease," the spokesperson continues.

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Tipperary's Tony Ryan was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at the age of 32 and has been living with the chronic neurological condition the past 30 years.

"Tony wasn't so much affected by the tremors. His biggest problem was muscle stiffness, which seriously affected his speech and walking," his wife Mary says.

Before Tony underwent DBS surgery, his Parkinson's was progressing and he was

having to take up to 40 tablets a day. "The amount of medication was starting to make him more unwell and causing him to feel very sick. It was at this point our specialist started talking to us about DBS, which we had been told about previously, but at this stage it was felt that Tony was a good candidate for the surgery," Mary continues.

Following a three day assessment, Tony underwent surgery and DBS has since completely changed his life. "He has an optimistic frame of mind and with this and his stamina and ability to just get on with things, the doctors thought the DBS would work very well for him. So in January 2011 he had the DBS operation.



"Our abiding memory of this time is that Tony had the operation on the Wednesday and on Friday the stimulation was turned on. It was remarkable! Tony was able to walk up and down the corridor with no stiffness - it was incredible! We were home 10 days later and although the stimulation settings have needed some adjustments from time to time, we've really never looked back. "Tony is on half the medication he was on and we really are so grateful that he was able to have the DBS surgery," Mary adds.

Tony Ryan with Boston Scientific Clonmel neuromodulation process development manager Stephen Carew

Peacemaker hailed as visionary who ended conflict

The Tipperary International Peace Award was presented to the former President of Colombia Juan Manuel Santos at a ceremony in Tipperary town.

The former president and Nobel Laureate accepted the award - given in recognition of his efforts in bringing peace to Colombia and for the historic agreement that put an end to more than 50 years of fighting by the FARC guerrilla army - at a

ceremony in the Excel centre in Tipperary town.

The former president said he was honoured to be able to accept the Tipperary International Peace Award on behalf of all the victims of the conflict and the many that have worked tirelessly to bring about peace in Colombia. "Our duty and our responsibility is to unite. We are on the right path when we recognise all lives are as valued as one's own," said Juan Manuel Santos.

Eamon Gilmore, former

Labour leader and now EU special envoy to the Colombian peace process, said the country had suffered 220,000 deaths, 40,000 people were still missing and eight million people were displaced because of the conflict. Colombian peace, he said, would not have been achieved but for the vision of Juan Manuel Santos.

Peace Convention secretary Martin Quinn said it was appropriate to recognise the former president's efforts and vision for peace.

"Juan Manuel Santos brought peace to his country through an agreement that put an end to more than 50 years of fighting, and has seen some 10,000 former fighters disarm and enter civilian life with 10 former FARC leaders taking their seats in Congress. He has left Colombia a much better and decidedly more peaceful country than when he assumed office," he added.

RIGHT: Martin Quinn and Juan Manuel Santos



South Tipperary General Hospital gastroenterologist and physician consultant Dr Clare O'Leary was conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Laws at NUI Galway this month.

Dr O'Leary's main areas of interest are inflammatory bowel disease, coeliac disease and endoscopy. She is also a senior lecturer in Medical Education at UCC.

Dr O'Leary is an accomplished adventurer and has a special interest in high altitude and expedition medicine and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine at the RCSI. She was the first Irish woman to climb Mount Everest, to reach the South Pole and to complete the Seven Summits.

In 2012, Dr O'Leary was named as one of Ireland's Top 25 Most Powerful Women and awarded the Trailblazer Award by the Women's Executive Network. In 2013, her hometown of Bandon in County Cork honoured her achievements by opening a walkway in her name



Carrick-on-Suir Livestock Sales to close after 60 years trading

Carrick-on-Suir Livestock Sales Ltd is to close after 63 years of trading.

At a directors meeting on Friday (November 16), having considered all the options, it was decided by majority not to reopen Carrick Livestock Sales.

The company's directors - John and Michael Cunningham, Richard and John Curran and David Shee - issued a statement announcing the decision made by a majority of them at a meeting. The directors listed the main reasons for this decision as being escalating insurance costs coupled with the increased cost required for ongoing regulations facing the sector.

The directors would like to thank all their loyal customers who have supported them since the Mart opened in 1955. They would also like to thank their loyal staff, past and present, who helped make Carrick-on-Suir Livestock Sales the success that it was. They also mentioned with gratitude the excellent catering service provided by the Duggan, Lonergan and Holden families.

"Carrick-on-Suir Livestock Sales has always had an excellent relationship with their neighbouring residents and would like to thank them



The devastating fire at the Marts earlier this year.

for their support and forbearance. Similarly, the traders and the people of the town have always been supportive of the Mart and for that the directors will always be grateful," a statement read.

The directors expressed their gratitude to the Department of Agriculture for their support and help over the years. A word of thanks must also go to Tipperary Fire Service for their help on the night of the fire at the Mart premises.

Carrick-on-Suir Livestock Sales received much support from its friends in the wider mart circle at this difficult time and are very grateful for this support and would like to wish them all the best for the future.

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Butchering with over 25 years, Noel took the plunge and set up his own shop five and a half years ago, establishing himself as a renowned butcher in the local community with his popular busy premises on Abbey Road, Clonmel.

A modest Noel praises his workforce - father and son duo Paul and Billy Tobin, along with Martin Keating - for epitomising the ethos of his establishment. Paul has 35 years experience in the trade and Martin has 20 years under his belt. Billy will be moving on to pastures new this year as he has been accepted to Garda training college and Noel wishes him every success in the future. He is very grateful to his customers for supporting him in what has been a thoroughly enjoyable adventure that continues to reach new heights. "Customer feedback is always fantastic, and we continue to give back to the community with a top quality range of produce at affordable prices," Noel said. Noel would like to thank all his suppliers especially those listed below and also Tom & Theresa Drohan for the daily delivery of fresh bread.

"As well as a vast array of prepared meats we also offer a wide range of allergen and gluten free products in store. Call in for an experience like no other!" Noel adds.

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Hair Beautique by Donna Cummins, a newly refurbished luxury salon at the Poppyfields in Clonmel had its official opening on Sunday 19th March. Clients, friends and family joined Donna and staff to celebrate the new venture. Donna aims to bring you the best possible hair experience with her team of highly qualified stylists. Originally from Pittown but working in Clonmel for years, Donna Cummins cut the ribbon on her first solo venture Hair Beautique hair salon last Sunday. Together her team of stylists have 40 years experience working in the industry. Exceptionally creative and confident, Donna sees as a colourist who thrives on new experiences that further her skills as a hairdresser. Located at the Poppyfield Retail Park, Hair Beautique is an exclusive stockists of leading luxury brands - Alfaparf, Joico and Olaplex. Donna specialises in cutting, colour and creative up-styling and is a Essilocks Extensions certified stylist. Call her or call in and see how she and her team can make your hair dreams a reality!

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Community spirit shines on night of high emotion

Hotel Minella hosted a very special evening of entertainment, fashion and food to support a Clonmel woman battling spinal and brain conditions.

Organised by the Emma Lacey Trust, the Fashion and Food Christmas Extravaganza with M&S and Showgrounds Shopping Centre was a sell-out event with 600 people attending.

The trust was established in August to support 23-year-old Emma Lacey whose life has been shattered by debilitating spinal diseases for six years and a brain condition diagnosed earlier this year.

A few weeks after her brain surgery, Emma was hospitalised with an infection. After a five week confinement, Emma was given permission to leave hospital in Dublin for 24 hours to attend the event.

Emma's moving rendition of Slán le Máigh was the highlight of the evening. The finale saw 40 former Loreto school friends of Emma sing her favourite song Never Alone by Sean Keane. The popular Galway singer, who was on tour in Germany, rang Emma in hospital the day before the show to wish her the best on the night.

The choir performance, under the direction of Loreto music teacher Marie Mullen, brought an end to a wonderful night of entertainment.

Tipperary hurling legend and MC on the night Brendan Cummins described it as a very special night with community spirit shining through and he was delighted to be part of it. Special guest Seamus Power, better known as Dermot in Fair City, was very popular among the audience.

Performers Sinead O'



Peadar Furlong, Martina O'Reilly, Joan Lacey, Eamon Lacey, Seamus Power, Paudie Everard and Emma Lacey at the Hotel Minella event

Donovan and Amy Everard provided a beautiful opening, with further musical interludes from Cian Quinn and

Brid McMaugh, and the Junk Kouture style from the Presentation Convent. M&S Clonmel manager

Jade Greene provided massive support to organiser Martina O'Reilly. They were joined by Showgrounds

fashion outlets Villa, Pamela Scott and Only whose clothes were worn by the models on the night.

Top film director supports PAWS Animal Rescue

Oscar-nominated director Lenny Abrahamson is using his celebrity credentials to help boost the profile of a Tipperary animal shelter which is currently in over €40,000 worth of debt in veterinary bills.

PAWS Animal Rescue in Mullinahone currently cares for nearly 100 abandoned dogs of which 75 per cent are lurchers and sighthound breeds. Last month the charity received a veterinary bill for nearly €42,000 and this is expected to rise significantly again by Christmas.

After hearing about the shelters plight on social media, the talented filmmaker decided to visit the centre to help raise awareness of the work of the Tipperary charity, which has

been in operation since 2006.

"I love animals, I always have and I hope I can make a difference," said the What Richard Did director, who adopted his own lurcher named Jake earlier this year after immediately falling in love with the animal following a visit to the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"There is a crisis of abandoned lurchers in this country at the moment," he said, adding that any stigma around racing breeds needs to end.

"People think they need a lot of walking and they might be aggressive but that's not the case. These dogs make great family pets, they are very placid and once they get their run or walk in they are very content.

"They are gorgeous dogs and it's heartbreaking to see so many without homes, subjected to cruelty and abandoned."

Gina Hetherington of PAWS Animal Rescue said of the celebrity visit: "Lenny is a lovely person with a huge heart and we were delighted to welcome someone of his calibre to Mullinahone. We hope the public take note and start to look at adopting these animals as family pets."

Abrahamson urged the public to support the rescue centre, which is largely dependent on charitable donations to cover its annual vet bill. "These smaller centres run by people like Gina need public support and I urge anyone thinking of making a charitable donation to think of places like PAWS," he added.



Film director and screenwriter Lenny Abrahamson with his children Max and Nell pictured with Gina Hetherington of PAWS, Ivy and Dobbie during a visit to the animal rescue centre in Mullinahone

Clonmel Lions Club launches Christmas Food Appeal

Clonmel Lions Club is appealing for your support for its annual Christmas Food Appeal.

For many years Clonmel Lions Club, in common with Lions Clubs throughout the country, has made sure that those less well-off in our society are not forgotten at Christmas time.

The club appeals for as-

sistance from the community every year at this time. This year it is making a special appeal to the people of Clonmel to support them at their various collection points.

The dates and venues are as follows: Dunnes Stores Oakville and Dunnes Stores Davis Road in Clonmel on December 7 and December 8; and Tesco Clonmel on December 14 and December

15. "We will accept all donations of non-perishable foods for distribution in food hampers for worthy recipients. These hampers will be delivered in good time for Christmas," said Clonmel Lions Club president Peter Morrissey.

"The Lions Clubs of Ireland have an outstanding track record in collecting

food for this appeal, and we can guarantee all members of the public that all food collected will go to those who simply can't make ends meet for reasons beyond their control.

"All hampers are distributed locally within the Clonmel area."

Clonmel Lions Club thanks the supermarkets for their continued support, as

well as the many individuals and organisations who lend their time and assistance to the club to make this venture such a huge success.

Any person who would like to make an application for assistance may do so by completing the attached form and bringing it, in a sealed envelope marked 'Lions Club', to the collection box located in the front office

of the Tipperary County Council building on Emmet Street in Clonmel.

