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Devoted young carers are Tipperary's 'hidden army'

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Three South Tipperary youths representing "Ireland's hidden army" of young carers were honoured with a mayoral reception at Clonmel Town Hall.

Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District Cllr Richie Molloy praised Glenconnor's Max Phillips, Ballylooby's Michaela Meehan and Fethard's Lucy Brett before presenting them with Young Carer of the Year Awards for 2018.

"Tipperary should be very proud to have such fine young people representing its young carers," Mayor Molloy told South Tipp Today.

"Young carers really go under the radar. There are many young carers throughout the county and across Ireland that generally get very little recognition for the huge role they play.

"Dr Saul Becker, a leading international expert on young carers, estimates that Ireland could have as many as 28,000 young carers aged under 18. This may just be the tip of the iceberg as research

undertaken by NUI Galway in 2014, as part of the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children study, showed that 11.5% of the 10 to 17-year-olds surveyed regularly provided unpaid personal help to a family member.

"Extrapolation from that sample to the national population would suggest that some 56,000 young people in that age group alone provide regular unpaid care," he added.

Thirteen-year-old Clonmel High School student Max Phillips has been caring for his mother, Triona Lyons, the past six years. Triona has type one diabetes and is on dialysis, awaiting a double kidney and pancreas transplant.

"He helps around the house and organises the dialysis room. I often get low blood sugars and he gives me a special injection to bring me around," Triona said.

"I feel so guilty having Max

look after me. He has been doing it since his communion. I can't walk very far and he won't leave me go for a walk on my own. He is a very caring young boy," Triona added.

Twelve-year-old Michaela Meehan cares for her 18-year-old wheelchair-using brother, Camron, who has cerebral palsy. Camron also has epilepsy, is partially blind, deaf and dumb, and an asthmatic.

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Front: Max Philips, Michaela Meehan, Mayor Richie Molloy, Lucy Brett. Back: Cllr Andy Moloney, Seamus Healy TD, Tipperary Chamber of Commerce president Paula Carney-Hoffler, Mattie McGrath TD, Cllr Martin Lonergan, Tipperary Chamber chief executive David Shanahan

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Major funding boost for Clogheen's St. Theresa's Hospital

There has been a huge welcome for the allocation of €800,000 in funding for St. Theresa's Hospital in Clogheen.

The funding will allow the latest upgrade to the hospital to be completed.

Local councillor Marie Murphy and Independent TD Mattie McGrath have led the chorus of approval for the vital allocation.

Cllr Murphy said she was absolutely delighted with the funding.

Planning permission was granted by Tipperary County Council for an extension to St Theresa's Hospital in April 2017. These plans included the upgrading of existing facilities to meet HIQA standards.

Works on Phase 1A have been ongoing since June 2018 and this work was almost entirely funded by local fundraising, through the Friends of St. Theresa's,

Clogheen Hospice Suite Construction Fund, Boston Scientific, South Tipperary Hospice and some private donations.

Major improvements have taken place in recent years partly funded by Friends of St. Theresa's under the direction of Sr Aine Power (now retired) who was Matron for a number of years.

These include a new day room, Oratory, administrative office and a Hospice suite which were officially opened in 1999.

Cllr Murphy said that St Theresa's is a Designated Centre for Older People and first got HIQA status in February 2016 following tremendous work by the then Director of Services Anne Halley, current Acting Director of Services Anne Walsh and all the staff.

An inspection of the facility on July 25 and 26, 2018 found that St Theresa's was mainly compliant and that

the staff there were excellent but that there were issues due to the age of the building.

Cllr Murphy added: "I extended an invitation to Minister Simon Harris to visit St Theresa's so that he could see for himself the fabulous facilities there and Minister Harris took up this invitation in September 2017.

Minister Harris was given a tour of the hospital by the acting Director of Nursing, Anne Walsh and then he was shown the plans for the extension which were on display in the day room".

During his visit, Cllr Murphy highlighted to Minister Harris the massive fundraising which had been undertaken by various groups such as the Friends of St. Theresa's, Clogheen Hospice Suite Construction Fund, Boston Scientific and South Tipperary Hospice.

Representatives of these groups were there to meet with Minister Harris to em-

phasise the benefits this wonderful facility provides.

Cllr Murphy added: "Down through the years many families have benefited from the care received in St Theresa's, my own family included.

"I have a major affinity to St Theresa's Hospital as my mother spent the last thirteen weeks of her life in the hospice room and the care Mam received was second to none and for that we as a family are eternally grateful.

I have lobbied both Minister Simon Harris, Minister for Health and Minister Jim Daly, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People for Capital funding for St Theresa's and I'm thrilled that the funding announced by the HSE in the past week will ensure the future of this vital facility and many more families will benefit from the exceptional care provided by the 29 staff.

Deputy Mattie McGrath

also welcomed the announcement and said that following an extremely long and protracted negotiation period with both the Health Service Executive officials and Minister Harris, it was encouraging to see progress on the development of infrastructure at St Theresa's Hospital is progressing and this extra €800,000 from the HSE will help deliver on the full plans for the Hospital.

He continued: "This is wonderful news and I along with others, have worked extremely hard over the last number of years to ensure that this funding could be secured.

"I would like to thank all of the HSE officials and management for engaging with us over the last number of years but most importantly I want to compliment Ann Walsh, Acting Matron and previous Matrons Ann Hally and Sister Aine who put so much work into getting this wonderful

project to this stage.

"I also want to pay tribute to the local community who have worked so hard to fundraise for St Theresa's which would not have been possible without their support. It is great to see their commitment paying off with construction under way. It is a testament to the high regard that St Theresa's hospital is held in by the local community.

"The public will be aware that a massive and very successful fundraising campaign spearheaded by Ardfinnan native Keith Savage and a local committee, the Friends of St Theresa's Hospital, local donations and other fundraising events, raised funds to further develop services at Clogheen including extra Hospice Suites.

"We can now visibly see works in progress which will foresee enhanced conditions for patients and indeed staff in general."



Minister Harris with some of the major fundraisers for St. Theresa's - JP Fitzpatrick (Boston Scientific), Sr Aine (Friends of St Theresa's) and Keith Savage (Clogheen Hospice Suite Construction Fund)



Pictured during a visit by Minister Simon Harris to St Theresa's Hospital were Anne Power (acting director of nursing), Cllr Marie Murphy, Minister Harris and Dr Melanie O'Reilly

Young carers representing Tipp's 'hidden army' honoured

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"I am so proud of Michaela. She is terrific for such a young girl," Michaela and Camron's mother, Audrey, said.

"She helps with feeding him, changing his nappy and showering him. He has very bad scoliosis and gets cramps

in his feet, which makes him cross, so she massages his feet. She lies in beside him in bed and comforts him when he cries at night. He would be lost without her!

"Before he goes to school in Scoil Aonghusa in the morning, she gives him a kiss on the nose and cheek and it makes him smile. If he has a

rough night, she will pinky promise with him to get a good night's sleep tonight. She takes it upon herself to help him, not because I ask her to do it," Audrey continued.

Audrey said the award means the world to Michaela. "She is still smiling from ear to ear. She is very soft, kind,

caring and good-hearted. She always takes other people's feelings into consideration. There are so many children out there that help their parents and not a lot of them get recognised for it, so I am absolutely beaming for her," she added.

Eleven-year-old Lucy Brett cares for her 15-year-old

sister, Keri, who has spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy. Holy Trinity National School pupil Lucy helps with Keri's physio, medication, reads her stories and gives her foot massages.

"Lucy is always there for Keri no matter what," Lucy and Keri's mother, Clodagh Sweeney, said.

"She treats Keri as normal as possible but is extremely protective of her. She goes to bed and stays with Keri until she falls asleep. Lucy can literally do everything I can and chooses to do it herself. She is the kindest, most caring, most beautiful child inside and out that I could have been blessed with."

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New baby and toddler group at Carrick-on-Suir's centre

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A new baby and toddler group providing a regular meeting place for parents, childminders and carers is now up and running in Carrick-on-Suir's Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre.

This group has been set up with the support of Tipperary Childcare Committee, the HSE Primary Care Team, South Tipperary Development Company and the Nano Nagle Resource Centre.

It provides a local network of support where parents, carers or grandparents can take their baby or toddler to develop their social skills by interacting with other children.

The vision behind Carrick-on-Suir Baby and Toddler Group is to create a safe environment where toddlers and babies can enjoy creative and imaginative play, explore



Mothers and their children at the Parent and Toddler Group meeting in Carrick-on-Suir's Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre

their own sense of identity, and build self-esteem.

The group has an experi-

enced leader who helps to run the sessions. It is also about developing new friendships

not only between children, but also between the adults as well.

Carrick-on-Suir Baby and Toddler Group meets in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre

every Tuesday during school term time from 10am to 11.30am.

'Traffic wardens jumping on people shopping in our towns'

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A Tipperary councillor has called for litter wardens to work shifts to tackle the scourge of dumping across the county.

Sinn Féin's David Doran told councillors at Tipperary County Council's December meeting in Clonmel that "more vigour is needed" to address the ongoing issue of dumping.

Litter fines issued across the five municipal districts to date for 2018 include Carrick-on-Suir (2), Cashel-Tipperary (6), Clonmel (16), Nenagh (73) and Thurles-Templemore (15).

Cllr Doran questioned why the figure for litter enforcement in the Nenagh municipal district was significantly higher than the others, stating that the council "needs to be stronger" in holding offenders to account.

Cllr Doran raised the point that a litter warden appointed by the local authority or by the Gardaí has the power to issue an on-the-spot fine to those caught in the act.

He compared litter fines to traffic fines issued across the five municipal districts for the same period - Carrick-on-Suir (900), Cashel-Tipperary (780), Clonmel (2,735), Nenagh (1,378) and Thurles-Templemore (1,224).

Cllr Doran said traffic war-

dens are "jumping on people shopping in our towns and contributing to the local economy", before hitting out at the council for taking a more "softly, softly approach" when it comes to littering.

"Give the pensioners and the people contributing to our local economy a break. They are easy pickings and should be given more time free parking, whereas the council seem to be turning a blind eye to the dumping on our streets and countryside. Litter wardens have the same powers as traffic wardens, and should be out at night catching the culprits in action. We also need covert cameras in blackspots," Cllr Doran told South Tipp Today after the meeting.

Tipperary County Council

continues to enforce litter legislation under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. The aim of litter wardens is to increase enforcement and ensure greater compliance with the legislation.

A litter warden appointed by the local authority or by a member of the Gardaí can issue an on-the-spot fine of €150 or a maximum fine of €4,000 if one is convicted of a litter offence in the district court.

Where an offence for littering continues after conviction, the person concerned is guilty of a further offence and liable to a fine not exceeding €600 for each day during which the contravention continues.

The Protection of the Environment Act 2003 intro-

duced conviction on indictment, carrying a maximum fine not exceeding €130,000 and a fine not exceeding €10,000 per day for continuing offences.

If one is convicted of a litter offence, they may also be required by the court to pay the local authority's costs and expenses investigating the offence and incurred in bringing the prosecution.

Tipperary County Council's Litter Management Plan 2018-2021 affirms its commitment to litter prevention. The council acknowledges the challenge of litter locally, placing emphasis on reducing and managing litter effectively. "The council acknowledges that the primary enforcement responses must come from Tipperary County

Council. However, co-operation of all members of the community is required to raise awareness of the harmful effects of litter. The council recognises that an awakening of civic pride and duty among all sectors of society is required if the problem of littering is to be tackled successfully. Individuals need to take personal responsibility for the litter they generate and how they dispose of it," the Litter Management Plan 2018-2021 outlines.

The plan's objectives for the next three years focuses on litter prevention, litter control and litter awareness. It will be reviewed annually and a report on the plan will be submitted to Tipperary County Council.

Safety concerns raised about part of Cashel Main Street

A major part of the Main Street of Cashel could face a new layout due to safety concerns, heard December's meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District.

Cllr Martin Browne requested that the council change the road layout at the junction of Main Street and Dominic Street beside

Feehans, as coming out of this junction there is a very bad line of sight to the right. "I am requesting that this be made a left turn only, where traffic entering Main Street turns left and uses the roundabout to come back down the street."

Cllr Browne also suggested that the area at the bottom of Dominic Street connecting to the 'back of the

pipes' be made a one way system, as it is "chaotic" with even large vans coming from the Main Street. "When traffic comes down the other way, it's a very dangerous corner," said Cllr Browne.

"That's probably not on the cards, but it would be of huge benefit to the area," said Cllr Tom Wood, suggesting that area needs a complete overview regarding traffic.

Cllr Roger Kennedy disagreed, stating: "I don't think so. For people in town running a business, the less inconvenience the better. A one-way system would be difficult for people coming off the roundabout, and it's "only causing problems for ourselves. I have spoken to business people there and they have said there is no difficulty with it at all."

Senior engineer Aidan Finn said he would have no objection to the notice of motion from an engineering point of view. "It would make sense to go left." A one-way system would require a Part VIII planning consultation process with the public. "There are a number of options in that area."

Cllr Browne said "there hasn't been any accidents down there but there has

been a few very close calls. It's impossible at times to see down the Main Street. It's an accident waiting to happen."

Cllr Kennedy said people tend to park near where the bus stops. They could draw up a new layout for the buses and lines in that area, and put that to the councillors, suggested Mr Finn.

Cllr Mary Hannah Hourigan said she would be inclined to "leave it as it is".



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Bergin's is named Store of the Year by National Lottery

Clonmel convenience store is honoured for 'best in class service' at prestigious awards ceremony

Bergin's Food Fair in Parnell Street, Clonmel, has been recognised with one of the most prestigious national retailer honours - the National Lottery Store of the Year at the recent Shelflife C-Store awards.

The awards recognise the best in retail in Ireland and Bergin's beat off stiff competition to scoop this deserving prize. Bergin's Food Fair is a renowned convenience store which prides itself on its top class deli and coffee to go.

Bergin's came out on top ahead of over 5,000 retailers throughout Ireland in the National Lottery Star Programme which is designed to promote 'best in

class' Lottery retailing for all National Lottery retail agents.

Seamus Bergin set-up Bergin's Food Fair in Clonmel over 30 years ago and he revealed his delight that all the hard work over three decades was recognised in the National Lottery award.

"It is an incredible achievement to be recognised as the top retailer in the country with this National Lottery award.

"The competition was incredibly tough as we were competing against some of the top retailers in the country. To come out on top is an incredible accomplishment for us all."

He added: "We have been

in business in Clonmel for the past 30 years and as an independent retailer we take great pride in providing a unique customer offering in-store.

"To have this national recognition is a credit to all our hardworking staff and two members of staff Shirley and Maria who have been with us for the last 20 years".

Customers of Bergin's Food Fair in Clonmel have also had a Lotto luck when it comes to selling tickets that have landed top prize wins in National Lottery games.

The most recent notable win was in February when one lucky customer got more than they bargained for when they won a massive €500,000



Gillian and Seamus Bergin receiving their award from Paul Thomas (sales manager) and Niall Andrews (head of sales and operations) of Premier Lotteries Ireland

EuroMillions Plus top prize.

"We are very lucky to have such a loyal group of customers in Clonmel because without them, we simply wouldn't be here and we certainly wouldn't have won this award.

"We have enjoyed great celebrations in the store over the last week but I think the

icing on the cake would be another big Lotto winner in the store very soon," he added.

Head of Sales and Operations for the National Lottery Niall Andrews said: "Bergin's represent all that is great about excellence in retailing in Ireland. The National Lottery Star Store

initiative, which we launched nearly three years ago, has raised a new standard in lottery retailing that is driving sales growth and profitability in stores.

"Bergin's has embraced the programme and are offering a 'best in class' service and truly deserve this award."

'Make sure your passport is in date before booking a January deal'

Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn has urged people to ensure their passports are in date before booking long haul flights with January travel deals.

