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## Funding for autism classrooms 'absolutely fantastic news'

Funding has been approved  
for two new Autism Spec-  
trum Disorder (ASD)  
classrooms in County Tip-  
perary.

The funding for two  
classrooms at Clerihan Na-  
tional School is a significant  
development for children  
with autism in the area.

The welcomed news has  
been praised by local Inde-  
pendent TD Mattie McGrath  
and Fine Gael's Cllr Michael  
Murphy, who were involved  
in the process of securing the  
funding.

Speaking after what he de-  
scribed as a period of intense  
collaboration and hard work  
with Clerihan National  
School principal Pdraig  
Fahey, parents of ASD chil-  
dren and local special educa-  
tion needs officer Belinda  
Fitzgerald, Deputy McGrath  
told South Tipp Today: "This  
is absolutely fantastic news  
for the families and all in-  
volved in this lengthy but ul-  
timately successful campaign  
to secure educational access  
for the children involved."

Deputy McGrath had been  
focal in raising the issue of a  
lack of ASD places for young  
children in the Clonmel town  
area in Dáil Éireann. "I met  
with a group of parents and  
the local special education

needs officer Belinda  
Fitzgerald to try and progress  
this matter back in early  
December, following which I  
met with Clerihan National  
School principal Pdraig  
Fahey where we discussed  
the plans for a new unit and  
the urgent need for funding.

"I brought this matter to  
the Minister for Education in  
mid-December and I am de-  
lighted that funding was ap-  
proved for the unit in early  
January. Without these two  
classes, a number of children  
with ASD in the Clonmel area  
were without a school place  
for this coming September."

Deputy McGrath paid  
tribute to those who worked  
tirelessly over the last two

years, including Cllr Michael  
Murphy, to develop new spe-  
cial needs education classes  
in the Clonmel area.

"Unfortunately due to ca-  
pacity issues at a number of  
the schools in the Clonmel  
town area, it had been  
proving very difficult to se-  
cure the provision of new  
classes, so this development  
in Clerihan is a welcomed one  
indeed. I wish all of the par-  
ents, students and staff the  
very best as the new unit aims  
to open for September 2019,"  
he added.

Cllr Michael Murphy also  
welcomed the "excellent  
news". He told South Tipp  
Today: "I thank principal  
Pdraig Fahey, with whom I

worked closely on this pro-  
ject, along with the staff and  
board of management at  
Clerihan National School for  
deciding to proceed with the  
provision of two ASD classes  
at the school. It's also im-  
portant to acknowledge the  
role of Belinda Fitzgerald,  
who worked tirelessly on this  
application.

"This is excellent news for  
the families and all involved,  
given the capacity issues in  
and around the Clonmel area  
that have existed for some  
time. I will continue to work  
closely with the principal so  
that these classrooms can be  
delivered at the earliest op-  
portunity."



Loreto Clonmel footballers Kelly Anne Hogan, Ciara Ryan, Niamh Martin, Ciara Corbett, Ava Fennessy and Orla Winston. The Clonmel school team will be trying to retain their Munster Senior A Post-Primary Schools Ladies Football title when they play St. John The Baptist School, Hospital, Co. Limerick, in the final in Bansha at 12 noon this Thursday, January 17. Photo: John D. Kelly

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# Politicians told to lobby for more Carrick gardaí

**An anti-drugs crime community group has written a letter to politicians calling for more garda resources for Carrick-on-Suir and highlighting how open drug dealing has resumed in the town because the garda presence has been reduced.**

The Carrick-on-Suir Drugs and Aftercare Group has sent the letter by email to TDs and councillors as well as candidates for the local, general and European elections.

Eddie Reade, who founded the group last October after organising two public meetings last October, said the

group feels that garda resources and visibility must be vastly improved in Carrick-on-Suir.

He said in the immediate days and weeks following their first public meeting, there was an obvious presence of gardaí around the town leading to dealers being less obvious. But garda numbers have now reverted back to the pre-October level.

The group's letter states that little or nothing has changed in Carrick-on-Suir despite the fact they publicly highlighted the drug dealing issues in their town and an initial influx of Gardaí. It tells politicians and candidates that open drug dealing has

started in the town again.

"We are once again calling on those charged with protecting our communities, to step up to the plate.

"If the resources are not there, we ask you to seek more recruits as a matter of urgency.

"The lack of a visible security presence on our streets has a direct impact on the actions of these dealers.

The town as a whole knows exactly who is dealing in our community, a fact proven by the way everybody talks openly about certain areas and queues lining up to buy their poisons."

The letter continues: "We understand fully the onus is

on the people of the town to help make our community safer and as such should cease treating these death dealers as a functioning part of society.

"The only way that this can be done is an united community, unafraid to stand up and let their voices be heard.

"We implore those in charge of manpower in our jurisdiction to step up to the plate and help us take our town back. We realise wholeheartedly that our town is no worse than any other in the country, but that does nothing to ease the pain of parents that have lost children at their own hands, or parents faced with paying out

their life savings over debts," the letter concludes.

The Carrick-on-Suir Drugs and Aftercare Group decided to send the letter at a meeting of its committee and members last Thursday, January 10.

The letter's complaints about the loss of garda resources and resumption of open drug dealing in the town echo testimony given by Maureen Walsh of the Suir Valley Community Based Drug Initiative and Cllr Kieran Bourke at a meeting of the Tipperary Division Joint Policing Committee in Carrick-on-Suir last month.

Cllr Bourke told that meeting he could hear from

his constituency office the whistle signal for the drug dealers who operate from Stable Lane behind the Town Hall.

The JPC meeting, attended by Tipperary Garda Division Chief Supt. Catherine Kehoe, heard that the increased garda resources deployed to Carrick-on-Suir last October were withdrawn because they weren't sustainable.

Chief Supt. Kehoe said the Tipperary Division had not been getting the same resources as other Garda divisions in the South East and she was happy for the JPC to raise the issue at national level.

# 115 new jobs created in Tipperary by Enterprise Ireland

Some 115 new jobs were created in Tipperary last year during a record year for Enterprise Ireland, Tipperary Fine Gael general election

candidate Mary Newman Julian has said.

Mary Newman Julian said the 2% increase is excellent news for the local economy.

"These record results are a great achievement and a testament to the resilience of Irish companies in the context of Brexit as well as our local economy here in Tip-

perary. They are particularly welcome in the context of similarly strong results from IDA-supported companies in 2018," she told South Tipp Today.

"Fine Gael in government is committed to rural Ireland, with almost two thirds of the new jobs created outside of Dublin and all regions recorded increases in employ-

ment." Lifesciences (+8%), construction (+8%), electronics (+7%), primary meats (+5%) and food (+3%) were the key performing sectors.

# €20,290 granted to men's sheds in County Tipperary

€20,290 in government funding has been granted to men's sheds in Tipperary,

welcomed Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn.

Ahearn has welcomed the funding announcement by the Minister for Rural and

Community Development Michael Ring, which will benefit 10 men's sheds in Tip-



Garret Ahearn has confirmed funding for Tipperary men's sheds

perary.

"It is really positive to see the Government supporting the The Irish Men's Sheds As-

sociation, which does fantastic work. I have seen first-hand the positive impact of their activities here in Tipperary," Ahearn told South Tipp Today.

"These groups will receive €20,290 in funding to update and improve their facilities. For example, my local group in Clonmel is to receive €1,500 for a wood burning stove.

"Men's sheds are a great outlet for men in Tipperary to connect with each other in their locality, to share their skills and to work together on community projects.

"Not only is this good for the health and well-being of the men themselves, but it's also of great benefit to the wider community."

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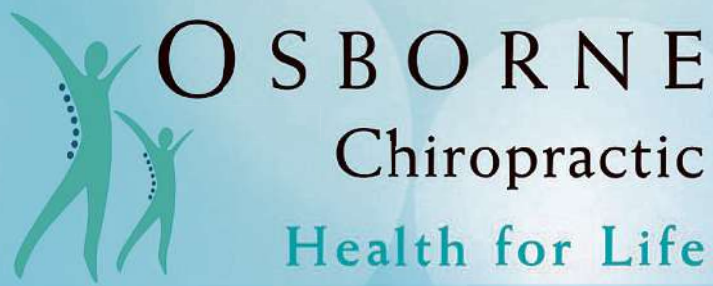
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# Work on Kickham Barracks plaza to start this year

Work on the new civic plaza at the former Kickham Army Barracks site in Clonmel is expected to start in the middle of this year.

District manager Sinead Carr told a meeting of Clonmel Borough District Council that she expected the OPW to shortly sign the contracts for the new Garda station on the site.

However it would probably be 2020-21 before work started on the construction of the new station.

She said that a significant portion of the plaza would be built before then and would be completed once the Garda station was developed.

Funding of almost €2.9 million was recently announced for the provision of the new civic plaza and the establishment of an international-standard sports hub on the Limerick IT grounds on the northern side of Clonmel.

Ms Carr said that a report had been commissioned for Clonmel in 2013, identifying the town as a potential hub. All the projects undertaken since then referred to that report and these projects - including the redevelopment of Kickham barracks, the Suir Island Masterplan, the slalom kayaking course on the Suir and the future redevelopment of O'Connell St/ Gladstone St/ Irishtown - were intrinsically linked.

The manager appealed to the business community in Clonmel to engage with the BIDS process, under the Urban Regeneration Devel-

opment Funds, to secure further funding (which is expected to be announced in February) and "help turn the town around".

She also thanked the council members and staff for their work on the project.

Tipperary County Council purchased the 11-acre site - which straddles Dillon Street, The Mall and Davis Road in Clonmel - after the former Kickham army barracks was vacated by the Department of Defence in March 2012.

The county council has responsibility for the delivery of open spaces and public shared space and utilities, including the construction of a plaza. It also has responsibility for overall project management of land ownership, master planning, site clearance and preparation.

The Tipperary Education and Training Board (ETB) has plans to consolidate and deliver a purpose-built campus at Kickham Barracks.

Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT), which provides a number of business and speciality multimedia courses, proposes to develop a new campus within the site and provide more accommodation and room for the expansion of its multimedia courses.

The county council, in partnership with LIT, previously engaged consultants Deloitte to develop a financial planning model most appropriate to the Kickham Barracks proposal. This would allow the necessary funds for the development of the entire site to be raised and repaid.



Clonmel's Sarah Ryan was conferred with a Bachelor of Laws honours degree at a ceremony in Waterford Institute of Technology

## Family-friendly spaces a possibility in Clonmel

It might be possible to provide family-friendly car parking spaces in Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel, district manager Sinead Carr stated at a meeting of Clonmel Borough District Council.

District Mayor Richie Molloy had requested that the council would provide an autism-friendly parking space in that area. He said this would be of great assistance to parents of children with autism using the various facilities in Mick Delahunty Square. These included the swimming pool, library, post office and council offices.

Mayor Molloy said that two such spaces had recently been provided at the car park at The Showgrounds Shopping Centre in Clonmel, and were a welcome addition.

The Mayor suggested that district engineer Eamon Lonergan would meet with the Autism Support Group and see if it was feasible.

However, district manager Sinead Carr said they needed to be careful, as they might have people with other conditions and ailments also looking for parking spaces.

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE GREATEST IN TIPPERARY

## Tipperary's All Time Greats - 16 selected nominations to be announced next week

Since its launch a few weeks ago, the search for Tipperary's All Time Great has certainly been generating some conversation with suggestions coming in from near and far.

Now the nominations are in and the shortlisting is underway as our sister titles, The Nationalist and Tipperary Star, prepare to find out who readers believe is Tipperary's All Time Great.

"We have certainly cast the net very wide," The Nationalist editor Michael Heverin and Tipperary Star editor Anne O'Grady said.

"There are generations of people who have contributed greatly to local life in this county and this recognises their work.

"We have also received a few controversial nominations, so it will be really interesting to see how people react to that."

The search drew people from all sections of the community: business, charity, sport, entertainment, politics and historical. Details of the final 16 will appear on [www.TipperaryLive.ie](http://www.TipperaryLive.ie) and in The Nationalist and Tipperary Star print editions on



Michael Kinane

Wednesday, January 23.

Once we have unveiled the final shortlist, we will launch our series of polls, pitting our nominees head-to-head to make it to the quarter-final, the semi-final and eventually the final in the coming weeks.

Could we see Frank Patterson doing battle with The Two Johnnies? Who knows!

Will we see the likes of Michael Kinane (pictured) Nicky English, Adi Roche and the Clancy Brothers nominated?

All will be revealed as the competitions heats up. It's the ultimate quest for Tipperary's All Time Great and you, the reader, will decide who is worthy of this prestigious accolade.

# Street cleaning cut by a day in Carrick-on-Suir

Tipperary County Council has stopped street sweeping in Carrick-on-Suir town centre on Saturdays since the New Year in a bid to save money.

The Council's cost cutting measure was criticised by Carrick-on-Suir's two county

councillors at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's latest monthly meeting.

Fianna Fail's Cllr Kieran Bourke said he understood the economic pressures the Council was under but he was disappointed about the cancellation of street cleaning on

Saturdays.

He asked Council management to release details on what savings the cutback would deliver and called for the decision to be reversed if it was found that the streets need to be cleaned on Saturdays.

Sinn Féin's Cllr David Dunne said he was not happy at all with the reduced street cleaning service. He predicted the savings would be a "pittance".

Carrick Municipal District's engineer Willie Corby told South Tipp Today the

Council was trying to see if it can manage with street sweeping in Carrick-on-Suir only on Sundays between 8am and 11am to save money.

He said it was extra costly to carry out street sweeping at the weekends as the Council had to pay staff over-

time. Other cost pressure include increased fuel costs and hiring skips for street waste, which were expensive. Mr Corby said he was operating under a very tight budget for street cleaning at the moment but he plans to lobby for the budget to be increased.

Local radio station Tipp FM has been sold to Radio Kerry.

Tipp FM has its head office in Clonmel with an additional studio in Nenagh. It employs 22 full-time and 15 part-time staff.

Following its initial broadcast licence in 1989, it was granted a licence in 2003 to

cover the whole of the county and this year has been the recipient of a Media Innovation Award for the second year in a row.

The board of Radio Kerry approved an offer to the

shareholders of Clare Community Radio Holdings Ltd to purchase the entire share capital of the company, Clare FM and controlling interest in Tipp FM.

The board of Clare FM is

recommending acceptance of the offer to their shareholders. Both offers are subject to shareholder and regulatory approval in early 2019.

Managing director of

Clare FM and Tipp FM Liam O'Shea said: "The counties share the same pride of place, love of sports, music and culture. The reality of the modern media environment is that in order to secure their

business future, I strongly believe that radio stations must consider shared costs and consolidation with other similar companies."

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# Catherine stays on to keep post office open

**A rural Tipperary postmistress has said she wouldn't have been comfortable in retirement if it meant the closure of the the local post office.**

Newcastle post office will now remain open after postmistress Catherine McCarra withdrew her redundancy package to ensure that her beloved village wouldn't be left without such a vital service.

Despite not being in the best of health last year - the only reason she wanted to opt out of the business - Catherine has now decided to put the community first.

"I am staying on in the interest of the community and to help keep rural Ireland alive," says Catherine who will have total family support as she remains on in business.

"We have had a post office in Newcastle for 120 years and I didn't want to be the person to turn the key on it for the last time.

"I turned down the redundancy package because we had to keep the office open. I certainly wouldn't have been comfortable in my retirement if it had closed."

Catherine has been running the post office for 43 years as a family enterprise.

"It has always been about service to the community and I want to continue that.

"A post office is a very important part of any community and I am fearful for rural Ireland if it continues to lose such services," she says.

Catherine says she has received a hugely positive response from the Newcastle community to keep the office open and she is very thankful for that.

