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Kellie returns home

Carrick-on-Suir gymnast Kellie O'Donnell was one of Team Ireland's top performers at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi last week, bringing home three silver medals. She is pictured with her proud father Leslie, mother Tara, brothers Jamie and Aaron, and sister Clodagh. Read more on page 27



Fundraiser launched to support 'rapidly deteriorating' local girl

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A fundraising drive was launched at Clonmel Town Hall last Friday to support a local girl set to undergo spinal surgery.

Ashleigh Prout was born with nervous system genetic disorder neurofibromatosis and later developed scoliosis.

The 11-year-old has double curvature of the spine and a totally deformed back, confining her to a wheelchair as she struggles to walk. She was in sixth class at St Oliver's National School when she suffered a stroke last October, which led to brain damage and severe Tourette syndrome.

"Ashleigh is at a 54 degree angle now and is going for a pre-operation on April 3,"

Ashleigh's aunt, Mary, told South Tipp Today at the launch of a 10km fundraising walk to support her medical care.

"She has problems with her lungs, asphyxiates and has optic nerve tumours in her right eye, which is badly affecting her eyesight. She's sick on a constant basis. She needs help getting up and down the stairs and with everyday things like getting

washed and dressed. Her legs give way when she tries to walk."

Ashleigh's condition has "rapidly deteriorated" over the past 12 months, leading to damage of her internal organs. Mary said it's "very difficult" for the family, with the costs of pending spinal fusion, travelling to Dublin for hospital appointments and medication mounting up.

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'Red flags' warning to Irish Water on town supply

Plans to decommission the water treatment plants at Poulavanogue and Glenary, leaving just the river as the single raw water source for the town, would be "a disaster" for Clonmel.

This was stated by Cllr. Pat English at a meeting of Clonmel Borough District Council.

He was responding to a council report stating that the plants at Poulavanogue and Glenary had been placed on the Remedial Action List (RAL) prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

It was stated that the RAL is a register of public water supplies with the most serious deficiencies and most at

risk, where the EPA requires Irish Water to take corrective action to ensure the safety and security of the supplies.

The RAL heading for the Poulavanogue plant was "inadequate treatment for cryptosporidium" and the proposed action programme was to "abandon the source and replace it with supply from a new Clonmel water source". Because of that, it was intended that the Suir would be the single raw water source for Clonmel, and the plants at Poulavanogue and Glenary decommissioned.

However, Cllr. English said it would be "a disaster" for the town if Irish Water put all its eggs in one basket. Both Poulavanogue and Glenary had served the town well, with a continuous supply of

pristine water to the people of Clonmel and surrounding areas for many years.

He didn't believe the Suir would be good enough to keep the supply going for the entire town, especially considering the long dry spell that was experienced last summer. The supply from the river would also be hard water.

Cllr. English predicted there would be problems down the line if they didn't keep Poulavanogue and Glenary going, especially for business people if there was a lime content going into the supply, which would involve serious costs.

Since Irish Water took over in 2014, both plants weren't being maintained as regularly as before.

Cllr. English also said the water pressure in higher areas of Cherrymount was poor, and he asked if there was a leak detection system in the area.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said he was "really alarmed" by the council report and it immediately raised a number of red flags. He said the long-term plan to abandon both plants and abstract water from the Suir was perhaps 10 years away and wouldn't happen anytime soon.

He asked what was plan B if Glenary and Poulavanogue failed in two months time or a year.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said there were "huge issues" with water. In the old days when the supply was maintained by the council, they

didn't get as many calls as they did now. If there was heavy rain there were interruptions to the supply because the filters were blocked, and in some cases the supply wasn't restored for days. She would be concerned if the supply was changed from soft to hard water.

District Mayor Richie Molloy, along with Cllrs. Ambrose and English, said the blocking of combined drains was an ongoing issue in many older areas, and was proving very costly when people had to hire plumbers to clear them.

Cllr. Ambrose said an elderly woman who contacted her about this was "crying". Another person had to pay €120 for a plumber from their

old age pension.

Senior executive engineer John Fogarty said that boreholes had been sunk near the town in an effort to augment the Poulavanogue supply, while there were plans to get the Glenary supply up to specifications. He said it would take a long time and a lot of investment to get Poulavanogue up to scratch and Irish Water was looking at other options.

Mr. Fogarty accepted that the water pressure at Cherrymount was marginal, but at times it was below an acceptable level. In time, it might be necessary to instal pumps on the scheme. He said there had been a lot of shut-offs of the water supply in Clonmel, many of them at night, as part of the leak-detection system.

Supporting Daffodil Day in Tipperary



Helping out on Daffodil Day in Tipperary Town were from left: Maura Collins, Yvonne Kelly, Kathleen Dalton, Kitty O'Reilly, Eileen Moriarty, Kay Delaney, Gretta English and Eamonn Ryan



Playing their part in helping to raise funds for Daffodil Day in Tipperary Town were Eoin Pyke, Oisín McCall and Mark Kelly

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€800,000 target to boost Carrick-on-Suir economy

A campaign has begun in Carrick-on-Suir to raise €800,000 to help finance a major revamp of Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre and create a Digital Enterprise Hub providing office space for 65 workers in the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC) is seeking donations from individuals and companies in Carrick-on-Suir and its hinterland for these two ambitious projects that aim to substantially increase tourist numbers and jobs in the town.

The group is also encouraging Carrick-on-Suir people living abroad to contribute to the fundraising effort, which is being run in tandem with a campaign to secure State grants and funding from philanthropic organisations for the projects.

Some of the money raised through the fundraising campaign will be spent on employing a tourism professional to manage the Heritage Centre and market the town to tourists and employing a manager for the Digital Enterprise Hub.

COSTEDC unveiled its detailed plans and vision for the Heritage Centre and the Digital Enterprise Hub along with the extra finance that needs to be raised for the projects at a briefing meeting in Comeragh College on the Pill Road two weeks ago.

COSTEDC chairman Tony Musiol explained the Heritage Centre and Digital Hub are the first of 13 projects listed in the town's Strategic Plan Vision 2030. The Vision 2030 Plan was published in late 2016 and the 13 projects it recommends were proposed by the people of the town at three public consultation workshops.



At the briefing session in Comeragh College in Carrick-on-Suir about the new fundraising campaign for Carrick Heritage Centre and the new Digital Enterprise Hub were Patsy Fitzgerald of Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (COSDA), Niall Walsh (COSDA chairman), Tony Musiol (COSTEDC chairman), Anna Tobin (COSTEDC administration secretary), Maurice Power (COSTEDC) and Michael Coady (writer, poet and historian)

The Heritage Centre is a former Church of Ireland church located off Main Street that was saved from dereliction in the 1980s and transformed from a roofless ruin into a local museum and tourist office by Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (COSDA).

Mr Musiol outlined that in 2017 funding was secured to get an architectural design drawn up for the upgrade the Heritage Centre and a marketing plan. A €174,000 grant has been secured from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme that will part fund the project's first phase. The town needs to come up with a

further €50,000 in matching funding.

The first phase involves replastering the interior and exterior of the building, replacing the windows, creation of a new reception area and other structural renovations. The renovations are expected to begin within about two months and the aim is to have them completed by November.

The project's second phase will be the creation of high-tech interpretive display cabinets to showcase Carrick-on-Suir history and culture. It is planned to have them ready for the 2020 tourism season. Mr Musiol explained one display case will focus on the town's history such as Ormond Castle and the Butlers, another will

focus on its connection with the Clancy Brothers and music while others will be about the town's rich sporting heritage featuring Sean Kelly and cycling and Maurice Davin and the GAA. Visitors will receive audio handsets with a guided tour of the centre. The displays will be refreshed every few weeks.

The interpretation displays are expected to cost about €500,000. COSTEDC plans to fund about 85% of this cost through grants with up to 20 per cent collected through fundraising.

Meanwhile, the first phase of the Digital Enterprise Hub - the creation of 15 works spaces for entrepreneurs and small companies on the top floor of Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall - will be up and

running this spring. The second phase will be the creation of an extra 50 work spaces at another location in the town centre. It's planned to set this up next year.

One of the goals of the Digital Hub is to attract workers and businesses located in the major urban areas such as Dublin but who are looking for a better quality of life and more economically favourable place to work and live.

COSTEDC is aiming to raise about €800,000 over three years to realise the ambitious vision for the Heritage Centre and the Digital Enterprise Hub.

Mr Musiol points out that for every individual annual donation of €250, COSTEDC can raise between €1,500 and €3000 in Government grants.

"We want to create an on-going funding stream that offers us the best options in terms of maximising the additional funds, including grants, needed to achieve our goals.

"We are delighted to accept monthly or weekly donations organised through standing orders or equivalent means. We ask every business and the people of the town and its hinterland to get behind these efforts by signing up to make contributions but also by helping out with both projects," he added.