The box will be available until December 10. All applications will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Further application forms will be available at the same venue.

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Tom Prendergast "I got my hearing aids in blackberry hearing last Tuesday ! My tinnitus is gone! I can hardly believe it! Thank you so much blackberry hearing"

Antoinette Toomey: "To say I'm happy with the hearing aids is an understatement, they have changed the everyday quality of my life. I suffer with tinnitus and for me it has helped this condition. I'm now hearing what people are saying to me and not guessing what they are saying. The after care is excellent.. The price also makes them accessible to more people."

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WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

The welcome of Winter's Wildflowers

Wildlife Matters

Albert Nolan



The hardy flowers of winter brighten up the dark days and also provide welcome sustenance for birds at lean times

During the winter months, a few hardy flowers still grace our gardens and countryside.

While they lack the showy blooms of their summer cousins, they are often more appreciated, due to their scarcity. With no insects, around except for a few winter months, they have not evolved to attract insects.

Getting out and about at this time of the year is so important, and fresh air and nature keep mind and body in good health. Once you wrap up well, the cold and wet are not too bad, and a hot shower and change of clothes once home, soon restores circulation.

At the front of my house, I have been enjoying primrose for the last few weeks. I brought together all the scattered pots, to form one big display. This is right by the door of the house, and every morning as we leave, we are greeted by an uplifting winter floral display. Regularly dead-heading, the removal of old flowers, is extending their season right into to December and hopefully beyond.

In the garden next door, the branches of a rampant Viburnum, stick out through the fence, and onto the path. They are covered in small creamy/pink flowers, and while not native, the local Housesparrows use it for shelter. Anytime I walk by, I can hear their continuous and loud chatter, coming from deep within the shrub. With the permission of the owner, I have taken a few cut-

tings for my own garden, and this is a good time of the year to take hardwood cuttings.

Scattered along the edges of paths, are any piece of disturbed ground, the flowers of groundsel, brighten up the barren paths. It flowers throughout the year, but is easily controlled. The roots are shallow, and the plant can be pulled up with little effort. The seeds are eaten by finches, and I always leave a few for the birds.

Shepherd's purse grows in similar places to groundsel, and it has small white flowers. The seed pods are heart shaped, and like the groundsel, it produces copious seeds, but again is easily dealt with. These are wildflowers of cultivation and waste ground, who life cycles needs to be short, to survive on this quickly changing world.

The daisy is so common, it is often completely ignored. It hugs the earth, and avoids the all too frequent lawnmower. On wet days the flowers heads remain tightly closed, giving the plant its name of "day's eye". Early spring butterflies such as the small tortoiseshell like the daises open flowers that are full of pollen and nectar.

Chickweed is a flower of taller grass. It is a straggly plant that needs the support of the grasses. The flowers are white and tiny, but the leaves can be made into a refreshing winter salad, when combined with a zesty orange.

I was very surprised to find red dead nettle, with fresh pink flowers. This is one for the bees, but the mild

weather, and sheltered location, must have encouraged it to bloom. If there is seed, take a few, and scatter on top of a pot filled with old compost. If the compost is fresh, the seeds will not grow, as they don't thrive on fertile soil.

The bright yellow flowers of wild cabbage, make it easy to identify. Anyone who has had cabbages bolt, will be familiar with these flowers. The leaves when crushed also smell of cabbage, and don't have a bad taste.

Winter helitrope has also started to flower, and it wonderful vanilla scent, is very strong after rain or early morning. It spreads very easily, and if left to its own devices, will quickly take over and bed or border. The flowers are infertile, and it spreads by underground root.

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Birdwatch Ireland shop has some wonderful gifts that are suitable for any age or time of the year. Children will enjoy books on bugs and birds found in your garden, park or the wider countryside. For adults there are binoculars to bird boxes and a gift to suit all tastes and budgets.

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Medical Negligence and how it can happen

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WHAT IS MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE?

Medical Negligence at its simplest is an act or an omission by a health care professional which is below the accepted standard of care and results in injury or death to a patient.

HOW DOES MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE OCCUR?

Medical negligence can happen because of:

Diagnosis – i.e. misdiagnosis or delayed diagnosis;

Treatment – i.e. errors in the medical treatment such as incorrect medication, surgical errors, exposure to infection (MRSA etc) or;

Disclosure – i.e. failure to inform the patient of the risks of the treatment of procedure.

DIAGNOSIS

Delayed Diagnosis

These types of cases usually occur when a Doctor or GP does not act in a timely manner.

If the patient suffers an injury because the medical professional did not take into account the patient's version of events or seriousness of their symptoms, then the patient may have a case for medical negligence.

In one example, the Supreme Court awarded damages where a casualty officer ignored a referral letter. The judge described this as an "inherently defective" practice and negligent.

Cancer Misdiagnosis

Early detection is vital as it

enables timely medical treatment, and in many cases, the patient can be cured. There are unfortunately many cancer sufferers who are misdiagnosed as not having cancer.

Our experience in dealing with these cases shows that there are several reasons why a cancer misdiagnosis can occur – most of them as a result of human error or a lack of skill.

A doctor may not respond appropriately when a patient displays symptoms of cancer. There may be a failure to refer to a cancer specialist or a failure to appropriately monitor a patient who has a family history of cancer.

In a great number of cases that have come before the Courts it has been shown that laboratory results and scans are often misinterpreted by technicians.

TREATMENT

Failing to provide adequate staffing may lead to liability for medical negligence.

In one case, a patient had surgery to remove a tumour in their throat. On the second night after the surgery the tracheotomy tube was put out of place. By the time the airway passage was established the patient was brain dead. A case was brought on the grounds that the surgeon allowed the patient to recover in ICU where there was no one trained to replace a tracheotomy tube.

The Court found that while this was the generally accepted medical practice in Ireland at the time, the failure to have someone in the ICU who was trained in the replacement of a tracheotomy tube, under the circumstances, was an "inherent defect". The surgeon was found guilty of negligence because the deceased would not have died if a trained person had been present in ICU.

DISCLOSURE

An example of a case due to a failure to disclose arose in 2000. The Plaintiff underwent bone graft for a dental implant procedure. Before the operation the practitioner told the plaintiff there was no guarantee unforeseen complications wouldn't arise. However, he did not disclose that there was a risk of chronic neuropathetic pain which the patient subsequently suffered. The Courts found that the injury was a known and foreseeable consequence of damaging a nerve and that the standards of disclosure should be set by patients and not by doctors. Doctors must consider the likelihood and severity of the consequences prior to the surgery.

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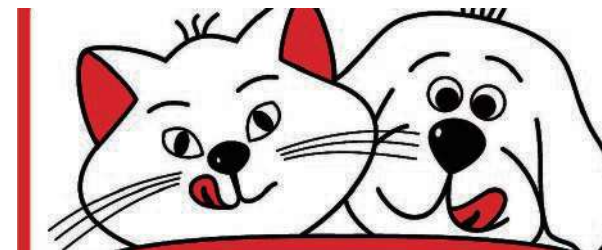
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Maxi Zoo issues advice as danger lies in wait for dogs and cats during the festive period

A time associated with Christmas for us can be full of danger for dogs and cats.

Every animal is intrigued by a Christmas tree. If you put it in the middle of the room, accidents are much more likely because your pet might jump on it. Position and attach it in a corner so that it stands securely.

Ornaments made from straw and wood are less dangerous than tinsel (which contains lead) and fragile



glass baubles. Make sure that the ornaments can't be swallowed.

LED lights are also better for households with pets than

wax candles. You should also forgo scented oils and snow sprays altogether as they contain poisonous ingredients. The popular poinsettia plant

is a poisonous plant that your furry friends won't miss.

In general, it's best not to leave your pet alone in a room that is decorated for Christmas. Then you and your pets are sure to have a carefree holiday with a little extra attention.

For more tips on enjoying the festive season safely with your pet, call into your local Maxi Zoo store today and visit Maxizoo.ie.



Students from Fethard Patrician Presentation Secondary School participated in an annual World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims mass at the Augustinian Abbey in Fethard. The students are pictured with Fr. Iggy O'Donovan, teacher Marie Maher, Garda Mary Lonergan, Garda Shane O'Neill and Mattie McGrath TD. Picture: Joe Kenny



The triumphant Brian Borus under 13 and 14 teams were presented with their county medals from Tipperary senior camogie captain Orla O'Dwyer recently. Picture: PJ English



Clonmel's Damien Browne graduated from Limerick Institute of Technology Thurles with a Bachelor Of Business Studies (Hons) degree. He is pictured with his sister and LIT lecturer Fiona Browne



Tipperary Town's Kathryn Clough graduated from Limerick Institute of Technology Thurles with a Bachelor Of Business Studies (Hons) degree and the Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre Meritorious Award



Cahir's Alma Purtill and Clonmel's Aura Hategan graduated from Limerick Institute of Technology Thurles with a Bachelor Of Business Studies (Hons) degree

Men's Shed hosts open day to attract new recruits

Carrick-on-Suir Men's Shed showcased its members' community work and social activities at an open day at the clubhouse situated on the town's old Comeragh College campus at Greenside last Wednesday.

The community group, formed in March last year, currently has 14 active members and is looking for new recruits.

Visitors to the open day were given a tour of the Men's Shed workshop and its

meeting room that includes kitchen facilities, books, a dartboard and full size pool table, which is popular with many members.

The Men's Shed is a social club for men of all ages over 18; a place where they can gather

and work on projects at their own pace.

Members enjoy chatting over a cup of tea and, reading the papers.

Over the past year, they trained in woodwork, men's health and fitness, manual

handling, small engine maintenance and repair, AED/CPR.

Building a bug hotel at Sean Healy Library, making a buddy bench for Crehana NS and the restoration of Town Park grotto are among the

projects members have completed to date.

Displayed at the open day were a hen's coop made by the group and a collection of beautiful wood turned pieces made by a retired member of the Defence Forces.

Anyone interested in joining can drop in during opening hours, which are 10am to 1pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

You can also contact Tom Coleman at (087) 910 7198 or Eamonn O'Donnell at (087) 900 9851, email: carrick-mensshed@gmail.com or check the Facebook page Men's Shed Carrick-on-Suir.



LEFT: Members of Carrick-on-Suir Men's Shed and relatives pictured at the open day to showcase the group's community work and social activities

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Adults celebrated for taking the initiative and going back to education

By JOE KENNY

There was a celebratory mood in the air as Tipperary Education and Training Board's Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) awards ceremony took place at Clonmel's Kickham Barracks.

BTEI offers a return to learning for adults that is part-time and flexible. Courses run all over Tipperary and offer students the opportunity to engage in learning from QQI Levels 3-5. Students can progress from the lower levels of education to courses that are employer focused and can take part on work placement to enhance their opportunities of moving into employment.

The opening speech at the

awards was given by BTEI coordinator Kathleen Grimes who was also MC for the event. Chief executive of Tipperary Education and Training Board Fionuala McGeever and director of further education and training Eileen Condon both expressed their delight at celebrating adult learning, thanking all the staff and tutors involved in delivering the programme along with the learners who attended.

Adult education officer Kaye Mullaney presented a bouquet of flowers to Fionuala McGeever on behalf of the BTEI programme to mark her retirement and acknowledged her support of the programme during her time as chief executive.

Further education and training committee members Liam Ahearn, Cllr

Siobhán Ambrose, Eddie Morrissey and Michael Power presented the QQI awards to students in the following areas: Using Information and Communication Technologies in Everyday Life; Culinary Skills; Beauty Therapy; Animal Care; Sports, Recreation and Exercise; ECDL; Business Administration; Horticulture; Healthcare Support; and Early Childhood Care and Education.