But now the community must become engaged in fighting to retain all such vital services.

"Newcastle is a great village and we have every service we need and I think we deserve some recognition for the work we are doing to keep the community alive," she re-

marks.

Local TD Mattie McGrath has praised the 'spirited response' of Mrs McCarra to remain in business and ensure the post office's survival.

It has been due to close on January 31 after which Ardfinnan would have been the nearest post office for local people.

The independent TD also paid tribute to the work of the Newcastle Save Our Post Office Committee and added that the decision to keep the office open marks an important need for the wider community to get behind the post office and to embrace a real and meaningful 'use it or lose it' approach.

He added: "We have shown in this instance that when a community comes together to protect its services, great results can follow.

"We can all celebrate this marvellous news as a significant step in our efforts to rejuvenate and revive our community."



Newcastle postmistress Catherine McCarra has withdrawn her application for redundancy to ensure that the post office in the village remains open

# Tipperary County Council to survey Rosegreen traffic

Tipperary County Council is to carry out a traffic speed survey in Rosegreen this month to establish if more traffic calming measures are needed in the village.

The Council's plan to con-

duct the week-long survey was announced at the monthly meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in response to a motion about the problem of speeding traffic in Rosegreen tabled by

District chairperson Cllr Louise McLoughlin.

The Fine Gael councillor's motion called for the speed survey to be conducted urgently.

Cllr McLoughlin told

South Tipp Today a high volume of traffic passed through Rosegreen daily and a 50km flashing speed sign and pedestrian crossing were installed to slow down vehicles. But once past the

flashing sign, traffic tended to pick up speed again and local residents have particular safety concerns about traffic speeds at the primary school.

She said if the survey finds a lot of traffic is travelling too

fast in the village, the date will enable the Council to apply for government funding to put in place more significant traffic calming measures.

# Streets of Clonmel town centre earmarked for redesign

A contract for the urban design strategy for Clonmel town centre thoroughfares of O'Connell Street, Gladstone Street and Irishtown is expected to be awarded in the first quarter of this year.

In a report to the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District Council, district administrator Anthony Coleman said that tenders for a multi-disciplinary design team were being assessed.

Traffic surveys had been completed while topographical surveys (relating to the arrangement or accurate representation of the physical features of an area) commenced in December.

Funding had also been applied for under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said that this project seemed to be taking forever. They had

started talking about in in 2016 and he was concerned about the lack of progress. They had discussed this long before the launch of BIDS (Business Improvement District Schemes), but he said it now appeared that the urban design strategy was being linked with BIDS. Cllr. Murphy hoped they could drive on with the project.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said that a change of staff in

the council had "held up the whole thing". She welcomed the news that tenders were being assessed and said it was important that Irishtown would also be included.

District manager Sinead Carr said improvement works had been completed in Parnell Street, as part of the Clonmel urban design strategy, and they had always stated that O'Connell Street, Glasdstone Street and Ir-

ishtown would be next. An amount of survey work had to be completed. "These things take time," said Ms. Carr.

They only had so many staff, but the staff had done superb work on the project. She said it was a key priority for the council and wasn't being ignored. The district manager said that back in 2013, a report had been commissioned for Clonmel, identifying the town as a po-

tential hub.

All the projects undertaken since then referred to that report and these projects - including the redevelopment of Kickham barracks, the Suir Island Masterplan, the slalom kayaking course on the Suir and the future redevelopment of O'Connell Street/Gladstone Street/Irishtown - were intrinsically linked.

# Pedestrian crossing 'not ideal' near Clonmel cemetery

**A pedestrian crossing on the Waterford Road in Clonmel, near St. Patrick's Cemetery, wouldn't be ideal and wasn't to be recommended.**

That was the response of district engineer Eamon Lonergan to a request made by Cllr. Michael Murphy for such a crossing.

Speaking at a meeting of Clonmel Borough District

Council, Cllr. Murphy said that many elderly people visiting the western part of the cemetery were using the car park adjacent to Mulcahy Park.

However, crossing the road was a particularly dangerous challenge for many of them, including those with significant mobility issues.

As someone who used this car park when bringing his

mother to the cemetery, Cllr. Murphy said the use of the car park adjacent to Mulcahy Park had increased since vehicles were banned from entering the graveyard.

There was a 50 kph speed limit on the road but it wasn't always observed.

Cllr. Murphy asked if it was still possible to access the disabled parking spaces inside the front gate.

His request for a crossing was supported by District Mayor Richie Molloy and Cllr. Pat English, who stated that many elderly people visited the older graves in this area.

Eamon Lonergan recommended that all motorists - especially those whose mobility was restricted - would use the new purpose-built car park near St. Patrick's Road, which had better ac-

cess to the cemetery, with disabled parking bays and slopes for wheelchairs.

He said the distance from Mulcahy Park car park to the south western part of the graveyard was only 30 metres longer than the distance from the new car park. The distances to all other western parts of the cemetery were actually shorter from the new car park than from Mulcahy Park.

The Waterford Road, meanwhile, was always busy.

District manager Sinead Carr said that pedestrian crossings worked well in the town but traffic travelled more slowly there. There was a difficulty providing crossings where traffic was travelling at speed.

She said they would have a look at the disabled parking bays that were inside the cemetery near the main gate.





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# Wedding bells for Anthony after beating cancer

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**A young Clonmel man is planning on walking down the aisle after beating cancer.**

Anthony Hewitt overcame testicular cancer last year, and is now using the experience to raise awareness and break the stigma that surrounds men's health.

Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Centre manager Anthony was "just having a scratch" when he discovered a pea sized lump on his right testicle last April. After checking in with his doctor, he was referred to South Tipperary General Hospital for an ultrasound and was inevitably diagnosed with testicular cancer.

Recalling the "frightening" diagnosis, Anthony tells South Tipp Today: "I would be quite strong-minded, but it was tough when I heard those words. The doctor said my life was going to change and I didn't know how to react. My girlfriend, Eimear Howley, was sitting in the waiting room. I had to go for a chest x-ray in another room, just to see if it had spread, and had to pass by her on the way. I thought I felt perfectly fine, but she said I looked like a ghost and

that was when it hit me.

"The emotions really started once I was told that surgery was needed. I was very upset for the rest of that day, so we went for a walk out by Bulmers to try and relax. I had planned on proposing to Eimear before I found the lump. At such a young age, I didn't know what to expect from the cancer."

Within two weeks, Anthony went for an operation to remove his right testicle.

He feels "lucky" to have caught the cancer early, sparing him from gruelling treatment.

"I had blood tests and a pre-op done on a Tuesday and the testicle was removed the next day down in the Mercy University Hospital in Cork. I was so early finding it that I didn't have to do any treatment, but I didn't find that out for about three months because I was waiting to do a CAT scan at the end of summer. All I have to do now is have a CAT scan and blood tests every three months for the next five years," 29-year-old Anthony continues.

Not knowing what was facing him, Anthony returned to Plan Proposal and got down on one knee over the summer. He says Eimear was a "rock of support" throughout his fight with

cancer, and they are now planning on walking down the aisle in 2020.

"Eimear was unbelievable. I would have cracked up without her. I had these moments where I thought I was going to die and she would come along and make things better. I was bed-bound after the operation and without her I wouldn't have got through it," he smiles.

Anthony also praises family and friends for supporting him along the way. "I was very open about it from the start with my friends and started the slagging myself. I got through it by being very blunt with them and making puns like 'check your balls lads'. But I still don't think any of them would have checked them when they went home. There's a stigma around men's health!

"When I posted on Facebook that I had cancer, the amount of friends that contacted me and said they had it before was crazy. They had been through it, but never had gone public with it, and wanted to help me."

Anthony feels speaking out about his journey with cancer could save someone's life. Testicular cancer is quite rare, but it is the most common cancer found in young men aged between 15



Clonmel couple Anthony Hewitt and Eimear Howley are planning on getting married in 2020

and 34. One hundred and seventy-six men are diagnosed with testicular cancer in Ireland every year, with the number growing in recent years.

Anthony encourages men to get familiar with what their testicles feel like and to get any abnormalities checked out. "I remember reading about another man who had testicular cancer, but I never

thought for a minute it would happen to me because I'm Irish and nothing happens to us. We are no longer afraid to use the word cancer in my house.

"I'm one of the lucky ones that caught it early, but others aren't as lucky. By openly talking about it, you could save someone's life. It is the most curable cancer, but it can travel up the body and

you might have to do treatment for two or three years.

"If you put your health first, you will be fine. It's nothing to be afraid of! I was back playing soccer eight weeks after the operation and was back to work within two weeks. Don't be afraid to check your balls in the shower or in bed. Spending 10 seconds a month checking yourself can stop this disease from spreading," he adds.

# Fethard men save lives in Florida and New York

**Two Fethard men displayed courage and skill when they were involved in saving lives in the United States over the New Year.**

In the first separate incident, a woman was saved by Paul Fogarty-Brown and his husband Karlton Brown when she started choking at a steakhouse in Florida. The second incident was an attempted suicide in New York City, which was averted by the prompt action of passerby Gerry Nevin.

Paul Fogarty-Brown (34), the son of Frank and Una Fogarty, and his husband Karlton Brown (39) were celebrating a friend's birthday on New Year's Day when they heard commotion at a table nearby when a woman began choking during dinner. CPR certified Paul and Karlton said the woman, who looked to be in her 60s, lost consciousness as the couple approached.

Karlton and Paul were the only customers out of dozens who knew CPR, so they put the woman on the floor and performed CPR on her for at least 12 minutes.

"She lost consciousness and then her pulse and her heart stopped. She was completely purple - her forehead, her eyes, her lips," Paul tells South Tipp Today.

"When I did the last major thrust, the steak dislodged," Karlton says. "As soon as we got the steak dislodged and she took that huge gasp of air, Paul felt her pulse come

back."

The couple continued administering aid until emergency responders arrived. They say the woman was rushed to hospital and is doing well now. She messaged the couple afterwards, thanking them for saving her life and hailing them as her saviours.

Karlton, who is a volunteer



Gerry Nevin, formerly from St. Patrick's Place and Ballintemple, Fethard, now lives in New York with his partner Sylvia

firefighter, has to go through CPR training every two years. But both say they like to attend basic life support training in order to be ready for any emergency.

They also encourage more people to go through CPR training. "It would make a great New Year's resolution."

Gerry Nevin, the son of the late Kathleen and Dick Nevin, was taking his dog Suzie for a walk around 6.15am. While on his walk he noticed a car across the road with its lights on and the engine running. He also noticed something unusual hanging on the back of the car and something silver going down the side of the car.

He was just going back home when he decided to investigate as he thought it looked a bit odd. It was still dark when he looked into the car and couldn't see anyone.

When Gerry looked to his right to see what the silver on the side of the car was, he saw a hose coming out of the back window and going around to the back of the car. He then knew straight away what he had come across and that there must be someone in the



Paul Fogarty-Brown and his husband Karlton Brown

car.

He tried to open the door but it was locked. He then started banging on the window. He tried to pull the pipe out of the window but the window was all sealed with duct tape and the hose taped down the side of the car, so he ran around to the back of the car and pulled the hose out of the exhaust pipe. The white he had seen was tea towels and rags that the guy had stuffed into the exhaust pipe.

The man, who was lying flat in the car, got out and Gerry could see that he wasn't right as the fumes must have started to take effect. Gerry was so shaken that he couldn't even phone the police, so when he saw a neighbour out he asked him to ring.

The man was eventually taken away to hospital. When the police arrived, they told Gerry that he had saved the man's life.



# €200k route to link Rock of Cashel to Hore Abbey

Cashel Chamber of Commerce has welcomed what it called "great news" for Cashel this week following the allocation of €200,000 in funding for the development of a new link from the Rock of Cashel to the Hore Abbey.

Walkers will now be spoiled for choice around

Cashel, with a cluster of major walkways connecting up to provide a full loop around the heritage town's major attractions.

"This is something that Cashel Chamber of Commerce has been requesting for a number of years and I'm glad following representations that it has now received the funding required," said Chamber president Martin

Lynch.

"This new walking route will take tourists down the exciting walkway along the wall at the back of the Cashel Palace and Cashel Mart, and on to the Rock Field to the turnstile which brings you on to the Camus Road.

"From there, tourists will be directed down towards the Hore Abbey. Once they arrive further down the Camus road

a new walkway will be developed to bring tourists from the Camus Road to Hore Abbey. This project requires two major infrastructural improvements, with some minor works in between the two. The first section would be the regularisation of the walkway to the Hore Abbey from the Camus road to the Mount Judkin road, which also provides connectivity to

the Circular road walkway, the Bothar Na Marbh walkway and the various other walkways planned as part of the Cashel Palace, Courthouse Park, Cashel Town Park and Bishops Walk developments.

"Walkers can then continue out the Mount Judkin road to the Cashel to Golden River Suir Walkway and across to the Golden road at

Fearnamanagh cross roads. The second infrastructural improvement would then be to provide a millwaste walkway along the side of the N74 within the road reserve, connecting back to the Golden Road Walkway at the roundabout," added Mr Lynch.

The first section is likely to require Part 8 approval.

## Tipperary raises over €8,000 in five GOAL Miles

Community groups from County Tipperary donned their walking and running shoes over Christmas and raised over €8,000 for GOAL to support its over-

seas development programmes.

Last year marked the 37th year of the GOAL Mile, which is one of the country's largest and longest-running

annual fundraising events.

The campaign encourages people across Ireland to walk, jog or run a mile over Christmas and donate what they can towards the aid efforts of the charity.

The five events that took place in the county were at Borrisokane AC (€500), Kilsheelan (€500), Carrick-on-Suir (€5,000), Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre (€1,000) and Fethard

(€1,000).

In total, the events raised over €8,000 for the Irish aid agency. The events took place on Christmas Day and were co-ordinated and supported by local community groups.

This year, over €240,000 was raised for GOAL through the festive fundraisers, which highlights the enduring support of Irish families towards the aid efforts of the charity.

## Clonmel World Music present Chicago's Special Consensus

Clonmel World Music is celebrating 10 years of bring great bands to play in the town.

For the first show of 2019, they are delighted to host a fantastic bluegrass band from Chicago on their third visit to Clonmel.

Special Consensus will be over on their biennial tour of Ireland, having just been nominated for a GRAMMY for their latest album Rivers and Roads in The Best Bluegrass Album category. They also recently won two awards at the International Bluegrass Music Awards.

The Special Consensus 2019 tour will be the band's 43rd year of touring. Formed in the Chicago area in 1975, Special Consensus is a four-person acoustic bluegrass band with a repertoire that features traditional bluegrass standards, original compositions by band members and professional songwriters, and songs from other musical genres performed in the bluegrass format. They have released 19 albums and have appeared on numerous NPR programmes in the USA and cable television shows, including The Nashville Network and the Grand Ole Opry at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee.

International tours have brought the band to Australia, Canada, Europe, South America, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Special Consensus has appeared in concert with many symphony orchestras nationwide



Special Consensus play Raheen House this Friday night

and has brought an informative in-school presentation to US schools nationally and internationally since 1984.

Band leader/banjo player Greg Cahill is the former president/board chair of the Nashville-based International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), the former board chair of the Nashville-based Foundation for Bluegrass Music and a recipient of the prestigious IBMA Distinguished Achievement Award in 2011.

The 2012 Compass Records band release Scratch Gravel Road was GRAMMY nominated for Best Bluegrass Album and two songs from the 2014 Compass Records band release Country Boy: A Bluegrass Tribute To John Denver received IBMA awards for Recorded Event of the Year and Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year. The 2016 Compass Records band recording Long I Ride received the IBMA Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year award.