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Limerick gang suspects in Tipperary crime spree

Gardaí suspect a Limerick-based gang of criminals are behind a spate of car break-ins and car theft in the Bansha, Lisvernane and Cullen areas on the same night last week.

They have appealed to anyone who saw a suspicious dark coloured jeep, possibly a Kia, with a foreign registration plate in any of these communities on the night of Wednesday, March 21, and early hours of Thursday, March 22, to contact Tipperary Town Garda Station.

The first incident occurred in Bansha village last Wednesday night. A Volk-

swagen Golf car with a 10 TS registration was stolen from a house in the village at 11.45pm shortly after the owner returned home from work.

A car parked at a house in Lisvernane village was interfered with at 12.30am but the thieves didn't succeed in breaking into it.

A jeep was broken into in the same village 15 minutes later. Power tools were stolen from the vehicle.

The gang then moved to the Cullen area and broke into a car parked outside a house at Rathduff.

Gardaí believe the same gang were involved in a house burglary at Ballylanders in Co. Limerick later that night.

In addition to sightings of the jeep with the foreign registration plates, gardaí are requesting information on any sightings of the Volkswagen Golf that was stolen from Bansha. It hasn't yet been recovered.

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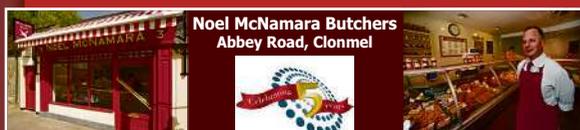
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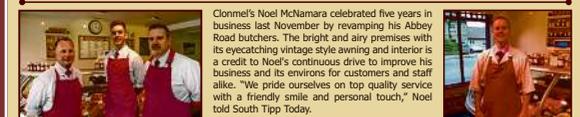
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Noel pictured with Billy & Paul Tobin

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Martin Keating of Noel McNamara Butchers

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

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

Noel would like to thank all his suppliers especially those listed below and also Tom & Theresa Drohan for the daily delivery of fresh bread.

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Fundraiser launched to help Ashleigh battle scoliosis

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The 10km walk takes place on April 28, with registration at 10am followed by the walk at 11am. It starts at Carey's Garage, Kilcoran, Cahir, with refreshments afterwards at The Hill Inn. The entry fee is €20, with all funds going towards keeping the family afloat. Sponsorship cards are also in circulation around the locality.

Launching the fundraiser, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr Richie Molloy said: "The health service doesn't provide the necessary resources and that's why communities come together. It's really important that will

all row in behind Ashleigh."

Deputy Seamus Healy expressed similar sentiments. "The HSE isn't funding services properly and it's a pity that a campaign like this has to happen. I hope it will be very successful."

Cllr Pat English, Deputy Mattie McGrath, Society of St. Vincent de Paul national president Kieran Stafford, Clonmel Lions Club president Peter Morrissey, and St Oliver's National School principal Valerie Slattery and community liaison teacher Morgan O'Connell were also in attendance to show their support for Ashleigh's campaign.

Tesco Clonmel is rallying behind Ashleigh, encour-

aging people to take part in the walk and to support her Community Fund blue token appeal in the store. "When Ashleigh's mother, Alison, sent me a real dignified and heartfelt letter, it really tugged at my heartstrings," Tesco Clonmel manager Martin Allen said.

"We need to get the momentum going and the message out there that this walk is taking place on April 28 and we need to get as many people as possible to take part to help Ashleigh."

Ashleigh said she would be "extremely grateful" if the public could support the fundraiser and that it would make a "massive difference" to her life. "I like watching TV



A 10km walk to raise funds for the medical care of Ashleigh Prout was launched at Clonmel Town Hall

shows, but I would really love to be able to hang out with my friends and just go out of the

house. I would love to play football, but I'm just always tired. I would be delighted if

people could support the fundraising walk," Ashleigh added.

Hillary honoured with Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero award

Cahir woman Hillary Carter has won the Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero award for her unstinting community work in her hometown.

She was announced the winner at the awards ceremony in Clonmel Town Hall last week where tributes were paid to her remarkable commitment to volunteering.

She was nominated for the prestigious award, in memory of another community stalwart Eileen Anderson, by a number of organisations including Cahir Lions Club, Cahir Men's Shed, the community hall and community bingo.

Hillary has played an

active part in the community of Cahir for many years. She has been looking after the day to day running of the community hall for over twenty years.

She arranges bookings, collects fees, completes weekly banking, and arranges the cleaning, maintenance and general upkeep of the centre. She is also on call for any problems which may arise.

She is involved in Cahir Country Markets, the Flower Club, St. Paul's Church and Cahir Men's Shed to name just a few.

Hillary has also been an inspiration to all Lions Club members, both past and present. Her husband Arthur

was a member and Hillary was an amazing volunteer to assist with any task, and still is.

As a cancer survivor herself, she is very involved in supporting the Hospice and other cancer charities, and is pivotal in the organising of Daffodil Day collections in Cahir.

This year's Unsung Hero award was jointly sponsored and organised by Clonmel Rotary Club and Clonmel Borough District Council. The event was coordinated by Rotary Club member Darren Ryan. Mr Ryan welcomed Eileen Anderson's family to the ceremony and thanked them for allowing the award to continue in her name, en-



Mayor Richie Molloy presents the Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero award to Hillary Carter in Clonmel Town Hall. Included are: Joe O'Sullivan (Clonmel Rotary Club president), Brendan McGuinness (judging panel), Carol Creighton (Tipperary County Council), Anthony Coleman (judge), Amanda Quigley (last year's winner), Nicola Anderson, Darren Ryan (event co-ordinator) and Brendan Franklin (judge)

suring that the work she did for her community and the

wider community of Clonmel will not be forgotten.

He thanked the judging panel of Sgt. Brendan Franklin from Cahir Gardaí, Anthony Coleman from the District Council and Brendan McGuinness from Clonmel Rotary Club.

Mayor Richie Molloy, Rotary Club president Joe O'Sullivan and Brendan McGuinness congratulated Hillary on her win and said the accolade was truly deserved. They also congratulated the other nominees for the award, all of whom would have been very worthy winners. They included Catherine McCarra, Joe Leahy, Packie 'Flicker' Halley, Eileen Fahey, Catherine 'Kitty' Burke and Seamus O'Doherty.

Angela crowned Cashel Person of the Year

Angela McGrath of Spafield Crescent has honoured as Cashel Person of the Year for 2019.

She was selected by an adjudication panel and presented with her award by Cashel Lions Club president Eddie Morrissey at a ceremony in Halla na Feile.

She is the 33rd person to receive the award since it was inaugurated by the Lions Club in 1987.

The award honours the person in Cashel and District who, in the eyes of the adjudicators, contributed significantly to the life of the community during the previous year in any capacity. Angela has been doing that not only during 2018, but for a significant number of years before that. She started off over 10 years ago with the Reuniting Pets Cashel initiative, which was kind of bridge between owners of lost pets and the local pound. She worked closely with dog warden John O'Neill, whose job is to collect stray dogs and keep them in the pound in Bally-

clerihan for five days after which they must be claimed or put down. In many cases, owners have found out about their lost pets when it was too late and it can be a heart-breaking situation for them.

Angela's aim was to locate the dog and the owner before it gets to the pound. If the owner contacts her, she not only puts a picture of the animal on Facebook but goes looking for the dog. She can sometimes be found in the strangest of places looking for dogs or cats! If she finds a stray dog and if it is micro-chipped, she will identify it and reunite it with its owner.

Of course, this involves taking the lost animal to her home and looking after it until it is claimed. From an early age Angela has had this love of animals. She remembers when she was a young child in McCann Street looking after as many as eight pubs at the one time.

Angela's second activity is the Cashel Feral Cat Project. This is an effort to control the increase in the



Angela McGrath with her extended family at the awards evening

cat population, which can get out of hand very quickly. Did you know that cats can produce kittens every three months? A person gets a pet cat and is delighted until after six months the one pet suddenly has six or eight or companions.

The Feral Cat Project aims to

have stray cats neutered or spayed to keep the population from increasing and multiplying. This isn't a cheap process, costing €75 to have a cat spayed or €50 to have one neutered.

Angela is grateful to the local vets for accommodating her needs. In-

terestingly, cats that have been neutered or spayed have their left ear tipped so that finders will know.

These projects are completely voluntary as is all the work that Angela and her very good helper Michelle O'Dwyer do. There is no public funding for what they do. Cashel Feral Cats Project raises its funds through car boot sales. They have a selection of posters, beautifully designed and produced by Lion Print, and Angela is very grateful to the company and particularly Chris for their help.