The students came from Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel and Tipperary Town. They had attended courses over the last two years and completed at least six subjects for Level 3 or eight subjects for Level 4 and 5. Many of the students who have completed Level 5 are now working part-time or full-time.



Presentation of the Culinary Skills awards. L-r: Eddie Morrissey (TETB committee), Eileen Condon (director of further education and training), Zenija Barisa, Fiona Neilan (tutor), Katarzyna Sara, Jo Jo (Siew Chou) Low, Kathryn O'Brien, Fionuala McGeever (TETB chief executive), Kaye Mullaney (BTEI coordinator), Kathleen Grimes (BTEI coordinator)



Back L-r: Mairead Richardson (tutor), Fiona Neilan (tutor), Brigid-Ann Whelan (BTEI staff), Anne Lenihan (teacher), Kathleen Grimes (BTEI coordinator), Geri Cullen (BTEI staff), Emmet Thornton (teacher), Bridget Ryan (BTEI staff), Marion O'Dwyer (teacher). Front L-r: Eileen Condon (director of further education and training), Fionuala McGeever (TETB chief executive), Kaye Mullaney (adult education officer)



Presentation of the ECDL awards. L-r: Kathleen Grimes (BTEI coordinator), Eileen Condon (director of further education and training), Stephanie Sweetnam O'Dwyer, Joanne O'Donoghue, Fionuala McGeever (TETB chief executive), Kaye Mullaney (adult education officer)



Presentation of the Using Information and Communications Technology awards. Back: Graham Burke, Kathleen Grimes (BTEI coordinator), Carmel Williams, Eileen Condon (director of further education and training), Mai Cahill, Marian Hearn, Breda Kelleher, Clare Fogarty, Teresa Fehilly, Fionuala McGeever (TETB chief executive), Kaye Mullaney (adult education officer). Front: Aysa Ahmed Ryma, Garrett Meehan, Noel Gleeson.



Presentation of the Business Administration awards. L-r: Kathleen Grimes (BTEI coordinator), Eileen Condon (director of further education and training), Claire Kerton, Stephen Fitzgerald, Olenya Yashchuk, Fionuala McGeever (TETB chief executive), Kaye Mullaney (adult education officer)



Kaye Mullaney and Eileen Condon presenting Fionuala McGeever with a bouquet of flowers to mark her retirement



Presentation of the Animal Care Component awards. L-r: Michael Power, Eileen Condon, Nicole Beatty Green, Rachel Brennan, Ann Marie Norris, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney



Presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education awards. L-r: Liam Ahearn, Eileen Condon, Brigid O'Neill, Maureen Forde, Lyudmyla Crowe, Sarah Long, Susan Cahill, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney



Presentation of the Healthcare Support awards. L-r: Cllr Siobhán Ambrose, Eileen Condon, Cheryl Smith, Ann Keane, Agnes O'Donoghue, Jacqueline Riordan, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney, Liam Ahearn



Eddie Morrissey, Cllr Siobhán Ambrose, Liam Ahearn, Eileen Condon, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney, Kathleen Grimes, Michael Power



Presentation of the Horticulture Component awards. L-r: Cllr Siobhán Ambrose, Eileen Condon, Anna Barry, Tutor, Emmet Thornton, Barbara Larkin, Martin Noonan, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney



Kathleen Grimes, Eileen Condon, Kate Logue-Hallinan, Megan McSherry, Karen Caulfield holding her baby Kayden Quinn, Alice Smith, Fionuala McGeever, Kaye Mullaney

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Santa will be brought to town by the Carrick on Suir River Rescue on Saturday 1st December, when he will switch on the Christmas lights at the new Town Hall Plaza.

The Local Brass Band are returning to their Spiritual home to entertain us all from 4.30pm. Tipp Fm will have a live broadcast during the day from the Town Centre, outside Meanys Shoes.

The Crop Cruisers in association with COSBA and Tipperary County Council, will again host the biggest and the best Christmas Tractor Run in the South East on Saturday 15th December.

THE CHRISTMAS TRACTORS OF CARRICK ON SUIR will roll into town across the bridge from Carrickbeg, down Main Street and onto the Town Hall Plaza. There will be amusements and Christmas Stalls in the Car Park form earlier that evening.

The JUNIOR CHRISTMAS



TRACTORS OF CARRICK ON SUIR, this year there will be 60!, will precede the main convoy. This is a day not to be missed, why not come into Carrick early to enjoy the Christmas cheer, food, drink and great bargains all around town.

December is always the busiest month of the year in Carrick on Suir. visit www.carrickonsuir.net to keep up to

date with all that's going on!

FREE PARKING!

Tipperary County Council have granted free parking in all Council run carparks on each Saturday in December. - Sat 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. There will also still be 20 mins free parking in the town Centre as per usual.

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Advice for Christmas from Carrick-on-Suir Credit Union

Irish consumers will traditionally throw caution to the wind and splurge more in December than any other month of the year.

Last year, business group Retail Ireland forecast that consumers would spend on average €2,654 in December alone.

This is a significant €870 more than any other month of the year. In total, the group estimated that sales during the Christmas season would top a massive €4.5 billion.

While this is good news for retailers, it might not be so good for the household budget, which can be impacted for weeks after the festive season.

Carrick on Suir Credit Union is encouraging people in the area to avoid the pressure to splurge this year and to spend cautiously. If they do need to borrow, Carrick on

Suir Credit Union is urging them to borrow within their means and to shun high-cost money-lenders.

The most vulnerable are often tempted to seek out moneylenders, whom they perceive as more convenient, at this time of year.

However, with moneylenders charging interest rates sometimes as high as 288% borrowing from them can often plunge people into unnecessary debt.

At Carrick on Suir Credit Union, we offer a Christmas loan with an interest rate of 9.75%. The loan can be approved within a day and terms are straightforward and transparent.

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Total Repayable: €2,100.67

Christmas Greetings From Cahir

In Cahir you can shop in comfort with choice at Christmas

DO YOU PLAN to start your Christmas shopping early every year, but then leave it until the last minute and have to navigate the shopping crowds?

Well make this year the year you get organised and support your local businesses in Cahir.

Whether you are looking for gifts for friends and family, or a special Christmas present for yourself, or maybe tasty treats to keep the family happy, then the local businesses in Cahir will be delighted to help.

When you shop locally you are met by a familiar, friendly face and you know you will get the service that can't be beaten. Pop into your local cafe for a well deserved break

and more than anything stay and shop local this Christmas and do your festive shopping in Cahir.

CAHIR CRAFT GRANARY

The Craft Granary is delighted to host their popular yearly Craft Market on 1st December. The market for the first time will run all day Saturday. Preparations are under way with the many local craft workers and designers. It's wonderful to see the amount of talent in the area and appreciate the time and work gone into producing these wonderful hand made items. Everything is there from Natural skin care products, to hand made wood carvings, to hand made scented candles, hand made

clothes, designer hats, Christmas decorations, and unique designs for children and adults and many more unique gifts for Christmas.

'The Gift that says 'Thoughtful'

When buying a gift for Christmas, the most important thing is it shows the thoughtfulness of the giver in choosing a 'one off' unique and hand made gift. What better place to choose such a gift than at the wonderful display that will be available in The Craft Granary at this year's Craft Market. Take the time to talk to the makers and encourage them to continue using their unique skills, enjoy the music, mulled wine and nibbles and enjoy Christmas spirit with us at the Craft Granary on 1st December.



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Christmas Market 2018
Saturday 1st December: 11am - 5pm

This Christmas market will kick off the festive season and feature crafts and food from local suppliers, who will be there on the day to talk about their work. Food on the day will include the Cahir Country Markets. This year the market will be open all day Saturday.

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Caseys are also involved in a new store in Clonmel with Ryan Stoves and John Walsh Fireplaces in Ard Gaoithe Business Park, Clonmel and

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Casey Tiles can cope with any installations from commercial or domestic. They also supply goods to a vast number of Tile shops, builders & tile and wood installers. They stock all the leading brands of adhesive &

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Paddy Caplice accepted a token of recognition from club chairman Liam Shinnick at the Cahir Ladies Gaelic Football celebration night last week. Special presentations were made to joint selectors Paddy Caplice in appreciation of the time and huge effort he has made with Cahir Ladies and to team trainer Norman O'Brien for her dedication and commitment

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Christmas in Fethard

Shop local and visit Fethard this festive season for some great offers

Fethard is Ireland's most important small medieval walled town. It is steeped in history and heritage and world famous for its association with horses. The town of Fethard is home

to a great variety of businesses and this Christmas we are asking you to shop local and support the local traders, where you will be guaranteed a friendly smile and helpful assistance.

Whether you are looking for gifts for family and friends or some tasty treats for all the visitors calling over the festive season, then the local businesses in Fethard will be more than happy to assist you.

Recently the opportunity arose to develop her own business on Main street Fethard. Having developed her skills from 32 years on the

job Mandy decided that the time was right to go into business on her own in the town where she has lived for the past 22 years. Mandy would

like to thank all her friends and local businesses for there great support and well wishes in getting started.



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Mandy Quigley in her new shop, Fethard Flowers by Mandy, on Main Street



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Christmas in Fethard

Variety and value in Fethard this Christmas

LARRY KENNY'S CENTRA, BARRICK STREET,

Larry Kenny's Centra Supermarket is a family run grocery store which was opened in 1922 by Larry's parents. A major revamp of the store was done in 2017 and the store continues to move with the times always adopting new trends and making the widest range of produce available to customers. This fantastic new exciting store design also offering customers a comfortable and inviting ambience.

Good Customer Service is the cornerstone of the business and the Kenny family are all about building strong customer relationships. All staff

are genuine and caring that will go the extra mile for the customers be it bringing the customers shopping to their car for them, ordering in a product they want or delivering shopping to a customer who can't make it in.

Fantastic Christmas offers available throughout our store. Call in and sample our new extensive range of Fresh Products from our deli department, home baked goods and on our treat table. New range of wines, beers and spirits available at great prices.

Check out our facebook page Kennys Centra Fethard.



MEAGHER'S DAYBREAK, KERRY STREET

Ian Meagher's Daybreak is a family run business giving employment to over twenty staff from the local community.

We strive to ensure we deliver the best quality and service to our customers at all times.

You can pre order from our deli on 052 61 30889.

Our garage is open from 9am to 6pm, to book an appointment please call Ian on 086 2557600.

Our Christmas opening hours are as follows Christmas Eve 7am-7pm, closed Christmas Day, St Stephens Day 8am-10pm, New Years Eve 7am-9pm, New Years Day 8am-10pm.

We would like to thank all our customers for their loyal and continued support throughout the year. We would also like to wish our customers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Don't forget Gift Vouchers available. Call in today and check out our Christmas Offers in Store

egance. Susan offers a complete interior design service and stocks fabulous furniture, fabrics, wallpaper, lighting and stunning accessories sourced locally and internationally. Trish's Beauty Salon, Main Street, Fethard

Owned by Trish Morris and located above O'Sullivan's Pharmacy, this elegantly decorated salon is an oasis of calm and tranquility. Relax in Trish's expert hands this Christmas time and look your very best for the party season ahead.



Noel McNamara in his new butcher's shop on Main Street, Fethard

EMILY'S DELI

Emilys Deli now offering a delectable range of lunches as well as an extensive cafe menu. Emilys is always a busy spot populated with a welcoming

team of staff and Emily herself always in the thick of things. Christmas hampers are available and don't forget we have gift vouchers too. Perfect for everyone's Christmas stocking!

Town & County Susan Archdeacons treasure trove of a store is situated on the Square.