The 2018 Compass Records band release Rivers and

Roads garnered two more IBMA awards for Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year and Album of the Year. Rivers and Roads remains at number one on Bluegrass Unlimited Top 15 Bluegrass Albums chart in January. It has been on the chart for seven months and number one for five consecutive months. The singles from the album She Took the Tennessee River moved up to number two and Way Down the River Road is number seven on the songs chart.

"Yes, Special Consensus may be Chicago's very own veteran bluegrass band, but talent like this is the property of the world," said David Royko of the Chicago Tribune.

Doors for the gig will open at 8pm. There will be no support act and the band will start at 9pm prompt. Tickets are available online on www.clonmelworldmusic.com, in Marians Bookshop Clonmel, South Tipperary Arts Centre and from Gerry Lawless on 086 3389619.

## Boston band Laura Cortese & The Dance Cards play Raheen House

Clonmel World Music is back in Raheen House Hotel next week with a very special band, Laura Cortese and The Dance Cards.

It is the Boston band's first visit to Ireland and the Clonmel gig on Thursday night, January 24, will be their very first Irish show.

The band are over in Ireland to play at the Tradfest in Dublin and they are also doing a very small tour, playing shows in Belfast and Kilkenny along with the Clonmel show.

Clonmel World Music has been after this band for a few years, and when the opportunity came up to host them in Clonmel for their first Irish

show it was a no brainer.

Laura Cortese digs deep and aims high. She grew up in San Francisco and moved to Boston to study at Berklee College of Music, immersing herself in the city's vibrant indie music scene and enjoying a busy touring-and-studio-sidekick career, which included appearances with Band of Horses at Carnegie Hall and Pete Seeger at Newport Folk Festival.

It has been with her band, The Dance Cards that she has made the biggest impact. They perform bold and elegant fare, schooled in the lyrical rituals of folk music and backed by grooves and

scintillating vocal harmonies that have become a hallmark of their performance.

Writing in RnR magazine, David Innes awarded them his Most Memorable Gig of The Year vote. Since then, the four-piece have taken both Shetland and Orkney Folk Festivals by storm.

The flew in for two big shows at Glasgow's Celtic Connections festival, promoting their current album California Calling on Compass Records, which has been winning them rave reviews and much radio exposure.



Boston Massachusetts band Laura Cortese & The Dance Cards will play Raheen House, Clonmel, on January 24



## WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

# A day in the garden

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Bluebells in the garden are a beautiful sight at this time of year

The incredible weather has continued into January and there is no better place to spend it than in the garden with the kids.

There was of course a few protests about leaving the warmth of the house and their games, but once outside they really enjoyed themselves - hunting for worms, bouncing on the ageing trampoline and watching the male cats battle for control of the garden.

They also managed to squeeze in a little work. They gathered all of the pots that had been scattered over the winter by several storms. These were carefully checked for any hiding slugs that would happily emerge. Many plants had not survived the prolonged drought, and these were put to another use as material for the compost heap.

My first job was to plant up a bag of bulbs I had found down the back of the press. I remember buying them, but they got lost in the general chaos. The bluebells were already growing and they might take a few seasons to bounce back. The snakes head fritillaries were planted into a large pot and these are bulbs that I look forward to each year.

The bluebells were going into gaps under the woodland edge. First I had to prune back some of the more vigorous branches. I also cut the top of the tree. I don't want them grow up into tall beanstalks. Instead they need to produce plenty of side branches for birds to perch on and build their nests.

Soon there was a pile of branches from elderberry, mountain ash, privet and flowering currant. These also did not go to waste, but were stacked under the trees to make a habitat for mini beasts and fungi.

The bark mulch and leaves have broken down well over the course of the year and had done a great job of keeping the grass down. I had also added lots of well-rotted farmyard manure, and the soil was in very good condition. It was easy to dig, had a dark texture and was full of earthworm. This is an ideal feeding place for birds, and I had seen the blackbirds foraging here from the kitchen window.

Another great plant both above and under the soil is comfrey. The first pale shoots were just emerging. While it can be a little bit rampant, it is easy to control. I cut the leaves around once a month in the summer and they quickly grow back. These can be added to the compost heap as an activator, soaked in water as a liquid feed or

mulched around fruit trees to provide essential minerals and nutrients. The roots also help aerate the soil.

Another great reason to grow comfrey is that pollinators love the flowers. From first flowers there is a constant hum of bees visiting the comfrey. A traditional cure was to make the comfrey leaves into a poultice. This was applied to help set broken bones.

With the evening starting to close in, we dug a few holes. Our crab apple trees that we sowed from seeds are entering their fourth year and stand a hardy two metres tall. They are now ready to be moved, and this is the ideal time of the year to plant bare rooted trees. Harry also checked out his crab apple tree and he was delighted that it was now taller than him. I explained that it will be several more years before we see any fruit.

Our last job was to set up the moth trap. The mild nights have been encouraging out a few moths and hopefully in the morning I will have a few New Year insects.

Creating space in our gardens or community makes the outdoors far more enjoyable and interesting.

For more information on upcoming events and recent sightings, please check out the Tipperary Birdwatch Facebook page.

Wishing everyone a happy and nature packed New Year. Comments/questions to albert.nolan@rocketmail.com or 089-4230502. I'm also available to give walks/talks to schools, tidy towns, youth and community groups.

## LEGAL ADVICE

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# How to deal with the estate of someone who has passed on

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**The death of a loved one is a traumatic time and having to manage the estate they left behind can be a major additional stress.**

Many solicitors are well practiced at dealing with these issues and can advise about making the process as stress free as possible.

**WHERE DOES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING THE ESTATE LIE?**

The person on whom the responsibility falls is called the personal representative of the deceased.

If a valid will exists then this person is usually named and is given the title of Executor. However, if no able person is named or no will exists, letters of administration can be applied for. The personal representative in this scenario is given the title of administrator.

While letters of administration require some extra work and extra expenses in terms of insurance, the role of administrator and executor create similar obligations.

It is worth noting that a personal representative can renounce or reserve their entitlement to manage a de-

ceased's estate. Thus, they cannot be forced to take on this role and can refuse to take on the burden.

It is therefore typically a good idea to discuss with the person you intend to name in your will as executor as to whether or not they are willing to perform the role.

**WHAT SHOULD A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DO?**

A person cannot simply produce a will and declare their right to property based on its content. The personal representative (and there may be multiple personal representatives) is the only one entitled to disperse the assets in the estate of the deceased. With this power comes a number of responsibilities.

The first is an extremely pragmatic one, namely arranging the funeral of the deceased.

Secondly, the formal authority to manage the estate must be applied for. Applications can be sent to the Dublin Central Office or a local regional centre.

Tipperary's regional centre was closed in 2012 which lengthened this stage of the process. It was reopened in March 2016 after

considerable pressure from the Tipperary Solicitors Bar Association to do so.

**HOLDING THE PURSE STRINGS**

Once the authority to manage the estate has been granted, the personal representative is then charged with collecting in all the assets in the estate, paying the debts due (such as revenue) and then dispensing the estate to the beneficiaries as determined by law (and the will if a valid one exists).

**LEGAL CHALLENGES**

Disputes over what a person is entitled to from a deceased's estate are common and can range from disputes over the exact interpretation of a sentence in a will to claims of legitimate expectation of some property that they would otherwise not be entitled to under the will or the rules of intestacy (used to manage an estate where no valid will exists).

**FOR FURTHER ADVICE**

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# Maxi Zoo customers raise €2,650 for autism

Maxi Zoo customers in Clonmel have helped to raise €25,650, which is set to transform the lives of children with autism by providing them with highly-trained assistance dogs.

The amount was raised as part of the annual Maxi Zoo Give Paw nationwide fundraising campaign and all proceeds from the event have been presented to Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland.

The month-long fundraising campaign was generously supported by local pet owners in Clonmel in October, offering locals the opportunity to support the national charity by buying a €2 friendship bracelet.

Assistance dogs are not pets but service dogs who are trained for up to two years to carry out specific tasks to support children with autism to overcome the distressing elements of their disability.

Assistance dogs provide safety and companionship, reduce anxiety and suffering, promote independence and improve coping mechanisms for children with autism.

"The generous contributions to Maxi Zoo's Give Paw campaign will really help us to reach more children and their families and to change their lives and their future," said Nuala Geraghty, CEO Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland.



Ciaran O'Neill, managing director of Maxi Zoo Ireland, presents a cheque for €25,650 to Nuala Geraghty, CEO of Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland. Also included is dog Jamie. Picture: David Keane



# Centenary of Soloheadbeg ambush events this weekend

**The 100th anniversary of the Soloheadbeg Ambush - said to be the first action of the War of Independence - will take place in the west Tipperary village this weekend.**

The commemoration will take place on Sunday of one day in advance of the actual centenary of the ambush itself.

The ambush of the cartload of gelignite by Dan Breen, Sean Treacy and other members of the Third Tipperary Brigade bound for the nearby quarry resulted in the death of two RIC officers Constable McDonnell and Constable O'Connell.

Soloheadbeg is widely recognised as the first action of the War of Independence.

The event is organised by the Solohead Parish Centenary Commemoration Committee in association with Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee.

Minister for Culture, Her-

itage and the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan will attend on behalf of the Government and will speak at the commemoration.

The organising committee hope the commemoration will honour the past whilst being an inclusive and dignified occasion. Family members of all parties involved in the ambush will be in attendance.

A mass of remembrance for all parties involved with the ambush will take place in Solohead church at 11.30am, which will be concelebrated by the Archbishop of Cashel and Emly Kieran O'Reilly.

The formal commemoration programme will commence at Solohead Memorial in Solohead Cross at 12.30pm, with recitals from the Charles Kickham Brass 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 ad-

visory group on the Decade of Centenaries.

Following the laying of wreaths, Dr. Mansergh will unveil a heritage information board at the memorial which gives information on the ambush and directions to ambush site in Soloheadbeg.

The the reading of the Proclamation of Independence, the raising of the national flag and the playing of the national anthem will follow the oration, which will be given by Éamon Ó Cuív TD. He is a former government minister and grandson of the former President of Ireland Éamon de Valera.

Later in the afternoon, the Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee will host a separate event at the ambush, which itself is two miles away from the main memorial in Solohead Cross.

There will be an assembly from 2.30pm at Coffey's Forge and a parade to the nearby ambush site where there will be wreath laying and an oration by Labhrás Ó Murchú.

Solohead Cross is located just off the N24 at Monard on the road between Limerick and Tipperary Town. Due to the large attendance expected, local access to Solohead Cross is closed from 10am on this Sunday with redirections of traffic in place.

Stewards and Gardaí will be on duty, directing cars to the park and ride facility in place from Tipperary Racecourse, which is one mile away in Limerick Junction. Shuttle buses will bring people the short distance to Solohead cross.

All are welcome to attend and the organisers urge those attending to arrive in good time to allow for transfer from Tipperary Racecourse.

Other events are also taking place on this week of the centenary. There is a history conference in Ballykisteen Hotel on Saturday on the impact and legacy of the ambush presented by the Tipperary War of Independence Lecture Series Committee.

Tipperary County Council



The wanted poster for Dan Breen following the Soloheadbeg ambush

Library Service also hosted a lecture by Dr. Denis Murnane on Tuesday in Thurles Library

An evening of song and stories with Derek Warfield will take place in Bru Boru, Cashel, on Saturday, whilst Tipperary War of Independence Tours are running a bus tour on the Monday itself to places of interest associated with the ambush.

There is also an art exhibition in Tipperary Town Excel Centre featuring the work of award winning artist Mick

O'Dea entitled Armed Men, which considers the individual and human stories behind the War of Independence.

Further details on all events can be found on the Soloheadbeg Centenary Facebook and Twitter pages.

Meanwhile, Tipperary County Council will hold their monthly meeting in Ballykisteen Hotel on Monday to mark the centenary of the first Dail and to remember the Tipperary TDs elected to the new parliament.

## Tony retires as school caretaker after 22 years service

**Carrick-on-Suir's CBS Greenschool's teachers, students and parents turned out in force to say farewell to the school's popular caretaker and GAA coach for the past 22 years Tony Hickey, who retired just before the Christmas break.**

A retirement celebration to mark Tony's departure took place in the school hall, with principal David Cotter leading staff, parents, past pupils, board of management and parents association in paying tribute to Tony's huge contribution to the school since 1997.

The party included tributes, singing, dancing and presentations to Tony. Posters adorned the walls,

pupils recited poems, and all sang his favourite songs.

The celebration also featured a Strictly Come Dancing style event where Tony and his dance partner teacher Tara Comerford waltzed into 1st place.

Tony's wife Celia, his son Gary and his daughter Antoinette attended the function and were immensely proud of him as speakers praised him on his skills which helped bring great success in sports to the school.

Former Principal Pat Mansell thanked Tony for all the years he worked with him.

"Tony Hogan is the face of the Greenschool," he said, before wishing him happiness for a long and healthy retirement.

Principal David Cotter also praised Tony for his years of dedication to the school in his primary role as caretaker and also for his commitment to the pupils in the role of GAA coach and team manager

He recounted many stories of victory and the lead up to it, with Tony always at the helm.

"Tony has had genuine care and respect for the young lads over the past 22 years and we have been lucky to have had him at the school."

Tony thanked all the past teachers and pupils and the present staff and boys. "Time flies and I enjoyed every minute of it," he declared. "It was a pleasure to work in the school among great teachers and young fellas."



Tony Hogan, his wife Celia, son and daughter Gary and Antoinette (seated front) with the staff of the CBS

## River Ara project shortlisted for national biodiversity award

**A project on the River Ara that has engaged primary and secondary school pupils in Tipperary Town is in the running for an Irish Wildlife Trust biodiversity award.**

The River Ara project, entitled Discovering the Wildlife of the River Ara, was entered by Tipperary Tidy Towns and is one of six projects shortlisted by a panel of biodiversity experts.

An online vote, which has just closed, decided the top three projects in the category that would attend the National Biodiversity Conference Awards in Dublin Castle on February 20 and 21.

This project, with the help of staff from the local schools, engaged with the students from the local schools in Tipperary Town, who discovered, recorded and protected the wildlife in the River Ara.

Five primary and three secondary schools took part in this initiative. With each school, an introduction to wildlife and biodiversity found in the river was carried out in the classroom.

Classes were combined and the students walked down to the River Ara by the creamery.

When the students arrived, they helped fill the sampling trays with bugs and for safety the class was di-

vided in two. Half went into the river to do kick sampling with nets, while the rest used guides to identify the creatures they had uncovered.

Modern technology also played its part. The students from St Anne's Secondary School were allowed bring their phones and take photos for their portfolio.

The sticklebacks and water scorpions got the most reaction from the students,

and it was a first experience of being in a river and using a net. The students were fascinated by the amount and variety of wildlife and bugs found in the river.

All of the participating schools went away with a greater understanding and connection with the river and its wildlife.

A common response was that they can now picture in their minds the wildlife in the river. When we talk about

protecting rivers, it is these aquatic insects that are the foundation of the food chain.

The project has had many immediate and long-term positive impact on biodiversity. It has made the River Ara more central to the lives of the staff, students and the wider community.

The report has been included in the Creamery Water Improvement Plan and for the planned development of a river walkway along the banks of the River Ara.



# Clonmel's Sean wins trip to European Parliament

**A transition year student at Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn in Clonmel has won his way to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.**

Seán MacCurtáin was one of three students to win through at the Rotary regional final in Newbridge. Along with two other winners on the day, he will join the other 21 students from around Ireland to take part in the Euroscola programme in February.

Euroscola is a unique event for young people to learn about European integration by experiencing it first-hand.

Students from the 28 EU member states are selected to become a member of the European Parliament for one day in Strasbourg. They take the floor in plenary and committee sessions to debate and vote on resolutions on current affairs, all the while practising their language

skills and making friends with fellow students from across Europe.