The posters request people to donate any unwanted items such as toys, clothes, books and household items that are in good, sellable condition to help raise money for Cashel's feral cats. Anyone who would like to contribute in any way to Angela's project can contact her at 087-9964500.

Angela is also involved with the Cashel Pantomime committee, the Cashel Rocks Festival and the Cashel Arts Fest.



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STUDENTS HUB

Coláiste Chluain Meala students enjoy field trip to PAWS Animal Rescue

As part of a Junior Cycle Short Course, first year students in Coláiste Chluain Meala have been afforded the opportunity to learn about how to care for animals and animal welfare.

While discussing modern day issues regarding the caring of animals, students felt compelled to help the ever-increasing number of dogs that are being affected by abuse and abandonment.

Through their school, the first year class made contact with PAWS Animal Rescue in Mullinahone, a wholly Irish charity, who are doing fantastic work in caring for abandoned and unwanted animals.

PAWS kindly offered to give students a guided tour of the shelter and to demonstrate the incredible labour of love they are carry out in Mullinahone through re-homing and caring for animals.

In appreciation of the op-

portunity they were being afforded at seeing first hand the trojan work those at PAWS are doing, the First Year students at Coláiste Chluain Meala wanted to help in their own little way. The students organised an ice-cream sale in the school amongst the pupils and staff and raised a sum of money to help offset, as much as they could, the enormous cost of looking after so many animals at the shelter.

On Thursday, March 21, the students visited PAWS and they made a presentation to Zoe Freaney of the proceeds from their ice cream sale.

During their day-visit to PAWS in Mullinahone the staff at the shelter gave a fantastic guided tour, spoke to the students about animal welfare and gave tips on how to care for animals properly. Students were then given the chance to walk dogs to get a feel for one of the daily tasks that has to be undertaken at

the shelter by the many volunteers.

All in all the visit gave the students a fuller appreciation of animal welfare and a practical first-hand experience of how animals should be properly respected and treated. It was a very beneficial experience for the students and a good practical lesson learned.

PAWS Animal Shelter, Mullinahone is a voluntary organisation and is in need of constant support and generosity. With many dogs in their care at any one time they rely heavily on the generosity of the public to fund and continue their work. PAWS welcome any donations possible, be it monetary or blankets/dog food and even volunteers to walk the increasing amount of dogs that they are trying to rehome.

Coláiste Chluain Meala would sincerely like to thank Zoe and the PAWS team for their time, in what was a fantastic day for the students.



ABOVE: Trying to decide whether they were selling ice cream or enjoying it were Coláiste Chluain Meala first year students, from left to right: Abbie Fogarty, Niamh Sutherland, Thomas O'Reilly, Luke Mullins, Michael Prendergast-Norris, Ashir Ali and Michael Freaney

RIGHT: Michael Freaney and Ashir Ali take a dog for a walk during the Coláiste Chluain Meala first years recent visit to the PAWS Animal Rescue Shelter at Mullinahone



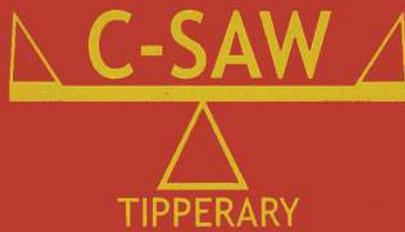
First year students in Coláiste Chluain Meala recently made a field trip to the Paws Animal Rescue in Mullinahone to see first-hand the great work being done by the volunteers. They also made a presentation from the class' ice cream sale to the shelter. From left to right: Thomas O'Reilly, Michael Freaney, Zoe Freaney, Ashir Ali, Abbie Fogarty, Niamh Sutherland



LEFT: Walking the dogs - Thomas O'Reilly, Niamh Sutherland and Abbie Fogarty

BELOW: PAWS volunteer Zoe Freaney teaches the students about dog care





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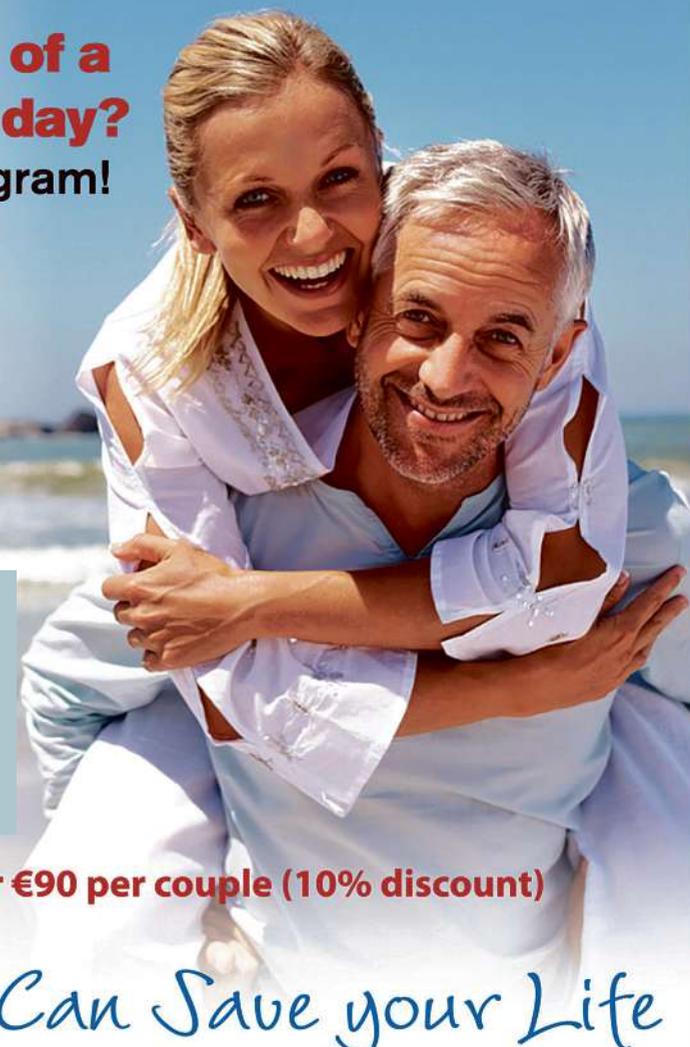
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WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

Shocking decline in Waterbirds

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The Mute Swan's current population is 6,970, a decline of 7% in the medium term and needs to be watched

I recently had the pleasure off attending a sobering talk by Brian Burke from Birdwatch Ireland. Brian works on the wetland monitoring project. This started in 1994/95, and is celebrating 25 years of recording.

Ireland is international important for overwintering wetland birds. Our mild climate, compared to most of our neighbours, and abundance of wetlands, from estuaries to lakes, make us the ideal place for birds, to safely pass the winter. Under the EU Birds Directive, we have to keep a watch on these populations, and the Wetland monitoring scheme was designed to do this.

Each autumn dedicated teams from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and nearly 400 skilled volunteers, head out to count, their designated wetland. Starting in September and running till March, they count the number of ducks, swans and gulls, and submit the data. This can be done online, or through the post. January is the most important month, as this data is shared internationally, for wider population trends.

Volunteers are always needed, and workshops are run throughout the country that help build up skills, and confidence, in identifying birds. Learning about nature starts with one species at a time, and become familiar with the birds, you see regularly on your walks. Try going out with someone more experienced, and they can pass on tips.

Local branches are been encouraged to run events and walks throughout the year. From trips to lakes and estuaries, you can develop your

skills, in a relaxed and fun environment.

Brian shared some of his tips learnt over the year. While some locations like a lake, can have a handful of birds, other places like estuaries, might have thousands. When faced with the latter, stay calm, and count species that are a flight risk first. Even the biggest places can only be recorded, one species at a time.

While binoculars will cover some locations, a scope is necessary for many counts. These are available from the birdwatch Ireland shop, with advice and a budget to suit all pockets.

Limerick people love feeding the birds, and most will not be aware of the shocking decline, of some of our most familiar birds. Brian went through the data, gathered over 25 years.

He started with the Mute Swan. The current population is 6,970, and has shown a decline of 7% in the medium term, and needs to be

watched. The wintering whooper has a bigger population, 11,000 birds, and its range is expanding. Our last swan the Bewicks has declined by 97%. Just nine birds were recorded, and climate change is having a huge effect, on this once common species. Grey heron have a mixed message, and more research is needed.

All diving ducks have suffered massive declines. The familiar Mallard, with its bottle green head, down by 41%. Other once common species like coot 44%, pochard 77%, and Shoveler 32%. When I started visiting Westfields, the last two species were present, but this year I recorded none.

Cormorant (15% down) are easy to blame for fish declining, but this ignores the impact of overfishing by us, dams, introduction of invasive fish and pollution.

Other species are on the brink of extinction. Curlew only a 100 breeding pairs left and Lapwing at 60% decline quietly heading in the same direction. Since the survey started in 1994 we have lost a staggering 40% of our wetland birds, or over 40%.