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Seasons Greetings
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Christmas Greetings From Killenaule

You will always find that something special at Christmas in Killenaule



THE TOWN OF KILLENAULE lies at the Southern extremity of the range of the Slievedaragh Hills, situated 17 miles from Clonmel. Keep your Christmas shopping local this year and support the local business in Killenaule. We have a variety of shops situated on the main street something to suit every member of the family.

Whether you are looking for a personal gift or something for a family member you are sure to find something to suit everyone this Christmas

KILLENAULE PHARMACY (052) 9156209

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To make an appointment with Claire or Amy phone 052 9157688 or book online at <http://rootshairstalon.get-timely.com>.

Claire would like to wish all her clients a Happy Christmas and all the best for the new year.



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KILLENAULE
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Lahert's Hardware store which is situated on the main street in Killenaule has been in business for the past 50 years due to the ongoing support from all their customers. We are open Monday to Saturday 9 am-6 pm and closed for lunch from 1-2pm. Lahert's hardware is a well established and local business, and are stockists of general hardware, giftware, dulux paints, building supplies, cookers and lots more.

Wishing all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

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Powers of Killenaule is a family business trading for over 60 years, serving the people of Tipperary.

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Coolmoyne and Moyglass Vintage Club Calendar



Images from the Coolmoyne and Moyglass Vintage Club Calendar for 2019 shot by Clodagh Burke in support of South Tipp Hospice.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Kevin and friends to celebrate the launch of new CD

Join Kevin Power and friends to celebrate the launch of his new CD, Ceol na Siúire, at the Brewery Lane Theatre in Carrick-on-Suir on Saturday, December 8.

Ceol na Siúire is a new album of traditional Gaelic songs from Carrick-on-Suir and the Suir Valley area.

A native of Carrick-on-Suir and a member of the world famous Clancy family, Kevin is steeped in the traditions of Irish traditional and folk ballad music.

"My home town, Carraig

na Siúire, is mentioned in many traditional Gaelic songs," said Kevin.

"Along with those from the Suir Valley, these songs form an important part of our tradition, and I've really enjoyed gathering a few of them together here for this album."

Kevin will be joined on the night by special guests Martin Murray, Paul Grant, Maria O'Shea Enright, Walter Dunphy, Marietta O'Keeffe, Panie Bartley, Kristof Robert and young French harpist Divna Racunica.

Tickets are €15 and include a CD. Further CDs will be also available for €10.

This promises to be a very special evening of music. Space is limited so it is advised to book early. Tickets are available from the Tudor Artisan Hub, 42 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir. Tel: 051-640921.

RIGHT: Carrick-on-Suir's Kevin Power

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Thursday 6th December
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Cahir reaches out at Christmas events

Cahir is the most multi-cultural town in Munster and on Saturday, December 8, the town's people will come together to celebrate that diversity.

According to the 2016 census, there are just over 1,000 non-Irish people living in Cahir or 29.9% of the population.

So Together Ireland, an initiative tasked with enabling and promoting integration across Irish towns, has joined forces with Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Volunteer Centre to put together a day's celebration of diversity in the town.

Events will include an International 5k Santa Run (don't forget those red costumes!) at 11am from the Cahir Tourist Office. The ABP Food Group, which has a base locally, will supply prizes to the fastest and best dressed runners.

Then from 3pm to 5pm in the Cahir House Hotel, a World Bake Off competition hopes to attract traditional cakes from around the world. While the Bake Off is open to all, organisers will be keeping an eye out for tasty cakes with an international flavour.

The winner of the Bake Off will walk away with winnings of €200 and there are other awards on offer.

The Cahir Junior Choir will serenade the public with carols in a variety of languages including Lithuanian, Polish and Spanish to reflect the diversity of its membership and they will be assisted by the local Comhaltas Group which itself has a range of nationalities amongst its players.

There will be art and fairy door painting competitions, face painting and more.

A parade will wind its way through the streets of the old town complete with fire engines, trucks, motor bikes and flags from around the

world carried by residents who originally hail from those countries from 6pm.

And the grand finale will conclude with more carols in the square and the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

"When Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary Volunteer Centre contacted us about this initiative we were absolutely delighted to get involved and coordinate it on the ground," explained Graham Clifford from To-

gether Ireland.

"We're piloting our initiative here in Cahir and this is a perfect opportunity to bring the community together. We held meetings with people in the town who were eager that this event reflect the welcome that exists for all in Cahir and locals have really rolled up those sleeves to make this happen. Our aim is to help Cahir harness that wonderful diversity which exists in the

town to the benefit of all who live here. And to reach out that hand of welcome and friendship at this time of the year to people who may be very far from home."

For more information about the Cahir Reaches out at Christmas day of celebration, contact Cllr Andy Moloney, email TogetherIreland@gmail.com or find them on Twitter at [@2getherireland](https://twitter.com/2getherireland).

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Friday 30th November
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Damien's family walk Camino for CRY

Members of a Clonmel family have raised over €9,000 for an adult sudden death support group in memory of their brother, who died four years ago.

Brothers Brian and Brendan Ruth and their cousin Alison Cronin walked the Camino in northern Spain to raise funds for CRY, which supports families that have lost loved ones to Sudden Cardiac Death or Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS).

Damien Ruth from Honeyview Estate died four years ago and is still sorely missed by all his family. "It's been four years since we lost our wonderful brother Damien to sudden death syndrome. Losing Damien has and con-

tinues to be absolutely devastating for our family, Damien's fiancé Jessica and his many friends. We all miss him dearly," says Brian Ruth.

Brian adds that shortly after Damien's passing they were put in touch with CRY, who have supported the Ruth family throughout their immense loss.

CRY help to raise awareness of SADS through media campaigns and information meetings, and provide free counselling and support for families affected by sudden death or cardiac conditions.

So to help CRY, Brian, Brendan and Alison walked the Camino to raise funds for the organisation.

"We did it and while it was a lot tougher than expected, it was a wonderful experience,"

says Brian.

"It started on a flight out of Dublin that was full with everyone heading off with the same goal - completing the Camino in one piece. They were from Alzheimer's Ireland, NCBI, Focus Ireland and many more so we had plenty of company along the way."

The Clonmel group enjoyed wonderful experiences along the way. And they also had the great experience of meeting Johnny from Mullingar who was doing the full 800km walk and it turned out he was a friend with Damien from his time in Australia.

"If anyone has ever thought about doing the Camino I couldn't recommend it highly enough," Brian continues.



Brian and Brendan Ruth and Alison Cronin walked the Camino for CRY

"We thank everyone who supported us. With all your support we managed to raise

over €9,000, which is an incredible amount and will go a long way to helping CRY con-

tinue to carry out the wonderful work they do."

Richard and Aoife win Mr & Mrs 2018

Eight couples took to the stage at Great National Ballykisteon Hotel on Saturday night to battle it out for the title of Mr & Mrs 2018.

The MC on the night was GAA legend Brendan Cummins, who proved himself to

be hilariously quick-witted and sharp-tongued, not leaving any stone unturned as he gave us a glimpse into the private lives of these couples and exposed a few home truths.

Winners were determined by a combination of

audience votes and the scores that the couples achieved during their two rounds of tasks and questions.

The top three couples were Eamonn and Eithne O'Dwyer, Mark and Karen O'Brien, and Richard and Aoife O'Meara Leahy. The

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I Sarah Curran wish to apply to the above authority for permission to construct dwelling, domestic garage, entrance, septic tank, percolation area and all associated site works at Kilvemnon, Mullinahone, Thurles Co. Tipperary.

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

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Woodlands Range Sports and Recreation Club, intend to apply for planning permission to the above authority for the indefinite retention of; 1. works to their existing 25 M and 100 M ranges consisting of signage, shelter structures, target structures, boundary berms and all associated site works. 2. The vehicular car parking areas servicing the shooting range. 3. The construction of the new clubhouse and bar area together with the treatment system and percolation area servicing same. 4. The existing hunting shelter. 5. Retention of existing 3 span agricultural building and part completed 2 additional spans and associated works. The club also intends to apply for permission to provide; 1. New 25 M, 50 M and 300 M ranges complete with signage, shelter structures, target structures, boundary berms and all associated site works. 2. The construction of an armoury. 3. The conversion of the original club house and adjacent sheds to a 5 bedroom shooting lodge. 4. Extend the use of the carpark beside the clubhouse to provide for the overnight parking of campervans and caravans, 5. Seek permission to fully complete the existing agricultural building, together with all associated site development works at Kilnacarriga, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 DV25.

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

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Tipperary Race Company Plc are applying for Retention Permission for: Two freestanding single sided advertising signs and one freestanding dual sided advertising sign.

All at Tipperary Racecourse, Limerick Junction, Tipperary, E34 Y621

This planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, (€20.00), within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Gary & Denise Grant, intend to apply to the above authority for retention permission to retain indefinitely the as-constructed front porch to the dwelling and associated works at Donoughmore, Lisronagh, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.



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BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

CONDON

(Birthday Remembrance)



Carmel Condon

Happy Birthday to my wonderful wife Carmel, whose birthday occurs on 28th November.

Today is your birthday in Heaven above, my blessings I send on the wings of a dove. Not just for today, but each day hereof, I think of you always with all of my love.

Always loved from your husband Cyril.

CONDON

(Birthday Remembrance)



Carmel Condon

Happy Birthday to my wonderful Mother Carmel, whose birthday occurs on 28th November.

Heaven holds my mother on this her special day, Lord I ask this of you, to give her this bouquet, of beautiful scented flowers and tell her they're from me. Please tell her that I love and miss her for all eternity.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mum

From your loving daughter Sonia and grandson Adam.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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

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IN MEMORIAM

BROWNE

(18th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a loving son and brother Patrick Browne, 14 Woodvale Walk, Fethard, who passed away peacefully on 11th December 2000.

Sadly missed and never forgotten - Mam, Ann, Gerrard, Bernadette, his special nephew Kevin, nieces Tara and Sinead.

Anniversary Mass Saturday 8th December in The Holy Trinity Church, Fethard at 7pm.

Go Ndeana Dia Trocaire Air.

Peace, Perfect Peace

BURKE

(27th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother Mary E. Burke, late of Baron Park, Clonmel, who died on 30th November 1991 RIP

We cried when you passed away, we still cry today, although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating, we laid you down to rest, God broke our hearts to prove that He only takes the best.

Miss and love you for always Mam.

Forever in our hearts

May, Donal and family, Ellen, John and family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Masses offered

IN MEMORIAM

BURKE

(3rd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of my darling daughter Sophie, late of 283 Elm Park, Clonmel on your third year away from home.

It's been a lonely time without you, and nothing is the same; all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame. We travel to your resting place, and flowers we place with care, but no-one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Always loved and missed by your heart-broken Mam xxxxx

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 4th December in Ss. Peter and Pauls Church at 1pm.

BURKE

(3rd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of dear Sophie on your 3rd Anniversary.

Look around your garden, Lord for a girl with a lovely smile - that will be our Sophie; she must stand out a mile. Find the softest pillow, Lord, to lay her head upon; kiss her twice upon the cheek and tell her who it's from.

Never forgotten by your loving Grandmother Maura, Aunts Margaret and Sharon, Uncles Pa and George, cousins Jamie, Daniel, Ryan, Conor, Adam and Jordan xx

BURKE

(3rd Anniversary)



Remembering my beautiful God-daughter Sophie on her 3rd Anniversary

No farewells were spoken, no time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, only God knows why. Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know.

Sadly missed and loved by your God-mother Mary, Finbar, Jason, Liam and Cleo. xx

IN MEMORIAM

BUTLER

(8th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Jimmy Butler, late of Highfield Grove, Clonmel, who died on November 21st 2010.

In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain. In God's own time we will meet again.

Never forgotten by your family.

CAGNEY

(1st Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear sister Carmel, 106 Bianconi Drive, Clonmel who died on 7th December 2017 RIP.