The visit is a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience France, using their language skills in a meaningful and realistic context. It develops cultural awareness, understanding and an appreciation for co-operation across borders.

Clonmel Rotary president Joe O'Sullivan welcomed Sean to the club, where he congratulated him on his great achievement. Sean was accompanied by his teacher Ms Brona Kinnane.

In the past, students from the CBS High School, Loreto Secondary School and Presentation Secondary School have represented the club in Stormont, Dail Eireann and the European Parliament at the Youth Leadership Awards, so he was delighted that a student from the school will represent Clonmel at this year's event.



Sean MacCurtáin with project chairman Jerry Flynn, Clonmel Rotary Club president Joe O'Sullivan and teacher Brona Kinnane

# BLUE HEALTH WEEK KICK-STARTS THE NEW YEAR AT CLONMEL CBS HIGH SCHOOL

**January is the time of year when we re-emerge from hibernation, embrace the brighter, shake off the old and welcome in the new.**

It was with this in mind that the well-being and diversity teams at Clonmel CBS High School organised a wonderful week of activities.

Blue Health Week kick-started the year in a spirited campaign to ensure the physical, mental and emotional well-being of the school community is strengthened.

Marie Keating Foundation rep-

resentative and nurse Eileen O'Riordan spoke to senior students about looking after their physical and emotional health in order to safeguard against illness later on in life. In conjunction with the issues raised during this presentation, Ms. Jessica Rowe, a teacher from the school's science department, presented a workshop on the effects of smoking. Dental nurse Marion Twomey inspired all first years to look after their gnashers, protecting their pearly smiles for years to come.

Operations director with Suir

Engineering Paul Cremmins kindly gave his time to speak to the senior students about finding their niche in the workplace, the fantastic newly emerging opportunities for students in the area of apprenticeships and how this option can open up doors to better meet the needs of the school community.

Walkabout stations were set up by Ms Sheena Hanrahan as part of a healthy eating initiative for all junior students in relation to diet and healthy eating.

I'll Eat Some Breakfast Then Change The World! breakfast stand

detailed healthy breakfast options that take five minutes to make, as well as the benefits of eating a healthy breakfast - increased concentration improved memory and better mental health to list a few.

The Too Much! stand featured figures constructed by the diversity committee to highlight the dangers of excess consumption of foods and drinks that are high in salt, fat and/or sugar.

The What's On Your Plate? station ensured that all bases were covered for the optimal growth and development of all students at the

school. It highlighted what needs to be on your plate each day and the correct portion sizes.

Questionnaires were assigned to all classes and conversations were hugely informative and thought-provoking. The students all learned the power of a protein enriched breakfast and the benefits of adequate hydration.

Friday yoga for students and teachers, facilitated by Tash Hennessey, will be held on Friday - a welcome wind down from another busy week of studies and extracurricular activities in the High School.

# Tipperary students in line to win trip to EU centres

**Tipperary students have a chance to win a free trip to three EU centres in an online programme.**

At least one student from the county will be chosen for the prize in 2019.

Programme co-ordinator for the graduate.ie scheme in Tipperary, Martin Heneghan, says the trip is totally free and is funded by Tipperary County Council.

The citizenship and democracy programme recommenced on Monday of this week with 24 free educational trips to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg to

be won, including three supervising teachers.

There will be at least one winner selected from Co Tipperary secondary schools in 2019.

Winning students will spend one full day at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. They will take part in a youth parliament (Euroscolla) with students from other member states.

Mr Heneghan says that there have been over 600 winners since the programme started in 2001. It is totally free to enter and winner's prizes are fully paid for by sponsors.

To enter just log on to [www.graduate.ie](http://www.graduate.ie) and register, then take the weekly online quiz. Questions are provided by sponsors. Hyperlinks are provided to the location where students can research the correct answers.

Questions will include topics on democracy and participation, environment and waste management, health and wellbeing, financial literacy, along with careers and courses.

A computer will select winners randomly each week from all the correct entries.



Soccer scholarships were recently awarded to Cashel Community School first year students Hannah Downey and Corey Prendergast.

The scholarships were in conjunction with Cashel Town AFC and were generously sponsored by Packie Horan, proprietor of the Brian Boru.

At the awarding ceremony, soccer coordinator Michael Kennedy thanked the judging panel and Teresa Lowry of Cashel Town AFC for their work.

Pictured are Hannah Downey and Corey Prendergast with Packie Horan, Teresa Lowry, principal John Gallagher, soccer coordinator Michael Kennedy, along with soccer coaches Richie Ryan, Martin Coleman and Sean Wade



# NEW INN PARISH LINKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Mary Flynn with her daughters Esther and Ber



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Kitty English, Breda and Michael Craddock, and John and Marie McGrath



Kevin Moore, Paddy O'Connor, John English and James Clarence Mangan



Eileen Hally, Mary Shanahan, Mary Peters, Margaret O'Gorman, Esther Boland, Sandra English and Mary O'Donnell



### CAHIR GARDA DISTRICTS SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

An invitation has been extended to all Senior Citizens to attend Cahir Garda Districts 19th Annual Senior Citizens Party. The Party will take place in Cahir House Hotel on this Friday 18th January 2019 at 5pm. There will be Music, Dancing, Refreshments and Spot Prizes too. Any Neighbours or Family who bring an older person are also invited to stay and enjoy the evening if they wish to do so.

If you require transport to this event please ring Cahir Garda Station on 052-7445630 and leave a name/address/phone number as soon as possible and they will try to arrange transport for you between 4pm and 4.45pm on the day.

### NEW WOODLAND WALK FOR CAHIR - MOLONEY

Cllr Andy Moloney has welcomed funding for the new Woodland Walk due to commence this week.

Moloney who was wearing his Councillor hat and Tidy Towns hat on this one says that it will be a great amenity in the town. Entry to the walk will be along the path created last year at St. Declan's Grove via the Walpoles Canal and will meander through the middle of the woods and eventually appearing where the Fairy Village was located at the back of the soccer field.

The 350 metre, 1.5m wide path will be stage one of the development and after some clearing of scrub and laurels 750 biodiversity plants and 100 trees will be planted.

Previous developments of this nature such as Gussies Garden and St. Declan's Grove have enhanced the town and this will have a similar effect. A date will be fixed later in the year for children to come along and put their fairy doors into the new woodland area which is off limits at the moment.

Moloney would like to thank the Tipperary Development Company and Tipperary County Council for their commitment to this project and promised that it will add economic and environmental value to Cahir. He thanked the members of Cahir Tidy Towns Group for coming up with the 25% funding needed to carry out the project.

### CAHIR TIDY TOWNS

The eagerly awaited Woodlands Walk will begin construction this week and some restrictions will be in place. This project is 75% funded by Tipp Development Association and 25% funding by Cahir Tidy Towns. There were a few setbacks trying to get the contracts and paperwork sorted with several studies having to be passed



All set to head off in the 2019 Cahir Operation Transformation 5k run/walk last Saturday

before the group could proceed. However, now that it's all sorted we can look forward to a new addition in the town that will see a 100 trees planted and 750 biodiversity type shrubs. The path will run from behind the Cahir Park AFC all weather pitch through the woods for 350m to emerge at the St Declan's Grove.

We will be launching it later on in the year so watch this space for more details.

Concentration must also focus again on St Paul's rose garden which fell foul to the drought last year and hopefully we will be back on track in the coming months.

Some daffodils were planted in the square recently and litter picking is constant as we try to keep Cahir litter free all year round but it's difficult.

Finally, our initiative with Tipperary County Council to eradicate dog poo from our streets is now in place. Anyone with a valid dog license can avail of a free poop dispenser for their lead and can collect in the Post Office. There are a limited number available so please collect one and help our cause.

### OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

The Official start of Operation Transformation Cahir got off to a dull and overcast but dry day in Duneske last Saturday morning. The National Walks were on all over the country on 12th January and Cahir was once again a venue for one of the Tipperary locations.

With over 200 enthusiastic men, women and a lot of Children hitting the streets for some fresh air, this was also the start of the new Couch to 5km programme that is being rolled out by the Cahir Meet & Train Group. They will now meet every Tuesday and Thursday until

the final National 5km Run on Saturday 23rd February.

Numbers have increased this year at the Meet & Train who cater for all levels of fitness and it's all done in a very social atmosphere. There are groups from walking right up to elite athletes and it's free of charge to come along.

The group would like to thank Cahir Men's Shed, Tidy Towns, Gardaí, Civil Defence, Tipp Sports Partnership, Tipperary County Council, Duneske and all media sources for their assistance on the day.

### IRISH COURSE

Interested in doing a course in Irish for beginners and revisers in Cahir? Contact Mary on 087-2782071.

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### CAHIR COUNTRY MARKETS

The market reopens on this Friday 18th January 2019 after the Christmas break. There will be all the usual homemade, home baked, handmade and home grown produce available from stall holders. Tea, coffee and treats are also available as usual. We wish all our customers and friends a very happy New Year for 2019.

### CAHIR YOUTH CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT

News has just been received that Cahir Youth Choir will hold a fundraising concert next week with a 'Night of Music'. The musical evening will take place on Saturday the 19th January in Cahir House Hotel. There will be special guests 'Cahir to Sing' Choir, Cahir Comhaltas and many more and all proceeds will go to Down Syndrome Ireland.

The event will take place in the Ballroom and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are €10 and all you have to do is call Kayla on 085 117 7356 to get them.

### NEW EXHIBITION LAUNCHED

The Craft Granary in Cahir launched a new Exhibition by contemporary artist Michael Hale on last Friday 11th January. This exhibition will run up until the 19th February. Michael currently works from his own studio in Emly and has developed his practice through working in encaustics, combining the fluidity of the beeswax &

damar resin with the vibrancy of oil paints. Make some time to check out to check out Michaels unique creations in the Craft Granary. There is no admission charge.

### CAHIR GIRLS SUPPORT OUR LADY'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL

The sixth class girls from Our Lady of Mercy primary school held their Christmas market for the school in December. They produced handmade decorations and homemade treats to sell at their stalls. They transformed the Assembly Hall for the festive occasion with dimmed lighting, sparkly fairy lights and lots of Christmas Decorations. Santa and his busy elves made a special appearance on the day. The younger children posted their Christmas wishes and received a treat from Santa. There was a buzz of excitement across the school as the children arrived at the market. A massive €1,753 was raised and donated to Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin. The girls also spearheaded the annual St. Vincent De Paul food appeal in the school and performed at the local Day Care Centre Christmas party.

### 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Cahir Pantomime Society are delighted to present 'Beauty and the Beast' performing on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of February 2019. The Night Shows are at 8pm and Matinees are at 2:30pm. Thursday Nights performance is in aid of Cahir Mens Shed. Prices are €8 for an adult and Children are €5. There is a special performance from Cahir Boys National School on the night!

On Friday Night all tickets are €10, Saturday Night Show all Tickets are €10, the Matinee is €8 for an adult and

Children are €5 and on Sunday the Matinee is €8 for an adult and Children are €5. Tickets are now available in The Heritage, Cahir.

### CAHIR ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 6th February in the Parish Rooms at 2.30 pm. Membership fee is due on the day. Because of increasing numbers, we will give priority to current members. Our Annual Lunch is in Cahir House Hotel on Wednesday 13th February at 2.30 pm with music and entertainment. Dancing and Bowling is back this week and we will bring more details for further classes and activities in the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you all.

Results of card game held on Friday 11th January was as follows; 1st with 12 Games Red Burke and Kieran O'Brien. 2nd with 11 Games were Bob Condon and Paddy Holleran. On the Lucky Table were Rita Walsh and Kitty Slattery. Raffle result, Mary Fitzgerald. The next Game is on this Friday, 18th January.

### CAHIR COMMUNITY LOTTO

There was no winner of the Draw that took place on Wednesday 9th January, 2019. The Draw was witnessed by Pakie Purtill. The numbers drawn were 1, 10, 26 and 28. The 4 lucky dips winners each receiving €25 were Linda Conway, Knockagh, Cahir Annette & John Murphy, Abbey Crescent Maria Lonergan, C/o Ladrigans Breda O'Donoghue, Beechpark, Cahir.

Draw again on Wednesday the 16th January. The Jackpot is now €2,100.

### PARISH NEWS

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal: (St Joseph's Conference - Cahir) Thank you for your continued support for our Christmas Appeal. Each year our Conference visits families and people in need in this community. The funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unit 18th - 25th January 2019: You are invited to join with our fellow Christians from Cahir and surrounding areas in an Ecumenical Service of the Word on Wednesday 23rd January at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Parish Church.

### NEWS ITEMS

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Martina Cummins, Mary O'Gorman, Noreen O'Gorman, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Roche, Sandra Quinn and Áine Roche celebrating the New Year in Cahir



Cahir GAA Club raised €500 for Cahir Day Centre. Back l-r: Gerry O'Donnell, Cahir GAA chairman Pat O'Brien. Front: juvenile chairman Tommy Barrett, chairperson Peg O'Brien, centre manager Mary O'Donnell, Charlotte Kirwin, Larry Molam



Cahir's primary schools fundraising Christmas raffle at Lava Rock raised €2,720. L-r: Brendan Cronin, Imelda Fitzpatrick, Brendan Horan, Geraldine O'Donoghue, Krimo Birem, Coleen Houlihan, Leon Poliunas, Anthony Olivier, Alan O'Dwyer. Missing from the photo are Mossie Casey and Johnny Cummins



LEFT: Billy Lonergan, John O'Meara, Patsy O'Keefe, Michael Ryan and Michael Houlihan helped with stewarding at the Cahir Operation Transformation 5k run/walk last Saturday



Cahir Meet and Train members Catherine Leamy, Kathleen Tobin, Breda Morrissey, Margaret Fahey, Grainne Wade and Tracey O'Connor



Trish O'Donoghue, Fiona Walsh and Marie Duggan at the Cahir Operation Transformation 5k run/walk



Our Lady of Mercy Primary School's under 11 football team reached the county final and were honoured at a special assembly in the school before Christmas



# Jesus Christ Superstar set for Tipperary Excel

Tipperary Musical Society is gearing up for their February production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice classic Jesus Christ Superstar.

With a cast of over 60, this year's rock opera promises to be a crowd favourite. Set during the last week of Jesus' life as he deals with betrayal, love and jealousy, the story is told from the perspective of Judas.

This year's production sees both new and familiar faces take to the Tipperary Excel stage. Thomas Grogan makes his debut appearance with Tipperary Musical Society as the protagonist of the show Jesus Christ. Emmet Donlan plays the role of Judas Iscariot, a passionate, tragic and conflicted figure. Deirdre Ryan takes to the stage as the sole female principal Mary Magdalene, a woman of great strength.

Jack Sharpe and Alan Kennedy portray two of Jesus' apostles, Peter and Simon Zealotes. Though Simon is full of wild enthusiasm and urges Jesus to lead his followers into battle against the Romans, Peter saves himself by denying Jesus three times upon his arrest.

Taking on the complex role of Pontius Pilate is Aidan O Connell, with Martin Cosgrave as King Herod, a king - it seems - without a conscience. The main antagonists of the show are the high priests, with Derek Ryan and James O Donovan as Caiaphas and Annas, who see Jesus as a threat to the nation. Liam Hunter and David Hughes complete the quartet of high priests determined to see an end to Jesus, the King of the Jews.

The show is permeated with 1970s rock, gospel, folk and funk themes, modern language, and high-energy dance numbers. Jesus Christ



Talented local children will perform in Jesus Christ Superstar at Tipperary Excel from February 18-23

Superstar also gives the future stars of Tipperary Musical Society a chance to experience the stage, with an enthusiastic children's cast

involved this year. Don't miss out on your chance to catch this musical when it arrives at Tipperary Excel for a six-night run, from

February 18-23. Tickets go on sale to the public on January 30. For more information, contact Tipperary Excel at 062-80520.