With the local elections coming up, Brian encouraged us to use of voices, and ask question of candidates on their nature policy. More resources are needed for the badly underfunded NPWS, and if enough people speak up, politicians will start to take heed. Also join birdwatch Ireland and support Limerick branch at events.

Comments/Questions to albert.nolan@rocketmail.com or 089 4230502. Albert is also available to give walks/talks to schools, tidy towns, youth and community groups.

Springtime fun for your dog!

Spring is here! The mild temperatures boost our craving for outdoor activities, and the opportunity to discover new territory with our dogs as well as new kinds of sports and game ideas.

Come springtime agility courses can be great fun for dogs. Scampering over hurdles in a race against time, balancing on see-saws, creeping through tunnels and coursing through slaloms – these kinds of challenges prove to be great fun for the majority of dogs. And because their owners have to

run along alongside them, this helps to keep everyone fit! Agility involves physical fitness that strengthens the bond between a dog and his owner.

If you are looking for a sport that will give both you and your dog a good workout, then why not try your hand at dog Frisbee. "Disc dog", as the sport is known, is basically centered on throwing a Frisbee for your dog to catch. Owners who become true masters of the art don't stop at simple throws however – they employ special tech-

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MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN - WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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If you are faced with marriage breakdown, and the uncertainty that comes with it, it is important for you to know your options.

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We suggest mediation as an alternative to going down the Court route. One objective of mediation is to try to re-instate a relationship at a new level. This has the benefit of making it easier to address issues about children.

We would, on occasion, also recommend that a person seek counselling to deal with the high level of stress associated with a breakdown.

If a marriage breaks up there are different options available. These include a deed of separation, judicial separation, divorce or, in certain circumstances, nullity.

DEED OF SEPARATION

Many family disputes arising from marriage breakdown may be settled amicably between the spouses. This can be done with the help of a solicitor or mediator or a combination of both.

A Deed of Separation is an agreement that may be drawn up and completed by couples when their marriage has broken down. They agree the terms of their separation rather than having the Courts do so. Every separation agreement has a clause that the parties will live apart.

Usually, a Deed of Separation will provide for custody, access to children, maintenance, division of matrimonial property and succession rights. The terms will be put in writing and signed by both parties. While a child's future education can be included, Court approval will be required for alteration of pensions.

If you enter into a Deed of Separation you cannot then, sometime afterwards, apply for a Judicial Separation.

You can still apply for a Divorce, but the Court may take into account the terms of the Deed of Separation.

JUDICIAL SEPARATION

Sometimes it is not possible to agree on a separation agreement.

It may then be necessary to go down the Court route.

This will involve an application for a Judicial Separation. If a couple get a Judicial Separation they no longer have to live together. Both the High Court and the Circuit Court have jurisdiction to hear Judicial Separations. If the family assets are in excess of €3 million the correct venue is the High Court.

In granting a Decree of Judicial Separation the Court can make various orders such as a Maintenance Order, Custody/Access order, Pension Order, and Property Adjustment Order.

DIVORCE

Since 1997 people can

apply for a Divorce in Ireland on marriage breakdown.

To get a Divorce it is necessary to satisfy the Court that:

You have lived apart for four out of the five previous years

There is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation

Proper provision will be made for all members of the family

Either spouse is domiciled in Ireland at the date of issue of the proceedings or that either spouse has been ordinarily resident in Ireland for one year before the date of issue of the proceedings.

The first condition on living apart does not specifically mean that you and your spouse have to have lived in separate houses. Spouses can live separate and apart while under the one roof.

The parties will have to satisfy the Courts that although they continue to live in the same home they lead separate lives. The main effect of divorce, as far as most parties are concerned, is that they can re-marry.

NULLITY

Nullity is also an option where the Court would make a finding that a marriage never existed. This is an extreme option which could leave the parties without any financial redress. Therefore, in recent years, it has become rare.

What option you take will vary depending on your personal circumstances.

It is worthwhile mentioning that there are proposals to change the law on Divorce to make it available after two years rather than four years.

This may very well have similar effect on Judicial Separation as Divorce had on Nullity.

People may very well bypass judicial separation and go straight to Divorce.

For further advice or if you wish to discuss any other legal area please contact reception@lynchsolicitors.ie or telephone 052-6124344.

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Brian Borus Senior Ladies Football Golf Classic 2019



Pictured at the launch of the Brian Borus LGFA Golf Classic L-R: Kevin Collins Spirit of the City Festival, James Barry Tipperary Senior Hurler, Caoimhe Condon Brian Borus & Tipperary LGFA, Marie Davey Fusion Finance, Miriam Halley E&M Electrical, Caroline Ryan FarmEd.ie, Conor Sweeney Tipperary Senior Footballer, Martin Grant, Steven Grant - Ned Grant Carpentry & Building Contractors

On April 12th and 13th Brian Borus Senior Ladies Football will be holding their first Golf Classic in Cahir Park Golf Club. The Classic is being organised by a hard working committee in order to help the Ladies reach their potential. Brian Borus Ladies Football Club offers football to all females with teams ranging from under 6s all the way up to seniors. Players hail from the parishes of Burncourt, Clogheen, Ballylooby and Duhill. The club is in existence over 35 years and was founded by the late Frank O'Brien (R.I.P). Frank will be forever remembered in Brian Borus as he brought All-Ireland titles to the club from U14 in 1986 right up to 2009 when he led Brian Borus to the All-Ireland Intermediate club title. The Golf Classic itself will run over two days on the 12th and 13th of April in Cahir Park Golf Club and will take the format of a champagne scramble. Time slots are filling up fast as there seems to be a lot of local rivalry appearing in the teams already booked in! For a great days golf and an enjoyable day out please contact (086) 387 2006 to book your time slot for your team.

We would like to invite all our sponsors and supporters to a nights entertainment of music and food in Ryan's Bar Burncourt on Saturday April 13th at 9:30pm where not only will the golf winners be presented with their prizes but where we will also hold our monster raffle with big prizes such as a holiday for 2 people to Portugal among many others. Tickets are selling well so get your tickets from any Brian Borus Senior player.

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WALKING PROGRAMME

A new eight week walking programme started in Carrick-on-Suir on Monday evening.

The Walking on Water programmes starts from the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre car park at 7.30pm on Mondays.

Participants can walk at their own pace and there will be new routes each night. The aim of the programme is to gradually build fitness, starting with a 4km walk. The distance will increase each week and finish with a 12km walk from Kilsheelan to Carrick along the Suir Blueway.

The programme is open to all to entry. You can register for free at www.siuileile.com/register. For further information email: info@siuileile.com or telephone: Liam at (087) 2268651.

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WALK

Volunteers are needed to stewards Carrick-on-Suir's Darkness into Light Walk in aid of Pieta House on Saturday, May 11 at 4.15am.

The walk will start from CBS Greenschool in Carrick-on-Suir. Anyone interested in stewarding along the route should telephone: (085) 113 5122.

Registration to enter the walk can only be done online only at darknessintolight.ie. An early bird entry rate will apply until March 31. For further information contact the Darkness Into Light Carrick-on-Suir group through its Facebook Page.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club will be supporting An Taisce's National Spring Clean on Saturday, April 6 by working in the Bog Field area of Carrickbeg.

The Club's work on transforming the Bog Field into an amenity area is continuing.

Lions Club Committee members are also busy preparing for the Club's 50 year Charter Dinner celebration on June 15. The function will celebrate the Club's 50 years of service to the community.

The Lions Club recently appointed a GDPR and Vulnerable Person Officer as recommended by Lions Clubs International.

Meanwhile, the Club congratulates Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society on its production of Chicago. The Club was delighted so many senior citizens attended the show as their guests.

The Club also congratulates its members Anna Maria Dowling and Paul Walsh on their recent

engagement

TENNIS OPEN DAY

A free tennis open day will take place at Castleview Tennis Club in Carrick-on-Suir on Sunday, April 7 from 2pm to 6pm.

All are welcome to try out the game. You can try cardio tennis with music and enjoy a barbecue and refreshments all afternoon.

There will be a bouncy castle for the younger visitors. There will also be an exhibition match with Zach Murphy from Carrick-on-Suir, who is a top ranked U-16 tennis player in Ireland.

A special deal on new memberships on the open day will apply with a 25% reduction for the 2019/20 year. Rackets and balls will be provided and participants must wear runners to play on court. Open to all ages and abilities.