Mr Ahearn said that while potential holiday makers are bombarded with low-cost deals and cheap flights for 2019 travel this January, it is worth remembering that your passport must be in date for at least six months after the date of your intended trip when travelling to certain parts of the world.

"The New Year always brings a surge in passport re-

newals, and coupled with the spike in demand for Irish passports due to Brexit, I would advise people to check the dates on their passports and the turnaround time for renewal before booking," Mr Ahearn told South Tipp Today.

"Thankfully the new online passport renewal system offers a hassle free route to renewing your passport, with the average processing time less than 10 working day (plus postage time)."

The online platform was launched in March 2017 and to date over 6,001 applications from Tipperary have been received through this channel.

"In November, this facility was expanded to include children's passport renewals as well as other adult renewal categories. For example, applicants requiring a name change, an observation on their passport and those replacing a damaged passport.

"As part of this expansion, a passport card is also now available for children. The passport card is valid for travel within the EU/EEA (European Economic Area) and Switzerland."

Mr Ahearn said that in the interest of child protection and in order to ensure the highest level of integrity for the passport renewal process, the online renewal of a

child's passport will continue to require that a child's identity is verified and that the consent of each of the child's legal guardians is received before a passport is issued.

"The online passport application service is fast, secure and the most convenient way to apply for a passport. It can be used by Irish citizens living anywhere in the world, and is available 24 hours a day seven days a week.

"I would urge applicants wishing to renew their passports, whether residing in Ireland or overseas, to avail of this service where possible," he added.

RIGHT: Garret Ahearn with Tánaiste Simon Coveney



Revamped Carrick Town Hall praised by councillors

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District councillors lauded the revamped Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall as a "fantastic" civic building for the town and district at their first meeting in the building since its completion.

The €2.4m facelift and

three-storey extension has doubled the size of the 19th century building and greatly enhanced the working environment for the 23 county council staff based there and made it more user friendly for public visiting it on council business.

The building is now fully accessible to people with dis-

abilities with even a new raised plaza crossing New Street linking the building to the New St. Car Park to assist wheelchair users to cross and enter the building.

Carrick Municipal District council's first monthly meeting since the Town Hall's completion took place on Thursday, December 20. Car-

rick Municipal District chairperson Cllr Louise McLoughlin said the new look Town Hall will be of huge benefit to Carrick-on-Suir and district and enhanced the town's status. "We should be very proud of such a fantastic facility and I look forward to the official opening of it in the New Year."

Cllr McLoughlin paid tribute to District Engineer Nicola Keating, who oversaw the 18 month long project.

Carrick-on-Suir FF Cllr Kieran Bourke said it was a credit to all the Council officials and past members of Carrick-on-Suir Town Council who contributed greatly to this project.

"This is a civic building for the people of the town for generations to come. It's a wonderful story for Carrick-on-Suir."

Cllr David Dunne (SF) encouraged local people to visit the Town Hall and he would be delighted and proud to welcome anyone from Co. Tipperary and further afield to it.

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Clonmel primary school learning to save lives

Rathkeevin National School in Clonmel is leading the way in preparing its pupils to help save lives.

A pilot programme of CPR training for all graduating 6th class pupils of the school started in 2016, supported by consultant paediatrician and regional medical officer for the Order of Malta South East Region Dr. John Walsh with the help of the Order of Malta Clonmel unit and Irish Red Cross in Clonmel.

"This is the third year of CPR training for 6th class pupils," says Dr Walsh.

"This is a life-saving skill that can easily be taught to primary school age children and help them to save a life of a relative, friend or neighbour in the future."

And Dr Walsh delighted that the school is leading the way among primary schools in this life-saving venture. "Many secondary schools throughout Ireland have started CPR training programs in conjunction with the Irish Heart Foundation but this shows that Rathkeevin NS is ahead of the game", Dr Walsh adds.

The sixth class pupils, who underwent CPT training and who proudly received their certificates for a job well done, were Oisín Molloy, Sean Bowen, Daragh Walsh, Max Fahy, Thomas Hickey, James Hurley, Ronan Walsh, Darragh Egan, Kate Butler Haughney, Georgia Gath, Anna O'Donnell, Katie Fennesy, Niamh Connelly and Amelia Kearney.



Clamp down on plastic bottle waste at Carrick Presentation

Students at Carrick-on-Suir's Presentation Primary School are slashing their school's plastic waste by 6000 bottles a month by the simple measure of using reusable water bottles for lunch.

The school issued reusable water bottles to its 300 students and installed new drinking water taps in all its classrooms last month in a bid to radically reduce the amount of single-use plastic bottles waste the school uses.

Presentation Primary School acting principal Anne Millea said lunches are provided for students at the school daily as they are a Deis designated school. The lunches included bottles of water until the drinking water taps were installed by Glanmore Foods, which supplies the lunches to the school.

Glanmore Foods is also installing drinking water taps at other Deis schools around the country, according to Ms Millea.

The impact of the school's new policy has been instant and dramatic. Ms Millea said the reusable bottles and water taps have reduced the number of single-use waste plastic bottles produced in the school by 1500 a week and 6000 a month.

"Everyone at the school is delighted with the reduction in plastic waste we have achieved," Ms Millea told South Tipp Today.

"There is a huge awareness among pupils about plastic waste and this has just opened their eyes to the amount of plastic we have and have to get rid of."

She said the students and staff of the Presentation would love other schools to follow their example and introduce the same measures to cut down on single-use

plastic bottles.

The plastic waste reduction policy is part of the school's wider An Taisce Green Flag environmental awareness programme.

Ms Millea said the school has to date earned six Green Flags with waste recycling and reduction key elements of the environmental projects undertaken by students to achieve the flags.

The school is currently in the second year of its preparations to achieve a seventh Green Flag with global citizenship and energy as the main theme.

Ms Millea said students are learning about climate change, how plastic waste impacts on the world's environment and are taking measures in the school to reduce and conserve energy consumption ranging from turning off lights to turning off computers and appliances when they are not in use.



Classic story dramatised by pupils at Carrick-on-Suir school

Charles Dickens' classic story A Christmas Carol was dramatised by the third and fourth class pupils of Carrick-on-Suir's Greenschool before the holidays

Afterwards, the parents and grandparents took part in a Christmas wreaths making workshop with the pupils. The event as part of the Greenschool's Home, School and Community Liaison Programme.



Colette Kearney reflects on 'unbelievable year' with choir

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A County Tipperary woman is reflecting on an "unbelievable year" with a Waterford school choir.

Cahir native Colette Kearney's Mount Sion CBS Secondary School choir captivated an audience at St Patrick's Gateway Centre in Waterford city with the school's first-ever Christmas concert last month.

Established six years ago, the 25 choir members - ranging from 12 to 19 years of age - are celebrating a sensational 2018 and are looking forward to another memorable year. The students won a silver medal at an international choral festival in Prague, performed at the University Concert Hall in Limerick, met The Kingdom Choir, recorded a song with Don Mescall in London and recently featured on Winning Streak as part of the National Lottery Good Causes Awards.

"I'm a science teacher so you can imagine what this year has been like for me. I have to pinch myself every day when I think about it," choir director Colette tells South Tipp Today.

"Of the three teachers involved with the choir, none of us are music teachers and we don't even have music as a subject in the school. There were doubts that it would work when we first started the choir and now look how far we have come - that's what makes it amazing."

Colette says the Christmas concert was "extra special" because the choir had talented girls sing with them from across Tipperary and Waterford at the festive occasion.

Ursuline Waterford fifth



Cahir native Colette Kearney (centre) with the Mount Sion CBS Secondary School choir

year student Jessica Reinl's performance alongside Mount Sion graduate Christopher Halligan captured the audience's hearts, with Colette also praising "phenomenal singer and entertainer" Niamh McKnight for travelling from Carrick-on-Suir for nightly rehearsals ahead of the Christmas concert.

The choir's charity single Your Love Carries Me - which was recorded with Limerick singer Don Mescall - will come out ahead of World Cancer Day on February 4. "In February, we are going to ask choirs across the world to sing Your Love Carries Me. Funds raised from it will go to Solas Cancer Support Centre in Waterford, CanTeen Ireland and CanCare4Living," Colette adds.

Caring Holly donates her hair and raises money to help others

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A caring Tipperary girl is donating her hair and raising funds to improve the lives of others.

Crehana National School's Holly Kirby, the daughter of Breda and Jonathan from Carrick-on-Suir, is donating 14 inches of her hair to the Rapunzel Foundation, a charitable organisation that works to better the lives of those living with hair loss through fundraising and hair-raising.

The Kirby family has also set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for Make-A-Wish Ireland, a children's charity that has granted more than 2,400 wishes to kids living with life-threatening medical

conditions.

"About two years ago, Holly saw another girl donating her hair to the Rapunzel Foundation and she has wanted to do it ever since. She has been growing her hair since her communion last year," Holly's mother, Breda, tells South Tipp Today.

Breda is "immensely proud" of what Carrick-on-Suir AC member Holly is doing to help others this Christmas. "Holly is a very kind, caring girl. We are a very charitable family and always fundraise together, but Holly wants to do this herself. She has it in her heart to help people and it's so good for a nine-year-old to have that," she smiles.

Breda is delighted that Holly's "naturally curly and

absolutely beautiful" hair is going to a great cause. "If she's going to cut it, I would rather she do this than cut it for nothing. She is a really outgoing child and keeps on shocking us with her generosity and caring nature," Breda adds.

Help bring hope, joy and strength to a child's life and donate on the 'Fundraiser by Breda Kirby: Rapunzel Foundation and Make a Wish' GoFundMe page. You can also donate by calling into the Society of St Vincent de Paul shop on Main Street in Carrick-on-Suir where Holly has a sponsorship card.

RIGHT:
Carrick-on-Suir's Holly is supporting other kids by donating her hair and raising money



Tipperary TD Mattie McGrath 'deeply concerned' over number of care orders for children

Independent TD Mattie McGrath has said he is deeply concerned at the number of interim care orders being issued for children by the Child and Family Agency, Tusla.

Deputy McGrath was speaking after it was con-

firmed to him that 201 emergency care orders were issued nationally in 2018, while during the same period 753 interim care orders were granted by the courts on foot of applications to them by Tusla.

"I fully appreciate the fact that there are cases where it is absolutely necessary that

state agencies intervene to protect the welfare of the child or children involved. The care of the child is always our priority," Deputy McGrath told South Tipp Today.

"However, the number of care orders being granted suggests that patterns of crisis are more prevalent in some counties over others

and this demands further investigation."

He said that Tusla has confirmed to him that a total of 159 interim care orders were granted for its five administrative areas covering Dublin South Central, Dublin South East/Wicklow, Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin City North and Dublin

North.

In contrast to that, 167 interim care orders were granted for the administrative area covering Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary.

For Waterford/Wexford, the number of interim care orders in 2018 was 122. "This suggests that the wider South

East area is experiencing high levels of family crisis.

"We need to be clear about why these numbers are so high and what it is we can do to prevent the kind of situations occurring which necessitate these dramatic and painful interventions," he added.

WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

Lazy days in the garden

I LOVE STROLLING around my garden and enjoying the lazy days of Christmas. After a year of discovering wildlife, I find I can easily satisfy the nature itch in my garden. With the kids big enough to be left unsupervised, they can see me through the window, I like to put on the wellingtons and go for a potter.

There is still lots of energy in the garden, and especially in trees. I notice that the buds of the willow are ready to burst. The blue tits spend a lot of time in this tree, searching for the overwintering larva of insects and spiders. I cut down this willow every few years, and it bounces back with renewed vigour come spring. I use the flexible poles to prop up peas and beans, a firm favourite in my household.

Nearby there are a few apples, scattered on the ground. I always leave a few as a gift to the birds and the insects. As I walk along I hear the warning calls of the blackbirds, from the deep undergrowth. They resent being disturbed from their meal.

I can see from the open apples that the blackbirds have been busy. Earlier from the kitchen window, I had seen blackbirds foraging under the apple and willow trees. The leaves of the willow are very good for worms, another great reason to plant this tree, in a wet part of the garden.

I am establishing a new hedge for wildlife on the exposed side of my garden. The ground is a little wet so I am using hornbeam mixed in with crab apple. The hornbeam will be trained into a hedge around six feet tall, and the crab apple will be allowed to grow to full height. I have also planted in wild roses for butterflies and pollinators. This will not only provide shelter, but a nesting place for many of my garden birds.

The recent high winds have knocked down one of my bird boxes. One side has been damaged, and this is an indoor door job on a wet day. If you have bird boxes in your garden, this is a great time to clean them out, and carry out any necessary repairs.

At the side of the tool shed, I am preparing to move all of

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Not quite time yet for the hammock to be put up but we can also enjoy a lazy stroll around the garden and enjoy nature in wintertime.

my apple trees, to create a mini orchard. At the moment the trees are scattered throughout the garden. I have put down lots of cardboard, and topped this off with grass clippings, home-made compost and leaves.

The tall alder trees at the back of the garden by the stream, have long hanging purple catkins. This is a favourite haunt for the tree creeper. This bird likes moss and lichen covered rough bark, and spends its days hunting for insects. It has a long curved beak, and this is perfect for prising out insects.

Occasional a dipper passes up and down the stream, but they nest about quarter of a mile away. The grey wagtails nests under the little road bridge, at the edge of the garden, but once summer ends, heads down to the lowlands for the winter.

A few years ago a tree fell down during the summer. This slowed down the flow of the water, and created a deep still pool. I was all ready to remove it, until I noticed it had created a new habitat. Water boatmen and pond skaters were busy swimming, and the kids have great fun pond dipping. I left their new world alone.

My compost heap has had two years' work, from worms and mini beasts, and is now ready for use in the garden. This compost is so precious,

and I think that I will use this soil improver, around my new fruit trees.

The last bird I see is a robin, who follows me around the garden. If I disturb the ground he is down to carry off a worm, or scold the cat who comes to near.

Learning about nature starts with the wildlife around your house and even after 20 years I am still discovering new wonders every day.

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What happens when you are gone? - how an estate is administered

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE GONE? - HOW AN ESTATE IS ADMINISTERED

Probate is the legal term for a procedure that gives a person, chosen by you, authority to carry out your wishes as set out in your Will.

When someone dies their assets are frozen; banks will freeze monies in accounts and only unfreeze funds when Probate is completed.

After going through the various legal steps, the High Court gives you a document called a Grant of Probate. (It has another name where there is not a will - Letters of Administration).

Where there is not a lot of money in an account, a bank may release funds without looking for a Grant; it might also release money to the next of kin if they get a personal guarantee. Each case will be considered on its own merits by the bank.

A Grant may not be necessary if property was owned in joint names as ownership will automatically pass to the surviving owner, regardless of what is specified in the Will. A very common example of this is the family home - in most cases nowadays when a couple buy "the family home" it is in joint names so ownership will pass to the survivor on the death of the husband, wife or partner. If, on the other hand, the property was owned as "tenants in common" the deceased's

share will pass to those named in the Will.

If a person dies leaving a Will the Executor is responsible for taking out the Grant of Probate. In most cases the Will is held by the Solicitor that acted for the deceased person and the Executor will have knowledge of it. It is advisable for anyone who makes a Will to let either the Executor or a family member know where the original Will is kept. It is usually the Executor who makes contact with the Solicitor when the Testator (person who died with a Will) passes away. The Solicitor will then make arrangements for the Executors to call to his/her office for the reading of the Will.

If there is no Will the law decides who is entitled to take out the Grant of Letters of Administration. The Succession Act of 1965 sets out very clearly, in priority, the people who can receive a Grant of Letters of Administration. One example is if a person dies, and is survived by his wife and children; the surviving spouse is entitled to take out the grant.

After the meeting the Executors and the Solicitors will be on a fact finding mission to find out the assets and the liabilities of the deceased. It is very helpful if the deceased has left a summary of assets, bank accounts and insurance policies with the Will as it can be a good starting point for

the Executors in their enquiries.