Tipperary Musical Society would like to thank their main sponsors, Great National Ballykisteen Hotel.



The Tipperary Musical Society male cast will take to the Tipperary Excel stage for Jesus Christ Superstar



Jesus Christ Superstar's female cast are preparing for the Tipperary Musical Society production

# Top American bluegrass band to play Clonmel Folk Club

Clonmel Folk Club present The Petersens on January 22 at the Coachman Bar in Clonmel.

The Petersens, from Branson in Missouri, are a six-piece bluegrass band comprising of five members of the Petersen family and non-family member Emmett Franz.

They are excellent instrumentally, but it is their incredible sibling harmony that makes them a stand-out act not to be missed. They cover classic bluegrass, country and gospel and some great original songs.

They perform regularly at The Little Opry in Branson and annually at the Silver Dollar City Bluegrass Festival where they have made a huge impression. Branson is one of the main cities in America for country, bluegrass and tribute shows. Millions of people visit it every year.

Recently in an interview, Daniel O'Donnell described The Petersens as terrific. Like Daniel, one has to see a bluegrass band live to appreciate how great this music is.

Tickets are €15 from Ger Ambrose Jewellers, The Arts Centre and The Coachman Bar.





# Spectacular A Salute to the Crooners will support Scoil Chormaic

A wonderful night is in store as a exciting new audio-visual show - which sees one of Ireland's greatest singers Dave Lawlor pay tribute to the songs of Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Tony Bennett and many more - takes place

on January 24 at Brú Ború Theatre in Cashel.

At A Salute to the Crooners, not only will you witness the crooner classics come to life with Dave's velvet voice, but also see the fabulous portrayal of images of all the artists on a large screen

which will enthrall the audience.

Principal Lorraine Lowry is thrilled that this fabulous show will come to Cashel to support Scoil Chormaic, a school whose dedication to children with special needs is recognised and embraced by the people of Cashel and its

environs. She hopes that people from the county of Tipperary will support this wonderful event.

Dave Lawlor, star of the highly acclaimed Show Reeling in the Showband Years, was chosen by Linden Productions to front this visually stunning show. Ac-

knowledge by his contemporaries as one of Ireland's best singers, Dave has received many accolades to date. Don't miss your chance to witness the crooner classics come to life with Dave's smooth voice and vibrant stage presence. Dave - with a penchant for sentiment, ro-

mance and charm - will enthrall in this visually stunning show complete with rare images of the stars, devised by award-winning digital set designer Mario Beck.

Tickets are €25 from Brú Ború box office on 062-61122 and online at www.bruboru.ie.



Linden Productions' Valerie Lyons, Amy Lillis, Abbey Foley, Scoil Chormaic principal Lorraine Lowry and Dave Lawlor at the promotion launch of A Salute to the Crooners, which takes place on January 24 at Brú Ború Theatre in Cashel

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## Armed Men exhibition at Tipp Excel

As part of the decade of centenary events, the Tipperary Excel is delighted to present an exhibition of paintings by artist Mick O'Dea, entitled Armed Men.

Born in Ennis, County Clare, in 1958, Mick O'Dea studied at the National College of Art and Design and the University of Massachusetts from 1976 until 1981. He was awarded an MA in European Fine Art from Winchester School of Art in 1997.

In 2018, he retired from his term as president of the Royal Hibernian Academy. He works full-time at his practice and divides his time between County Mayo and Dublin.

The exhibition will continue in the Excel Gallery until March 2. The exhibition is courtesy of the Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Dublin.

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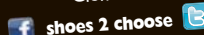
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### O'DONOGHUE (Acknowledgement & Months Mind)



Frank O'Donoghue

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Frank's family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

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To Fr Toomey, Canon Crowley and Fr Meehan for celebrating the beautiful funeral Mass. A special word of thanks to Fr Michael Toomey for all his help and kindness during our unexpected loss. Thank you to Gina Oberoi soloist, the Choir, the organist, Sacristan John Perry and all those who participated in the Mass.

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

Frank's Months Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 19th January in Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 7.30pm.

## IN MEMORIAM

### BLANCHFIELD (9th Anniversary)



Eddie

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In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Charlie Browne, whose 10th anniversary occurs on 12th January.

January is here with sad regret, the day the month we won't forget. Quickly and sadly came the call, without farewell you left us all. You went so suddenly without goodbye, but memories of you will never die.

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### KEARNS (Acknowledgement & Month's Mind)

Anne Kearns

4 Baron Park, Clonmel

The family of the late Anne Kearns who died on 14th December 2018 wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent loss.

Thanks to all those who attended the removal, Requiem Mass and burial in such large numbers and to those who travelled long distances.

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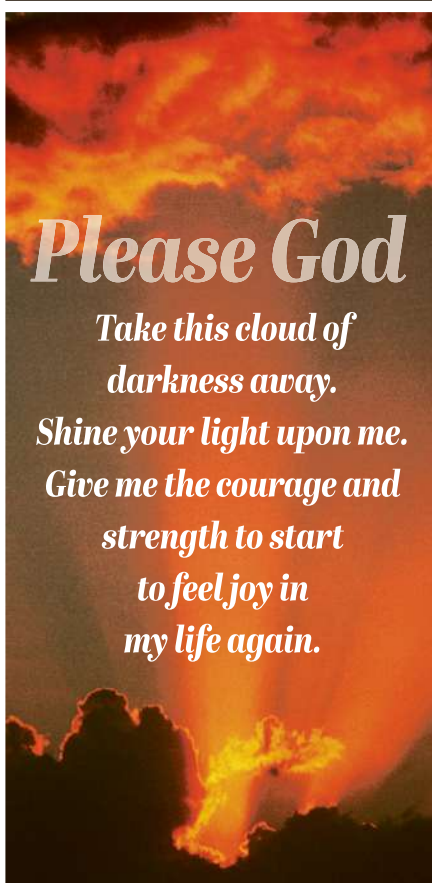
Thank you to our relatives and friends who supported us during a sad and difficult time.

Thank you to Fr. Michael Hegarty and Canon Brendan Crowley for a beautiful Mass and Elaine for all her help. Thank you to Gillian Fennessy for her beautiful singing. We thank Fennessy's Undertakers for their professionalism and thank you also to the gravediggers.

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As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgment conveys our deepest appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Anne's Month's Mind Mass will take place on Friday 25th January at 7.30pm in St. Oliver's Parish Church.



### BRANNIGAN (Anniversaries)

In loving memory of our Dad and Mam, Roger and Bridie Brannigan, late of Baron Park, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Also remembering their beloved daughter Trisha.

As time goes by, as life goes on, but from our hearts ye are never gone. Your memories we treasure, with thoughts that are dear, we think of you always.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your extended family. xxx

Anniversary Mass in St. Oliver's Church on Sunday 20th January at 12 noon.

### 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.



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**IN MEMORIAM**

**CONDON**  
 (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my beloved wife Carmel, late of 9 Clarke Villas, Clonmel, whose 3rd Anniversary occurred on 7th January.

To my dear Angel in Heaven, I just want you to know, that you're always in my thoughts and how much I love you so.

I know you're in God's care, that is how it should be, but when I get to Heaven, He will give you back to me.

Always in my heart Carmel.

Never forgotten - your husband Cyril.

**CONDON**  
 (3rd Anniversary)



Remembering my wonderful mother Carmel, whose 3rd Anniversary occurred on 7th January.

I still see your face before me, your voice I long to hear. I miss and love you dearly, God knows I wish you were here. Tears fall freely from my eyes, like a river filled with grief. My only comfort now, is that, from pain you have found relief.

Miss and love you always Mum - your daughter Sonia and grandson Adam.

**FITZGERALD**  
 (6th Anniversary)



Sandra

Boherduff, Clonmel,  
 late of Stradbally, Co. Waterford

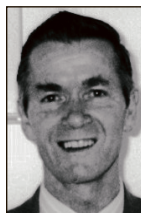
Who died on 14th January 2013

A silent home, an empty chair, something missing everywhere. Life goes on, I know that's true, but it's not the same, since we lost you.

Love always - Raymie, Hazel and Tommy xxxx

**IN MEMORIAM**

**FURLONG**  
 (28th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Johnny, late of 90 Elm Park, Clonmel, a loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad who died 27th January 1991.

In the silence of my broken heart where no one else can see, your face, your smile, your memory, is kept so tenderly. Sometimes with a tear, but always with my love, despite the passing years.

- your loving wife Eileen xxx

Dad, a date that's filled with sadness, returns to us today, to mark the day you left us in such a peaceful way. Memories are a gift to treasure, ours of you will last forever.

Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also remembering our two Angels in Heaven Ciara and Cori. xxxx

Anniversary Mass in St. Olivers Church, on Saturday 26th January at 7.30pm.

**HALLISSEY**  
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Paddy Hallissey, Radharc Alainn, Golden who died on 10th January 2018 RIP.

God called your name so gently, that only you could hear. And no-one heard the footsteps of the Angels drawing near. Softly in the shadows, there came a gentle call. You closed your eyes and went to sleep and quietly left us all.

Sadly missed Granddad, never forgotten - Jason, Mandy, Holly and Zoe.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**HIGGINS**  
 (26th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear grandmother Katherine (Kattie) Higgins, late of Knockacoola, Ballymacarbry, Co. Waterford who died on January 9th 1993. RIP

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.

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

Sadly missed by all your family.

Masses offered.

**HOGAN**  
 (15th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Paul, late of Fr. Matthew Terrace, Clonmel who died on January 21st 2004

If memories bring us closer, we are never far apart, for you are always with us, in our prayers and in our hearts

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Lily, Mark, Sharon, Claire and their families, extended family and friends.

Masses offered.

**JULEFF**  
 (10th Anniversary)



In the Arms of the Angels Lewis Juleff

If only we could see you, for just a minute or two. You would tell us if you're happy and we would be happy too. We'd put our arms around you and kiss your smiling face, and the pieces of our broken heart would fall back into place.

Dearly loved by Mam and Dad, Gillian and Christian, and all your family.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**JULEFF**  
 (10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our nephew, Lewis, late of 43 Abbey Meadows, Clonmel.

Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you today. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love and cherish and never forget.

Sadly missed and always remembered by the Power family.

**KELLEHER**  
 (Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my dear parents Elizabeth (Lily) who died on 13th January 2014 and Edward (Eddie) who died on 1st February 2006, late of 12 College Avenue, Clonmel.

Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day.

Always loved and remembered by your loving son Derek, daughter-in-law Kathleen and grandchildren Edward and Alison xxxx

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*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.*



When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.  
*Author Unknown*

**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.





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## IN MEMORIAM

**KELLEHER**  
(nee Sullivan)



(5th Anniversary)

Treasured and precious memories of a wonderful mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, Elizabeth (Lily) Kelleher, late of 12 College Avenue, Clonmel whose anniversary occurred on 13th January.

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 still here.

Precious memories, tears unseen, still wishing your absence was only a dream.

To know, to love and then to part, is the saddest fate of a human heart.

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

Sadly missed and remembered with love always - your daughter Marcella, son-in-law Donal and grandson David.

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Church on Saturday 2nd February at 7pm.

**KELLEHER**  
(5th & 13th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Lilly and Eddie Kelleher, late of 12 College Avenue, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Always remembered by your son Brian, Helen, Ian, Ruth and Liam

Anniversary Mass offered

## IN MEMORIAM

**MCGARRY**  
(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Danny McGarry, late of Soilshawn, Newtown, Drangan, Thurles, who died on 14th January 2017 RIP

A limb has fallen from the family tree, that says grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the good life I lived while I was strong.

Always remembered by his niece Breda and family and all his great friends in Drangan.

Rest in Peace.

**O'FLAHERTY**  
(5th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our beloved brother Walter, late of Clonmel and Limerick who died on 14th January 2014. Also remembering his loving wife Joan who died on 9th May 2014 and his dear mother Bridget (nee O'Shea) late of Carrick-on-Suir who died on 31st January 1943 RIP.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget.

Sadly missed by Angela, Francis and their families.

**O'MAHONEY**  
(23rd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a loving husband and father, David O'Mahoney, late of Fairfields, Clonmel, who passed away on 31st January, 1996. RIP.

A day filled with sadness returns to us today. To mark the day you left us in such a sudden way. So much in life has altered, so much in life is new. But one thing never changes, is our love and thoughts of you.

Sadly missed by your wife Ann, sons Colin and Derek.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 26th January in St. Oliver's Church, at 11.30am.

## IN MEMORIAM

**O'MEARA**  
(19th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Patrick (Whack) O'Meara late of 35 Heywood Close, who died on 20th January, 2000.

The day God called you, Dad, and beckoned you to His side, great pains were felt and many tears were cried. Behind, you left us so sad with memories of good times that once we had. We feel you are still around us; you are always on our mind and when we talk about you, it is always of happy times.

Sadly missed by his wife Nancy, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Church, Saturday 19th January at 7pm.

**REALE**

(5th, 42nd & 64th Anniversaries)

Fifth anniversary of our dear brother Michael, whose anniversary occurs on 19th January. Also remembering our parents, mother Johanna and father Michael Charles, late of Glenconnor and Cashel.

In the silence of our minds where no-one else can see. Your smile, your voice, your memory are kept so tenderly.

Padre Pio and Mother of Good Counsel look after them.

Fondly remembered with love, smiles and tears.

Sadly missed by Maria, Violet, Carmel and their families.

Mass offered.

**RYAN**  
(1st Anniversary)

Timmy Ryan

48 Connolly Park  
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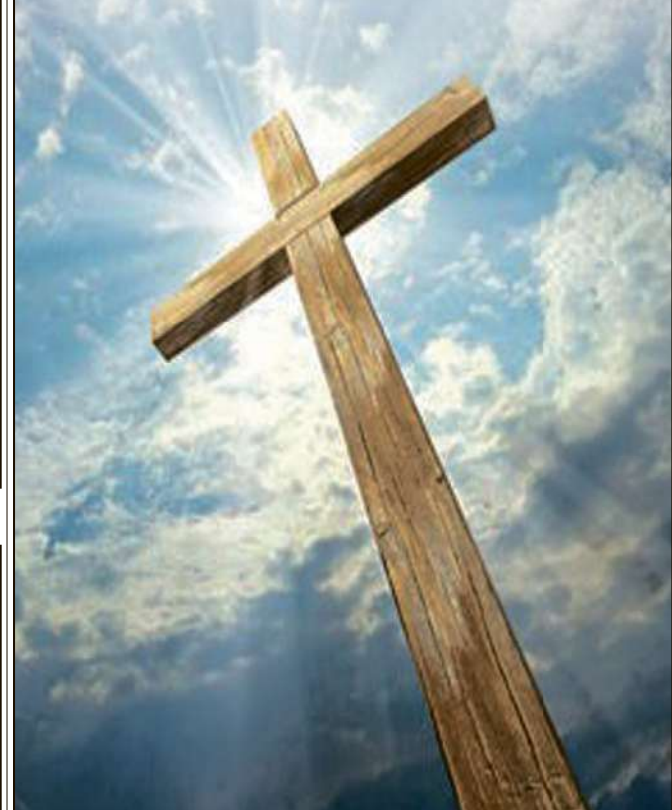
In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Timmy who died on January 19th 2018. Rest in Peace.

He was a brother so very rare, content in her home and always there. On earth you toiled, in Heaven you rest. God bless you Timmy, you were one of the best.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your sister May, Margie, Ella, Vincent and their families.

Mass offered.