BRIDGE RESULTS

92 Bridge Club, March 11: 1st Noel Casey and Tilly O'Donnell, 2nd Teasia Blanchfield and Pauline Fitzgerald, 3rd Ita Power and Giancarlo Laiso; March 4: 1st Vera O'Donnell and Maureen Nolan, 2nd Liz Brennan and Breda McCarthy, 3rd Breda Feeney and Martin Kiely,

Tuesday Bridge Club, March 12: 1st Tess O'Shea and Vera O'Donnell, 2nd Rosaline Dowley and Aileen Brett, 3rd Joan English and Marie O'Connor; March 5: 1st Breda Feeney and Aileen Brett, 2nd Ita Power and Deirdre Battye, 3rd Kitty Lalor and Vera O'Donnell.

88 Bridge Club, March 14: 1st Biddy Skelly and Martin Ellis, 2nd Rosaline Dowley and Tilly O'Donnell, 3rd Marie Phelan and Kitty Lalor; March 7: 1st Bernie Casey and Mary Arrigan, 2nd Vera O'Donnell and Breda Feeney, 3rd Pauline Fitzgerald and Martin Kiely.

COUCH TO 5KM PROGRAMME

Bookings are being taken at the Sean Kelly Sports Centre for the Couch to 5km programme which begins on Wednesday, April 10 for 8 weeks from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

For further information Tel:(051) 640955.

WALK FOR NOAH

The Walk for Noah 4km and 8km fundraising walk in Carrick-on-Suir on Sunday last was well supported by Carrick-on-Suir AC road runners and the people of the town. The event, which started from Carrick Swan Juvenile Hall, was in aid of four year-old Noah O'Sullivan from Waterford, who has cerebral palsy and requires spinal surgery in the US.

For anyone who didn't make the walk and would like to support Noah by donating follow this link: <https://wishtowalk.ie/>



Michael Foley Memorial Trophy

Match referee William Murphy presenting the Michael Foley Memorial Snooker Trophy to Gerry Coughlan and Brendan Gleeson, winners of the double's tournament final at Carrick-on-Suir Social and Literary Club. Also in photo are runners up Jack Cooke and Damian Roache

Heritage Centre and Digital Hub projects need donations

Carrick-on-Suir poet and writer Michael Coady has appealed to the people of his home town to row in behind the campaign to raise €800,000 to help finance the upgrade of Carrick Heritage Centre and create a Digital Enterprise Hub.

Mr Coady made a passionate call for these two ambitious projects to be supported by the people of Carrick at the briefing meeting about the new fundraising campaign in Comeragh College.

He urged local peoples to do their bit to fund the

Heritage Centre revamp and new Digital Enterprise Hub providing office space for 65 workers and declared: "This is an offer the people of Carrick can't afford to refuse."

Mr Coady said the Heritage Centre site and its adjoining graveyard has been the emotional and historic centre of the town. The Heritage Centre had a copy of the 1799 Census of Carrick when it boasted a population of more than 10,000 as it was then a leading centre of the woollen trade. Today there was a need for more enterprise

and job creation in the town. This was what the Enterprise Hub aimed to achieve, he pointed out.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism & Economic Development Committee is spearheading the two projects.

Work on the first phase of the Heritage Centre's renovation is scheduled to begin in about two months time. The Digital Enterprise Hub's first phase - the creation of 15 works spaces for entrepreneurs and small companies at Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall - will be up and running this spring.

COSTEDC aims to raise about €800,000 over three years in tandem with its efforts to secure State grants and funding from philanthropic organisations to finance the two projects.

It is seeking donations from individuals and businesses in the town and its hinterland as well as expats abroad.

For information on how to make a donation contact COSTEDC by emailing: theheritagectr@gmail.com or Carrick-on-Suir Business Association at: cos.business@gmail.com.

Art Benefit Party in aid of Clancy Festival returns

The Clancy Brothers Music and Arts Festival artists will host their annual Art Benefit Party in the Tudor Artisan Hub in Carrick-on-Suir on Thursday, April 18.

For this unique art sale, local artists create works of art on 12 inch canvases, which they donate for sale to raise funds for the Clancy Festival Art Trail.

This year their art will be influenced by the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music & Art Festival of 1969. So expect to

see bohemian, hippy, Rock n' Roll themed bold and bright paintings.

Each painting will be exhibited in the Tudor Artisan Hub and available for sale in a blind lottery on the night.

It costs €30 to take part in the event, which includes the art exhibition, the sale, wine, food and live music performed by The Wood of O, Aidan O' Callaghan and Graham Clancy and Paul J Bolger.



Keen followers of fashion

Karen Nolan, Amelia Nolan, Rose Peters and Tara Peters attending the fashion show in Clonmel Park Hotel in aid of activities and outings for children living at Bridgewater House Direct Provision Centre in Carrick-on-Suir

Students to travel to India with Hope charity

Two Scoil Mhuire students organised a fundraising bake sale in aid of Hope Foundation projects in Kolkata in India at the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre on St. Patrick's Day.

Fifth year students Keeleigh Rockett and Bernadette Simpson will travel with the Hope Foundation team to Kolkata in October.

They will spend a week visiting Hope supported projects and will see how their local fundraising events are contributing to them.

The Hope Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to promoting the protection of street and slum children in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), and provides nutrition, healthcare, education, counselling and protection for them.

The Foundation works to free children and poor families from pain, abuse and poverty and has more than 60 projects in operation.



Scoil Mhuire students Keeleigh Rockett and Bernadette Simpson with Mary Waters at the fundraising bake sale

Keeleigh and Bernadette must raise €3000 each to cover costs and donations.

MAKE-UP MASTER CLASS FUNDRAISER

The students are also running a Make-Up Master Class in the Carraig Hotel on April 26 at 7pm.

Make-up artists Heileigh Kavanagh-Walsh, Emily McDonald and Jenny Cairns from Urban Escape will provide demonstrations, tips and advice on skincare and makeup.

A raffle in aid of the Hope Foundation will also take place later in the summer. Donations of wonderful prizes have been given by local businesses and people in Carrick-on-Suir and its environs.

Donations were also collected during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Carrick. The students thank everyone who has supported them in all their fundraising events.

AROUND THE CLUBS

CARRICK RFC U-14 TEAM'S MUNSTER CAMPAIGN ENDS

Carrick RFC's U-14 boys team bowed out of the East Munster competition when they were defeated by Kilfeacle/Galbally in the semi-final.

The Carrick team gave a brave performance in the game but were unable to respond to the great performance of Kilfeacle/Galbally's number eight player.

The team lost three of its best players due to injury both on and off the rugby pitch in recent times and couldn't continue the level of success it enjoyed early in the season. Niall Greene, Cormac McKnight and Eoin Joy will no doubt be back better and stronger next season.

The team's coach Donal Moriarty thanks Eoin Reid who stepped up to the captaincy and number 8 jersey. He led the team with great style all year.

He thanked the players' parents for their support and fellow coaches Eamonn Brennan and Eddie Cummins for all their hard work. And he thanked all the team's players for their efforts throughout the season.

DAVINS GAA CLUB

Carrick Davins GAA Club's juvenile registration night takes place at the Club on April 8 at 7pm.

The Club's U-12s played Clonmel Commercials in an enjoyable match on Monday evening while the U-14s are looking forward to playing their first match on April 11.

The Club's lotto jackpot wasn't won last week. Numbers drawn were 6,8,17 and 23. Three players matched three numbers and won €70 each. There were: Kathleen Shanahan, 23 Collins Park; Aidan and Emer Ryan, Ormond Crescent and John Maher, Treacy Park.

Juvenile Academy training takes place in the CBS Greenschool on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Training for U-12 and U-14 players is in Davin Park on Mondays and Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm while training for U-11 players takes place on the all-weather pitch on Fridays from 7pm to 7.45pm.

JUNIOR A HURLERS IN ACTION

On this coming Sunday, March 31, in the John Quirke Jewellers South Junior A Hurling Championship Round 1

Ned Hall Park 12:00, Carrick Davins V Cahir. Referee: Keith Delahunty (U)

Stroke awareness conference an outstanding success

An inaugural stroke awareness conference in South Tipperary has been deemed an outstanding success by organisers and attendees alike.

The event, which was opened by the Minister for Local Government and Electoral Reform John Paul Phelan, was held in the Clonmel Park Hotel and attended by over 200 people.

In welcoming people to the event, one of the organisers and stroke survivor Martin Quinn said that the event was very important in showcasing the services and supports that are there for stroke survivors while also highlighting the deficits in services. "While the rate of death and permanent severe disability from stroke in Ireland has been reduced dramatically in recent years, nevertheless hundreds of people are still dying every year when their lives could be saved. Modest additional investment in community services would have a life-changing impact on many people.

"In relating my own experience, I can say without question that support after stroke should be a priority - support in rehabilitation and after care, support in the community, therapy, social and emotional supports, support of stroke support groups, and an ongoing national campaign to increase public aware-



Members of South Tipperary Stroke Support Group and HSE support staff at the conference

ness of stroke such as the FAST campaign."