Softly from Heaven came a gentle call, you took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.

Although we tried to hold you, we never let you go. In our hearts you will always live for evermore, because we love and miss you so.

From your sisters, brothers and their families.

CURRAN

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my brother Tony Curran, whose anniversary occurs around this time RIP

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

Loved and remembered by his loving sister Teresa, brother-in-law Sean and nieces Rose and Sue. x

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IN MEMORIAM

DEVINE

(36th & 6th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our parents Catherine (Kitty) and William (Billy) Devine, late of 74 Griffith Avenue, Clonmel. Mam who died on 22nd November 1982 and Dad who died on his birthday 20th February 2012.

Also remembering our brother Bradley who passed away on 16th November.

Your life was love and labour, your love for your family true. You did your best for all of us, we will always remember you.

Your left us quietly, your thoughts unknown. You left us memories we are proud to own.

Always remembered by your son Leonard, daughter Lorraine and their families.

Masses offered.

FANNING

(28th & 3rd Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear parents Annie and Phil Fanning, late of Connolly Park, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time. RIP

As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near.

Always loved and remembered by your loving family.

Mass offered

Another Leaf Has Fallen

*Another leaf has fallen,
 another soul has gone.
 But still we have God's promises,
 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 ray.
 He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
 and lovely forest, green.
 And gives us new found comfort,
 when we on Him will lean.*

IN MEMORIAM

GREENE

(23rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear brother Edward Greene, 42 Marian Ave, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Time passes, memories stay, still loved and remembered every day.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sister Tina, nephews Darren and Billy xxxxxx

HOGAN

(20th & 30th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Eily and Johnnie, late of 10 Ard Fatima, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Time and years slip quietly by, but love and memories never die

Sadly missed by your loving sons John and Donal, daughters Catherine and Vera, family and friends.

Mass offered.

MADIGAN

(16th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear brother Eamon, late of 1 Oliver Plunkett Tce, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on 27th November.

Will those who think of Eamon today, a little prayer to St. Padre Pio say.

Always remembered and missed by your loving brothers, sisters and family.

Masses offered.



IN MEMORIAM

MCKELL

(15th Anniversary)



Sophie

In loving memory of our daughter Sophie, who died on the 29th of November 2003.

A silent thought, a quiet prayer, for a special person in God's care, we know you're in a special place, where Angels sing and joy and love and peace are yours, until we meet again.

Never forgotten by Mam, Dad, Kerrie, Nathan and Calum, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and cousins xxx

MOLLOY

(9th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear husband Peter Molloy, late of 1 Comeragh Drive, Clonmel, who died on 1st December, 2009.

Quietly today your memory is kept, no need for words I will never forget.

My thoughts go back as they often do. I treasure the memory I have of you.

Remembered always by your loving wife Ronnie.

Mass offered.

MOLLOY

(9th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our brother-in-law Peter who died on 1st December 2009.

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

Always remembered by Noel, Eileen and family.

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Author Unknown

IN MEMORIAM

O'MAHONEY

(14th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of our dear mother Patricia (Cussie) O'Mahoney, 41 Connolly Park, Clonmel, who died on December 4th 2004.

Deep are the memories, precious they stay and time and no-one can take them away.

Always remembered by your loving family.

Mass offered.

O'MAHONEY

(14th Anniversary)



Cherished memories of our dear mother Patricia (Cussie) O'Mahoney, late of 41 Connolly Park, Clonmel who died on 4th December 2004.

It only takes a little space to write how much we miss you. But it will take the rest of our lives to forget the day we lost you.

Always loved and remembered by Paul, Verona, John, Gaye, Phil and families.

RYAN

(1st Anniversary)



Annie Ryan

St. Johnstown, Fethard

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother Annie, who died on 20th November 2017 RIP.

Each time we look at your picture, we smile and say hello.

Sadly missed by your son John, daughters Mary and Rose and their families.

In Memoriam



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RYAN

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear wife Maria Ryan, late of 6 Ginchy Tce., Cahir, who died on 4th December 2015.

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

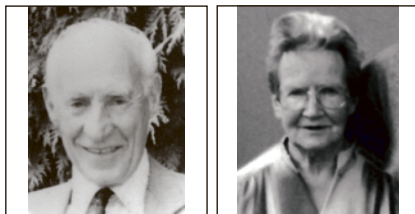
Sadly missed and never forgotten by your loving husband Larry.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Parish Church, Cahir, on Sunday 2nd December at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM

WHELAN

(28th & 6th Anniversaries)



In memory of our dear parents Tom and Johanna Whelan, late of 32 Abbey Road, Clonmel.

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

Sadly missed by all the family.

Mass offered.

WALSH

(2nd Anniversary)



Frank Walsh

Phillip Street, Waterford
& 'The Munster Express'

Died 25th November 2016

Aged 83 years

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond's glint in snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain.

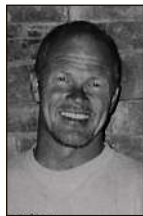
When you awaken in the mornings hush, I am the swift uplifting rush, Of quiet birds in circled flight, I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

Memory is a golden chain that binds us together until we meet again.

Sadly missed and always remembered by John, Tina, Conor, Ronan, Daragh and Aoife.

LAMBERT

(12th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear brother Richard, late of Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan who died on 29th November, 2006. RIP

Today your memory is quietly kept, no need for words, we will never forget. Each one of us in our own way, has special thoughts of you today.

We miss your smile, your joking ways, we miss the things you used to say, and when old times we do recall it's then we miss you most of all.

Happy memories we keep forever, of days when we were all together.

Loved and remembered always by your brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Anniversary Mass at 6.15pm on Saturday 1st December in Ardfinnan Church.

Another Leaf Has Fallen

Another leaf has fallen,
another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises,
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 ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
and lovely forest, green.
And gives us new found comfort,
when we on Him will lean.



Those we love,

We never lose,

For always they will be,

Loved, remembered,
treasured

Always in our memory.

The Hand of God



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

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

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

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

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

CLONMEL

ChillOut

ChillOut, an LGBTI+ group for young people, runs at the Wilderness Youth and Community Centre in Clonmel on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. Contact 086-8069006. Visit TipperaryLive.ie for the full story.

Arts Group

A huge congratulations to junior STAG members and their tutors Julie, Audrey, Bobby and Maureen and to the adult STAG members, Andy Griffin and the German students and Michael Conroy for the great Christmas artwork, which will be up on the Tesco Roundabout and in the vacant shops in Market Square from next week onwards.

Adult STAG has a Golden Jubilee exhibition in the Excel Gallery in Tipperary Town at present and another STAG exhibition to celebrate their 50th anniversary will commence this week in the Horse Country Experience in Fethard.

Junior STAG members have just three more art sessions before Christmas holidays. Contact 086-8096823 or visit the group's Facebook page.

St. Oliver's

The St. Oliver's parish Christmas raffle, tea party and dance will take place in the Parish Centre from 3-6pm on Sunday, December 9. Admission to the tea party and dance is €5 and there will be a free raffle for spot prizes.

Horticultural

AGM will be held at Hotel MInella on December 5 at 1pm. The meeting will be followed by lunch

Probus

Next meeting takes place at Raheen House Hotel on December 6 at 10:30am where Eddie Foyle will provide an hour of musical treats. The club's annual Christmas lunch takes place at Raheen House Hotel on December 13 at 12:30pm. Contact Jim Trehy on 087-9608713.

Concert

Belle Voci Choir will present their annual candlelit Christmas concert in St Joseph's Church, Ferryhouse, Clonmel, on Thursday, December 13, at 8pm. Admission to the concert is free with donations gratefully accepted towards The Emma Lacey Trust. Local singer Sean Callaghan and musician Dave Corbett are among those who will perform.

CASHEL/ROSEGREEN

Palace Hotel

It's been confirmed that the Cashel Palace Hotel will re-open in mid 2020. A spokesperson for the beautiful hotel confirmed the re-opening time this week online.

Free parking

Cashel Tipperary Municipal District has announced the following free parking hours in Cashel in the run up to Christmas. Free parking in Main Street car park and Friar Street car park on Saturdays December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Season's greetings

Sean Breen would like to wish his relatives Willie Cross and his family and Majella and Seamus Cross and their family and Kitty and Willy and Cairiona Quirke in county Tipperary around the Cashel area a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. "It's the start of a very hot summer here so all the very best to all in Tipperary from my family and I in Melbourne Australia," said Sean.

Cashel Rugby Club

Cashel J1 team travelled to Cork on Sunday last to play a fancied UCC team in the Munster Senior Seconds League.

UCC got off to a flier and were 10 points to nil up after ten minutes. They pressed for most of the first half but heroic defending by Cashel kept them out. Ryan O'Sullivan narrowed the gap with a penalty just before half time. Mid way through the second half Aidan O'Connor scored a try which Ryan O'Sullivan converted to level the game. With time running out a huge effort by the forwards resulted in a pushover try which was credited to Brendan Crosse. Eamon Connolly converted from the touch line with an excellent kick. Cashel withstood a last effort from UCC and came away with a well deserved win. Final score UCC 10 Cashel 17.

Under 16s had an excellent 24 points to nil victory over Waterford City.

Cashel under 13s played a very competitive game away to Clonmel and while they showed great spirit and heart they lost 12 points to 7. They came very close to scoring an equalising try late in the game. However they are progressing well. Lotto: Jackpot still at €20,000. Centenary ties available from Committee members. All Ireland League: on Friday night next at 8pm, Cashel play UL/Bohemians at Spafield.

Active Retirement

Some members had a very



A recent South Tipperary Hospice fundraising event featuring Gina and The Champions at The Coachman, Clonmel, raised €2,697.50. Pictured are Gerry and Irene Shanahan (proprietors of The Coachman) with Majella O' Donoghue (South Tipperary Hospice) and Gerry Hennebry (Gina and The Champions)

enjoyable evening at the greyhounds in Curraheen Park in Cork last week. Yoga class is still on going on Mondays in Cashel Resource Centre on Mondays at 2.30pm.

Our Tuesday afternoon walks are very popular. Meet on the Plaza at 2.30pm. Bridge lessons with Catherine take place in the library on Tuesday morning at 11am. The aqua aerobics class on Wednesday morning will finish on the December 12 and resume on January 16. Christmas lunch will be held in Brú Ború on December 7 at 1pm. We hope you will all attend. The trip to Johnstown Garden Centre and White-water shopping Centre in Newbridge is on December 13. Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 30 at 2.30pm in the Resource Centre.

King Cormacs

Cashel King Cormacs Juvenile Presentation night will take place next Sunday evening December 2, at 6.30pm in Halla na Feile. On the night we will have a special guest presenting the medals to all our players. Each of the following age groups will attend and receive recognition on what has been another superb season of progression and development amongst our young aspiring stars of the future. From as young as U6's right up to U16's. It has been a very successful year for the Juvenile club with 10 trophies in total. We would encourage all the players to don their club colours and come along with their families and be part of what will be a great night for everyone. We will have our player of the year awards for U12, U14 and U16 to present also. We will have some treats for the players and light refreshments will

be available for the adults afterwards in the tea room. We are all looking forward to Sunday and a huge turnout.

Day Care Centre

Annual bucket collection takes place on December 7 throughout Cashel. The Day Care Centre is located at St Patrick's Gardens, Deerpark Road, and is operated Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Theatre

The Fionn Mac Cumhaill Players Drama and Theatre Group from Cloneen present The Year of the Hiker at Rosegreen Community Hall December 7 at 8pm. Contact Pat on 087-2204034 for tickets.