# The Hand of God



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

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

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

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

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

Author Unknown





# Fitness at Clonmel Park Hotel is key to a healthy 2019

**Fitness is more than just looking good.**

It's feeling good on both the inside and outside. No matter what age you are, be active and be fit.

The award-winning Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Centre provide a wide range of Technogym Fitness cardio and strength machines, perfect for all ages.

The centre includes a dedicated free weights section with Olympic bars, power cages, preachers, calf press, flat and decline benches, and dumbbells up to 40kg to mention a few.

Standing alone is the Plurima Machine, which works by using cables in any direction. It targets any muscle possible - you won't find this anywhere else!

In addition, there is a large

selection of cardio machines including X-Trainers, step-pers, waves, bikes, treadmills, rowers, spinners and the ever-popular Wattbike for cycling fanatics.

The leisure centre's extensive selection of exercise equipment ensures a supreme range of fitness and health facilities for all members.

In addition to a 20 metre swimming pool, the leisure centre offers the best facilities in which all ages can learn to swim. Adjacent to the pool is the highly-rated sauna, steam room and jacuzzi - great for de-stressing and cleansing the body.

There are also adult/children swim lessons for various levels of ability, so whether you are learning to swim for the first time or looking to improve your technique, there is

a class suitable for you.

With up to 20 fitness classes a week, there is a workout for everyone. These classes are free of charge for all members to partake in, and of these classes there are also six classes a week that you can attend if you are not a member. These classes are great as you can just pay as you go (€10) per class, which include aqua aerobics, zumba and pilates.

Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Centre's friendly and highly-trained staff are always available to ensure the optimum fitness experience. It offers a very competitive service for members and non-members.

Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Centre also offers a competitive personal training package of 30 minutes for only €10. If you



are looking for a great personal trainer, then the leisure centre can help you achieve your goals. Its mission is to provide you with quality one-to-one personal training in a friendly and supportive en-

vironment.

Whether you want to lose weight, tone up, build muscle, get fit or improve your overall health - Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Centre is here to help. Its goal is to ensure you reach

yours, pushing you that extra mile in your training so you achieve results and have fun while doing so!

Call 052-6188733 or email leisurecentre@clonmelpark-hotel.com for more information.

## Peter's advice to women trying to lose weight

When it comes to losing weight women face a harder psychological battle than men, writes Clonmel fitness nutritionist Peter O'Halloran.

We all know that testosterone is the male hormone and oestrogen for women. Luckily for men, testosterone levels can stay level enough throughout our lives but slowly drop with old age. However, women face a hormonal, emotional and physical battle on a monthly basis.

So what has this got to do with weight loss? Have you ever been that woman who is on a diet and doing great for two weeks and then the third week get on the scales and your weight has stayed the same or has gone up? You think to yourself 'how on earth has this happened? I stuck to it 100%'.

You get upset and say 'To hell with this, I'm eating junk food!' or as some call it you 'fall off the wagon'. The reason your weight has gone up is due to water retention

coming up to your menstrual cycle. Yes ladies, water retention!

Your body can store anything from one to ten pounds of water a week before your cycle. This is due to the rise of oestrogen in the body. After a few days progesterone will then rise and oestrogen will drop and that's when the water retention will begin to drop off. Think of it as your body's natural survival mechanism. It knows it is going to be losing fluid so it takes on fluid to survive.

Information like this is crucial when you're on a diet as the rise in oestrogen will not only store water but it will also affect your mood and then seeing the numbers on the scales go up can tip you over the edge.

Some of you are probably on contraception and don't go through a menstruation cycle, but water retention still happens. Even though you are taking contraception, the body will still go through the process of a rise in oestrogen so water retention can still

happen.

For some strange reason people have become reliant on scales. You must remember scales are not an accurate representation of fat loss as they measure everything like water, bone, organs and fat - everything that makes up your body is shown as one number.

### MY ADVICE

Make a calendar! Track your progress and log when you start to retain water. You

will notice that after a while you will be able to determine when you will start to retain and can usually judge how much.

Once you know this you can rest assured that if you're sticking to your diet, your fat loss is just being masked by water retention.

Scales are only an aid and you should also take body measurements as these will give you a more accurate representation of your loss.

## CAN YOU REALLY DETOX YOUR BODY?

Whether it's cucumbers splashing into water or models sitting smugly next to a pile of vegetables, it's tough not to be sucked in by the detox industry.

The idea that you can wash away your calorific sins is the perfect antidote to our fast-food lifestyles and alcohol-lubricated social lives. But before you dust off that juicer or take the first tentative steps towards a colonic irrigation clinic, there's something you should know: detoxing - the idea that you can flush your system of impurities and leave your or-

gans squeaky clean and raring to go - is a scam. It's a pseudo-medical concept designed to sell you things.

Let's be clear, there are two types of detox: one is respectable and the other isn't. The respectable one is the medical treatment of people with life-threatening drug addictions.

The other is the word being hijacked by entrepreneurs, quacks and charlatans to sell a bogus treatment that allegedly detoxifies your body of toxins you're supposed to have accumulated.

We see it everywhere: detox

drinks, juices, tablets - the list is endless. With the sole purpose of selling you a product that simply does not work.

If toxins did build up in a way your body couldn't excrete, you would likely be dead or in need of serious medical intervention.

The healthy body has kidneys, a liver, skin, even lungs that are detoxifying as we speak. There is no known way - certainly not through detox treatments - to make something that works perfectly well in a healthy body work better.

These organs are designed

to get rid of toxins out of the body so you already have a built-in detox. If you want to rid your body of toxins then you simply need to stop ingesting toxins.

### MY ADVICE

Eat healthy whole foods and as little processed as possible.

Stock up on fruits and veg and you will feel great as these all provide the body with vitamins and minerals.

Keep toxins to a minimum, for example alcohol. If you do have a night out then that's fine, but you don't need to detoxify after it as the body does that for you.



Peter O'Halloran

## 'Canon Hayes Recreation Centre is not just a gym, it's a lifestyle'

The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool and Canon Hayes Recreation Sport Centre have come together to offer a joint annual membership for just €499 per person.

Canon Hayes Recreation Sport Centre in Tipperary Town boasts a vast range of state-of-the-art health, fitness and sports facilities.

The facilities include a sports hall, aerobics studio,

sauna/steam room, squash and racquetball courts, a magnificent gym, strength and conditioning room, pre-school, and swimming pool.

Outdoor facilities include a floodlit running track, three

all-weather astroturf pitches and two tennis courts.

The centre caters for all fitness levels, so whether you're the type of person who would be intimidated by the gym or someone who wants

to bring their fitness goals to next level, one of the centre's educated and experienced team members will be on hand to guide you through your workout and help you reach your goals.

Canon Hayes Recreation Sport Centre also caters for family events and birthday parties for kids. Enjoy a fun and safe atmosphere for adults and children in the function area and main hall.



# Cashel students dig deep to book last four place

**CASHEL COMMUNITY 2-16  
ST JOSEPH'S TULLA 2-14**

Cashel Community School progressed to their second consecutive Corn Thomas Mhic Choilm semi-final on Thursday last, overcoming Tulla secondary school St Joseph's in a pulsating clash.

The match played in Rhebogue in Limerick city was a fascinating spectacle with no end of skill or honesty displayed by both sets of players.

The match was played in good conditions for the time of year and Tulla made the early running they took an early lead through a brace of frees from William Halpin. The number 12 was to feature heavily in the contest, finishing with a grand total of 1-10.

Tulla were causing the Cashel backline problems early on, who were forced into conceding needless frees. The Tipp sides forward soon began to cause problems of their own however and found themselves level through the deadly accurate Aaron Browne and a point from play courtesy of Stephen Browne. The first quarter of the match ended with a flurry of scores with Cashel, raising a vital green flag leaving the score line 1-3 to three points after 15 minutes.

The standout moment in terms of skill soon arrived as a long-ball into the Cashel backline was seized upon by Halpin and the Tulla forward flashed the ball into the top



Cashel Community School march on as Tipperary's sole representation in the competition and renew acquaintances with Bandon High School on January 26

corner to restore parity for the Clare side. Following this the Cashel began to tighten their grip on the game especially around the middle third. Half-forward Fearghail O'Donoghue was a thorn in the side of the Tulla defence all afternoon and his good play yielded some beautifully taken scores by the Cashel inside line.

As the pressure began to mount on the Tulla side, they resorted to fouling and during this time Browne nailed what would turn out to be vital frees. Tulla did well to stay in touch during this period with Halpin again leading the charge with two further points to lead the half-time score 1-10 to 1-7 in favour of the Tipp side.

As was sure to happen,

Tulla brought massive fight to the beginning of the second half. Following a point for either side, it was now the turn of Cashel to begin conceding frees and by the 40th minute they had reduced the deficit to the minimum.

This Cashel team refused to buckle however and kept their noses in front thanks to points from play through Browne and Riain Quigley. It was then Quigley who gave them some breathing room with a goal midway through the second half. Quigley, who dispossessed a Tulla corner-back in the lead up to the goal, typified the work rate and hunger displayed every one of the Cashel players.

The see-saw nature of the game did not cease there however and after a long stoppage due to an injury

Tulla resumed with a pair of Halpin frees. Just as with the 50 minutes that had already elapse, the final ten minutes would prove equally frenetic and entertaining for the crowd in attendance. A Tulla goal to bring them back to within two points was followed by a goalmouth melee in which both teams had men red carded.

Tulla gave one last push and converted a free to leave the minimum between the sides with only minutes left. Once again however, the character and belief shown by this Cashel side throughout the campaign came to the fore with Quigley and sub Jack McGrath getting their final two scores to see them over the line on a score line of 2-16 to 2-14.

Both teams showed a wide

array of skill and heart throughout a thoroughly enjoyable spectacle and showed just what a competitive competition this is. The ferocious tempo the match was played at shows how seriously both teams have applied themselves over the past four months and is a huge testament to players of both panels. This Cashel side march on as Tipperary's sole representation in the competition and renew acquaintances with Bandon High School, who they defeated at the same stage last year. The semi-final is scheduled for January 26 with the time and venue to be confirmed.

**Cashel Community School:** Chris Geraghty (Rosegreen), Ben Loughman (Kickhams), Tomás Burke (Boherlahan), Jamie Duncan

(Kickhams); Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel), John Ryan (Boherlahan), Brian Og O'Dwyer (Rosegreen); Aaron Moloney (Cashel), Lorcan Carr (Kickhams); Fearghail O'Donoghue (Cashel), Stephen Browne (Kickhams), Liam McGrath (Clerihan); Riain Quigley (Moyle Rovers), Ben Ryan (Kickhams), Aaron Browne (Kickhams).

**Subs:** Jack McGrath (Cashel) for B. Ryan (48 mins), Jack Currivan (Golden) for O'Donoghue (52 mins) Jack O'Rourke (Clerihan) for L. McGrath (60 mins) and John Marnane (Rockwell) for Carr (60 mins)

**Scorers:** Aaron Browne 1-8 (0-6f), Riain Quigley 1-4, Jack McGrath, Conor O'Dwyer, Stephen Browne, Lorcan Carr (0-1 each).

## Heavy defeat a learning experience for Tipperary hurlers

**Tipperary manager Liam Sheedy had no complaints after the final whistle sounded in Sunday's Co-Op Superstore Munster League Final in Limerick.**

The Portroe man had watched his side suffer a 10-points defeat at the hands of Clare on a day when they simply didn't have an answer to the energy, innovation and creativity of the Bannermen.

"The best team won - we've no real complaints. You are going to struggle to win any match when you concede four goals and to be fair to Clare, any time they got the ball in, they looked like there was danger.

"We just struggled to contain them today but from my perspective it is a great workout to get in the middle of January. We could be training for three weeks and not get a match like that.

"If you want to get a sense of where you are at in the middle of January, that was it, and clearly we are that little bit behind.

"I thought they had the most hunger and pace, and when they started to come at us we struggled to deal with them and their running game really did hurt us," Sheedy said after the game.

However, on the positive side of the coin, Tipperary have played 28 players in the Munster League and made sure that quite a few of the All-Ireland under 21 winning team of 2018 got game time and made their senior debuts.

A lot has been learned during the course of the three games. "The Munster League has been a very good competition for us, with three lovely games", said the manager.

"We got to use our panel and some of the younger guys got some experience. Overall we are happy to have been in



Tipperary's Mark Kehoe in action against Clare's Jason McCarthy. Photo by Eamonn McGee

this competition. Clare are deserving winners and they are a long way down along the road.

"They used the ball well and we just coughed up the restarts a little too softly and I would not be too happy with

that aspect of our game. Once they get the ball and start to run it is very hard to stop them, but we'll sit down and revisit this again," he said.

Pointing out that Tipperary have seriously heavy training behind them, he added that the commence-

ment of the National League (on Saturday week next) would bring a different dynamic to the season.

"For the last eight weeks, we have put in a serious shift of work and we'll return to it again this week. We might have been a bit leggy today

but that is my responsibility and we are going to keep at it because this is the work period of the season. When the National League starts it will be hard to get hard work in because it will be week after week", he added.



# 2018 SPORTS AWARDS FINALE PHOTOGRAPHER JOE KENNY

## Butler's Bar (Fethard) Sports Achievement Awards for 2018 Category winners to be announced on Friday



January winner Paul Moloney played hurling with Maynooth, winning the Electric Ireland Ryan Cup



The winner of the Butler's Bar Fethard Sports Achievement Award for March was Charlie Manton, goalkeeper on the UCD team that defeated NUIG to win the Sigerson Cup



May winner Gavin Ahearne is a gold medal winner and county Tipperary javelin champion, plus silver medal in shot putt



Colm O'Donoghue, winner of the Butler's Bar Fethard Sports Achievement Award for June. The jockey won Coronation Stakes at Ascot on Alpha Centauri

The final of the 2018 Butler's Fethard Sports Achievement Awards takes place this Friday, January 20, when winners in three categories will be announced.

The categories in question are Young Sportsperson of the Year, Team of the Year and Overall Winner for 2018.

This competition is now in its sixth year and continues to grow and capture the public's imagination.

The main aim of the competition is to acknowledge and reward local sporting achievements at all levels, be it at coaching/mentoring, participation or

administration. It is confined to Fethard parish, but allows for Fethard sportspeople working or living elsewhere as well as people from elsewhere who have made their home in the parish.

The competition is administered by a steering group comprising of representatives from all of the main sporting organisations, all having a love for sport as the common denominator.

"A feature of the monthly award nights is where we honour some of the many volunteers who give of their time and experience free of charge to further their sport. One person per month is chosen as our Mentor of the Month, which has proven to be very popular," a spokesperson said.

"We have unearthed some new sports this year, which we would not have known about were it not for the awards scheme. Typical of these sports would be slalom canoeing and the motor sport known as drifting, which came to our attention for the first time during the year.

The awards presentation starts at 9.30pm. All are welcome and a special guest or two is certain to make an appearance.