Minister John Paul Phelan said that he was delighted to be invited to attend the event. "I am very familiar with the general area of health and I have some knowledge of stroke services as I have an elderly relative that passed away following a stroke. I have listened very carefully to what Martin had to say about the deficits in stroke services and I will certainly be bringing these back to my colleagues in the Department of Health and to Government. I certainly see

the need for relaunching the FAST campaign to create further awareness of stroke," he said.

The event heard from Irish Heart Foundation (IHF) advocacy campaigns officer Helena O'Donnell, who said that their mission is to make preventable death and disability from heart disease and stroke a thing of the past. Ms O'Donnell highlighted the major achievements nationally of their stroke campaign including the setting up of a National Stroke Programme led by IHF Stroke Council officers, but re-

mind the audience that there are still major deficits in therapy in acute and rehab hospitals and that 73% of hospitals can't provide recommended rehab standards. She also referred to the need for stroke support groups so that by 2020 every stroke survivor has access to a group. "In time we want these groups to develop as dynamic community hubs that provide other important services such as post discharge family liaison, self management, exercise and back to work programmes. We want to do more

than lobby for better health services for people living with the effects of stroke. We want to provide supports that help people maximise their quality of life."

The final presentation at the conference was from the No Barriers Foundation, a not for profit organisation based in Letterkenny, County Donegal, whose aim is to create an inclusive health facility equipped with specialist neurological equipment allowing anyone with a disability to train and improve their current level of physical and mental health. The No Barriers Exoskeleton is a comprehensive gait therapy tool which provides an unparalleled rehabilitation experience for patients and therapists alike. This machine, in certain circumstances, can help patients with spinal cord injuries to walk again whilst in the machine. The Exoskeleton was demonstrated at the conference in a presentation led by Dr. Frank Fogart, with demonstration by physiotherapist Johnny Loughrey.

Derek Fanning of the Tipperary Volunteer Centre also spoke at the event along with Mayor of Clonmel Cllr Richie Molloy. The support of the speech and language therapists Mairead Foley and Yolane Fenton was also acknowledged, as was the support of members of the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group.

Rockwell College ladies footballers conquer Munster

Rockwell College made amends for last year's Munster Junior Ladies Football semi-final defeat by going a step further and winning the title on Friday.

They fought off a strong finish from Coláiste Muire (Ennis), winning on a scoreline of 2-9 to 3-3.

Rockwell threatened to overrun their opponents in the opening 10 minutes when wing forward Cathy Ryan rattled the back of the Coláiste Muire net. This was followed by points from Kate Flannery, Emma Daly and Sara Finnane to give Rockwell a commanding lead.

The Ennis struck back with a goal and a point to leave the half-time score Rockwell 2-6 Coláiste Muire 1-1.

Coláiste Muire, using a slight breeze in the second half, took the fight to Rockwell and were quickly on the scoreboard with a goal and two points. Rockwell realised they were in a dog fight, with some stout defending by



Rockwell College celebrating winning the Munster Junior Ladies Football final. They fought off a strong finish from Coláiste Muire (Ennis), winning on a scoreline of 2-9 to 3-3

Shauna Parker, Abby O'Sullivan, Caoimhe O'Connor and Lucy Murphy keeping the opposition at bay.

Coláiste Muire were also guilty of some wayward shooting in front of goal. Sara

Finnane and Kate Flannery dominated midfield throughout and their hard work set many an attack, while up front Corinna Farrell was a dominant force, ably assisted by Cathy Ryan

who was a thorn in the Coláiste Muire side. Caoimhe Grace, when brought on, played a large part in the closing stages of the game.

Rockwell: Beth Buttimer, Siobhan Whelan, Shauna

Parker, Abby O'Sullivan, Lucy Murphy, Caoimhe O'Connor, Emma Daly, Sara Finnane, Kate Flannery, Lucy Holohan (captain), Cathy Ryan, Kate Ross, Ava Russell, Corinna Farrell, Grace Kearney. Subs:

Jessica Curran, Caoimhe Grace, Anna Kearney, Aoibhe Gleeson, Charlotte Ball, Annica O'Connor, Orla Breen, Shauna Walsh, Molly Hall, Miranda, Harold Barry, Sarah Quirke.

Cashel Community School launches communications app

There was a great buzz in Cashel Community School this month as the school officially launched a new app.

The app will be the school's main communication channel with parents and students going forward. It provides a single touch point for easy and instant access to all school correspondence. The school will be phasing out text messaging and reducing postal communications to a minimum, allowing the school to both reduce costs and its environmental foot-

print. The app will continue to evolve and develop, enabling the school to move the majority of its administration into the digital environment.

Students attended an assembly where they were talked through downloading the app and its functions, which include updates on school news, the school calendar, photo galleries, access to the school's website and study resources.



Gerada Barry (school app committee) and school principal John Gallagher with Eabha Carroll, Aleks Laaksonen, Bobby Power, Katie Langley, Megan O'Donnell and Mark Casey

Cashel students crowned All-Ireland junior camogie champions

Cashel Community School's junior camogie players triumphed over Portumna Community School in the All-Ireland final last week.

Cashel set the tone for its early dominance from the throw-in and after two minutes Grace Maloney fielded a puck out from Eibhlin Gayson Molloy, so-loed past a number of Portumna players before striking the ball over the bar. This was a score of immense talent and laid the foundations for her performance, which resulted in her receiving player of the match.

Portumna had the Galway minor captain in their team, but Eabha Gayson Molloy worked tirelessly to reduce her impact in the middle of



Cashel Community School's junior camogie players triumphed over Portumna in the All-Ireland final

the field whilst Anna Fahy next to her gathered every available break to set up score after score for Cashel.

Two well-worked moves split the Portumna defence open before Rebecca Farrell finished one goal and Lucy

Fogarty finished two goals and was very unlucky not to have had a hat trick.

Following on from a few Portumna scores, Eve Maloney settled Cashel with a well-taken point coming up to half-time. After a closely

fought half hour of hurling, Cashel went in at half-time having played with the breeze, up by 3-7 to 1-4. Along with the aforementioned players, Eleanor Tobin, Leah Baskin and Leah Kavanagh were keeping Cashel on the

front foot all the time.

The second half was where Cashel showed all the character and spirit that got them to an All-Ireland final. Facing into the elements and conceding a few early scores, Cashel's backs were immense in stunting Portumna's rise in confidence. Ciara Gahan was rock solid at full-back, ably assisted by Aneka Maxwell and Leonie Farrell in the corners, where time and again they overturned the Portumna forwards and came out with the ball.

Katelyn Downey was a bundle of energy around the middle third of the field, constantly breaking up the pitch to set up scoring opportunities. Grace Maloney, Lisa O'Connor and Leah Baskin carried lots of ball to win

freed and get scores.

All year, Cashel had a strong panel to call on and the four subs introduced - Alesia Mazzola, Lilly Fahy, Emma Ryan and Kelly Browne - all paid their part when introduced. Kelly Browne in particular made a telling contribution with five minutes remaining when she won a great ball, burst past her marker and set up Rebecca Farrell for the goal that killed the game as a contest.

The final whistle was met with great scenes of joy and celebrations as Cashel Community School were crowned All-Ireland champions. This result is richly deserved for an extremely committed and talented bunch of young women, who have worked extremely hard all year to get their just reward.

'Jump into college social situations that you dread'

By **ROBERT BURKE**

University College Dublin campus is, in some ways, the opposite to Rockwell College.

In school, I could walk down the corridor and pass 10 people I know. I could walk 10 minutes and have already done a lap of the school.

College is something different entirely. I could go a day or two without passing somebody that I recognise, and it generally takes longer than 10 minutes to even simply go from one lecture to another. Being a nameless face in a considerably sized crowd is a new experience, and certainly has its ups and downs.

For one, it is quite liberating. Not having eyes on you constantly lets you be your most natural self, free from judgement or expectation - two heavy presences in a small secondary school. There is a sense of anything-goes and open-mindedness that can free you from the worry of how you are perceived. The sense of a why-not attitude really comes to light as you are pushed outside of your comfort zone, both socially and mentally.

Take, for example, the first week of college. College societies, newspapers and sports teams hold expos aimed at attaining your membership, and more importantly your membership fee.

I naively, as all first years do, signed up to absolutely



everything, thinking I would master four languages, three sports and be running a society by the end of the year. While I didn't manage to become an Olympian or multi-linguist, I did end up being part of a team building an electric race car - something that I knew nothing about six months ago.

I also write articles for the college newspaper - something I never would have done if I didn't throw my hand

up when somebody was asked to write this segment for South Tipp Today last year. I also somehow ended up being part of the committee of one of the societies. The reality of college is that if you continue to throw mud at a wall, eventually something will stick, and having that attitude in the first few weeks of college will lead you to discovering something completely new that you love.