If the Testator owned a lot of property and perhaps owned property abroad and also had multiple bank accounts and life insurance policies it can take some time to gather all of this information. The details of the assets and liabilities of the Testator must be disclosed to the Revenue Commissioners. Once all enquiries have been completed the Inland Revenue Affidavit is prepared for the Revenue Commissioners. At the same time the Executor will complete the application forms required by the Probate Office. Once the application is submitted the papers will be considered by the Probate Office and, if everything is in order, the Grant of Probate will issue.

Once the Grant issues the Executor is entitled to gather all of the property of the Testator and distribute it in line with the directions in the Will. So, for example, money in the Testator's bank account can be withdrawn, shares can be sold and title to property (e.g. houses) can be transferred to the beneficiaries or sold depending on the instructions in the Will.

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Perfect grooming for dogs and cats



to thinning of the undercoat and removal of dead hairs from the top coat.

Dogs with a long coat

should be brushed several times a week, ideally every day. You should also use a fine-toothed comb to prevent

matting.

You also need to be careful when it comes to washing your dog. Don't overdo it. Only give your dog a bath when his coat is heavily soiled - after rolling around in something nasty, for example - or if your vet prescribed medical baths with a special shampoo.

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Hero of decisive WWI naval battle remembered by family

In a year that marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One, a family has remembered a grandfather who fought in one of that conflict's great naval battles.

Not only was the Battle of Jutland one of the bloodiest confrontations on the high seas in the war but is regarded as one of the most terrible battles in naval history.

It lasted four days in 1916 and cost 6,000 British lives and 2,500 on the German side.

Patrick John McEvoy was a Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist on the HMS Lion throughout the battle in June of that year and fortunately emerged unscathed.

As the battle raged between hundreds of ships on both sides, the radio mast on the Lion was damaged and McEvoy showed remarkable courage as he climbed the mast to repair it.

Today his family recall memories of his remarkable career and his role in the decisive battle of the war.

His granddaughter Vicky

Bolger and siblings Paddy McEvoy (Fethard) Gabriel McEvoy (Charleville) and Mary Murray (Wicklow), and the family of another sister, the late Assumpta Bergin, have a wonderful collection of memorabilia from his time in the Royal Navy, and especially from the Jutland encounter.

"It's great to look back on his remarkable career", Vicky said.

McEvoy was born in Cork where he joined the navy and the family later lived in Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny and in Tipperary town, but Vicky has lived in Clonmel for forty two years since marrying Tom Bolger.

The centenary of the war's ending brings back many memories of her grandfather and his role at Jutland and in further engagements at Heligoland Bight and Dogger Bank that won him bravery medals and commendations.

HMS Lion was the Flagship of the Battlecruiser Fleet under the command of Admiral David Beatty and one of the family's prized possessions is a model yacht made by the ship's carpenter from

wood from the captain's cabin.

The family also has his sea chest which contains his diary, maps, letters and items of equipment from his work in the telegraph room. Included is a handwritten Christmas card from King George V and Queen Mary.

And holding a special place is his collection of medals, including the Medaille Militaire from the French government and the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal from the Battle of Jutland.

Also serving on HMS Lion during the Battle of Jutland was Lord Louis Mountbatten.

"I have always had a great interest in World War One memorabilia and this personal family collection from that time means so much to me and my family."

Vicky's father Paddy was born in Portsmouth at the time her grandfather was stationed at the huge naval base in the city. He became a highly respected teacher, working in Rosegreen for sometime before spending forty years in Kilkenny.

Her uncle Jim grew up in Brookville, Tipperary



Vicky Bolger with her grandfather's sea chest from his time in the navy

town, where he is fondly remembered as a founder and stalwart of Tipperary Credit Union.

All the family now recall their grandfather's heroic exploits during the war, especially at Jutland, and happy

that he survived a conflict that claimed so many lives and lived a happy life until his death in 1945.

Clonmel parish priest Fr Colm O'Brien helped woman 'live again' after husband died by suicide

By MARGARET ROSSITER

It had been a day of storms and rain followed by a dark and dreary night.

It was a night in which many people would have chosen to stay at home, warm and comfortable by the fire, yet 148 of us, elderly, middle-aged and young, assembled in Clonmel's Hotel Minella to share our memories of a young curate who had ministered for a period of nine years in Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Clonmel. He was Fr Colm O'Brien, a native of Waterford city, who following his ministry in Clonmel, served only one year in Tramore, and died aged 36, ten years ago.

The meeting had been arranged and opened by the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore. It was in response to persistent "feelings", expressed by many ordinary people that Colm was a person of such exceptional qualities and gifts, and had been so influential on the lives of many, many people, that he should be declared a Saint of the Church.

Most of us, ordinary

people, were not familiar with the long process that is a preliminary to such a declaration, which is the identification of a person as, firstly, a Servant of God, then Venerable, then Holy, and then Sainthood. All we were aware of was that, in our association with him in his ministry in our parish, we had met a man of exceptional warmth and human concern and kindness; qualities which seemed to radiate from within his own deeply committed Christian faith.

So, on that recent dark night, we were invited to sit down in groups of about ten, and share our memories of Fr. Colm. Looking around at these groups, it seemed to me that the spontaneity was remarkable. there were no inhibitions, everybody had a story to tell, an encounter to recall, an experience to relate, a memory to share.

And memory can be a variable, faded, blurred by time, reassessed, but the memories of Colm were very fresh, very vivid, as "if they only happened yesterday" as somebody said to me. People recalled his extraordinary and sustained support in

times of tragedy, of death and despair and family troubles and during periods of dark nights of the soul and the body.

In a column written on the occasion of his death 10 years ago, I recalled the experience of one woman whose husband had died by suicide. She told me of the utter devastation which descended on the family, of her loss of coping skills, of her fears for her children. It was Colm's support, she said, which helped to bring her from the depths of her own despair into a time "when I felt I could live again".

I also personally witnessed his visits to the bedside of an elderly woman in the throes of a dementia, which had reached a stage of extreme confusion and aggression. His presence, the light touch of his hand on her's, instantly seemed to calm her and she was smiling when he left.

Many such experiences were shared on the occasion of that recent gathering in Hotel Minella. There was the young, bright teenager girl to whom he brought a tranquility in her acceptance of

the brain tumour from which she ultimately died, and there was the peace which he brought to her distraught family long after her death.

But there were other stories which, it seemed to me, could not be told. They were too personal, too vivid, too close to the heart, to be relayed even with the construct of that warm gathering.

It seemed to many of us that Fr Colm was always at hand, always accessible, and that accessibility cannot always have been too convenient nor too comfortable. A friend told me that once, when accompanying him on a five minutes' walk to a pub where he occasionally had his lunch, Colm was separately approached by five different people whom he did not personally know but who wanted to talk with him. That was not an infrequent occurrence, my friend said. "People wanted to talk and Colm always listened."

He was gifted with a radiant smile and it was a smile for everybody and to which everybody responded and felt the better of it. His inherent goodness shone with that smile. He had a great sense of humour and of fun, and



The late Fr Colm O'Brien's real legacy lies in his influence on peoples' lives

laughed easily at the ridiculous and the zany. He loved the simple things in life, like cycling in the very early morning just as the sun was rising. And he loved chocolate-cake. Somebody who knew him well described him as a chocoholic.

Fr. Colm also loved to sing. He had a fine tenor voice with which we were familiar in church, but his uncle recalled

his singing at family gatherings when, with his back to the fire and leaning against the mantelpiece, he would give a spirited rendering of songs like The Fields of Athenry. All of these, snippets of his life, we heard about at the Hotel Minella gathering, but perhaps his real legacy lies in his influence on peoples' lives during his brief time as a priest.

Interest shown in vacant Clonmel town centre units

A meeting has been sought with the Musgrave Group, the owners of the site of the former SuperValu store in Clonmel's town centre, in an attempt to kickstart the re-development of the beleaguered Market Place, where most of the shop units are unoccupied.

The area has been affected by several shop closures in recent years, including anchor tenant SuperValu, which closed in January 2016 with the loss of 46 jobs.

Eighteen buildings in Market Place were sold at a distressed property auction six years ago for €920,000.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said at a meeting of Clonmel Borough District Council that the lack of progress in Market Place was disappointing.

The biggest challenge was the absence of an anchor tenant and they needed to establish Musgrave's intentions, and whether they were seeking a buyer for the site.

There was talk on the grapevine about whether Musgrave's wanted a retail business in that area, he said.

If not it could be used to build houses or a retirement village.

In Cllr. Murphy's view the former SuperValu and Superquinn store was the second most important, key site in the town centre, after the Clonmel Arms Hotel.

He said it would be very difficult to attract new businesses without an anchor tenant.

Cllr. Andy Moloney said they had gone through "jigs and reels" to reduce the rates on the buildings. He described the decision to clean the buildings as "a token gesture".

Cllr. Moloney said the council was limited in what it could do, but they still needed to sit down with the owners of the buildings.

"We need to start squeezing it again," he said.

He believed that Clonmel would be a very vibrant town once the Clonmel Arms Hotel and the former Kickham barracks were redeveloped.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said it was important that people realised there were different owners of the buildings in Market Place (many of the units are owned by Rem-

coll Capital).

She was pleased to report that a person who had contacted her about investing in the town was now in discussions with Musgrave's regarding the former SuperValu site.

Cllr. Pat English agreed they should contact Musgrave's in the New Year with a view to arranging a meeting.

District Administrator Anthony Coleman agreed it was important that this strategic building was brought back into active use.

In his report to the meeting, Mr. Coleman stated that Remcoll Capital had appointed Pollard Properties, Clonmel to act as joint estate agents with Savills, and they were more proactive in advertising and marketing the retail and commercial units to local and national clients.

"The scheme is being promoted locally and nationally, appearing in editorials and in the commercial advertising section of the press, and a promotional brochure has been produced.

"The agents have enquiries from a number of potential retailers," Mr. Coleman added.



Rotary Club's remembrance trees raises €9,600 for South Tipperary Hospice

The Clonmel Rotary Club remembrance trees at four locations around the town in the run-up to Christmas raised a marvellous €9,600 for South Tipperary Hospice.

The major Rotary fundraiser has always been well supported by the people of Clonmel and farther afield and this year was no different.

Rotary Club president Joe O'Sullivan paid warm tribute to those who had contributed so generously.

"It was a terrific response to this really worthy cause. We have been supporting South Tipperary Hospice for a number of years and we are delighted that we have raised such a fantastic amount for them again this year," Mr O'Sullivan said.

Those who supported the project attached a ribbon with the names of a loved one to the tree and made a contribution of their choice to Hospice.

Manning the four trees over five days was a consider-

able logistical effort and Mr O'Sullivan paid tribute to the efforts of all the Rotary members and all the other groups and individuals who gave their time so freely.

"It was a real team effort under the guidance of project chairman Michael O'Malley and his team of 160," he said.

All the ribbons were blessed at mass in Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday and a cheque will be presented to Hospice at a later date.

Self-employed people encouraged to avail of scheme

The number of self-employed people availing of dental treatment, optical exams and medical appliances is on the increase across Tipperary, Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn has said.

Mr Ahearn encouraged self-employed people to use the scheme, which is proving to be a major success.

"In 2017, Fine Gael extended the Treatment Benefit Scheme to self-employed persons for the first time. This was a major milestone in terms of the equal treatment of small and medium business owners who are the backbone of the economy in towns and villages across Tipperary," he told South Tipp Today.

"In 2018 alone, 8,090 self-employed people in Tipperary took up the treatment benefit scheme, availing of dental treatment, eye exams and medical appliances. The

dental treatment was the most popular amongst the self-employed, with 4,830 people taking it up."

Mr Ahearn said the introduction of this new benefit for the self-employed creates "greater fairness" in the system of welfare provision and reflects the Government's commitment to creating the best possible environment for business to thrive.

"The Government wants to encourage enterprise and support those who drive job creation in Tipperary. We now have more people at work in the State than ever before, and Fine Gael will continue to support those who create jobs and rejuvenate local economies."

He said 2019 will bring new supports for self-employed people in Tipperary, who will become eligible for jobseeker's benefit for the first time.

"Fine Gael's new deal for the self-employed, as out-

lined in our plan Taking Ireland Forward Together, envisages a totally reformed social insurance system. It will work to provide the self-employed and those in the 'gig' economy with a safety net in circumstances where their business or careers are interrupted.

"We also plan to expand other benefits, such as carer's benefit, in the years ahead. The equalisation of the earned income tax credit with the PAYE tax credit is also part of this agenda to ensure the self-employed are properly recognised. For the 150,000 self-employed workers who make up an important part of our economy, the earned income credit will be increased by a further €200 to €1,350.

"This approach provides greater security to many of those small business operators who work hard to create jobs and generate revenue in their local economy," he added.



Barney Nugent, Gary Dowley, Sean Fitzpatrick, Wille Foran, Kieran Woods, Eddie Waters, Billy O'Donnell and Willie Waters at Carrick-on-Suir Racing Pigeon Club's annual fundraising draw. The winners of the Christmas hampers were P. Richardson, Mick Slattery and Lauren Murphy. The winners of the Christmas vouchers were Finbar Hickey, Jack O'Keefe, Denise Cooke and Betsy Ryan

Pressure mounts for Tipperary Library Saturday opening

Tipperary's new state of the art library should remain open on Saturdays for those busy during weekdays, but the issue can't be resolved until negotiations with the library staff union are successfully resolved, a meeting of Cashel Tipperary Municipal Council was told.

Cllr Martin Browne said the opening hours are "not family friendly in Tipperary town and something needs to be done to fund those opening hours".

Cllr Denis Leahy said councillors are being contacted on a "daily basis" regarding the opening hours.

"The library is one of the great success stories of Tipperary," he said.

Cllr Leahy also supports moving the Court Service to the Tipperary Excel.

From having to "firefight week in week out" to keep the library open, the new location gives the library the financial capacity that it "never had before".

However, the opening hours are a matter for the management and unions.

"We cannot just go in there and say 'you must work on Wednesdays'."

The issue is a nationwide one, involving talks over pay and conditions and unique to Tipperary town.

Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan said the Saturday opening hours are a "huge issue", which are being challenged on by the public. At a recent strategic policy committee meeting, nobody could tell Cllr Hourigan why it wasn't open on Saturdays.

Cllr Hourigan asked the county librarian Damian Dullaghan: "Can you explain what is happening? My children all use the library. Will it be open on Saturdays? As public representatives we need to know what's happening."

Cllr Roger Kennedy said: "I get waylaid regarding the opening hours. I know it's something you are working on."

Cllr John Crosse suggested writing to the union leaders involved in the talks. Cllr Tom Wood said the opening hours are "an ongoing problem".

Mr Dullaghan explained

that the library business at the Tipperary Excel has increased by 97% since opening in April. Overall, 2017 saw 16,843 items used, while in 2018 this figure was over 32,000, an increase of 93%.

There has been no change in the library hours in Tipperary town. "They have not decreased, they are exactly the same," said Mr Dullaghan.

However, demand has increased, partially due to the new location. "You could not pick a better location. We are very pleased that has translated into footfall."

The union negotiations are a national issue which started over two years ago, involving a multitude of issues such as recognition of qualifications.

"The negotiations are fraught. But it's "not the union holding it up. Getting access to the unions take time. We have had two meetings with unions.

"I can tell you it's close to getting there, and will mean increased staff."

The library does need to hire more staff but couldn't due to a moratorium. "That's



Tipperary Library Action Group members took part in a recent march to highlight the issue

why we are struggling. We cannot start recruiting until there's a definite agreement in place," said Mr Dullaghan.

Clonmel has seen over 100,000 items used this year, over 90,000 in Nenagh and 77,000 in Thurles.

Cllr Browne said: "I don't think we should get involved in negotiations. If things are so fraught then any kind of in-

terference could slow it up."