November joint winner Freya Byrne receiving her award from Sean O'Sullivan (sponsor). 12 year-old Freya won the Irish Canoe Slalom Junior Ladies C1 Flat Water Series 2018



Joint winners for November Matt Coen and Jack Quinlan receiving their award from Sean O'Sullivan (sponsor). These two hurlers played a pivotal role in helping the South Tipperary under 13 team regain the Peadar Cummins Cup for the first time in eight years



Ladies intermediate football team joint winners for September. First time county intermediate title winners



Bernard Feery, winner of the December Award, won gold, silver and bronze at the County Tipperary Indoor Championships Over-55 in Nenagh and a silver over-55 medal from the County Masters Cross Country



The joint winner for February Eoin Edel McMahon is a Irish ladies Six Nations Rugby Championship team member



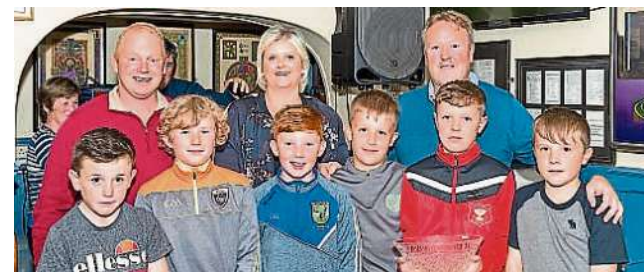
Joint winner for February Eoin Tynan was victorious in over 40 singles racquetball



Fethard ladies under 15 rugby team won the April award. They won the Munster League, Munster Cup and a ladies rugby 7s tournament



Fethard under 14 ladies gaelic football team won July. They are the Munster Community Games champions



Fethard under 12 hurling team were August's winners. They won the South Tipperary A title for the first time in their history, beating Carrick Swans in the final



Ben Coen was joint winner of the September Award. Apprentice jockey Ben was a prolific winner in September, steering home nine winners



European Drifting Championships' Paul McCarthy won the October Award



# Cahill wants to help young guns capture Liam McCarthy Cup

**Tipperary under 20 hurling manager Liam Cahill has told the victorious Munster minor hurling champions to train on, develop and mature because, in time, he wants to help them win the Liam McCarthy Cup.**

The statement of intent from the Ballygarra man was just one of a number of key messages delivered by the successful managers of the under 21 and minor hurlers on the night the spoils of battle were distributed to the players at The Anner Hotel on Saturday evening last.

A large attendance saw the players receive their medals from the president of the County Board, former All-Ireland winning captain Matt Hassett, and County Board Chairman John Devane.

And while Board PRO Joe Bracken excellently looked back at the events which led to the Tipperary flag being hoisted above others in 2018, the emphasis amongst the keynote speakers was very much on looking forward.

John Devane told the players that they are part of a process, one that has people in place to help them develop into the kind of hurlers they want to be.

"When you are old and grey you can look back and say I did my best. But this is 2019 and there is a lot of hurling to be done. Not every player gets to achieve success and I would see that a lot of you players are building a nice collection of medals at club, school, colleges and county level. But the key to it is to keep building and keep

building," he said.

Liam Cahill also had messages aplenty to get across, including stating quite clearly that he wants to be considered for the Tipp senior hurling position in time and when the time is right – he was one of the key contenders for the position when Michael Ryan stepped down during the summer.

He encouraged the minor and under 21 players to continue their development and looked forward to linking up with them again in a bid to bring the Liam McCarthy Cup back to Tipperary.

Speaking on the campaign that saw Tipp's under 21s lose the Munster final very heavily to Cork before going on to defeat the same opposition in the All-Ireland final in a quite magnificent revenge mission, he pointed to redemption being high on their priority after the provincial hammering.

"The players gave us everything and anything that was asked of them was delivered. We had some serious questions to answer but the respect and honesty which came our way was outstanding. The willingness to change and adapt helped us to achieve the redemption we sought after the Munster final.

"We knew after the Galway game that we had a very serious chance of winning the All-Ireland. And in the lead-up to that final we promised ourselves that we would stage the greatest ambush ever seen."

They did just that and the title-clinching goal from Conor Stakelum at the very death was greeted with

scenes of delirious joy, as the Premier County toasted their famous victory.

The Ballygarra man, who won a county senior hurling title with Thurles Sarsfields, congratulated the minors, stating that the future is very bright, and he looked forward to welcoming them into the under 20 fold in the coming seasons. But he expressed the wish to go further than that, stating "I look forward to teaming up with you all again in time in our quest to bring the Liam McCarthy Cup to Tipperary."

The special guest speaker was Corkman, professional boxer Gary 'Spike' O'Sullivan, who spoke of his admiration for amateur players. "You guys are as professional as anybody and I can only salute you for what you do. The under 21s were magnificent champions, even though you beat Cork," he said.

Spike told of an altercation he had with Conor McGregor at a ringside event when they had to be separated. He said he would take him on any time if the money was right.

Last year's Minor manager Tommy Dunne, who is now part of the senior hurling management team under Liam Sheedy, also delivered an important message to his players.

Describing the year as "thoroughly enjoyable", he told the players that winning a Munster minor hurling crown does not mean that they will go on to have big careers in the game.

"However, I am fairly certain that we have players in the squad who can go on and play important roles for Tipperary in the future, provided



Killenale's Killian O'Dwyer and Aoife Maher at the medals presentation in the Anner Hotel

you continue to work hard, grow and develop. But remember, hurling is not everything. Sometimes it feels like it is, but it is not.

"I would say to you all to try to have a balance in life. Try to keep an interest in other things outside of hurling because that will keep you right.

Listen to the good people around you, including your parents and friends, because they will help you achieve the right balance."



Michael Whelan (Carrick Davins), Mark Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcash), Dylan Walsh (Ballygarra) and Ciaran Barrett (Clonmel Og) being presented with their under 21 All-Ireland winning medals by Tipperary County Board chairman John Devane



Eoghan Connolly (Cashel King Cormacs), Shane Neville (Lattin-Cullen) and Rian Doody (Cappawhite) being presented with their under 21 All-Ireland winning medals by Tipperary County Board chairman John Devane



# CARRICK UNITED TO OFFICIALLY OPEN NEW STAND

**Carrick United FC will officially open the new PJ O'Neill Memorial Stand at Tom Drohan Park this Sunday, January 20, by hosting key League and Munster Junior Cup matches with FAI chief John Delaney the special guest of honour.**

The celebrations will kick off at 11am when Alan Ryan's Premier Team take on Dungarvan United in the League.

The official opening of the PJ O'Neill Memorial Stand will take place after the match at 1pm. FAI CEO John Delaney and members of the O'Neill family will be in attendance to do the official honours.

At 2pm, John White's CUFC "B" team will host St. Michael's in the 4th round of the Munster Junior Cup. This match is going to generate massive interest among local soccer fans.

There is no charge for entry to any of the games on the day. The Club will, however, have donation buckets for Pieta House.

Large crowds are expected at the official opening ceremony and matches so parking will be limited.

The Club is advising members and soccer supporters to make the journey to Tom Drohan Park on foot if possible.

Parking for home and away teams for both games will be provided at St.

Molleran's. Limited spaces may be available at Tom Drohan Park. Once these spaces are full, the car park will close. People attending the event are urged not to obstruct entrances/exits and to be mindful of neighbours.

The Club will have stewards directing traffic towards the best possible place to park and appeals to the

public to respect all directions given by stewards on the day. Refreshments will also be available on the day and all under 18s must be supervised.

"We hope everyone enjoys what is an extremely proud day that will go down in the history of Carrick United for many years to come," said a Carrick United spokesman.

## Brendan Mulvaney - a community and stage star in Carrick-on-Suir

**One of Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's oldest surviving former stage performers is 88 years-old Brendan Mulvaney.**

The Society is currently celebrating its 75th anniversary and Brendan, through his on-stage performances and back stage volunteer work over nearly six decades, contributed in no small part to its rise as one of the country's top amateur musical theatre groups.

He joined Carrick Amateur Operatic Society in 1950 for the Belle of New York show, lending his glorious tenor voice to the chorus. In the following years, he played leading roles in operetta, musicals and panto. He was also the Strand Theatre's house manager for many years and served as the Society's chairman for three years.

Brendan's party pieces Goodbye from the White Horse Inn and the great Sinatra favourite My Way confirmed his reputation as one of the finest singers in the region.

In 2008, he was nominated by Carrick Musical Society for an AIMS Unsung Hero award in recognition of his contribution to the Society. In 2014, he was awarded honorary life membership of the Society.

Brendan's memories of his time with the Musical Society are happy ones filled with great friendships and memories of great characters including the late Dick Meany, Joe Power, Christy Butler and Joe Walsh.

Brendan and his wife Maureen celebrated 60 years of marriage last July.

The Mulvaney home at Parkside in Carrick-on-Suir has always been a welcoming venue for their many friends, family and musicians who often held music and singing practice sessions there filled with laughter and banter.



**Brendan Mulvaney with his dog Freddie, whom he saved from the house fire, and his wife Maureen Mulvaney at their home in Carrick-on-Suir.**

They have four children Bernadette, Sinead, Valerie and Sean who grew up in a warm family home where kindness, friendship and empathy towards others always presided. There was never a dull moment at the Mulvaney household.

As well as being a performer with the Musical Society, Brendan was a keen sportsman and Carrick Davins GAA player, choir member and fundraiser.

Brendan was born in Chapel Street, Carrick-on-Suir on May 15, 1930 to John and Teresa Mulvaney. Brendan is now the sole surviving sibling of 5 sons and two daughters, the late Paddy, Billy, Seán and Francis and the late Mary and Breda.

He spent his primary school years at the CBS Greenschool in Carrick and progressed to the CBS Secondary School where his lilting tenor voice was discovered.

He joined the junior choir at the Friary. His wonderful voice has graced local choirs

including St. Christopher's Folk Group and the Suir Valley Choir and he was invited to sing at many weddings and funerals over the years.

Brendan was also deeply involved with the Carrick-on-Suir & District Lions Club for 24 years, joining in 1988. As a Lions member, he helped fundraise for many charitable causes. One close to his heart was the hospice rooms in St. Brigid's Hospital in Carrick, which were officially opened in October 2012.

Brendan with his Lions colleagues made many visits to the sick in St. Brigid's Hospital and to nursing homes. He also made many personal visits to those who were sick.

He helped fundraise for the Irish Heart Foundation and the Irish Cancer Society and was an active member of the Carrick-on-Suir Daffodil Day Committee for many years with the inspirational Marie Walsh at the helm.

Brendan's love of sport featured throughout his life and still does.

He played minor for Car-

rick Davins and never missed a match or training even as a spectator. He was a team selector from under age to senior level and fondly remembers his former great friends the late Joe Walsh, Séan Daly, Jimmy Walsh, Eddie Shanahan and Jack Walsh all of whom he played alongside and travelled to matches with.

The late William Lonergan, a Carrick Swan man, who in his playing days captained the Swan senior hurling team and won All-Ireland Minor and Intermediate hurling medals with Tipperary, was also a great friend of Brendan's.

Playing cards was another interest of Brendan's and he spent many evenings at the 25-card drives in Tullahought, Glencomeragh and various locations in Carrick-on-Suir.

And Brendan still found time to work in The Tannery in Carrick for 32 years.

Several years ago the family's house went on fire. Much of the house was destroyed but fortunately no one was injured.

During the fire, Brendan realised the family dog, Freddie, had not escaped and ran back inside to save him. Freddie was sitting on the armchair, which had started to burn. Not wasting a moment, Brendan caught Freddie by the collar and pulled him out just in time for both of them.

The Mulvaney's home is now refurbished and boasts a beautiful sunroom to the back looking over their lovely garden.

Brendan and his wife Maureen are a wonderful team and remain soulmates after more than 60 years together. All in Carrick and beyond wish Brendan a return to good health and every happiness in his retirement from local clubs and societies.

## Brewery Lane mourns passing of John Ahern

**Brewery Lane Drama Group is saddened at the passing of one of its former actors John Ahern.**

John's involvement with Brewery Lane Drama Group was fleeting but memorable. He was a cast member in four productions: *The Cripple of Inishmaan* (1999), *Happy Birthday Dear Alice* (1999), *Death of a Salesman* (2000) and *View from the Bridge* (2002). John's family are immersed in Theatre and his daughter, Jacqui, is an actress and director.

John served with the Irish Defence Forces in Lebanon to supervise the withdrawal of Israeli Forces following their invasion of Lebanon in 1987. On his return to civilian life, he

qualified as a driver/tour guide. In John's first acting part in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, he excelled as the island fisherman *Bobby Bobby* painting his Currach on the shore.

Two lines of dialogue from that play come to mind: "Are you gettin' your Currach ready, Bobby Bobby?" "Can't you see I'm gettin' my Currach ready!"

It's a pity you had to put to sea so soon. Calm voyage John until we meet again on that far distant shore. You will be long remembered. The Theatre group sends heartfelt sympathy to Maureen, children Thomas, Alan, Noelle, Jacqui and their mother Katherine.

Solus na bhFlaitheas d'anam dilis.

## Jim Bourke is new Swan chairman

Carrick Swan Club elected James (Jim) Bourke as its new chairman at the agm on Sunday last.

He takes over the office from outgoing chairman Tony Hogan, who the Club thanks for all his hard work over the past three years.

Sean O'Shea, field development officer, and acting secretary for the 2018 season, and Sean McDonnell, treasurer, and acting juvenile secretary for 2018 deserve a special mention for the extremely detailed reports they prepared and presented to the agm.

The Club also thank the outgoing committee for their hard work last year. Anybody interested in helping out at the Club should contact any committee member.

Minor, U-21, junior and senior hurling team are back training. They train in the

gym each Wednesday with Lee Lanigan, and one session on the field with Lee and Kevin O'Sullivan, who is the club's coach for 2019.

The Club's Juvenile Lotto jackpot is a whopping €6,250 this week. Last week's jackpot was €6,000 and there was no winner.

The club is entering Scór in 2019, and any interested parties are invited to step forward. County Scór takes place on February 23 and South Scór na bPáistí takes place on March 4.

If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Seamus Walsh on (083) 4420833. Quiz teams, musicians, singers.

Carrick Swan extend condolences to the Ahern family of Carrick and Limerick, and the Murphy family, Grangemockler, on their recent bereavements.



# LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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## BUDGET CHANGES

Family Carers Ireland area manager Cllr Richie Molloy would like to make family carers aware on the budget changes that came into effect on January 1: The weekly income limits for the GP visit card increased by 10%. Domiciliary Care Allowance will continue to be paid for three months in cases where the child being cared for has died. Increase in the home carer tax credit from €1,200 to €1,500. Please note that the following changes will not come into effect until April 1: The prescription charge for medical card holders over the age of 70 will be reduced from €2 per item to €1.50 per item. Prescription charges will be phased out for people in emergency accommodation. The monthly threshold for the Drugs Payment Scheme will be reduced from €134 to €124.

## NEW INN

### Women's Group

Operation Transformation takes place on January 17 from 7.15pm at the GAA clubhouse. Afternoon tea at the Horse and Jockey on January 19 at 2pm. Monthly meeting on January 22 at 8.30pm in the community centre. Contact Mary Frances on 052-7462252.

### Get Active

Do you want to get moving and active this New Year, but you have nowhere to go? Do you find it hard to find a safe and well-lit area to go for a walk during the dark winter months? Come on board with Operation Transformation and the GAA for Ireland Lights Up, every Thursday from January 17 to February 21 at Rockwell Rovers clubhouse. Register from 7.15pm, warm-up at 7.35pm and walk from 7.45pm. Just bring your hi-vis vest!

### Lotto

Results from January 12: numbers were 2, 23, 24, 30. No winner. Lucky Dips: John Cooney, Colm O'Farrell, Debbie Byron and Pat Kirby to be entered into a draw for €500 on February 2. Sellers: John Cooney, PJ Moloney, Jimmy Looby and Michael Purcell to be entered into a draw for €100 on February 2. Jackpot of €6,000 up for grabs in Ollie's on January 19.

### Rockwell Rovers

AGM for juvenile club will take place on January 21 at 8pm in the clubhouse.

### Basketball Club

New Inn Rosegreen Basketball Club's annual fun-

draising table quiz takes place in Barron's Pub on January 25 at 8.30pm. €30 for a table of four. Contact 087-1270730.

### Knockgraffon cards

Winners on January 9 with 13 games were Sean Spillane and John O'Connor and in second place with 11 games were Paddy Holleran and Eileen White.