On the other side, college carries with it a responsibility, one that quite a number of students struggle with - the actual academics. In secondary school, you took it as a given. You would wake, refresh and jump in the car or on the bus heading into class without question. The

sudden realisation in college that it is entirely up to you whether you go to a class or even get out of bed can be a big one to adjust to. Self-directed learning is at the back of this responsibility, as is ambition and want to achieve. This can be hard to deal with, and being a nameless face only serves to help you fade into the background, with nobody to call you to task.

In my experience, college can go either way depending on who you surround yourself with. You are bound to come across a group of like-minded people - you already have a common ground in doing the same course. Those first few weeks of college can be tough, you really

have to project yourself out there and just jump into some social situations that you dread.

The saving grace of this is that everyone is in the same boat. However much you are terrified by going out on a limb, the chances are that everybody else is too, and they will be thankful that you did it first. I can already see that I am better friends with some of my college friends, just purely on the amount of awkward moments and encounters you have to suffer through during those first few weeks. It makes you appreciate those people that stick their neck out, and also gives you something to laugh about when you look back.

Loreto final live on the LGFA's Facebook page

Captains from the competing teams in the 2019 Lidl All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Finals gathered at Croke Park on Tuesday ahead of six eagerly-anticipated games.

The Senior A final will be contested by last year's runners-up Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel, and Scoil Chríost Rí from Portlaoise, who were beaten semi-finalists last year.

In a twist of fate, this year's final is a repeat of the 2018 semi-final between Loreto and Scoil Chríost Rí, which was won by Loreto on a 3-14 to 2-9 scoreline.

Scoil Chríost Rí were also

beaten semi-finalists in 2017, when they lost out to Ballygawley, but they have now given themselves a chance of winning another senior title, following on from the 2013 Senior C final victory over Virginia, Cavan.

Loreto were also Senior B finalists two years ago, while they landed the Senior C title back in 2011.

But for both of these schools, victory would represent a very first Lidl All-Ireland Post Primary Schools A title win.

This game, which is fixed for John Locke Park in Callan, County Kilkenny, will be streamed live on the Ladies Gaelic Football Association's Facebook page.

This is the first time that a Lidl All-Ireland Post Primary School final will be broadcast live by the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, and commentary will come from Jerome Quinn and current Tipperary senior team captain Samantha Lambert.

The Senior C final also takes place on Saturday, and features Mercy from Ballymahon (Longford) against St Mary's High School from Middleton (Cork).

The action gets underway on Friday when Coláiste Bhaile Chláir from Claregalway (Galway), who won a Senior C and Junior B All-Ireland double in 2018, play St Patrick's Academy from Dungannon (Tyrone) in

the Senior B final.

The junior finals will follow a week later, and Coláiste Bhaile Chláir have the chance to claim another All-Ireland double as they also feature in the Junior A final. Their opponents there are St Catherine's (Armagh), while the Junior B Final features Moate Community School (Westmeath) and Coláiste Oiriall (Monaghan).

The Junior C final is a Tipperary v Wexford affair, as Cashel Community School take on FCJ Bunclody.

Further details, including times and venues for the junior finals, are available from the Ladies Gaelic Football Association website.



Erone Fitzpatrick of Scoil Chríost Rí and Anna Carey of Clonmel's Loreto ahead of their Senior A final

Clonmel school creating a cleaner and healthier environment

Jack Dwyer and Cathal Berrigan

Clonmel's CBS High School's Green Schools Committee now comprises 30 members, ranging from first to sixth year.

Building on the success of last year's awareness raising campaign, we are attempting to secure the Litter and Waste flag. Following a successful poster campaign and slogan competition, the setting up of daily litter sweeps, and an environmental review of the school grounds, we are well on our way to achieving our goal.

We are currently challenging our transition year students to create pieces of wearable art from recyclable materials as part of their craft and design module. We will display these works in our GP to make students aware of the

problems of single use plastic in the school and the wider community.

Transition year students, with the guidance of their art teacher, are in the middle of creating a large fish installation made from recycled bottles, which will be unveiled during our Action Week in April.

You may have noticed our transition year students helping out with the Clonmel Tidy Towns Committee twice weekly. They have made great progress so far this year in helping to clean up the local community, and we are very proud of them and their teacher Jessica Rowe. A school wide litter sweep is planned for April and this will tie in with the An Taisce National Spring Clean.

Clonmel Town Tidy Towns kindly donated bird feeders and nesting boxes, created

and presented to us by the Clonmel Mens Shed. We are tasked with monitoring the nextbox activity in terms of eggs laid, hatching and nesting behaviours.

The committee have organised a book swap for junior students and also a first year table quiz to complete our Action Week. Some students of the committee have volunteered to bring student members of the hub outside to do litter picking, and other students have volunteered to speak to junior classes about litter and recycling.

Overall, as a committee we encourage students to be more aware of the problems that occur in our school, our town and the greater community due to litter and pollution. We ask everyone to be more conscious of their role in creating a cleaner and healthier environment.



CBS High School's Green Schools Committee includes students from first to sixth year

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'I decided to quit my top job to travel the world'

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A County Tipperary man who made the decision to quit his top job and travel the world while having a few pints says the experience has been "life-changing".

Clonmel's Brian Stafford went to CBS High School in Clonmel before studying Production Engineering at Waterford Institute of Technology.

After getting caught up in the rat race for eight years after college, Brian opted to leave his job with a leading engineering firm in Dublin to travel the globe.

Speaking to South Tipp Today from a sunny Melbourne, Australia, the now 34-year-old "doesn't have a care in the world".

Recalling the invigorating decision to move abroad, he says: "I found myself sitting in a pub down in Cobh after a visit to Spike Island in the relentless rain and bitter cold. I spotted a map of the world on the wall and after a few pints I made the decision."

Brian crossed the pond to Wales before boarding trains all the way to Moscow over a two-week period, visiting nine countries along the way. "After a couple of days touring Moscow at minus 26 degrees Celsius, I got on the Trans-Siberian Express along with some other backpackers. The journey took three weeks with stops in Siberia and Mongolia before arriving in Beijing. It was great to finally stand on some solid ground, especially after a rough border crossing into China. In Asia, it was more of

the same - cars, ferries and trains - visiting a further 10 countries en route to pre-arranged voluntary work as an English teacher in the small Thai village of Khlong Hat, close to the Cambodian border."

He fell in love with Thailand's culture, heritage and people. "I tried my best to give some Thai children with very little or no English a Tipperary accent of their own," he laughs.

"Living in a small village and having no Thai when I arrived was an interesting situation. Luckily Thailand has thousands of 7-Eleven stores and thankfully there was one here for a safe bet if you wanted something small to eat. But you do need a decent meal for dinner and for this you need to attempt buying food in the local market. I guess when you're thrown in at the deep end you're more inclined to learn a language - either that or just keep eating



Brian teaching local Thai kids the Tipperary lingo

toasted sandwiches."

After an "amazing time" in remote Thailand, Brian opted for the bright lights of Bangkok. He says the capital was like "arriving on a new planet", continuing: "Having been to some of the world's

largest cities like Shanghai and Tokyo still didn't prepare me for what was to come. It truly is the city that never sleeps."

Brian joined Thailand GAA, relishing the "incredible experience" of toging out with both Irish expats and players from 20 different nationalities. "I've never met a friendlier and more welcoming group of people to this day," he smiles.

"Bangkok and Thailand will always have a special place in my heart. The friends I made were the salt of the earth, the country and culture were amazing, and the food was out of this world, especially the street food."

After three-and-a-half years in Thailand, Brian boarded a plane for New Zealand. He travelled from Auckland to Wellington, returning to his trade and securing a job as an electrical drafter. "New Zealand is a beautiful country with some stunning scenery and really nice people. A lot of people you meet are Irish des-

cendants who love to talk to you. I drove the length and breadth of the country twice over in my 15 months there and enjoyed it.

"But I can't say that I completely enjoyed living there and I wouldn't have lasted the duration of my first visa only for the friends I made. I felt New Zealand was way behind the times. The towns and villages you pass through are like something out of old country and western films. It certainly wasn't what I was expecting, but it's a great place for adrenaline junkies and those who love the great outdoors. Ireland beats it hands down - all we're missing is the bungee jumps and a couple of glaciers."

Brian moved to Sydney last Christmas before embarking on a trip to Melbourne, where he is currently job hunting and planning to join a local GAA club. He says living on different continents has broadened his mind and made him more cultured. "My only regret is not having

moved abroad sooner. I went back to Clonmel for my dad's 60th birthday recently and it reminded me that life at home is the same. I'm still enjoying visiting new countries and experiencing new cultures. I will move back to Ireland one day but I don't know when. Home is where the heart is."