Lions Club

Christopher Geraghty of Carron, Cashel, was presented with the 2018 Young Person of the Year award. Sponsored by Cashel Lions Club, this great award is based on community activity of young persons. Christopher is a great activist in Rosegreen Tidy Villages, GAA and rugby clubs, and is a Lourdes pilgrimage volunteer. He is the son of Matt and Eileen Geraghty.

Toastmasters

Next meeting is on December 6 at 8pm to 10pm in Halla na Feile.

BALLYPOREEN

Ballyporeen Church Choir will host the 30th annual carol service in the church on December 9 from 7-8pm. It will feature all the boys and girls from Ballyporeen and Skeheenarinky National Schools together with Bobby and Linda Gardiner, the local ukulele group, and the church choir. The children from 2nd class will dramatise the timeless story of the Nativity, and in-

cluded in the programme will be beautiful arrangements of Bless this House, Whispering Hope, The Ashokan Farewell, Christmas 1915, and a lovely selection of your favourite carols.

CLOGHEEN

Coffee morning

Takes place in Brownes XL on December 1 from 10am to 1pm in aid of the hospice unit at St Theresa's Hospital.

Theatre

Duhill Dramatic Society presents No One Is Talking To Me by Tommy Marron on November 29 and 30 and December 1 in Duhill Hall at 8:15pm nightly. Tickets for sale at the Fruit and Veg Shop in Clogheen and from PJ on 087-7984929.

Vee Rovers

Burncourt / Vee Rovers youths were away to Peake Villa on Sunday at Tower Field in Thurles. In an even first half, Rovers took the lead in the 38th minute when Aaron Poliunas finished with an excellent header at the end of a flowing move down the left wing.

The home side came into their own in the second half and pinned Rovers into their own half for much of the game. They finally equalised in the 68th minute and looked like they might go on to win the fixture, but credit to Rovers who held on and might have scored on a number of occasions on the counter attack near the end. Overall, both sides might have been happy with a draw. The Juniors were at home to Tipperary Town on Sunday morning. Played in ideal conditions on an excellent pitch, chances were

at a premium in the first half with the home side creating the better opportunities. Mark Haide and Warren O'Brien were unlucky not to see their efforts give the home side the lead. The away side dominated periods of the second half and saw an effort come back off the bar. Just when it looked like if it might end in stalemate, Tipp Town took the lead in the 87th minute and were in the driving seat to take all three points, but true to the character of the home side they found an equaliser in injury time through Thomas Vaughan to give us a share of the spoils.

A huge congratulations to two former Vee Rovers schoolboy footballers.

Firstly, to Cian Murphy who came on for Cork City in the recent FAI Senior Cup final against Dundalk, and to Shane Cross who recently won the Apprentice Jockey Championship in Ireland.

Fr Sheehy's

The club's AGM recently took place in the clubhouse. Secretary Mick Norris produced an extensive report on the years activities and reflected on a tremendous year. We won our first adult trophy in 17 years when we captured the South IFC title, beating Clonmel Óg in the final. We also had Colin English captaining the Tipperary under 21 hurling team to All-Ireland glory in a fantastic final against Cork.

Fr Sheehy's hosted the official homecoming which was a big responsibility that the committee and many volunteers embraced and turned into a big success.

We remembered our vice president Frank O'Brien who passed away on May 14. Liam Fleming gave an update on the Healthy Club activities which Fr Sheehy's were pioneers of and is now being rolled out all over the country. Teresa O'Brien gave her usual thorough account of the club's finances. Liam O'Connor stepped down as chairman and was replaced by Eamon O'Gorman. There are no words to describe the lifetime of service that Liam has given to Fr Sheehy's. For the last four years, Liam has been chairman, selector and player, all involving extraordinary commitment. We all know about Liam on the field, but his work behind the scenes has been remarkable.

The year ended on another high with Colin English and Ben Hyland being drafted into the Tipperary county hurling and football panels. We held a social in Kilcoran to mark the year and had a great night to celebrate our achievements.

CAHIR CORNER

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GAA 'STRICTLY COME DANCING' IS FINALLY HERE!

The only show in town this weekend is Cahir GAA's 'Strictly come Dancing Cahir 2018'.

The competition takes place over two nights on this Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December. All dancers are now in the final stages of their routines and they are impressive indeed.

Our judges are all in place on Friday night they are Edmund Golden, John Leahy, Louise Morrissey and Effic Eddie and on Saturday they are, Paul Collins, Melissa Hill and Tommy O'Donnell, and our MC's The 2 Johnnies are ready to go both nights.

Saturday night is sold out but there are a limited number of Friday night tickets still available.

The names of the couples dancing over the two nights are (in no particular order) Pat Cashman & Carmel Keating, Aidan Casey & Charlotte Kirwan, Joanne Noonan & Tommy Barrett, Collette Kiely & Davy McEniry, Kay Conlon & Larry Molan, Margaret Delahunty & Wally Costigan, Ingrid Dolan & Sean O'Connor, Ciara Cunningham & Ryan Murphy, Caroline O'Donnell & Niall Hally, Helen Barrett & James Walsh, Róisín McLoughlin & Kevin Farrell, Gillian O'Keefe & Kieran O'Dwyer, Lauren Fitzgerald & Eanna Hefernan, Claire Kiely & Ed Cuff and Susan Moore & Brendan Donaghy.

CRAFT GRANARY CHRISTMAS MARKET & EVENTS

The Annual Christmas Market will take place in the Craft Granary in Cahir on this Saturday, 1st December. This year the market is on all day and from 11am to 5pm.

Open all day Saturday this year. The Market will feature crafts and food from local suppliers, who will be there to talk about their products. The food on the day will include the Cahir Country Mar-



Cahir Ladies Gaelic Football Club under 11 players received awards recently. Attendees at the celebratory night included Mattie McGrath TD, special award recipients Paddy Caplice and Norman O'Brien, and club chairman Liam Shinnick

kets and there will be music, mulled wine and nibbles to get into the spirit of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Flowers by Trish will hold a workshop on designing and creating your very own Christmas door wreath on Friday, 30th November from 10am - 1pm. Booking is essential as places are limited. There is a Group discount of 10% on parties of 5 or more. Cost €50 and a deposit of €20 will secure your place. All materials supplied and option to purchase extra decor and large bows to add further luxury available. To book please call Trish on 089-4786663.

CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOP

Artist Deirdre Dunne next painting workshop in acrylics is in the Craft Granary on the 8th December from 10am to 2pm. Get step by step instructions and take home your very own painting. Call 052 74 41473 for more details.

Children's International Fairy Door workshop from 2.30-3.30pm- Artist Deirdre Dunne will guide children to design and paint their own

Fairy Door which will be entered into a competition. They can take them home and Cahir Men's shed will put them on the Fairy Door Trail at a later date. Its €10 per child and includes fairy door and paints.

COLÁISTE SHOW BRINGS 'ROCK & ROLL' TO CAHIR

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh in Cahir was 'Shaking All Over' last week as the school rocked to the music of The King. The Elvis Presley musical 'All Shook Up' played to packed houses and standing ovations for four performances. The annual show has become a beacon of super acting, glorious singing and magnificent dancing. 2018's offering was no exception. From the team that brought us Thank You for The Music, Back to the 80's and High School Musical, All Shook Up was a rollercoaster ride through the hits.

CAHIR LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB CELEBRATION

The Club held a celebration evening on last Saturday, 15th November in the Parish Rooms. It was to celebrate the U11 Team winning the Tipperary Ladies Gaelic Football

Summer League for the first time ever. There was a fantastic turnout on the evening.

The U11 team were each presented with a medal and a certificate to commemorate their great achievement Club Chairman Liam Shinnick and Selector/ Trainer Patrick Caplice.

The Panel who received medals are as follows; Ava Hartnett, Louisa McCannon, Katie Murphy, Emma O'Brien, Eire Grace, Siobhan Reidy, Lucy Caplice, Cara Hennessy, Grace O'Connor, Kristyna Vladilk, Ciara Collins, Caoimhe Leahy, Sarah Brophy, Maeve Carroll, Jessica Davis, Kate Hennessy, Ella Power, Aine Cleary, Tia Kelly and Emma Keily.

Special presentations were made to joint selectors Paddy Caplice in appreciation of the time he has given and huge effort he has made with Cahir Ladies and Trainer Norman O'Brien for dedication and commitment. Also to the 2018 Captain Ciara Collins, Positive Impact player Eire Grace and Most Improved player Thia Kelly. Thanks expressed to Mary Collins, Julie Hennessey, Annette Murphy, Mrs "Fruits" Helen O'Brien, all the

Sponsor's and in particular Dolan's Super Valu. Thanks also to Tommy, Dinny and Eddie of Cahir GAA as well as Peter Creedon and Paddy of Coláiste Dún Iascaigh. The Club were thanked the Parish Rooms for use of the premises and of course all the parents who brought food for the special occasion and support the club faithfully

The Club AGM took place last Friday in Cahir House Hotel and had another great turn out. The Following Officers were elected; Liam Shinnick Chairman, Mary Shinnick Secretary, Katie Halpin Treasurer, Developments Officer Paddy Caplice, Childrens Officer Orla Casey, Irish Language Officer Aisling McCarthy, Facebook/Twitter Joanne Noonan and Delegates to County Board Jim Halpin and Joanne Noonan.

CAHIR HOUSE HOSTS TIPP LGFA

Cahir House Hotel was the venue for this year's Tipperary Medals Presentation on Friday night last November 23rd. Guest of honour on the night was former Cork All Ireland winner and All-Star defender Brid Stack. The Gala event was attended by the Tipperary Senior Ladies Football team who were Division 2 winners this year, the County U14 Team who won the Munster B Final and were runners up in the All-Ireland B Competition. Also in attendance were Club winning Captains from across the County. Tipperary LGFA would like to thank Cahir House Hotel Management and Staff for hosting the occasion

CAHIR CARERS SUPPORT MEETING

Family Carers Ireland is holding a support meeting in Cahir on Thursday, 29th November. The meeting takes place in the Parish Rooms at 11am. If you need support as a carer or have any questions Cllr Richie Molloy will be on hand to assist you. All welcome.

You can also contact Family Carers Ireland Area

Manager Cllr Richie Molloy at Family Carers Ireland, 8 Sarfield Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, Ireland. E91 H3E0, 086 1727048, the Office Desk on 052 6170455 or email rmmolloy@familycarers.ie Web: www.familycarers.ie

CAHIR COUNTRY MARKETS

The Markets will hold their first Christmas Market and Hospice Coffee Morning on next Friday the 7th December. Come along and see the wonderful range of homemade, handmade and home produced items in the Community Hall beside Cahir Post Office. We are open from 9am to 11.30am. Christmas decorations on display, mince pies, puddings, cake tasting, Raffle & more. All are welcome! Stock up on your Christmas food favourites and you can make orders for Christmas too from producers on the day. Enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee and a tasty treat in aid of South Tipperary Hospice while you are there! All welcome.

CAHIR PANTOMIME SOCIETY TABLE QUIZ

The Society will hold their annual table quiz on next Friday 7th December in the Shamrock Lounge. We invite all to join us on the night for an evening of questions and fun! Tables of 4 are €20. Quiz starts at 8.30pm. Refreshments and raffle on the night. Quizmaster is Pat O'Donnell. Support is appreciated.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Hair stylist Lorraine Herron who has had a Salon in Cahir for almost 40 years would like to inform all her Clients and friends that she is retiring just after Christmas this year. So we wish the best of luck to Lorraine as she hangs up her hairdryer and starts her well earned retirement and thank her for her dedication.

Lorraine says she will shut up shop on New Year's Eve and she wishes to thank all those who have supported her loyally over the years, some from day on to date! (thank you also for doing my



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh cast perform Come on Everybody in All Shook Up



Kevin O'Connor gave a great performance of Dennis, performing It Hurts Me to the delight of the crowd



Dean (Cian O'Mahoney) and Lorraine (Lucy McEniry) performing It's Now Or Never

hair on many occasion too Lorraine, including on my wedding day!) Best wishes and happy retirement to you!