## DRANGAN

### Whist

Takes place on January 21. If any club wishes to hold a whist drive, please contact any committee member.

### Progressive 25

Winners on January 10 were Kieran Browne and Liam Meagher; Breda Wilson and John St John; and Lory Byrne and Joseph Meagher. Jackpot winner for December was Kitty Brett.

### St. Patrick's

€10,1000 is up for grabs on January 29 at 9pm when the draw takes place at Anner Park. Sympathy to Betty Phelan and family on the recent death of George Phelan.

## ÉIRE ÓG ANNACARTY

Ireland Lights Up with the GAA runs from January 17 to February 21 at the Annacarty walkway from 7pm. All ages and fitness levels welcome. This is an initiative in conjunction with Operation Transformation. Strictly no dogs.

## FELLOWSHIP

Tipperary Town Christian Fellowship meet Sundays in the Community Centre at 11.30am.

## CLONMEL

### Probus Club

Annual General Meeting in the Raheen House Hotel on January 24 at 10.30am. New members welcomed. Contact Jim Trehly on 087-9608713.

### Arts Group

Adult STAG are back in the art room at Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm to 10pm and in the Arts Centre on Nelson Street on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Adults with some drawing/painting experience or those who are attending other art groups and classes are always welcome at these sessions.

Artwork by STAG adult art members is on display and for sale at Slievenamon Golf Club, the outpatient corridor at South Tipperary General Hospital, Befani's Restaurant, Mr. Bumbles' Restaurant, My Cafe and by

contacting Maureen on 086-8096823. Junior STAG from 10.30am to 12.30pm each Saturday up to the mid-term break in February. There are only a few places left in both the primary section (9 years to 6th class) and senior section (1st year to Leaving Certs). Contact 086-8096823. Congratulations and many thanks to all the adult and junior art members, along with Michael, Andy, Patricia and the German students for the wonderful artwork on the roundabout at Tesco's and for the great festive windows in the vacant shops at Market Place. STAG acknowledges the financial support from Tipperary County Council for all the art materials required for the festive artwork.

**Dolphin Swimming** Resumes at Ferryhouse on January 18 from 7-8pm.

### Talk

Bernie Lennon will give a talk on Roger Casement at the County Museum in Clonmel on January 21 at 8.15pm. Clonmel Historical and Archaeological Society's annual membership fee of €10 is now due. New members welcome.

## CASHEL/ROSEGREEN

### Toastmasters

Toastmasters social group meet on January 17 from 8-10pm in Halla na Feile. Visit the group's Facebook page for more information.

### Happy New Year

Rosegreen Community Development Association committee members wish everyone in Rosegreen and the surrounding areas a very happy and prosperous New Year and thank everyone for your continuing support.

### Table quiz

Family fun table quiz takes place on January 19 at 8.30pm in Rosegreen Community Hall. Spot prizes and raffle on the night. Bring your own refreshments. Tea and sandwiches served. Team of four €20.

### Drama

Cloneen's Fionn Mac Cumhaill Players Drama and Theatre Group present John B Keane's The Year of the Hiker at Rosegreen Community Hall on January 17 at 8pm. Tickets available at the door.

## WALKING FESTIVAL

The Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society in association with the Galtee Walking Club will hold their annual Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival in Tipperary over the weekend of January 25-27.

The festival will host six guided walks over two days. On Saturday, A walkers can enjoy the magnificence of Galtymore in winter on the Galtymore Horseshoe, while B walkers will climb Bane Hill on a 10km trek and the C group will walk the Lady Gregory Loop on the eastern end of the Galtees taking in the waterfall and St Pecaun's Holy Well. On Sunday, walkers will have a choice of a B+ to Lake Diheen and Cush Mountain (13km), B walk to Lake Diheen (10km) or a C walk from Aherlow House Hotel to the Millennium Stone taking in Christ the King viewing point. The base point for all walks is Aherlow House Hotel. Registration in the hotel each morning. Busses will be provided to drop off and collect from each walk. The festival opens in Aherlow House on January 25, where you to meet the guides and assess the weekend routes. Maps will be available for all walks. There will be a feast of entertainment for the weekend, with the festival dinner on Saturday night open to visitors and locals to attend. There will be music in the hotel bar both on Friday and Saturday nights.

## P'TOWN/LISRONAGH

### Baptism

Congratulations to Anthony and Marie Burke baptised their son Tomas Padraig in Lisronagh on Saturday.

### Rathkeevin cards

Winners of the weekly card game held on January 10 were Jim and Mary Garrett on 11 games, Billy O'Brien and Eileen Howley and Eddie and June Cooney on 9 games. Table prizes on 19th and 20th games went Dominic Aherne and Mick O'Dwyer, with Michael Prendergast and Margaret Quinlan. Cards again on January 17.

## CLOGHEEN

### Drama Group

This year, Clogheen Drama Group will put on their production of the famous John B Keane play Sive. The producer is Liam Wall and practice is going good. If anyone would like to help with this year's production, either front of house or back stage, just drop in on Mondays and Thursdays from 8pm to 10pm. The play is due to go on stage the last weekend of March. The following is a short synopsis of Sive. Nana and Mena bicker provoke one another in the small smoky cottage where they live with Sive and Mena's husband Mike. While Nana dotes on

her orphaned granddaughter Sive, Mena plots to marry the young girl off to an old local farmer for the promise of land and a chance to escape from poverty. Written in 1959, Sive has become an Irish classic and one of the nation's best loved plays. It is a story about a battle of generations, a country in flux, exploitation, greed, love and tragedy all told with John B Keane's lyrical dialogue and great Irish humour.

### Vee Rovers

The Juniors were away to Tipperary Town on Sunday morning. Played in soft conditions, which we are usually accustomed to at this time of year, it was the home side who settled early on and tested Thomas Quirke in goal on a number of occasions. The home side were wind assisted in the first half and this perhaps was what caused doubt in the Rovers defence after 21 minutes by leaving the ball hop inside the box. This then resulted in further confusion, which led to a penalty that was duly converted to leave us a goal down. We battled on until half time just one goal behind.

On the resumption, we came out with all guns blazing and four minutes later Alan Condon had us on level terms when he beat the offside trap and stabbed the ball past the advancing keeper. We now carried the game to the opposition and it was no surprise when we took the lead after 70 minutes when Brian Sweeney took advantage of a defencise error to cooley finish to the net. This seemed to knock the heart out of the home side and we continued to dominate territorially. The introduction of Warren O'Brien proved to be inspired when he was taken

down for a penalty soon after coming on. Shane McGrath stepped up and net-capped the ball to the net to give us some breathing space. We saw out the remaining minutes with reasonable comfort and gain three valuable points. Once again our defence stood up all that was thrown at them throughout, and further up the field we worked hard and took our chances when they were presented.

## BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL

### Party

A big crowd enjoyed Duhill's annual New Year's on Sunday last. Thanks to all who gave prizes for the raffle, those who sang and entertained the crowd, those who helped with serving the food, and not forgetting Eileen who produced an excellent meal. Music was supplied by the Pat Tobin duo. Good wishes to those who were unable to attend through illness or otherwise. A minutes silence was held for those who passed away since last year's New Year's party.

### Duhill 45 Drive

Continues every Sunday at 8.15pm.

### 25 Drive

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

### Dramatic Society

The hilarious play Nobody Is Talking To Me, by Tommy Marron, takes place on January 26 at 8.15pm in Duhill Community Hall. Admission is €10. Tickets from Pat on 086-0777166, Majella on 087-2854511, Lina on 087-1334104 or Vee Valley Fruit and Veg Clogheen on 087-7984929.

### Ladies Club

The group celebrated Nollaig na mBan in Kilcoran Lodge on January 6.



Mairead Moloney and Rose Cleary at the New Inn Parish Links Christmas party. More photos on page 13



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### MULLINAHONE

#### Anniversary Mass

The 10th Anniversary Mass of James Connolly, Rocks Road will be on Saturday night next January 19 at 8pm. Eucharistic Adoration A short meeting to discuss how we can increase the numbers of adorers will take place in the Church immediately after Mass on January 16. All are welcome to attend.

Morning Mass Monday to Friday at 10am. First Holy Communion 2019 First Holy Communion 2019 will take place in St. Michael's Church on Saturday 18th May at 11am.

#### Lost and Found

Found in the Church over the Christmas period were a pair of cufflinks. These can be claimed after morning mass.

#### Break-In

On the night of Saturday, December 23 our Church was broken into. It is always regrettable that such incidents happen. We are grateful that nobody was hurt and what damage was caused will be repaired over the next few weeks. We would like to thank the Gardai for their prompt response and continued help in this matter and to thank those who helped to clear up the mess left behind. All their work is very much appreciated.

#### Mullinahone FC

On Saturday last Mullinahone Youths travelled to Cashel and defeated Cashel town 1 - 4 in a League fixture. This result sees us move sharply up the table.

#### Mullinahone Lotto

Lotto Draw January 7. Numbers drawn 5,6,8 and 23. No jackpot winner but three shared the Match 3 prize of €150. Congrats to Louise Walsh, Lisa Keating and Betty Egan. Next draw January 21 when the Jackpot could be worth €5,150.

#### Resolution for 2019

1. Use our Post Office as much as possible. We don't want to lose it.
2. It isn't much good complaining about most things that go wrong. Do something about them instead.
3. If you want to improve road safety when out and about, wear a high viz jacket.
4. If you want to have items of news printed in the local newspaper or local newsletter, get your copy in on time. Wednesday for Parish Newsletter and Sunday evening for local Newspaper.
5. Help keep our village tidy.



Pictured above are the Kilsheelan United team who defeated Donohill and District 6-0 in the Clonmel Credit Union League Division Two League game played at Kilsheelan on Sunday last. The goals were scored by Kevin Kirwan (hat-trick), Mark Heffernan, Jamie Cronin and Ronan Quigley

Use rubbish bins and don't tolerate those who misuse them. Well done to our binmen on their great efforts over Christmas and the New Year.

6. Support local ventures. Every little helps. Our parish needs all the help it can get Brexit or no Brexit.  
7. To misquote the late J.F.K. "Ask not what your parish can do for you, but what you can do for your parish"

#### RNR FITS

Well done to local man Richie Morrissey. His clothes line featured recently on Virgin Media One.

### KILLENAULE

#### Dancing

Classes commencing in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 7 pm

#### Confirmation

The date for this year's Confirmation in the parish is Tuesday, April 9 at 11am

#### Holy Communion

First Holy Communion dates this year are as follows:

Saturday, May 4 - Killenaule NS and Ballinure NS.  
Saturday, May 11 - Moyglass National School.

#### Computer Training

Computer training is available at Slieveardagh Centre, Killenaule. Tel: 052- 9156165 One to One Computer Training every Wednesday from 11am - 3pm. Learn an area of the computer that suits you i.e. emails, social media, etc.  
Book an hour for only €10.

#### Scoil Ruáin News

There are exciting times ahead for soccer in Scoil Ruáin. Our u19s have the Munster John Murphy Senior Cup to look forward to next week against Colaiste Mhuire, Buttevant. The boys de-

feated Kilmallock 3-2 in a hard fought game with goals from Rhys Shelly (2) and Kyle Shelly.

Our u15s are also in action next week in a Munster Semi-final when they travel to face Killorglin. The u15s have put in some fine performances so far this season.

Meanwhile the First Years are awaiting results from other groups having topped their group in the Collins Cup with two commanding performances.

#### All-Ireland Final

Congratulations to Scoil Ruáin's Cadet 'B' team who won the All Ireland Semi-Final v Midleton in UL on Wednesday 9th Januará on a score line on 49-44. Top scorers included Jess Strappe and Ava Heffernan with 8 points and Izzy Hayden with an impressive 16 points.

The final will take place in the National Basketball Stadium in Tallaght, Dublin. Congratulations again to the team and their coaches Sean O'Regan and Rebecca Hayden.

### KILSHEELAN

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage will be from June 5 to 10 this year and information regarding sick pilgrims and bookings are on posters in Church.

#### Mass Times in Kilsheelan

Weekday mornings, except Wednesday, at 10am, Saturday Vigil at 6.15pm and Sunday at 11.30am.

#### Mass Times in Kilcass

Wednesday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10.

#### Killurney Sports & Social Club

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Monday January 28 at 8.15pm. This is your opportunity to find out more about the Club and its activities as the past year is reviewed and we plan for the future.

#### Community Field

The committee would like to acknowledge the positive response and support which they are getting from the local community on our fundraiser. This allows us to be one step closer to completion of "Tar Our Track".

#### Ballypatrick Sports Centre

Next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday January 22 at 8pm when we hope for a full attendance. A reminder to all as the new year dawns, that membership fees now fall due.

#### KPLAN

Building work has recommenced following the Christmas break towards the provision of space for a kitchen area, thank you to Mike Martin and his team. We most gratefully thank all patrons for their understanding during renovations. Facility available for bookings, please contact Caroline on 087 7812932 or Maura on 087 9753727.

#### 10 Mile Run

Date for our 10 Mile Run is Sunday March 10. We look forward to a large number of volunteers helping out on the day. Booking online for the 10 miler is at [Kilsheelan10Mile.Itsyourrace.com/register](http://Kilsheelan10Mile.Itsyourrace.com/register). Entry fee is €20 and plenty of prizes spread throughout the field. Finish for the race is Kilsheelan village.

#### Strictly Dancing

Kilsheelan has lift off. Best of luck to all our dancers who are starting practice this week, a wonderful night's entertainment guaranteed during April. They have already earned our full admiration, as it is no mean undertaking. Practice starts this week and we wish the very best of good luck to all of the dancers. All proceeds going towards the current building fund for the KPLAN Kilsheelan Community Centre.

### NEWCASTLE

#### Munster medal for Padraig

Congratulations to Padraig O'Loughlin a member of Newcastle GAA who was a recipient of a Munster medal at a function in the Anner hotel Thurles on Saturday night last. Well done Padraig.

#### Recent death

The death occurred at her residence in white church London recently of Mrs Mary Cullinan Mary was the last surviving member of the Hyland family Knockperry Newcastle and was predeceased by her husband Christy Cullinan late of Newcastle. Burial took place in London. To her bereaved family and family relations in Newcastle. We extend sincere sympathy.

#### Newcastle 5 K

This popular race takes place this Sunday next, January 20. It is the opening race in the county and usually attracts a very good entry. The race Starts at 12 noon. Entries will be taken at the Community hall in the village from 10.30am. The race will start outside the GAA complex and will finish outside the school. All proceeds goes to Newcastle School. There will be

teas and refreshments afterwards in the community hall.

#### Tipp Wheelers

Membership night takes place at the Canon Hayes Sports Complex in Tipperary Town on January 18 from 7pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend. New members most welcomed. "We are a friendly club that caters for cyclists and triathletes of all levels. We have three cycle groups each weekend - one on Saturdays, two on Sundays and during the summer months commence weekday cycles too. Our leisure/sportive cyclists meet on Sundays at 9am in Tipp Town plaza and usually meet for a 40km to 50km cycle around this time of the year. The race team training takes place on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9am from Tipp Town plaza. All our weekend cycles are open to prospective members who wish to come along and try them out," a club spokesperson said. "Throughout the year, we provide coached swim sessions in Canon Hayes complex as well as strength and conditioning classes. Many of our members are triathletes and several are currently preparing for the summer races as well as a hardy few getting ready for the Ironman in Cork in June. We have many runners in the club too and will be announcing club running group training shortly. "Our cyclists are involved in all sorts of events, from sportive cycles to club league racing, open road races and mountain biking. The aim of the club is to get out and get active with like-minded individuals from the local area." Email [tippwheelers@gmail.com](mailto:tippwheelers@gmail.com) or visit the club's Facebook page for more information.





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