Cllr Hourigan said it was a huge issue for college students. If the council employs the staff, "why not close on Mondays and stay open on Saturdays?"

Mr Dullaghan said: "It's about numbers. We need extra staff and that's it." One librarian in Tipp town recently retired and cannot be

replaced "until this is sorted out".

Attempting to open on Saturdays without union consent could lead to "lightning closures" that could lead to "reputational damage" for the library service.

"I understand the frustration," added Cllr Browne.

New weapon to battle rural crime across Tipperary

A new weapon in the battle against rural crime could be rolled out in Tipperary this year with pressure mounting to introduce more measures to protect rural communities.

An engraving system for property combined with a poster campaign in the communities that it has been rolled out in has acted as a deterrent in other counties, and now authorities in Tipperary are considering introducing the scheme.

The Joint Policing Com-

mittee has recommended to Tipperary County Council that the property marking technology be introduced in Tipperary.

The recent Joint Policing Committee meeting in Carrick-on-Suir was told that a trial period for the engraving technology in the garda Cavan/Monaghan division saw significant results.

The device was trialed in the Monaghan section of the division and not used in the Cavan section of the division. Over a six month period of the

reported crime, 96% related to Cavan and just 4% to Monaghan.

HUGE DROP

"There was a huge drop in the area where the device was trialed," said crime prevention officer Sgt Tom O'Dwyer.

Sgt O'Dwyer said the property marking system was something they supported. Monaghan County Council had supported the system and a loan of the device for use in Monaghan yielded strong results.

"After this scheme the council in Monaghan went and bought a device for engraving property with this new technology," said Sgt O'Dwyer.

He said the device was now given out to community groups who mark up the property in their area. Signage is put up in the communities to inform people that all property is security marked and the system was now also in place in Louth, Sligo and Donegal and other councils were now looking at

it.

"It is working well. It is a simple machine to use. It goes out to the community free of charge, it is something we would support," said Sgt O'Dwyer.

Director Tipperary County Council Pat Slattery said he would contact Monaghan County Council to see how the project was funded and would report back to the Joint Policing Committee.

Cllr Imelda Goldsboro said there were 132 community text alert villages in

the division and she believed such technology would act as a deterrent in rural communities and she called on the JPC to support the introduction of the system.

Cllr Andy Moloney supported purchasing three of the devices which he felt would be needed to cover all of the county and said LEADER should be approached for funding.

Cllr Hughie McGrath said the device would be very important for communities in their battle against crime.

Schools in Clonmel and Cashel targeted by burglars on Christmas Eve

Burglars raided two schools in Clonmel and Cashel on the same night last week.

They entered Colaiste Chluain Meala Secondary School on the Raheen Road in Clonmel shortly after midnight on Christmas Eve, December 24.

A Clonmel Garda Station spokesperson said the criminals got into the

school grounds by breaking the lock of a gate and then entered the school by forcing open a door.

The burglars went through a number of offices in the school and took a safe from one of them.

The St. John The Baptist Primary School at Old Road, Cashel was broken into between 11pm on December 23 and 9am on

Christmas Eve. The burglars gained entry to the school through a window.

Gardai have appealed to anyone who saw any suspicious activity around these schools on the night of December 23/24 to contact Clonmel Garda Station at (052) 6122222 and Cashel Garda Station at (062) 62866.

Car damaged in Clonmel in Christmas arson attack - man arrested

Gardai arrested a man aged in his 30s in connection with the burning of a car parked in Clonmel town centre during the Christmas holiday period.

The silver Opel Astra parked outside a pub at the corner of Bridge Street and the Quay was destroyed in the arson attack that occurred on Friday night/Saturday morning, December 21/22.

A window of the pub was also damaged by

the blaze. A Clonmel man was arrested on suspicion of burning the vehicle and was released without charge after being interviewed by gardai.

A Clonmel Garda Station spokesperson said the investigation into the car fire is ongoing. Anyone with information that may assist the Garda investigation should contact Clonmel Garda Station at (052) 6122222.

SOUTH TIPP TODAY'S BIG FAT SPORTS QUIZ OF THE YEAR

Fancy yourself as a sporting expert? Try these 100 questions and see how closely you have been following the sporting events of the year!

1. Name the RTÉ Sports Personality of the Year?

2. Who succeeded Noel King as Republic of Ireland U21 manager?

3. How many players as there on a field hockey team?

4. Who won the Leinster senior club football championship?

5. Brooks Koepka won how many major golf championships in 2018?

6. What sport is Croatian Marin Cilic associated with?

7. Who finished second in last season's English Premier League?

8. Where was the 2018 Ryder Cup held?

9. What American heavyweight defended his world boxing title against Tyson Fury in October?

10. In what county would you find Joule Park?

11. Who is the reigning PDC world darts champion?

12. From what country is Irish rugby international Bundee Aki originally from?

13. Name the English test cricket team captain.

14. Sebastian Vettel drives for which F1 team?

15. Who won the County Tipperary senior football championship in 2018?

16. Who played in this year's Irish Daily Mail FAI Cup final?

17. Tiger Roll won the 2018 English Grand National. Name the victorious jockey.

18. In which Spanish city did Leinster



Bill Belichick is one of the NFL's best coaches, but with who?



Forever a divisive character - Jose Mourinho has been around the block

win rugby's European Champions' Cup title in May?

19. Who won the most recent Mosconi Cup (pool); Europe or America?

20. Name Ireland's newest world amateur boxing champion?

21. Baseball: who won this year's world series?

22. Name the reigning champions of Ligue 1 (French football top-flight).

23. Who are the reigning Tipperary South and District League Premier League champions?

24. Italian rugby head coach Conor O'Shea's father, Jerome, won two All-Ireland football medals with which county?

25. Name the only tennis major played on clay.

26. What nationality is darts player Peter Wright?

27. Who won the LGFA All-Ireland intermediate championship?

28. How many Scottish league titles have Celtic won in a row?

29. Name the Dublin hurling manager?

30. Former snooker world champion Neil Robertson is from what country?

31. In what county is Leopardstown race course?

32. How many major championships has golfer Tiger Woods won?

33. Rugby League has how many starting players; 11, 13 or 15?

34. Mark McAuley represents Ireland in what sport?

35. Which international cricket team are known as 'the Windies'?

36. Dundalk FC were knocked out of the UEFA Europa League qualifiers by AEK Larnaca in August. What was the aggregate scoreline?

37. Name the South Tipperary senior hurling champions.

38. Who are the All-Ireland camogie champions?

39. True or false, Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo won the 2018 Ballon D'or?

40. Name the last Irishman to win a major golf title?

41. Munster head coach Johann van Graan succeeded which of his compatriots in charge at Thomond Park?

42. Which Limerick hurler won the Man of the Match award following September's All-Ireland final victory over Galway at Croke Park?

43. What sport does American Tom Brady play?

44. Who trained General Principle to

Irish Grand National success this year?

45. Jose Mourinho has managed clubs from how many European countries?

46. The BDO World Darts Championship is held at which English venue?

47. Cork defeated who to win this year's Munster Hurling Championship?

48. Kevin Sinfield played internationally for England in what sport?

49. Name the Airtricity League side who play their home games at Richmond Park.

50. Ukrainian Aleksandr Usyk defended his world cruiserweight boxing title against who in November?

51. Pool player Joshua Filler comes from what European country?

52. Netherlands international footballer Virgil Van Dijk signed for Liverpool from Southampton last January. Who sold him to The Saints?

53. How many All Ireland senior football titles has Tipperary won?

54. True or false. Scotland have never won the Six Nations rugby title?

55. What golf course hosted this year's Irish Open?

56. Who are the reigning Superbowl (American Football) champions?

57. Who captained Tipperary to win the 1989 All Ireland senior hurling title?

58. Who is the manager of the Limerick senior hurling team?

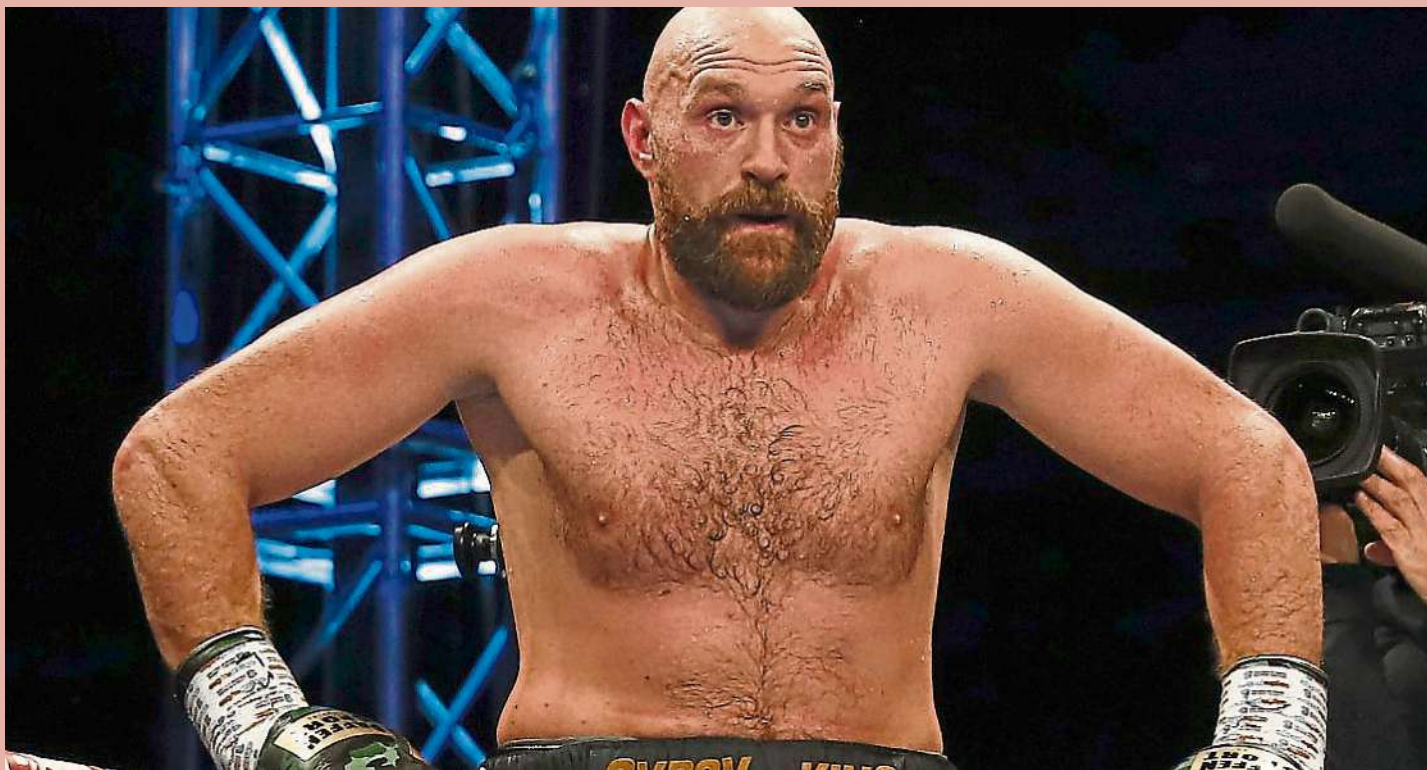
59. What's the nickname of snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan?

60. Ken McGrath, Paul Flynn and Seamus Prendergast hurled for which



South African Johann van Graan holds the reins of Munster Rugby

Have you got club news/photos for South Tipp Today? Contact dylan.white@iconicnews.ie



Boxer Tyson Fury, the man they call 'The Gypsy King'



Peter 'Snakebite' Wright is one of darts' most colourful characters. Any idea what nationality he is?



Joe Schmidt is an Irish treasure

county?

61. Name the winner of this year's Tour de France?

62. Thomas Barr won the 400m title in what event at the European Athletics Championships in July?

63. Swimmer Mona McSharry comes from what county?

64. Former Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini holds the reins of which nation?

65. Who captains the Irish women's hockey team?

66. Golf's Race to Dubai was won by who in 2018?

67. To which former Scotland rugby coach did Joe Schmidt assist at French side Clermont Auvergne before joining Leinster in 2009?

68. How many times have Tipp town side St. Michael's won the FAI Junior Cup?

69. How many Champions League titles has Pep Guardiola won as a manager?

70. Who entered RTÉ Sport's Hall of Fame recently?

71. John Parrott defeated who to win the 1991 Snooker World Championship?

72. Tipperary ladies football team captain Samantha Lambert hails from which club?

73. Name the 2018 Australian Open (tennis) women's singles champion.

74. Who captained Tipperary to win the 2011 All Ireland minor football title?

75. Which Irish boxer defeated Mexico's Freddy Hernandez in October to extend his unbeaten professional record to 15-0.

76. In what country were this year's World Tug-of-War Championships held?

77. Name the winner of the 2018 Epsom derby.

78. Who are the Offaly senior football champions?

79. James Stephens play club hurling in what county?

80. What club does Mayo legend Cora Staunton represent?

81. With what sport would you associate the late commentator Bill McClaren?

82. Name the two clubs relegated from this season's League of Ireland Premier Division.

83. Which American is the most successful IAAF women's athlete of all-time?

84. How many Italians have managed English Premier League side Chelsea since Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari took charge in 2008?

85. Greyhound Blastoff Jet was the



Ronnie O'Sullivan is rather quick around the snooker table!

winner of which Irish group one final in early November?

86. Darts legend Raymond van Barneveld has won the world PDC title how many times?

87. Who defeated Sweden in the last eight of last summer's football World Cup in Russia?

88. Who did Clonoulty-Rossmore beat in the 2018 Tipperary senior hurling championship final?

89. How many Welsh clubs play in the English Football League?

90. Who drew with Kerry in this year's Super 8s?

91. Name the Camogie Association/WGPA Senior Players' Player of the Year 2018?

92. Bill Belichick coaches which American Football side?

93. Name the manager of Leeds United.

94. F1 driver Daniel Ricciardo hails from which country?

95. In which position does golfer Justin Rose sit in the world rankings; first, second or fourth?

96. Who are the Ulster club football champions?

97. Liam Sheedy succeeded who as Tipperary hurling manager?

98. What tennis venue is also known as 'SW19'?

99. Former Ireland and Liverpool defender Steve Finnan is a native of which Munster county?

100. What club holds the most Tipperary senior football titles?

The Answers

1. Johnny Sexton; 2. Stephen Kenny; 3. Twiwe; 4. St. Columba's, Mullinalaghta; 5. T'wo, US Open & PGA Championship; 6. Tennis; 7. Manchester United; 8. Le Golf National, France; 9. Deontay Wilder; 10. Aughrim, Wicklow; 11. Rob Cross; 12. New Zealand; 13. Joe Root; 14. Ferrari; 15. Moyle Rovers; 16. Dundalk FC vs Cork City; 17. Davy Russell; 18. Bilbao; 19. America; 20. Kellie Harrington; 21. Boston Red Sox; 22. Paris St Germain; 23. St. Michael's; 24. Kerry; 25. French Open; 26. Scottish; 27. Tyrone; 28. Seven; 29. Mattie Kenny; 30. Australia; 31. Dublin; 32. Fourteen; 33. Thirteen; 34. Showjumping; 35. West Indies; 36. 4-0; 37. Killenaule; 38. Cork; 39. False, Croatian Luka Modric was the winner; 40. Rory McIlroy; 41. Rasmus; 42. 2014 PGA Championship; 43. American Football; 44. Gordon Elliott; 45. Four - Portugal, Spain, England & Italy; 46. Lakeside Leisure Complex; 48. Rugby League; 49. St. Patrick's Athletic; 50. Tony Bellew; 51. Germany; 52. Celtic; 53. Twenty; 54. 4; 55. Ballyliffin Golf Club, Co. Donegal; 56. Philadelphia Eagles; 57. Bobby Ryan; 58. John Kieley; 59. The Rocker; 60. Waterford; 61. Gerard Thomas; 62. Hurdles; 63. Sligo; 64. Italy; 65. Katie Mullan; 66. Francesco Molinari; 67. Vern Cotter; 68. 2; 69. Two (2008 & 2011); 70. Ray Houghton; 71. Jimmy White; 72. Ardman; 73. Caroline Wozniacki; 74. Liam McGrath; 75. Jason Quigley; 76. South Africa; 77. Masat, ridden by William Buick; 78. Rhodé; 79. Limerick FC & Bray Wanderers; 83. Allyson Felix; 84. Four: Carlo Ancelotti, Roberto Di Matteo, Antonio Conte & Maurizio Sarri; 85. Irish St. Leager; 86. Once; four-time winner of the BDO; 87. England; 88. Nenagh Éire Óg; 89. T'wo, Swansea City (Championship) and Newport County League; 90. Monaghan; 91. Anne Dalton (Kilkenny); 92. New England Patriots; 93. Marcelo Bielsa; 94. Australia; 95. Second; 96. Gaoh Dobhair; 97. Michael Ryan; 98. Wimbledon; 99. Limerick; 100. Fethard.