WELCOME

Congratulations and best wishes to Noelle Woods Quinlan, who recently returned to Cahir to open her Hair Salon at Nail and Beauty on Abbey Street. Noelle has vast experience in styling, is also a Hair Extension specialist and caters for customers if a late appointment is necessary. Call Noelle on 085-1090770 for more details.

CAHIR TIDY TOWNS

The Group is busy preparing the Grotto in the Tourist Office for December 8, 9, 15 and 16 The Grotto will be open from 2 to 5pm each day and admission once again this year will be €5. Come along and meet Santa and Mrs Claus and the elves and enjoy the hospitality of the group.

On December 8, the Grotto will be the house of registration for the Santa Run and will be a hive of activity. The Christmas lights are going up around town at the moment and hopefully the town will be beautiful for Christmas again this year.

We meet this Wednesday once again to finish preparations.

CAHIR MEET & TRAIN

The Group are busy planning the annual Santa Run on 8th December. This year in keeping with the cultural theme it will be an International Run with many members of the foreign national community invited to get involved.

Registration for the run is

from 10am to 10.50am in the Tourist Office with the Run starting at 11. This is a fun event and while there will be a prize for first male and female there will be prizes for best festive outfits too. Thanks to ABP for their sponsorship of this event.

The 5k run will come through the streets of the town and there is a shorter option of approx 1k for children and older folks. There is no registration fee for the race but donations instead that will go towards the Christmas Lights project which will add new lights again this year with a cost over €20,000. This brings the end to a 3 year investment plan in new lights for Cahir. We hope that people will participate and help raise much needed funds. The lights will be switched on later that evening after a parade of Tractors, bikes and trucks dressed up in lights at 6pm.

We continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm.

CAHIR ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The annual outing to the Dogtrack will take place on Sunday December 2nd. Starting time is 7.30pm. Entrance, dinner and race card is included and a good night out is guaranteed. The Annual General Meeting is on December 5th in Cahir House Hotel at 2.30pm followed by Christmas treats and entertainment. We hope you will be able to attend. Cookery class is continuing in The VEC Building on Wednesday afternoons. The next night out is on January 7th, 2019 for Three Amigos in the Opera House. Contact our com-

mittee members for further information.

Results of card Game held on last Friday 23rd November was as follows; Winners Lexie Sheehan, Teddy Dillon, Peg Reidy, Agnes Hyland, Rita Walsh and Kitty Slattery.

The next game is on this Friday 30th November. All welcome.

FAMILY YOGA TO SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help our local SVP support families at Christmas. Lara Slattery is bringing her first family Yoga Class to Cahir on the 16th December in the venue of Cahir Community Youth Centre on Church Street behind the Old Tech. Time is at 12 noon and the class is suitable for all ages. This is to raise funds for the local Vincent De Paul Appeal and what a wonderful way to try to give back to the local charity that has always had families' backs. All proceeds go straight to SVP and thank you to Cahir Youth Project for providing the venue. Please Contact Lara on 087 205 5213.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please support the St Vincent De Paul Church door collection at St Mary's church Cahir on this Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December 2018. Each year our Conference visits families and people in need in our community. All funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs.

Your support is much appreciated.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

Join the parishioners of St Paul's Church of Ireland in Cahir at their annual Carol Service Sunday that is taking place on the 9th December 2018 at 7.00pm. All welcome to come along and join in.

PARISH NOTES

Advent Reflection: Cultivating a Contemplative Awareness - a listening heart and a peaceful spirit. An uplifting, inspirational evening through the medium of prayer, imagery, music & reflection as we approach the season of Advent. St. John's Pastoral Centre tomorrow, Thursday, 29th November at 7pm. Facilitator: Antoinette Dilworth rsj.

A Date for your Diary - A special memorial Service/Tree of Angles for all Babies/Children that passed to their eternal reward will take place in Cahir Church on 5th December at 7:30pm. All are welcome. Hanging Angels available at Parish Office

Christmas Cards and Mass Bouquets, Christmas 'I Lit a Candle', Boxes of Cards and a small selection of ornament at half price available in

Parish Office.

CAHIR PARK AFC

Munster Youths Challenge Cup Report Round 3 - Aisling Park, Cullen. After Extra Time Cullen-Lattin AFC 1, Cahir Park AFC 3

Following last week's very good team performance but disappointingly tasting their first defeat of the season Cahir Park Youths got back to winning ways with an equally good team performance in this Munster Youths 3rd round tie. Another really good performance from this Cahir Park outfit who - once again face a very tough away tie in the next round to Limerick District League leaders Aisling Annacotty. This week sees the lads face an in form Clonmel Town -once again away - in the Tipperary Youth Cup.

TSSDL/FAI is planning on running an associated referees course in the New Year in preparation for calendar soccer. The course will be run over two days initially and a number of seminars throughout the year which form part of retaining their status as associated referees.

Ideally the person interested would be 16 or older and can commit to a few hours per week.

The minimum requirements are; is over 16 years of age, Garda vetting, Child welfare course is completed and is available at weekends. And as explained attend a initial 2 day training course and seminars If anyone is interested can you forward names asap to myself or league Secretary. Candidate will attend an initial 2 day training course and seminars throughout the year. This is for the attention of Club members and is open to both male and female.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Anthony Phelan, Fixtures Secretary, Tipperary Schoolboys Schoolgirls & District League Well done to our Under 10s who travelled to Mullinahone last Saturday morning and played 2 very competitive matches.

Also, well done to the Under 7s team who participated in their first blitz in Cahir Park last weekend. And thanks to Clonmel Town and Shanbally for attending.

T.S.D.L Division 3 - Peter O Reilly quarter final - Kilsheelan 1 Cahir Park 6

A very strong performance from the park which sees them reach the semi final of the Peter O'Reilly cup.

Cahir Park U16 Girls were in action on Cahir Park Astro against Kilenale/Moyglass. Result was Cahir Park 1, Kilenale/Moyglass 5. Our scorer was Emma Maher.

CAHIR GAA CLUB NOTES

Strictly Come Dancing 2018 - All roads lead to Cahir



Cahir GAA chairman Pat O'Brien and Cahir GAA PRO John O'Donoghue promoting Strictly Come Dancing 2018



Dancing partners Ciara Cunningham and Ryan Murphy promoting this weekend's Strictly Come Dancing 2018

House Hotel on this Friday & Saturday night as 15 couples take to the stage to take part in the popular competition. Saturday Night is sold out and tickets will not be available on the door on the night. Friday still has some seats and tickets are available on the night. The dancers are ready, the Judges are ready; the MC's are ready, are you ready?? We will see you all there!

Draw the Joker - This week it was the turn of the Punters Rest to host our weekly draw, as always we thank you all for your continued support of our fund raiser, thanks to the staff in the Punters for their kindness shown to us every time we visit them, this week's winners: Tara & Regina, Darren Moynihan, Leah Flannery, Tony Riordan and Mary Walsh.

Juvenile news - Parish league finals will be updated next week.

Captains Gala Night - Cahir GAA Juvenile Club was well represented at the Captains Gala Night in the Clonmel Park Hotel on the 18th November. Trophies were presented to Scot Murphy South U14 Winning Hurling Captain, Francie McDonagh U14 County Captain, Sean Leahy and Colin Barrett U14 Divisional Hurling and Football and Conor Kirwan for Puc Fada. A great achievement by all these young men and congratulations also goes to Eoin Wyse, Oisín Maher,

Jack Buckley, Kevin Hickey and Francie Delaney who were part of the Divisional Squads. Well done to you all.

Congratulations to Dylan Butler and Tom Delaney who were on the South Divisional Team last Saturday who won in Borrisoleigh with coach and selector Jim Halpin also.

Another worthy achievement, the Tipperary Cumann na mBunscol, County Football Finals took place over two days in Semple Stadium. It was the first time the Cumann na mBunscol football finals were staged in the "Field of Legends. Clubman Will Burke U11 played in the County Final against Mullinahone in Semple Stadium on Thursday last with his school New Inn Boys National School and were victorious, not only that Will also got on the scoreboard!

Credit is due to the work that the Cahir Juvenile U10 management team have done with their group of players and Will brought that with him on the day. Well done to Will and our U10 mentors whose work is paying off if the story above is anything to go by.

Congratulations to Conor O'Brien on being a member of the IT Tralee team that won the HE All-Ireland SH League when they defeated Ulster University last week.

If you want to share an occasion, birthday or any news and pictures would be great, you can contact us at proahirgaa@gmail.com.



Sylvia (Niamh McKenna) performing There's Always Me in the Coláiste musical which ran for three nights

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Brewery Lane play

Fionn Mac Cumhaill players will stage John B Keane's *The Year of the Hiker* at Brewery Lane Theatre on Thursday, December 6 at 8.15pm.

The play is about the Hiker Lacey, who leaves his family in 1962 and returns 20 years later. The play features a cast of seven who are affected by the Hiker Lacey's disappearance.

Tickets cost €15 and to book, Tel: (086) 127 4736.

Table Quiz

Lingaun Valley Tourism Group is hosting a fun family fundraising quiz in Tullahought Community Centre this Thursday, November 29. The quiz kicks off at 8.30pm and will feature some local knowledge questions in keeping with the group's aim of promoting the Lingaun Valley's historical sites.

Funds raised will go towards the erection of signs promoting the area. The first signs are now being erected. Quiz teams will comprise four people. Lingaun Valley Tourism Group was formed to promote the Lingaun Valley as a tourism destination. The Valley stretches from Kilcash and Slievenamon to Kilamery, Windgap, Knockroe, The Slate Quarries, Kilkieran and Ahenny down to Tybroughney.

Collection

St Nicholas Conference of St Vincent De Paul in Carrick-on-Suir will run its Christmas fundraising collections this weekend to help meet the one third increase in demand for its services since last year. The Conference appeals to the public to donate to its collection boxes in most shopping outlets in Carrick-on-Suir and also to its church gate collection at St Nicholas and Faugheen churches this Saturday and Sunday. Anyone seeking help from the St Nicholas Conference can contact the confidential help line phone number (087) 2227667. Leave your name and contact number and a member will contact you.

Coffee morning

Carrick-on-Suir's Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre will host a free coffee morning next Wednesday, December 4 from 11am to 1pm. The Centre's staff invite the public to attend for some festive cheer and information about what's on locally. All are welcome.

Davins GAA

Carrick Davins GAA Club congratulates its U-21 panel on winning the South Final for the first time since 1967



Clonmel Theatre Guild presents fantastic dinner theatre in the form of Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* at Raheen House Hotel from December 4-7. Tickets at a cost of €30 are available from Marian's Bookshop on 052-6123813 and online at www.clonmeltheatreguild.org. Pictured are Blathnaid Moore, Hugh Hennessy, Edmond Ryan, Patricia Harte, David McEvoy, Carol Acheson, Ricky Dunne and Esther Byrne. Picture: Clonmel Camera Club

by defeating Mullinahone by a point. Final score Mullinahone 1-12, Davins 1-13. (See Sports Section for match report). The Davin team played three games in seven days. The Club also congratulates Billy Mackey on receiving the Laochra Gael award last Sunday. It was a proud day for the Club. Meanwhile, the Club's agm takes place next Monday, December 3 at 7pm. New members are welcome to attend. A Christmas day out for the Club's Academy members is also planned. It will involve visiting Santa at World of Bounce. All juveniles players are welcome to attend. Please message the Club's Facebook page for details. The Club's €7500 lotto jackpot wasn't won last week. Numbers drawn were: 3, 5, 20, 23. One player matched three numbers and won €200.

Swan GAA

The grass is growing nicely on Carrick Swan Club's new playing field on Ballyrichard Road. Although the field won't be ready for action, for a little while yet, the playing surfaces are beginning to take shape. The Club's main fundraiser for the new grounds - the 12 Days of Christmas Draw - begins next Tuesday, December 4. The Club's U-13 hurling team were to take part in a South East hurling blitz along with teams from Waterford and Kilkenny last Friday but the tournament

was postponed last Friday due to poor weather. The Club congratulates MJ Russell, who received a Maurice Davin Player of the Past award and Gavin O'Halloran, who received a Maurice Davin Swan Hurler of the Year award. The Club congratulates Lee Casey, who was a member of the South Tipp U-13 Peader Cummins Cup winning squad, and Ryan Hayes, Aaron O'Halloran, Calum Lanigan, and Callum Walsh who were on the South Tipp panel. The Club also congratulates Ciara and Darren Fahey on the birth of arrival of their baby daughter Aoibhín. The Club's Juvenile lotto jackpot prize €4,500 wasn't won last week. Numbers drawn were 02, 08, 19, 20. Nine players matched three numbers and won €30 each. Carrick Swan Club extends condolences to the Cooney family, Figlash and Lissadell on their recent bereavement.

Celebrating Polish independence

A collection of projects from students from the Polish School in Clonmel on display in Carrick Library until the end of November. The projects celebrates 100 year since Poland gained independence and returned to the map of Europe as a country. They also tell the story of Poland's main towns and cities. The Sean Healy Library thanks Joanna Bochnar and Malgorzata Zarnowska Baniok from the Polish School for the fabulous display of their students' work.

Carrick United

Carrick Utd players Bobby Drohan and Callum McFadden will represent their club on this season's Waterford Kennedy Cup team. The Club congratulates these these young players on this fantastic achievement.

Photo contest

Photographs snapped by members of four camera clubs taking part in the Suir Valley Photographic Challenge will be exhibited in the Carraig Hotel Carrick-on-Suir on Saturday December 1 at 1pm. Photographers from Carrick-on-Suir Camera Club (CC), Clonmel CC, Dungarvan CC and Waterford CC and Carrick CC are taking part in the Challenge.

Coffee morning

A coffee morning in aid of Carrick-on-Suir Cancer Care & Share will take place in the Sean Kelly Sports Centre on Wednesday, December 12 from 10.30am. All proceeds from aqua classes at the Centre that day will also be donated to Carrick Cancer Care & Share.

Tennis fundraiser

A Christmas social tennis night in aid of Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assistance Service will take place at Castleview Tennis Club on Monday, December 10 from 6pm. Entries taken between 6pm and 6.30pm and games begin at 7pm. Entry fee is €5. Tel: 089-439 0673 for further information.

Bridge results

Tuesday Club, Nov. 13: 1st Honora Murphy and Marcella Power, 2nd Aileen Brett and Rosaline Dowley, 3rd Deirdre Battye and Gemma Houlihan. 88 Club Nov 15: 1st Maureen Coffey and Maudie Walsh, 2nd Rosaline Dowley and Aileen Brett, 3rd Ita Power and Mairead Phelan.

MARLFIELD

Haircut

The hedge along Marlfield Lake got a lovely trim last week. Observant visitors to Marlfield who walk the Pondsides road will notice what appears to be some missed patches at the top of the lake. This is very deliberate as the missed bits of growth are Japanese Knotweed, which is very invasive and cutting or breaking the stems encourages its spread.

Painting

David Sheehan is presently working at the railings in the bird viewing area at Marlfield Lake. David is preparing the railings for painting when the weather improves and has a lot of chipping, sanding and cleaning first before he dips a brush into a can of paint.

FELLOWSHIP

The Tipperary Town Christian Fellowship meet every Sunday morning at 11:30am in the Community Centre. Free publications to help people deal with the issues of life will be available at Dunnes Stores on December 8.

P'town/Lisronagh

Baptism

Congratulations to Cian and Colette Moloney whose child Harry Tadhg was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday

Moyle Rovers

Annual mass for deceased members of club on November 29 at 8pm.

Holy Souls

Mass in Powerstown Church on November 30 at 10am.

Christmas cards

Parish Christmas cards on sale in the sacristies of Powerstown and Lisronagh for €1.

Rathkeevin cards

Winners of the weekly card game on November 22 were Billy O'Brien and Eileen Howley on 11 games. Paddy Franey and David Blissett; Phil Hackett and Michael Ormond; and Joe Aherne and Chris Maher all on 10 games. Table prizes on 19th and 20th games went to Dick Lonergan and John O'Connor with Betty Collins and Michael O'Gorman. Cards again on November 29.

BROADBAND PLAN

Independent TD Mattie McGrath has called on the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to redouble the Government's efforts to implement the delivery of the National Broadband Plan (NBP). Deputy McGrath was speaking after a review of the independent process auditor Peter Smyth found that the former Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Denis Naughten did not influence the conduct of the tender process in favour of Granahan McCourt or otherwise. "Rural Ireland simply could not have tolerated any further extensions to the delivery of this vital project. So in that sense I welcome the conclusions arrived at by the independent process auditor, particularly in light of the fact that we can now move to actually delivering the NBP after seemingly endless delays. "I want to also welcome the fact that the independent auditor has exonerated Denis Naughten, who I know to be a man of great integrity with a personal commitment to the rejuvenation of rural Ireland. "With all the haste that is possible, we now need to work on bringing this plan to fruition and move forward without delay. Rural Ireland deserves nothing less," concluded Deputy McGrath.

Clonmel Ladies Hockey Club needs new pitch

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One of Clonmel's most successful sporting clubs is appealing for support to help it secure its own pitch in the town.

Clonmel Ladies Hockey Club fields a team that plays in division two of the Munster Senior League and has reached the All-Ireland semi-final, a game that will be played in February.

It also caters for a team at under 16 and three under 14 teams, while the under 12s, under 10s and under 8s compete in a Munster blitz every month. Yet the club has to play all its home games 13 miles outside the town at Rockwell College.

Together with Loreto Secondary School and the Education and Training Board (ETB), the club has plans to provide a full-size multi-surface pitch on the grounds of Colaiste Cluain Meala on the Raheen Road. A Sports Capital Grant of €120,000 has

already been made available for the development, which in total will cost €500,000.

"There is significant demand for hockey in Clonmel but the lack of facilities has been holding the club back from expanding for the last number of years," says club chairperson and coach Ger Boland.

The club has been steadily fundraising through table quizzes and cake sales, while in addition to the membership, fee members pay each week to train and play.

Ger says that the new pitch will require significant funding and it's hoped that the people of the town and the local business community will continue to support fundraisers that will be organised for the coming months.

"This is a project that will benefit the whole of Clonmel, as almost any sport can be played on the proposed surface," says Ger.

"There isn't a multi-surface pitch of this size in Clonmel or the surrounding areas and demand is ex-

pected to be high, especially in the winter months."

With the prospect of securing a new pitch, Clonmel is looking forward to next season when they expect to have at least one additional team competing in the Munster Leagues, if not two.

As well as the high standard that's maintained by the senior team, the club's under 14s also enjoyed a very successful year, which culminated with their 4-3 extra-time Munster final victory over Cork's Midleton College. This team has now graduated to under 16 level and are currently leading the Munster League.

The senior side, meanwhile, is busy preparing for that All-Ireland semi-final in February when they will face either Belfast, Galway or Tipperary town.

New members are welcome to join any of the club's teams. The senior team trains from 8.30 to 9.30pm on Tuesday nights at Rockwell.

"There is a big social element to the club and if you are



The Clonmel Hockey Club under 14 team that beat Midleton College in this year's Munster final. Back: Andrea O'Dea, Collette Looby, Lucy Fitzgerald, Shauna Parker (captain), Beth Buttimer, Meabh Russell, Lucy Boland, Ger Boland (coach). Front: Caoimhe O'Connor, Abby O'Sullivan, Kate Flannery, Orla Breen

new to the area it is a great way to meet new people and get fit at the same time," adds Ger.

The under 10s (at 5.30pm), under 14s and under 16s (both at 6.30pm) all train on Friday evenings at Clonmel Rugby Club, while the under 12s

train at the Loreto Secondary School at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings. The club also has a Facebook page.

Max wins European Indoor World Cup

Cashel's Max Wachman is celebrating after winning the European Indoor World Cup in Stuttgart this month.

The competition saw the best European ponies and riders compete over the two days.

Max, together with his European silver winning mare Cuffesgrange Cavalidam, finished second in the opening speed class. The fol-

lowing day, Max was one of only eight riders to jump a clear round in the 1.35 Pony World Cup event.

This was followed by a jump-off where the Rockwell College student was drawn second last. Cuffesgrange Cavalidam left nothing to chance and cleared the round with a lead of just one second to claim the top prize.



Silver and bronze for Clonmel AC in All-Ireland Senior Cross Country

Sunday last was a brilliant day for Clonmel AC at the National Senior Cross-Country Championships in Abbotstown.

Our Senior men firmly established the club on the athletic map when winning the National Senior Men Inter Club Bronze medals.

This has to be our greatest athletic achievement ever, to win National Senior Men Inter Club Bronze medals in the toughest athletic event and matching it with the very best clubs in Ireland, phenomenal achievement.

Right from the start we had two club-mates dictating the pace, with Kevin Maunsell leading the charge tracked by Kevin Rooney of Raheny Shamrocks and our own Sean Tobin. Midway through the first of the five laps these three athletes had opened up a commanding lead on the rest of the field. Then as the race unfolded Rooney got to the front and was pushed all the way to the line to hold off both the Clonmel athletes for his the gold medal with Sean second and Kevin third.

Then we had William Maunsell to finish a fantastic 13th, absolute brilliant performance. Then we had David Mansfield also putting in a superb performance to finish 55th, brilliant. We also had very good performances from our other three members, Michael Carey 69th, Joey Feery 121st and Anthony Bowen 128th, with both Joey and Anthony making their debut at this level, brilliant.

TEAM WIN BRONZE

In the team event our team of Sean, Kevin, William and David combined to win the National Senior Men Inter Club Bronze medals, a phenomenal perform-



Raheny Shamrocks athlete Kevin Dooney, winner of the National Senior Cross Country Championships at Abbotstown on Sunday last, flanked by Clonmel AC's Sean Tobin (2nd) and Kevin Maunsell (3rd)

ance, a first for the Club.

This quartet of Sean, Kevin, William and David formed the backbone of a very strong County team that included Sergiu Ciobanu of Clonliffe Harriers 19th and Kevin Moore of Dundrum who was 42nd, two very good performances and they all combined to win the Senior Men's inter County Silver medals, a first by the County since Athletics Ireland was formed in 2000, brilliant performances all round.

It was also brilliant to see such great

support for our team throughout the course and that was very very much appreciated by the athletes, for every corner they went around they were met with cheering fans, great credit also to Neil Proven for setting up the tent, brilliant Club effort.

Earlier in the day we had Anne Marie Boland competing in the Senior Women's Cross-Country Championships and she too ran very well in her debut in these Championships when helping the County team to finish 6th.



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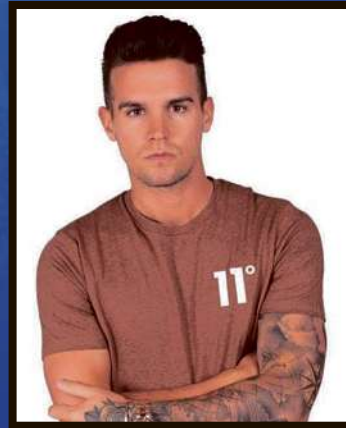
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