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ANNUAL GOAL MILE

The organisers of this year's 'Goal Mile' in Fethard would like to thank all who came along to participate and to give their support in this year's run and walk to raise funds and awareness for GOAL's programmes in the developing world.

This year numbers were up as the weather on Christmas morning was kind and very suitable for a little exercise which also yielded a final count of €1,228 for a very good cause. Thank you for your support and wish all a very happy New Year.

UNIQUE TREE

Massive congratulations to Patrician Presentation Year Students who worked alongside art teacher, Ms Pat Looby, to produce a unique and creative Christmas Tree made of plastic bottles over the past few weeks.

Thanks to all of who gave in bottles to the school for us to be able to realise this creation. The tree was a beautiful sight earlier in the week. Unfortunately, the high winds on Monday night caused damage to the creation.

However, a smaller version of the original tree is on view in the Augustinian Abbey. So too is the work of our Transition Year Students on the Crib.

The school was delighted to be part of both of these projects. Many thanks to our students, Ms Pat Looby, our Programmes' Co-ordinator Mr Billy Walsh, to the public for the bottles and to Fr Iggy O'Donovan OSA for all his help.

THE ABBEY CRIB

One of the most striking features of the Christmas celebrations in Fethard has to be the crib in the Augustinian Abbey. It is located off the body of the main church in



Group of dedicated walkers and runners photographed on Christmas morning to raise funds for the annual Goal Mile in Fethard

the ruins a more ancient medieval building.

Indeed, the setting could not be more fitting and appropriate for a crib to be in a ruined stable. The work on display is largely the work of a group of students from the Patrician Presentation Secondary School in Fethard. The finished product is stunning and at the same time extremely simple.

The young workers took full advantage of the setting making particular use of the crumbling stonework. This they lavishly decorated with rich greenery, ivy, holly, laurels, moss and more.

They even managed to procure some beautiful blooming furze (gorse), and as they were trying to create an old stable, they threw in for good measure some old rusty tools which Joseph the carpenter might have used in olden times.

A crowning feature of the work is that it is a 'walk in' crib and on entering one could literally be going back centuries in time. As a work marking

the birth of Jesus it is indeed striking. Its simplicity is, at the same time, its very richness.

DIED RECENTLY

The death has occurred on Thursday, December 27, 2018, of Keith Dalton, Tullamaine, Fethard and formerly Bianconi Drive, Clonmel.

Keith, predeceased by his father Jimmy, sisters Shirley and Jackie and brother Gerard, will be sadly missed by his mother Carmel, brothers Michael, James, Richie and John Paul, sisters Frances, Paula, Sonya, Sarah and Johann, partner Margaret, nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. Internment took place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

DIED IN ENGLAND

The death has occurred on Sunday, December 30, 2018, of Paddy Fitzgerald, Callington, Cornwall, England,

and formerly Knockelly, Fethard, in his 93rd year. Paddy was always a proud Fethard man and loved to receive the Fethard & Killusty Emigrant's Newsletter.

Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Funeral arrangements later.

HAMPER WINNER

The Annual Draw for the Fethard Country Market Hamper was won by Trish Leahy, Trish's Beauty Salon, Main Street, Fethard. (See photo on opposite page).

Fethard Country Market is taking a short break over the holiday period and will return to normal on Friday morning, January 18.

Fethard Country Market wish to thank all their customers for their support throughout 2018 and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

PRE-BAPTISM

A pre-baptism meeting will take place in the Tirry Community Centre, Barrack Street, on Monday, January 28, at 7.30pm, for parents who wish to have their child baptised during the coming weeks.

This meeting is subject to demand, so you are asked to please contact Fr. Liam Everard P.P. or Canon Tom Breen prior to attending.

NEW YEAR'S DANCING

Fethard Ballroom continues its New Year social dancing on Sunday, January 6, to the music of T. Bone Country. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a great night's entertainment from 9pm to midnight. Admission is €9, which includes tea and cakes.

We take this opportunity to wish all our dancing patrons throughout the year, a very Happy New Year.



Danny Kane and his granddaughter, Phoebe Staehelin, taking part in the Goal Mile on Christmas morning in Fethard



Rose Dugliss and Lisa Hanrahan taking part in the Goal Mile on Christmas morning in Fethard



David Curran (right), treasurer of Fethard Country Market, presenting the Fethard Country Market's Christmas Hamper to draw winner Trish Leahy at her beauty salon on Main Street

Tipperary slimming gurus celebrate success with Rylan

As Slimming World enters its 50th year, a group of Slimming World Consultants from County Tipperary are celebrating half a century of success for the organisation by meeting TV personality and presenter Rylan Clark-Neal.

Rylan, who shot to fame after appearing on hit show The X-Factor, co-hosted the annual Slimming World Awards with the organisation's founder and chair Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Margaret opened her first Slimming World group in 1969 and over the last 50 years the business has grown to become the UK's leading group-based weight-management organisation, today supporting nearly 1 million slimmers.

The team, who run Slimming World groups in County Tipperary, were delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to Rylan.

David Hanlon Kelly said meeting the TV host was a wonderful way to round off a great year for the Slimming World, as well as a brilliant way to lead into 2019 - Slimming World's Golden Year.

"I couldn't be more proud of our members. Not only

have they lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2018 - with many of them hitting their target weights - they've also improved their health, boosted their confidence and are heading into 2019 with new healthy habits that will stay with them for life.

"Watching people change before my eyes and start being able to do things that they didn't think were possible before losing weight absolutely amazes me.

"Every week I feel privileged to play even a small part in people's achievements and to celebrate with them, so I felt especially honoured to represent our Slimming World groups at the Slimming World Awards.

"Rylan was blown away by the difference Slimming World makes to people's lives too."

Rylan, who is now a seasoned presenter having appeared on This Morning and Channel 5's Big Brother's Little Brother, said he was thrilled to be invited to host the awards ceremony, which was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

He said: "I met so many people who had lost incredible amounts of weight and made a huge difference to



Rylan Clark-Neal with Tipperary Slimming World consultants David Hanlon Kelly, Raika Tienert, Siobhan O'Dwyer and Alice Hunt

their lives. While the stories I heard were obviously very personal, the one thing they all had in common was how

much support they received from their Slimming World family and how so many of them were achieving their

dreams. "Every one of them spoke passionately about how they couldn't have made those

changes to eat more healthily and become more active without the support of their consultant and group."

Waterford Institute of Technology's impact on South East region

The impact of research and research degrees at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) on the South East region has been highlighted.

In 1993, Waterford Regional Technical College (WRTC) conferred its first-ever PhD graduate.

At the time, WRTC was the

first Regional Technical Colleges to award PhDs. To mark the 25th year anniversary of this special occasion, the institute hosted a celebratory event recently in the Chapel of WIT's College Street Campus. The event was attended by research support staff, supervisors past and

present, WIT management, 60 of the 198 PhD graduates along with their families.

Speakers included governing body chair Jim Moore, WIT president Prof Willie Donnelly, Minister John Halligan and director of research development and innovation at THEA Dr Jennifer Brennan. Three PhD

graduates spoke about their education, research and career journeys. These were Dr Ruth Russell, Dr Phil Brennan and Dr Roisin O'Shea.

In his speech, Prof Willie Donnelly relayed how the year in which the institute graduated its first PhD

graduate was also the year in which the government formally gave the WRTC authority to engage in research and innovation.

"Now as we look forward to the creation of the Technological University of the South East, which has been made a reality because of the

dedication and commitment of the present and former staff and students of the institute, it gives me great pleasure to use this occasion to thank you and celebrate your contribution to creating a dedicated research community and a research informed institute."

Cashel Chamber of Commerce to mark 700-year-old walls

Cashel Chamber of Commerce has a busy year lined up, with celebrations planned throughout 2019 for parts of the old Town Wall.

Chamber president Martin Lynch said they are looking forward to a series of events throughout the year to commemorate parts of the wall, and several major works are underway connecting various sections of the town.

Mr Lynch welcomed this year's pick up in trade for the Christmas season, a vital time of the year for some small businesses.

"There seems to have been a pick up. Just talking socially, they are quite happy

with trade this year. There has been an increase in footfall in the shops compared to previous years."

Mr Lynch said the celebrations to commemorate 700 years of the Town Wall are well underway, and a programme of works will be put out in the coming weeks.

"There's about five to ten different events planned for between now and the end of the year. And they will be staged at different times."

These include talks and seminars on different parts of the wall, and arts groups will be involved as part of the Cashel Arts Festival later in the year.

It's understood there is only a small bit of work left to



connect the back of Cashel's Courthouse in Hogan Square up to the Rock of Cashel via the Cashel Palace, and works

may be finished in time for St Patrick's Day.

Cashel's local businesses and the Co. Council have

spent some €10,000 on upgrading and restoring the Christmas lights, representing a significant investment for the coming years.

"There was a great buzz around this Christmas," said Mr Lynch.

"All the restaurants and shops, pubs, were all full at all stages over the Christmas period."

Meanwhile a coachpark at Waller's Lot in Cashel is nearing completion, senior engineer Aidan Finn told the December Cashel Tipperary municipal district meeting.

Bye laws need to be changed before vehicles can park there. There will be two hours free parking, with a 50c charge thereafter.

The lining is complete and

it should open in the New Year. Work connecting the Rock of Cashel to the Courthouse via the Cashel Palace will also start in the New Year.

Work on Cashel's Courthouse park are also nearly ready. Cashel is to be a 'destination town', working with Fáilte Ireland, and consultants are being hired to "engage with all stakeholders."

Also, plans are in train to develop walkways with local landowners at the Hore Abbey and the Golden road, creating a looped walkway.

"An agreement with landowners would make a nice offering, and ties up with other walkways. There's a lot going on in Cashel," said Mr Finn.

Solohead preparing to mark War of Independence

The Decade of Centenaries comes to West Tipperary this month as plans are underway in Solohead to mark the start of the War of Independence.

The Soloheadbeg Ambush of January 21st 1919 was led by Dan Breen and Sean Treacy and happened on the same day as the first meeting of Dáil Éireann in the Mansion House, Dublin.

The Ambush of the cartload of gelignite bound for the nearby quarry resulted in the death of two RIC officers and is recognised as the first action of the War of Independence.

The Soloheadbeg Ambush Centenary Commemoration will take place on Sunday, January 20, 2019. This event is organised by the Solohead Parish Centenary Commemoration Committee in association with Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration committee.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The organising committee are currently finalising the details for the commemoration event. The committee have planned the day as a dignified and respectful commemoration occasion as they are mindful that the struggle for Independence took place at a troubled time in our nation's history which left a painful legacy.

A Mass of Remembrance for all parties involved with the ambush will take place in Solohead Church at 11.30 am which will be celebrated by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly.

The formal commemoration programme will commence at Solohead Monument at 12.30pm where there will be a commemoration programme with musical input from the Charles Kickham Band and the Sean Treacy Pipe Band.

Dr Martin Mansergh is the invited guest of the Organising Committee. Dr. Mansergh played a key role in the Northern Ireland peace process and is vice-chair of the government's Expert Advisory Group on the Decade of Centenaries. The oration will be given by Mr Éamon Ó Cuív former government Minister and grandson of the former President of Ireland Mr. Éamon de Valeria.

There will be an unveiling of a Heritage Information Board at the Monument site on the day which will give information on the ambush and directions to ambush site in Soloheadbeg.

Given the large numbers expected at the event it will be necessary for safety reasons to close roads on the day in the immediate vicinity of Solohead Cross. Road closure and redirection notices will be posted shortly in local newspapers. There will stew-



Front: Jack Fitzpatrick, Michael Maguire, Sally Ryan, Hilda Franklin, Oliver Coffey, Sean Jackson Back: Pat Twomey, Michael McCormack, Michael Ryan, Willie Dee, Tim Hanly, Tim Ryan

ards and Gardai directing cars on the day and a park/ride facility available from Tipperary Racecourse, Limerick Junction.

HERITAGE OFFICE

The committee are grateful for the support of the Heritage Office of Tipperary County Council in organising

the event. The committee are also currently selling a specially engraved miniature Hurley by way of fundraising. The Hurley can be purchased at Toomey's shop or on the day. There is a Facebook page called Solohead Centenary where further information and final details on the event

are being posted.

Other events are also taking place on the week of the Centenary. There is a History conference in Ballykisteon Hotel on Saturday, January 19, called The Soloheadbeg Ambush: Impact and Legacy presented by the Tipperary War of Inde-

pendence Lecture Series Committee. Tipperary County Council Library Service will also host a lecture by Dr. Denis Murnane on Tuesday, January 15, in Thurles Library at 7.30pm called Soloheadbeg Ambush, A Centenary Perspective.

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DEVINE

(Acknowledgement & Months Mind)



Bradley Devine,

74 Griffith Avenue,
Clonmel.

16th November 2018

Bradley's brother Leonard, sister Lorraine and extended family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad bereavement. Our thanks to all who attended the removal, funeral Mass and burial and a special thanks to all our neighbours in Griffith Avenue.

Special thanks to Canon Crowley and Fr. Toomey for a beautiful funeral Mass, Gillian Fennessy soloist and the organist and to all those who participated in the funeral Mass.

Thanks to Sean Condon Undertakers for their professional service and to the gravediggers. Our thanks to the Management and staff of The Local Bar for refreshments after the funeral.

Sincere thanks to the Doctors and Nurses in South Tipperary General Hospital and Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford and also the hospital drivers for all their assistance.

Thanks to Michael Maher, President Clonmel Town Football Club for the Guard of Honour and to Jamie Flaherty for his tribute.

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

Bradley's Months Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 5th January in Ss Peter and Pauls Church at 7.30pm.

"Never more than a thought away, you meant so much to us, but nothing we can say, can tell of the love, that is in our hearts today."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

O'DONNELL

(Acknowledgment & 1st Anniversary)



Gearoid O'Donnell

Loughloher, Cahir,
Co Tipperary
& 26 Gould Street
"The Lough" Cork City.

Gearoid's parents Tom and Mary along with his brothers Tommy, John and Ciaran, sister-in-law Elise, nephew Conan and extended family, would like to thank friends and neighbours and all those who sympathised and supported us in our recent loss.

This is a heartfelt thank you to all who attended Gearoid's reposing, Requiem Mass, and burial to offer their condolences.

Thank you to all those who travelled long distances to be with us, and to those who sent messages flowers and cards.

A special word of thanks to Gearoid's many friends in WARPS UCC for your unwavering care, support and heartfelt messages of condolences.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all his Carers in Cork and to Margaret (Cahir) for your excellent care and kindness which supported him to live an independent life.

A special word of appreciation to the Staff of Colaiste Dun lascaigh and Mrs Josephine Casey for your wonderful tribute to Gearoid in November 2017.

A special thank you to all the staff of South Tipperary General Hospital who cared for Gearoid during his short illness.

We wish to convey our gratitude to Rev Fr Jimmy O'Donnell (Gearoid's Uncle and Godfather) for the beautiful Mass he celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Cahir with Rev Fr M. Hickey, Rev Fr Breen, Rev Fr Knight, Rev Fr J. Meade, Rev Fr D. O Gorman and Rev Fr P. Brennan.

Thank you to Costigan's Undertakers for their sensitive approach, professionalism and excellent service during the removal and funeral along with Micheal O'Brien, Sacristan, St Mary's Church Cahir.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Cahir on Friday 4th January at 7.30pm.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

WILLIAMS

(Acknowledgement & Months Mind)



David Williams

St. Josephs Tce.,
Elm Park,
Clonmel.

9th December 2018

David's mother and family would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped and supported us on our recent sad loss; all who attended the funeral Mass, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, sympathised with us in any way.

We would like to especially thank Fr. Michael Hegarty IC for celebrating a beautiful funeral Mass also Fennessy's Undertakers and Gillian Fennessy, soloist. Thanks to all who participated in the Funeral Mass and to Anthony for the eulogy.

Our thanks to all who visited the house and all who helped, especially our neighbours and friends for your kindness and support.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

Months Mind Mass in St. Oliver's Church on Wednesday January 9th at 7.30pm

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down
the ways.

Of happy times and
laughing times and bright
and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those
who grieve to dry before
the sun.

Of happy memories that
I leave when life on
earth is done.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

WYSE

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)

Jimmy Wyse

Wyses Garage, Convent Road,
Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.

2nd January 2018

Veronica, John, Fiona, Frankie and Audrey and all our extended family wish to thank everybody who sympathised with us on the very sad and sudden loss of our dear father and grandfather Jimmy.

Sincere thanks to our wonderful friends, neighbours, relations, past and present employees of Jimmy along with the community of Clogheen for all their help and support. Thanks to everybody who called to the house, brought food to the house, attended the Removal and Funeral Mass, those who travelled long distances to be with us. Everybody who sent Flowers, Mass Cards and Messages of Condolences.

Our deepest gratitude to Fr. Bobby Power, Fr. Pat Cooney, Fr. Pat Butler, David Cahill and Sr. Aine, the ladies who prepared the Church, everybody who sang in the Choir and all who helped with the lovely Mass for Jimmy.

Thank you to the Community Council Clogheen for the wonderful meal they provided and to everybody who helped out on the day.

We also want to extend our thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of A&E and ICU, along with the Hospital Chaplain of South Tipperary General Hospital Clonmel who did everything they could for Jimmy and were so supportive to us all.

Thank you to John Corbett (Undertakers) for all the help and support along with everybody who helped to prepare the grave.

Also thanks to John and Maeve Carey Pharmacy Clogheen, Dr. Melane O'Reilly and Dr. Bernard Durack for all your support to Jimmy throughout the years.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our deep appreciation.

Jimmy's First Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 5th January 2019 at St. Marys Church Clogheen at 6.00pm - All are welcome.

THANKSGIVINGS

O JESUS who has asked "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened", through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. (make your request).

O Jesus who has said "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, he will grant you" through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted. (make your request)

O Jesus who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request) 9 consecutive hours.

*Sympathy
Prayer*

*Dear Lord,
please comfort
those in grief,*

*Love them,
lift them, give
relief*

*For loss
they've
suffered,
sadness felt,*

*Make this
sorrow slowly
melt.*

*Lord, let
happy
memories ease,*

*Creating
peace like a
gentle breeze,*

*And as you
help them
make it
through.*

*Draw them
closer, Lord,
to you.*



*Those we love,
We never lose,
For always they will be,
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IN MEMORIAM

BUCK

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear husband Tony, late of 6 Heywood Close, Clonmel, who died on 8th January 2018.

Margaret and her sons Anthony, Darren, John Paul and Alan and extended family would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss; those who called to the house, sent Mass cards and floral tributes and attended the removal.

A special thanks to Fr. Meehan and Fr. Hegarty for a lovely Mass. Thanks to the Nurses of South Tipperary General Hospital for their kindness during his many stays there. Thanks to Dr. Maria Kelly, Western House Medical Centre for her care. Thanks to Condon's Funeral Home, to the gravediggers and all our friends and neighbours for their kindness.

Mass has been offered for all their intentions.

"I miss your smile, your joking ways, I miss the things you used to say. And when old times I do recall, it is then I miss you most of all."

Always loved and missed by your wife Margaret.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church at 10am on Thursday 10th January.

BUCK

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Tony, late of 6 Heywood Close, Clonmel, who died on 8th January 2018.

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.

Always loved and remembered by your son Darren, Tracy and grandchildren Nathan and Kate.

IN MEMORIAM

BUCK

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear and grandfather Tony, late of 6 Heywood Close, Clonmel, who died on 8th January 2018.

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

Always loved and remembered by your son John Paul and grandson Buster.

BUCK

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear father Tony, late of 6 Heywood Close, Clonmel, who died on 8th January 2018.

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.

Always loved and remembered by your son Anthony.

BUCK

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear father Tony Buck, late of 6 Heywood Close, Clonmel who died on the 8th January, 2018.

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

Always missed by your son Alan.

IN MEMORIAM

BURKE

(33rd & 19th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear Mam and Dad, Nellie and Jeff Burke late of Knockballinira, Ardfinnan and their grandson Gary Burke (London). Also our Aunty Biddy and Uncle Ned Burke, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Lovingly remembered by Mary B, Helen, Patsy, Michael, Free and their families.

Mass offered

CONDON

(3rd Anniversary)



Carmel Condon

Clarke Villas, Clonmel.

Treasured memories of a dear mum and grandmother who died on 7th January 2016.

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered everyday. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there.

Greatly missed by your son Ian, daughter-in-law Sharon and grandchildren Luke, Emily and Grace. xxxxxx

EGAN

(21st & 12th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our father Richard late of Ballyvelish, Clerihan who died on December 31st 1997.

Memories are like leaves of gold, they never tarnish and they never grow old

Also remembering our brother Johnny whose anniversary also occurs at this time

Sadly missed by Paddy and Joan.

IN MEMORIAM

ENGLISH MCCARTHY

(27th & 14th Anniversaries)

Cherished and loving memories of our dear mother Sarah, late of Gortmore Cottage, Cahir Road, Clonmel who died on 1st January 1992 also our beloved sister Eileen who died on 25th December 2004

Deep are the memories, precious they stay, no passing of time can take them away.

Never forgotten by the English family.

FLANNERY

(3rd Anniversary)



Jamie Flannery

1 Beechpark, Cahir

In loving memory of a precious son, brother and uncle Jamie Flannery, who passed on January 3rd 2016.

There's a very special place, beyond the skies above. Somewhere very peaceful, full of light and love.

That special place is Heaven, where you're free to laugh and roam, it was your time to go there, so the Angels took you home.

And now you're in a better place, your soul is laid to rest, safe with the Angels, for they only take the best.

Always loved and remembered - Dad, Mam, your brothers Steven, Eric and Bunty, sister-in-law Carmel and nieces Leah and Melaine. xxxx

Jamie, you may be out of sight, we may be worlds apart. But you are always on my mind and forever in my heart.

Sadly missed - Nannie Stella xxx

Also birthday wishes for Jamie on February 3rd - 4th birthday away from home.

Mass offered.

Sympathy Prayer

Dear Lord, please comfort those in grief,

Love them, lift them, give relief

For loss they've suffered, sadness felt,

Make this sorrow slowly melt.

Lord, let happy memories ease,

Creating peace like a gentle breeze,

And as you help them make it through.

Draw them closer, Lord, to you.

Rest in Peace

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IN MEMORIAM

KENNEDY (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Pa Kennedy, late of Westcourt, The Quay, Clonmel, formerly of Garrymore, Clonmel, whose First Anniversary occurs on December 20th.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Mass offered.

LANDERS (7th & 31st Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my dear son TJ Landers, 32 Gleann na Siuire, Ardfinnan who died on 5th January 2012, and my dear mother Ellen (Babe), late of Main Street, Ballyporeen who died on 9th January 1988 RIP.

Today your memories are quietly kept. No need for words, I will never forget. Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you both today. Deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday.

Loved and missed everyday your heart-broken Dad and son Pat

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 5th January at 6.15pm in Ardfinnan Church.

LANDERS (5th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear brother TJ, 32 Gleann na Siuire, Ardfinnan who died on 5th January 2012.

How do we write on paper, the feeling we have inside, from heartbroken sisters who have missed you since you died.

Our hearts still ache with sadness, our secret tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know.

Call TJ's name out softly, Lord, and when he looks your way, tell him that we love and miss him, every single day.

- Always remembered by your loving sisters Tricia, Amy and Jenny xxx

Guardian Angels up above, give our uncle a great big hug.

- your nephews Tyler, Riain, Darragh and niece Milly. xxx

IN MEMORIAM

MACKEY (1st Anniversary)



Remembering a dear and loving mother and grandmother, Mary Mackey, late of 122 Elm Park, Clonmel, on your First Anniversary.

We often pause in our daily tasks and by our side you'd be. A million memories bring you back and you stay a while with us. Memory Lane is a beautiful place where thoughts and love and true. Again and again we travel that lane, to sit and talk to you.

Not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts.

Sadly missed and forever loved - your daughter Michelle, son Darren, son-in-law David and grand-daughters Saoirse and Orla.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 11th January 2019 at 7.30pm in St. Oliver's Church.

MACKEY (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mary Mackey (nee English), late of Elm Park, Clonmel, who died on 9th January 2018.

A sister is a beautiful gift, one you think will stay. You never dream the day will come when she will go away. And when that moment comes, and you will have to say goodbye, the pain just overwhelms you and all you do is cry.

Sadly missed by her sisters Frances, Kathleen and Ber. xxx

IN MEMORIAM

MORRISSEY (10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of William Oliver (Willie) Morrissey, late of St. Martins, 11 Davis Tce, Clonmel who died on 2nd January 2009 RIP.

The things we feel most deeply are the hardest things to say - we your family loved you in a very special way.

- your loving sister Jacinta, brother-in-law Ritchie, nephews Barry and Jonathan and niece Maria. xxxx

Masses offered.

SHANLEY (1st Anniversary)



Cathal Shanley

Capel Street, Dublin
& formerly of Old Spa Road,
Clonmel.

Died 12th January 2018.

Treasured memories of Cathal, a dear husband, father, son and brother.

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

Miss you so much - your loving wife Sonia, daughter Orla, son Aidan, Tim and Kathleen, Pauline, Tadgh, Brian, Eoin, Niamh, Aoife and their families.

Cathal's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday 6th January at 11am.

IN MEMORIAM

SHAW

(7th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of our sister Kathleen, late of Gortmalogue, who passed away on 6th January 2012 and Birthday Remembrance on 14th January.

Like falling leaves the years roll by, but memories of you will never die. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by your brothers and sisters.

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relief

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Lord, let
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Creating
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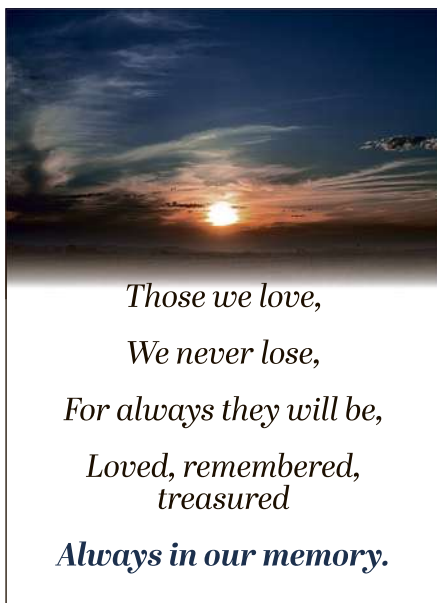
Draw them
closer, Lord,
to you.

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!



Those we love,
We never lose,
For always they will be,
Loved, remembered,
treasured
Always in our memory.

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.



First time ever - Clonmel High School qualify for Munster Schools Senior Cup competition

Brendan Mullan reports on an historic win for Clonmel High School senior rugby team

Clonmel High School CBS have reached the Munster Schools Senior Cup for the first time following a memorable yet fortunate win against Scoil Mhuire agus Ide, Newcastlewest.

High School advanced to the competition after winning the tie on most tries scored in the game after the sides finished level 17-all at full time. High School touched down three times to SMI's two tries.

A tough game in Irish Independent Park, Cork saw SMI start better. Good work from both backs and forwards led to winger Liam Kennedy touching down in the corner. Charlie O'Doherty converted well.

High School didn't take long to come to terms with the game after this.

Out half Conor McGrath used the wind to his advantage and kicked some very clever kicks in behind the opposition defence.

This gave High School the

field position to launch attacks. Following a well organised lineout, Cathal McGuigan headed over the try line, showing some fancy footwork on the way.

McGrath kept tormenting the SMI players with his kicks and it wasn't long before High School were rewarded again. Number 8 Cian Walsh picked from the base of the scrum to score High School's second try. This was converted by McGrath.

More pressure from High School saw strong running from impressive captain David O'Keeffe and the ever willing Evan Phelan. Walsh ran in his second try and High School looked to be cruising before half time.

Just before the break, SMI enjoyed a spell of dominant possession.

However, a remarkable tackle from Cathal McGuigan saved High School form conceding and they led 17-7 at the break.

Shortly into the second



The Clonmel High School team that created history by qualifying for the Munster schools senior rugby cup for the first time - Michael Dillon, Liam Ryan, Conall Ryan, Mark Sheehan, Ben Lonergan, David O'Keeffe, Evan Phelan, Cian Walsh, Cathal McGuigan, Conor McGrath, Aidan Hickey, Michael Cleary, Shane Fitzgibbon, John Askins, Zac Cahalane, Michael Geoghegan, Eoghan Ryan, Josh Dolan, Cormac McNamara, Josh Fahey, Thomas Shanahan, Michael O'Donnell, James Boland.

half, SMI began to take over. A penalty brought the game to within one converted try, but High School's defence was resolute. With ten minutes to go, SMI eventually found the breakthrough. Jack O'Connor scored under the posts and an easy conversion

left the sides level.

The final five minutes produced a few mistakes from both sides, before Conor McGrath kicked to touch to send the High School through.

It was a heartbreaking way to lose for SMI who were also

looking for their first visit to the Senior Cup.

Yet it was also a well deserved victory for the High School who now enter the Munster Schools Senior Cup for the first time in the school's history.

High School's reward will

be a Senior Cup debut against Bandon Grammar School on the week of January 21 in Clonmel RFC.

The following week the Junior team will take on the same opposition in what has turned out to be a historic year for the school.

A CLONMELMAN IN LONDON WONDERS WHAT BECAME OF ALL THE OLD TOWN 'CHARACTERS' OF THE PAST

Tom O'Flaherty, 50 Mount Ephraim Lane, London SW16 1SD, November 5, 2018

Dear Editor,

While looking through old family paraphernalia I came across the attached love story which was written in 1904 by the Clonmel poet, Charles J. Boland. I had read the story many years ago and felt then that it was quite sad. However, upon recent reading I have had a change of heart and I now believe that this tender tale has a relatively happy ending.

Although I am delighted that Miss Duckett achieved her wish to have a change of name through her marriage to Mr. College, my delight is somewhat tempered with regret that Clonmel lost that lovely name Duckett, forever. Thankfully, however, the equally lovely name of Rivers is still with us and long may it continue. The worry is, of course, that some small-minded, two-bit, vote-catching, self-serving politician decides to moot a change in name as in the case of Gordon Street and Prince Edward Place (with apologies to

Ernie - older readers will remember).

Gordon Street will always live on with me and many others. After all Gordon Street can claim to have "the loveliest chapel in Methodism," which is a masterpiece of Clonmel architect William Tinsley who, although regarded perhaps as Ireland's and most certainly Clonmel's greatest architect, has still not had a street named after him.

I also happened upon a booklet by F.W. Boland entitled "The Lost Years." This booklet was printed by "The Clonmel Chronicle" (the predecessor of "The Nationalist") and is a narrative of the experiences of an ordinary soldier from the time he joined the First World War in 1915 up to his return home in June 1919. Does anybody know who F.W. Boland was?

Inserted within the booklet is a list of old Clonmel people (some with a sobriquet) - John Bull, Hannah The Duck, Mary from Heaven, Bunker Robinson, Tommy Bluebird, Johnny Buckets, Scorchie McGrath, Puss Woods, The Brass Castle, Curley Wee, Gussie Goose, The Drooping Lily. I recall all



CLONMEL: River Street and College Street (formerly Duckett Street) the subject of a Charles J. Boland poem recalled here by well-known Clonmelman Tom O'Flaherty who now resides in London.

the people on this list, some more clearly than others. I wonder if any of your readers know anything about these characters.

Perhaps Margaret Rossiter remembers and will enlighten us.

Kind regards,
Tom O'Flaherty.

MISS DUCKETT STREET AND MISS RIVERS STREET

Miss Duckett Street was a prim old maid
And because of her ways being starched and staid
As years went by she got more afraid
Of her chances growing fewer.
Most of the neighbourhood streets she knew
Had dropped old names

and taken new
But like herself there were left a few
On the shelf, by the amber Suir.
Her nearest friends was Miss Rivers Street
Another old maid precise and neat
And once of late when they chanced to meet,
For they couldn't exist apart,
Miss Duckett Street to her

friend appealed
For advice on a matter 'til now concealed
And in strictest confidence revealed
The secret of her heart.
With many a giggle and pout she told her friend
That she knew she was growing old
And that ere her heart became too cold
To cherish love's secret flame
She wished to name the happy day
To settle herself in life and say
The words love, honour and obey
In short, to change her name.
Miss Rivers Street's answer is not preserved
Though 'tis said by the shock she was quite unnerved
And hinted she thought she had not deserved,
At least not to her knowledge,
To be left alone in advancing years
But despite her sisterly prayers and tears
Miss Duckett Street, last Shrove appears
To have taken the name of College.



LEFT: Micheál O Muircheartaigh and his wife Helena meeting members of the Everard family - Johnny, Paudie and Sean



Right: Micheál O'Muircheartaigh and Johnny Everard enjoy a chat after meeting again after sixty nine years

Former Tipp All-Ireland winner and broadcaster share a special bond

Magical reunion: Johnny and Michael meet again after sixty nine years since special day

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Sixty nine years on a former Tipperary hurler Johnny Everard and legendary broadcaster Micheál O Muircheartaigh enjoyed an emotional reunion.

Both men share a unique bond and met sixty nine years on to reminisce about a memorable day in both their lives, the 1949 Oireachtas hurling final in 1949 in Croke Park.

Johnny, along with his late brother Ned, lined out in the Oireachtas hurling final in 1949 for Tipperary against Laois that day in Croke Park, and is the last remaining player from both teams alive.

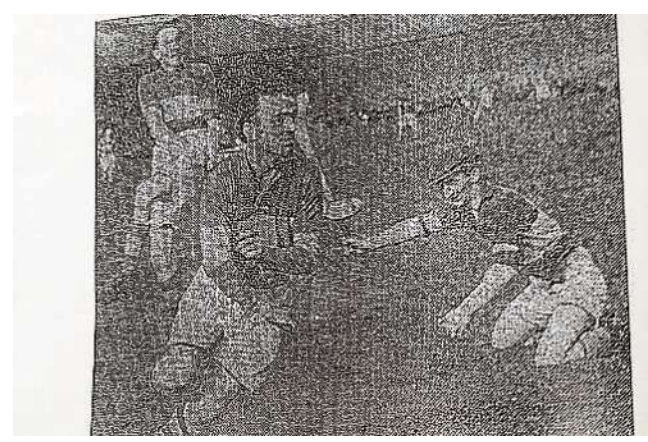
For ninety four year old Johnny it was his first game for the Tipperary seniors and for Micheál it was his first RTE radio hurling broadcast and the start of a remarkable career during which he was

affectionately known as the voice of Gaelic games in Ireland and all over the world.

Johnny, an All-Ireland senior hurling medal winner with Tipperary in 1950, was delighted that Micheál called to see him in the Templemore Arms Hotel and the two of them, along with Michael's wife Helena, Johnny's son Sean, nephew Paudie and local man Billy Loughnane, had a great chat about the game and the paths their lives have taken in the intervening sixty nine years.

Sport and life can sometimes intertwine in the most unusual of shared experiences and this was one such occasion.

It was a special day for both men who had devoted their lives to the promotion of GAA and their meeting coincided with an announcement that UNESCO had granted hurling special status. Both men were delighted to hear the news



A newspaper clipping of Johnny Everard in action in the 1949 Oireachtas final between Tipperary and Laois

that hurling would be recognised internationally as a unique game that would be protected and preserved.

Both men spoke about the game back in 1949 and how it has evolved into the fast and exciting modern day game and the changes that have happened. They spoke of the great Tipperary players and mentors of the day. Micheál was particularly interested in Tony Reddan, Tommy Doyle and Christy Ring. The Munster final of 1950 against Cork in Killarney was also recalled and the chaotic

scenes during the game as some of the fans tried to have the game abandoned. Jack Lynch's intervention prevented an almost certain pitch invasion while Tony Reddan had to be escorted from the field in disguise under the coat of Father O'Meara.

Micheál recalled the day of his first broadcast very well. The broadcast was in Irish and Micheál was a nineteen year old student in Saint Patrick's college in Dublin. Being a native Irish speaker with a keen interest in sport

I love meeting people like Johnny and enjoy talking about the games of the past

- (Micheál O Muircheartaigh)

he was ideally suited for the job. He had previously broadcast the Railway cup football game. As a Kerryman Gaelic football was very familiar to him but the hurling was less so. He especially remembered the amazing wrist work of Tommy Doyle and holds him in very high regard as one of Tipperary's most stylish hurlers. Tipperary were All Ireland hurling champions in 1949 and had comprehensively beaten Laois in that final. The Oireachtas final, played six weeks later was a chance for the Laois team to redeem their All Ireland display.

This they did and in a very even game they pushed Tipperary all the way but Tipperary inspired by a great display by Phil Shanahan at

centrefield emerged winners on a score line of 2-8 to 1-6. Tipperary lined out without the Borrisleigh players, as they were involved in the Tipperary hurling county final against Knockavilla Donaskeigh. Their absence afforded Templetuohy men Johnny and his brother Ned the opportunity to play with Tipperary.

Ned played at centre back while Johnny played his first game for Tipperary at corner forward. Johnny retained his place on the team and went on to win an All-Ireland medal in 1950 when Tipperary defeated Kilkenny in a close final. As Micheál continued on his way to Kerry and Johnny headed back to Templetuohy a 69 year connection was finally made.

For the record the Tipperary team that beat Laois 2-8 to 1-6 in the Oireachtas final in 1949 was as follows: Tony Reddan, Mickey Byrne, Pat Brennan, John Doyle, Pat Stakelum (Captain), Ned Everard, Tommy Doyle, Phil Shanahan, Seamus Bannon, Mick Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Jimmy Kennedy, J. Dwyer, E. Gorman, Johnny Everard.

Much loved broadcaster enjoyed his great adventure

When a nervous nineteen year old Micheál O Muireachtaigh arrived in Croke Park to do his first RTE hurling broadcast in 1949, three things stood out for him.

The name of a Laois player caught his eye - Paddy Ruschitzko, he was greeted with the utmost courtesy in the Tipperary dressing room by captain Pat Stakelum who introduced him to the players so he could familiarise himself with them for the task ahead and being in awe at the exemplary skills displayed by Tipperary and

Laois teams and in particular the sublime skills and wristwork of Tommy Doyle.

"When I went into the Tipperary dressing room before the game nobody had a clue who I was or what I wanted" he said.

He remembers the Oireachtas final as being a much more memorable game than the All-Ireland final played between the same teams a few weeks earlier.

"The crowds were huge, the Oireachtas final was a big event at the time." said Micheál.

He enjoyed the challenge and remembers being so

excited by the game and was thrilled to relay that to RTE listeners as Gaeilge.

EXTRAORDINARY CAREER

Little did he know that he would go on to have an extraordinary broadcasting career known and loved in every corner of the country and all over the world for his passionate and colourful observations on the action he was privileged to witness on the biggest stage of them all, Croke Park.

"The hurling was fast and fair, and I absolutely loved it all instantly, the wonderful thing about sport is once the

teams cross the line you never know what is going to happen and that excited me. It was a great adventure for me and I enjoyed every game" he said.

Micheál said he was honoured to be entrusted with the job of broadcasting and providing a commentary on the events before him to those who were unable to attend.

The genial Kerryman, the voice of Gaelic games for decades, said the friends he made through the GAA enriched his life.

He was privileged to have become good friends of some of the players he was

commenting on.

"Over the years I made good friends with the players, they were great company to be in. I remained very good friends with Paddy Ruschitzko who played in that first hurling game between Tipperary and Laois. I met him often after that day, he was a very good singer"

The Tipperary team of the 1958 to 1965 era was one of his favourite teams he had the pleasure of watching throughout his distinguished career.

"They were a fantastic team, such an array of skills"

he said.

Micheál said he enjoyed meeting Johnny Everard and said they both loved talking about the day back in 1949 which was so special for them both for different reasons.

"I love meeting people like Johnny and enjoy talking about the games in the past and meeting those involved. I knew little about hurling before that day in Croke Park in 1949 but it is a superior game to any other I have seen in this country or in any other country all over the world" he said.

Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society celebrates its 75th anniversary in style

Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society members celebrated 75 years of entertaining the people of their hometown and beyond at a gala dinner and by staging an exhibition of memorabilia from its past shows.

The Society's special anniversary dinner dance at the Carraig Hotel was attended by 120 people including many past stars of its musical theatre shows as well as some of its youngest singers and dancers.

Carrick Musical Society PRO Caolan Deehy-Power said it was a brilliant social night attended by a huge diversity of members past and present.

Presentations were made at the function to Michael Lonergan, Padraig Sheehan and Willie Allen, all long serving members, who recently stepped down from important roles in the Society

Mr Lonergan, who was the Society's corporate and patrons secretary for the past 10 years, was made an honorary vice-president of the Society at the dinner. Mr Sheehan was the Strand Theatre's manager for many years and Mr Allen ran the box off and did much behind

the scenes work such as lighting for shows. All three continue to be active members of the Society.

After the meal, the Musical Society's dinner guests danced the night away to music performed by the band Carouse and DJ Dermot Mansfield.

Apart from the dinner dance, the Society is marking the anniversary this month by staging an exhibition at Carrick-on-Suir Library of memorabilia from shows it has staged over the past 75 years.

The exhibition, put together by the Society's archivist Ann Lonergan, features photographs, programmes, posters, newspaper cuttings, costumes and props all representing the passion, creativity and hard work put in by Musical Society members for each production.

At its official opening, Society Chairman Ray Nolan spoke about the founding of the Society in 1943 by the Rev. James Hearty and of the many people who contributed to staging its 115 productions over the years. The exhibition continues at the Library until the end of January.



Pictured at the Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's celebratory 75th anniversary Christmas party in the Carraig Hotel were Eamonn Hogan, Barbara Hogan, Seamus Power (President of AIMS), Elizabeth Power, Michelle Stuart and Debbie Stuart-Cooney



Librarians Carol Delany and Eve Millett-Trimble, Leish Galvin, and Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society member Ann Lonergan



Enjoying Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's 75th anniversary dinner dance were Amy Meagher, Clíodhna Nagle, Ellen Foley and David O'Donovan



June O'Dwyer, Kitty O'Donnell and Vera Walsh members of the Carrick-on-Suir ICA Guild and Jackie Walsh and Eileen Drohan at the Musical Society 75th anniversary exhibition opening night



Pictured at Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's 75th anniversary dinner were David Sheehan, Fergus Power, Padraig Sheehan, Deeki Robinson and Adam Hunt



Tom O'Hanlon and John Nolan at the Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society 75th anniversary exhibition opening night in Carrick-on-Suir Library



Marian Grace, Ann Lonergan and Elizabeth Brennan at Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's 75th anniversary dinner dance in the Carraig Hotel



Librarians Carol Delany and Eve Millett-Trimble with a selection of props from past productions of Carrick Musical Society

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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GORTNAHOE/ GLENGOOLE

GREAT CROWDS AT BINGO

Great crowds attended the bingo in Gortnahoe Hall over the Christmas period. We had a bumper night for the Christmas bingo December 22. Many people home on holidays came with their families to commence the festive season.

Last Saturday night, December 29, again we had a huge crowd with lots of spot prizes and the usual prize money.

Bingo is a great social night out in the parish and it is great to see so many from the parish attending both young and old, and we would appreciate the continued local support for 2019.

Bingo continues each Saturday night, at 8:30 with over €1,650 in prize money plus jackpot and lucky line.

The Hall committee extends New Year's Greetings to all our patrons and thank everyone for their continued support.

BEREAVEMENT

The death occurred of Mrs. Ellie Kenny (nee Byrne), Boulick, Gortnahoe, on Sunday December 23, 2018.

Ellie is deeply regretted by her sons Richard, Michael and Con, daughters Bridget, Mary, Patricia and Aileen, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister Mary, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Ellie was reposing at Egans Funeral Home, Thurles on Christmas Day.

Removal was on St. Stephen's Day to The Sacred Heart Church, Gortnahoe for Requiem Mass, followed by burial in Boulick Cemetery.

May she rest in peace.

BALLINGARRY

THANKS TO ALL

Thanks for the wonderful work done to prepare our church for Christmas. Thanks to the sacristan, church cleaners, crib builders, Christmas tree decorators, those who prepared the outstanding floral décor and window dressing and of course the beautiful singing of our church choir, all of which enhanced and made our Christmas celebrations so special again this year.

BINGO

Ballingarry Community Centre Bingo is not until Tuesday night next, January 8.8.15pm in Ballingarry Community Centre. Over €1,500 in prize money. The Jackpot will be: €650.

LINKS SERVICE RESUMES

Local Links Tipperary bus service to Thurles. This ser-



Members of the Connolly families who took part in the Goal Mile in Fethard on Christmas morning.

vice should be back to normal from January 2 Contact 0761066140 with any queries.

BALLINGARRY PARISH JOURNAL 2018

Only a few copies are still available. This beautiful Journal is filled with events from the parish for 2018 and with many photographs from the past. Price only €12. It is a must read for everyone, either at home or away from home, especially at this time of year.

G.A.A. LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3-5-12-15. No outright winner.

€40 each: Nancy & Donal Dunne, Shangarry; Paddy & Catherine, Ballingarry; Marie O'Brien; Michael McGarry, Garrynoe; Hayes Family, Ballintaggart.

Our Next Jackpot: €19,400.

G.A.A. NEWS

Best of good wishes for a happy and fruitful year to our new senior manager, Nigel Cleere, his selectors and the senior team. Similar good wishes to all our teams both adult and juvenile for 2019. Happy new year to all players, managements, officers and supporters.

CHIROPODIST

A chiropodist will attend Millenium Family Resource Centre, Glengoole, Wednesday, January 9. Ring 052 9157992 to make an appointment.

MEALS RESUME

Meals on Wheels service, will resume on January 8.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Items for the Newsletter may be edited, curtailed or deferred. Newsletter deadline 8 pm Wednesday. e-mail all items to: ballingarrynewsletter@gmail.com

KILSHEELAN/ KILCASH

KILCASH CARD GAME

The first half of the card playing season in Kilcass concluded with a wonderful Party Night on Wednesday December 19.

One hundred people (17 tables) played on the night and the spoils were shared by five pairs on ten games, with many also going home with a decent prize from our Monster Raffle. We acknowledge and thank all our sponsors for their wonderful support as always.

The result of the Accumulator for the Christmas Hampers kindly sponsored by Kehoe's Bar saw a tie between two pairs: Walter and Maura Crowley and William Burke and Donal O'Connor on 29 games. Walter and Maura secured first prize on a play-off.

Congratulations and well done to all prize winners and sincere thanks to all loyal patrons of our Wednesday night game for their continuing great support.

The evening concluded with all enjoying the lovely cuppa and festive goodies provided by our ever hard-working committees.

After a one week break for Christmas, the Wednesday night game resumes on January 2, when we hope to usher in 2019 in style.

Best Wishes and Happy New Year to all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing all in our parish a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We thank 'The Nationalist' for publishing our news each week.

BALLYLOOBY/ DUHILL

DUHILL 45 DRIVE

The Duhill 45 Drive continues every Sunday night at

8.15pm sharp. Thanks for your continued support and a Happy New Year to everybody.

JUVENILE GAA CLUB CARD DRIVE

Ballylooby/Castlegrace Juvenile GAA Club 25 Drive continues every Monday night in Ballylooby Hall at 8.30.

YOGA

Yoga Classes resume on Monday next January 7 in Duhill Hall at 10am.

FUNDING RECEIVED

Duhill Community Council were recent recipients of "Go for Life Funding from the Age and Opportunity "Life is for Living" part funded under the National Grant Scheme for Physical Activity for Older People.

A six week Chair Yoga Class will commence on Monday January 7 at 11.45am, this class is open to male and female and places allocated on a first come first served basis. Initial payment on first week €18 for all six classes.

To book your places contact Maggie Moloney: 086-3846839.

Instructor: David Russell.

DUHILL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The Annual New Year's Party will take place in Duhill Hall on Sunday, January 13 at 1pm.

Contact Mary Moloney on 086-8502443 asap for those wishing to attend.

SOCIAL DANCING LESSONS

Social Dancing Lessons with Maurice O'Connell will resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 8pm after Duhill Mass.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of Vincent Ryan. Loughkent House, New Inn and late of Kilcoran House,

Ballylooby who passed away at his home last week.

Interment took place in New Inn Cemetery after his requiem mass in the Church of Our Lady Queen, New Inn on Saturday, December 29.

Sympathy is also extended to the wife and family, extended family, and relatives of Richard McCormack, Beech Park, Cahir and late of Kilcoran who died last weekend.

Interment took place in Ballylooby Cemetery after his requiem mass in St. Kieran's Church Ballylooby on Sunday December 30.

Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of Tom Lyons, Wexford and late of Kilcoran. Interment took place in Co. Wexford on Friday December 21.

May they rest in peace.

NEWCASTLE

RECENT DEATH

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mrs Peggy Byrne, Rathokelly, Newcastle which occurred at Melview Nursing Home Clonmel on Saturday, December 22, following a short illness.

Peggy was a most refined and gentle lady well known over a wide area for her gentle and loving personality. She worked on the land with her late husband Pascal and following his death she continued caring for the animals and her little dog.

Her social life with Pascal was the Sunday night trip to the Glenview Lounge in Goatenbridge where she met up with her many friends.

Peggy also became very much involved in Muintir na Tíre when it was set up in Newcastle and also always ready and willing to help out in any functions by Muintir during the years.

On Sunday evening her remains were removed from Condons funeral home Clonmel to Newcastle church where they were received and blessed by Rev Fr Desmond P.P. Fr Desmond celebrated mass on Monday morning.

Readings and taking up the gifts were undertaken by family Members. Eulogy was delivered by her friend Fr Michael Byrne PP.

Following mass burial took place in Mullogh Cemetery in the presence of a large number of mourners and sympathizer.

To her sister Joanie, nephews, nieces brother-in-law, sister-in-law and their relations.

SOLOGHEAD ACE OF HEARTS DRAW

Result of draw from 'The Hideout' on Sunday night, December 23.

Jackpot of €2800 not won/ increased to €2900 for

Monday December 31.

First prize €50 Marie Fitzgerald, Sologheadbeg (First name drawn).

4 x €25 spot prizes

David Russell Sologhead, Aoife Ahearne Raheen, Andreea O'Connell Bansha, Jack O'Brien c/o Oola Bingo.

Sellers prize, Phillip Doherty Jnr.

Other prizes: Hampers to Tommy Ryan (R), Liam Ryan (R) and Timmy O'Dwyer

€25 each to Niall Greensmyth Monard and Ml O'Brien c/o Oola Bingo.

As we are now starting out on our fifth year of the Draw which to date has proved a rock solid foundation in the Clubs Development, we want to thank everyone who continue to purchase tickets weekly, all our sellers, both of our venues the Hideout and Jimmy White's and everyone who helps out in any way each week in putting the draw together.

SOLOGHEADBEG CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

The Sologhead Parish Centenary Commemoration Committee of the Sologheadbeg Ambush will host a parish community meeting in Monard Hall this Friday, January 4, commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to brief the local community on the final plans and preparations for the event on Sunday, January 20.

The Mass of Remembrance takes place at 11.30 am and the formal event at the Monument from 12.30pm.

SYMPATHY

On Sunday December 23, one of Sologhead's oldest citizens Mrs Kathleen Ryan (nee Meagher) of Sologhead Cross Monard passed away whilst in her 95th year.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her son Davie and daughter Margaret, grandchildren Kevin, Paul, David, Jamie, Karen, Colm, Orla and Niall, great - grandchildren Kate, Isabella, Amelia and Bodhi, brother, sisters, son-in-law Seamus and daughter-in-law Marian, other relatives, neighbours and her many friends throughout Sologhead and beyond.

Following requiem mass in St Nicholas Church Sologhead, Kathleen was laid to rest in adjoining cemetery on Thursday December 27.

THANK YOU

The parishioners of Sologhead and Oola would like to say a big thank you to Fr John Morris for the many acts of kindness and support he has shown throughout the year in always being there and available, be it in times of joy or sadness, and want to wish him good health and happiness in 2019.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

POWERSTOWN/LISRONAGH

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday is the first Friday of the month.

Mass in Powerstown on Friday at 10am.

Mass in Lisronagh on Thursday at 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian

community Alex James Walsh who was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday last and congratulate his parents, Conor and Grace.

We also welcome into the Christian community Orla Ailis and Cillian James Roche who were baptised in Powerstown on Sunday and congratulate their parents, Padraic and Sarah.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas collection for the priests of parish and diocese.

We wish all our parishioners and friends a very happy, healthy and trouble free new year.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends of Sr. Therese Farrell, Clonmel and Dublin, who died last week.

RATHKEEVIN CARDS

Winners of the weekly card game held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 were

Michael Prendergast and Margaret Quinlan on 11 games.

Dick Lonergan and John O'Connor; Paddy Freaney and David Blissett; All on 10 games.

Table Prizes on the 19th and 20th games went to Michael Power and Jimmy Looby with Paddy Kennedy and Kate Hallinan.

Cards again on Thursday January 3, 2019.

Beginners or seasoned card players are welcome to our well run card game.

Partners are available if required.

MONROE CARDS

Results from Tuesday, December 18, 2018

41 players, 1st on 13 games Anne Dowling and Mary Ann Healy, 2nd on 11 games, divided, Seamus Maher and Margaret Fallon, Alice Quinn and Vincent Commins. Table Prizes Chas Keane and Sean Condon, William Burke and Tom Flood. Monroe Cards wish all our players a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We were back at it again on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Hope to see you all soon at Monroe cards in 2019.

DRAW THE JOKER

Draw Results from the Moyle Rovers GAA Club Draw



Fr Iggy O'Donovan OSA photographed with students from Patrician Presentation Secondary School Fethard, who helped design this year's Christmas crib in the Augustinian Abbey. Also included are principal Pat Coffey, along with teachers Ian O'Connor and Billy Walsh

the Joker on Sunday, December 23 were: Tommy, Conor Óg, Eve Ryan, Kilmore, €100. Padraic Kelly, Ballyvaughan, €50; Mary O'Donnell, Knockagh, €50; Hanna McMahon, Rathronan, €25.

This week's Jackpot €14,400. Draw will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Best wishes for the New Year to all our Promoters and many thanks for your support in 2018.

NEW INN

KNOCKGRAFFON CARDS

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the players good health and good luck in the New Year. Cards resume tonight Wednesday, January 2 at 8.30pm.

PARISH LINKS

The Senior Citizens Christmas party will be held this year in New Inn Community Centre this Sunday January 6, starting at 12.30pm. This promises to be a great day.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Sincere thanks to the following parish council members who will be retiring, most of whom have completed two terms of office and therefore aren't eligible this time around for re-election: Emma O'Connor (Chairperson), Eileen Halley, Geraldine Cooney, Margaret Butler, Denise Moloney, Donal O'Dwyer and Kevin Moore.

Many thanks for the Trojan work completed during their term of service. Elections to nominate re-

placements will take place immediately. Voting slips will be available during the next two weekends' masses. Parishioners 18 years and older are eligible to vote. One may nominate any adult from any side of the Parish.

Votes will be counted after 11am Mass on Sunday, January 13.

LAGGANSTOWN CHRISTMAS BLESSING

A very big heartfelt "thank you" goes out to everyone for showing up in great numbers at the Lagganstown Christmas Blessing on Sunday, 23 December despite the rain. Prayer, laughter, words of appreciation and gratitude, fantastic generosity with donations of non-perishables to worthy local charity, Cuan Saor in Clonmel.

Children's eyes filled with awe and wonder and lots more - all to celebrate 'A birthday' Very well done to all.

ROCKWELL ROVERS AGM

The Senior Club AGM is on Sunday, January 13 at 7pm in the club house. All nomination papers to be returned to Runai on Saturday, January 12 by 6pm. Nomination papers will be available in The Shop, New Inn and in the pubs from this week on. All members are requested to attend.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY ANNUAL ROCKWELL ROVERS SCHOOL'S CHARITY FUN WALK/RUN

Thanks to club members who helped with registration, stewarding and tea/coffee afterwards. There was a great attendance and well done to

all involved.

LOTTO

Saturday, December 29 results from Ollie's Bar. The numbers drawn were 12, 15, 28, 31. There was no outright winner(s).

Lucky Dips x 4: (Blue & White) Colm Quinn, Sean & Mary O'Donnell, Christy Peters, Richard and Dan will be entered into a draw for €500 on Saturday, January 5.

Sellers x 4: Tommy Flynn, Wally O'Donnell, Phil Ryan and MF Barron to be entered into a draw for €100 on Saturday, January 5.

Next week's Jackpot is €5,600 and the draw will take place in The Rovers Inn on Saturday, January 5.

Best of luck everyone!

NEW INN / ROSEGREEN BASKETBALL CLUB

The club are holding their annual fundraising table quiz Barron's Pub, New Inn on Friday, January 25 at 8.30pm. €30 for table of four. All are welcome especially the support of parents and local clubs would be very much appreciated as this will be our main fundraiser for the year.

For further information or to book a table please call 087 1270730.

Coaching continues each Tuesday night in Rockwell College Sports Hall. 7-10 years old from 7-8pm, 10 years up from 8-9pm.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the following families:

To Clare Ryan and family, Loughkent House, New Inn on the passing of her husband Vincent.;

To Morgan and Una Sheehy and family, Boytonrath on the passing of Morgan's mother Ann (Nan) Sheehy (nee Keohane), Lackenduff South, Clonakilty, Cork;

To Michael & Audrey Moloney and family, Outrath on the passing of Audrey's father Frank O'Donoghue, Ard na Gréine, Clonmel.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families at this sad time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílse.

CLOGHEEN

SOCIAL DANCING WITH FRAN AND MURIEL

Our next Social Dancing in St Paul's Clogheen will be on this Saturday, January 5 with the fabulous Fran Curry and Muriel O'Connor. Dancing from 9pm to 12 midnight, free raffle and refreshments. Admission €10. A great night's dancing guaranteed.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Geoffrey McNamara, Clonmel and Clogheen who passed away peacefully recently. Geoffrey is survived by his wife Lily, sons, daughters, sisters Elsie Beston, Phil O'Brien and Betty Fleming, brother Tony and all his extended family.

Burial took place in St Patricks Cemetery, Clonmel. May he rest in peace.

DRANGAN

WHIST DRIVES

The first Whist Drive of 2019 will be held on Monday, January 7.

PARISH LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner on Tuesday, December 18 when the numbers were 5, 7, 13 and 14.

The five match 3 winners were Gabriel Needham, Bernie Holohan Ballinard, Mark and Damian McCormack Kilkennybeg, Ita Horan Knockuragh and Philly O'Connor, The Archway, Drangan who won €20 each. Jackpot will be €12,400 for our next draw.

PROGRESSIVE 25

Winners on Thursday, December 20 were: Lory Byrne and Joseph Meagher;

Kitty Hanley and Marie Cuddihy.

Winners on Thursday, December 27 were Bernie Myles & Alice Quinn; Joan Boland and Jimmy Gleeson; Kitty Brett and John StJohn; Chas Keane and Seamus Moloney; Kitty Hanley & Marie Cuddihy.

Jackpot Winner for December was Kitty Brett.

New players are always welcome to our 25 games on Thursday nights.

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Club took place in December in the Clubhouse in Cloneen.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman all gave their detailed reports on the year just gone and thanked everyone for all their work during the year.

The Chairman informed us that work on the hurling wall has started and the wall itself should be up in time for the new season next year. On the night the following positions were filled:

Presidents Jimmy Gleeson, Alan Britton and Frank Britton.

Vice President: Jim McGrath.

Chairman: Jimmy O'Brien Vice-Chairman: Eugene McCormack

Secretary: Catherine Mockler

Assistant Secretary: Mark Fitzgerald

Treasurer: Colm Duggan

Assistant Treasurer: Eamon Murphy

PRO: Patrick Moroney

Registrar: Michael Broderick

Junior Manager: Michael O'Mahoney

U21 Management: Michael Broderick, Colm Duggan, James Ryan

Minor Management: Jimmy O'Brien, Eamon Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S GAA LOTTO

Lotto Results 18/12/2018 Numbers Drawn 1, 11, 26, 29. No winner and no match 3 winners. 5 lucky dip prizes of €20. Keith Browne Cloneen, Chloe Boland Drangan, Ellen St. John Moonverrin, Jim Dunne Moonverrin, Eugene McCormack, Magoury.

Second Chance Lotto for €1,000. Numbers drawn 13, 18, 23, 26. No winners.

Five Christmas Hampers: Claire O'Brien, Guesthouse Drangan, Ellen Hogan Peafield, Peggy Burke & Jeremiah Kiely Cloneen, Brian O'Halloran Drangan, Sally Duggan Drangan.

Thank you all for supporting our local lotto over the year and on behalf of St. Patricks GAA we wish you all a very happy 2019.

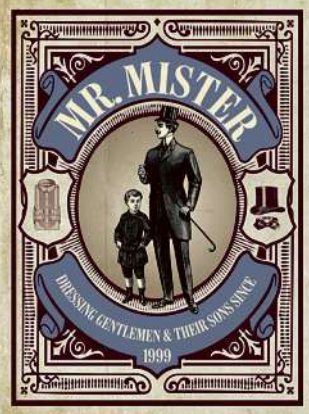
Another draw took place on Wednesday, January 2. Details in next issue.

Thanks for your continued support.

All are welcome to attend the Lotto Draw in the clubrooms at Anner Park at 9 pm.

We are very grateful to Paul O'Halloran of O'Hallorans Gala Shop, Drangan and also to Matt Murphy of Slievenamon Meats, Drangan who have both kindly sponsored the printing of our tickets.

We sincerely thank everyone who plays our lotto as it finances the running and development of our clubs.



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