Brian had a career, a car, a house and two loans before he left Ireland. "I didn't have to do it because of the economic downturn or because I fell out of love with Ireland - I just wanted to travel. When the time rolled around to say goodbye to friends and especially my family, it was the hardest thing I ever had to do.

"Everything I own now I put in my bags and simply move on to the next destination or do whatever I want. I'm not as materialistic as I once was, and life is too short to just flutter it away. I would encourage everyone back home to go and see the world. It really is a big, amazing place outside of Clonmel, Tipperary and Ireland," he adds.



Brian sightseeing with his partner Kim



Top Gear challenge from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi

Famous Hickey's Bakery barmbrack on the menu at Lebanese hotel

A Killenale woman helped to put Clonmel barmbrack on the menu at a top Lebanese hotel on St Patrick's Day.

Tipperary's famous barmbrack from Hickey's Bakery, Clonmel, was among a number of Irish products that made their way to the world-famous Lebanese Eddésands Hotel and Wellness Resort.

Irish-owned Mitzi's Mezze helped cater this event, which was hosted by Alice Eddé.

Mrs Eddé, a renowned Irish-American hotelier living in Byblos, Lebanon, celebrates St Patrick's Day every year in some form or another.

Guests get treated to Irish gin, butter, cheese, bread, preserves, meats and chocolates, which have all been sponsored by various Irish companies to introduce cuisine, beverages and products from Ireland to a select group of guests in



Killenale woman Mary Toomey Byblos.

Mitzi's Mezze is the brainchild of Killenale woman Mary Toomey. A graduate of Ballymaloe Cookery School with a strong interest in North African and Middle Eastern

food, Mary started Mitzi's Mezze as a Supper Club in Galway during the recession.

Now based in the Galway countryside, over the years Mary has carved out a niche catering service. "I would think by any measure I am pretty well-travelled, but the Middle East and North Africa are my favourite regions to visit simply because the food is outstanding, unique and creative.

"I've visited Jordan, Egypt, Turley, Syria (before the civil war), Israel, Palestine and Morocco, but Lebanon is something special altogether," she explains.

"The people are so friendly and warm, the countryside is beautiful, but the food is the reason I keep going back.

"When the opportunity came to collaborate with Alice this year for St Patrick's Day, I was more than delighted to be on board."

Mitzi's Mezze brought a few of Mary's favourite foods from home to showcase at the event.

"Wherever I am in the world, I love to promote the great produce we have here in Ireland. And when I am cooking Middle Eastern food in Ireland, I like to marry the two together."

Hickey's barmbrack was featured at this event, along with other foods from Blackwater Distillery, McCambridges, McGeoughs, Kelly's Butchers, An Olivia Chocolate, Glenilen Farm, Glenstal Foods, Kells Wholemeal, Aran Islands Goats' Cheese, Blath na Mara, Gran Gran Foods and Kinvara Salmon.

"All these products are items I buy personally. The quality is of a very high standard. I was proud to show them off in Lebanon, especially on St Patrick's Day," she adds.



Nuala Hickey was delighted that her barmbrack proved popular in Lebanon

White Memorial Theatre is set to get All Shook Up

Members of St. Mary's Choral Society are now into their last three weeks of rehearsals for their upcoming production of All Shook Up.

All Shook Up is a new musical comedy built around a number of songs made famous by Elvis Presley.

It takes place in 1955, somewhere in middle America, where one girl's dream and a surprise visit from a mysterious leather-jacketed, guitar-playing stranger help a small town to discover the magic of romance and the power of rock & roll.

Among the 24 songs featured in the score are classics like "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender," "Don't Be Cruel," "Can't Help Falling in

Love" and of course the title tune "All Shook Up".

Tickets for the musical went on general sale on March 19 with a record number of sales on the day.

Tickets can be purchased from Marians Bookshop, Clonmel, on 052-6123813 or online at <http://www.ticket-source.eu/whitememorialtheatre>.

Patrons are advised to book tickets as soon as possible to avoid any unnecessary disappointment.

The society's last musical production, Grease, was one of the most successful shows for the group to date, performing to full houses for all eight performances.

All Shook Up is directed by Des Henn, musical direction

by Laura Cotter, choreographed by Barbara Meany and vocal coaching by Mary Rose McNally.

Emmet Donlan plays Chad, Emma Sunderland is leading lady in the part of Natalie, Joe Sheehan is Denis, Natalie's widowed father Jim is played by society chairperson Diarmuid Vaughan, Michelle Smith plays Sylvia, mother to Lorraine is played by Sadhbh Treacy, Miss Sandra is played by Sinead O'Donovan, Olwyn Grogan is Mayor Matilda, Dean is acted out by Luke Condon and Sheriff Earl by George Barry. It runs in the White Memorial Theatre, Clonmel, from April 6 to 13.



Sadbh Treacy and Luke Condon star in All Shook Up

The Playboy of the Western World comes to Brú Ború

Shakespeare in the Glen theatre group is proud to bring John Millington Synge's *The Playboy of the Western World* to Brú Ború, Cashel, on March 29 and 30.

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Fundraising cycle for Scoil Aonghusa

Cashel Rock Pedallers Cycling Club is proud to support the outstanding work of Scoil Aonghusa Special School on its annual fundraising 60km and 100km cycles on Sunday, April 7.

Registration from 9am at Scoil Aonghusa, Cahir Road, Cashel.

The 100km cycle departs Cashel at 10am. The route is a challenging one via Rosegreen, Ballyclerihan, Clonmel, Fethard, Killenaule, Gortnahoe (food stop), Urlingford, Littleton, the Horse and Jockey and back to Cashel.

The 60km sets off at 10.15am and is a more leisurely affair taking in Boher-

lahan, Holycross, Clonoulty, Ballagh, Dundrum (Food Stop), Donaskeigh, Kilfeacle, Golden, Racecourse Cross and in to Cashel.

On completion, the cyclists will be treated to the now famous Scoil Aonghusa curry and for those not too fond of the hot stuff other treats will be provided.

The Scoil Aonghusa cycle is a Cycling Ireland authorised event. Cycling Ireland member entry fee is €20 (Cycling Ireland licence must be presented at registration).

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Take notice that we, the Reps of Nancy Conway, intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for the Retention of Sun-Room as constructed at Raheen, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. This Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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Take notice that I, Catherine Hanrahan intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to construct an Extension to the rear of my Dwelling and all associated site works at Derrygrath Lower, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. This Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Cahir GAA intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to install proposed pitch lighting and all associated site development works at Farranlahassery, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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I Kay Leane Ryan wish to apply for retention for an existing sunroom, detached garage and fuel shed, removal of 2 windows from south gable; removal of garage door at front of house and addition of window; addition of a window to south gable and west gable of the dwelling house at Athassel Abbey North, Golden, Co. Tipperary. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of the receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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Significant Further Information: Under Planning Reference Number 18/601335, I Stephen Sherlock intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to construct a dwelling, entrance and waste water treatment system – and all associated site works at Skeheenaranky, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Significant further information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. The significant further information includes for (i) the relocation of the proposed entrance (ii) modification of the red line application site boundary, (iii) Landscaping and (iv) retention planning permission for an existing storage container, driveway and entrance onto the serving roadway with associated fencing – and all associated site works. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Significant Further Information: Under Planning Reference Number 18/600959, RM Ryan Construction Ltd. intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for the demolition of 5no. partially constructed dwellings as well as planning permission to construct 20no. new dwellings together with the completion of roads, footpaths, underground services, foul and surface water networks and all boundary treatments on part of the site of the previously granted Planning Permission – Planning Reference Number 06/1195 all at The Meadows, Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary. Significant further information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. The significant further information includes for the altering of the red line application site boundary. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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We Gene and Karen Kelleher intend to apply to the above authority for Planning Permission to change the design of the proposed extension to our existing dwelling as granted under planning application reference number 18601325 and all associated site development works at No. 3 Deravoher, Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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We John and Ann Marie Keane intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission (i) to extend our existing dwelling & (ii) to install a new waste water treatment system – and all associated site works at Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

Significant Further Information: Under Planning Reference Number 18/601449, I Claire Ryan intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to extend an existing dwelling and all associated site works at Ballydavid, Bansha, Co. Tipperary. Significant further information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. The significant further information includes for the installation of a new waste water treatment system and all associated site works. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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(Birthday Remembrance)



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A birthday wish we send today, but not on a card in the usual way. But written in gold on a cloud above and sent to you with all our love.

Always remembered by your loving husband Michael and daughter Rachel.

IN MEMORIAM

BURKE

(49th & 12th Anniversaries)



Treasured memories of Jack and Christy Burke, beloved father and brother and Christy's lovely wife Josie whose anniversaries occur at this time. RIP

Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will, in life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. Simple words but very true, we will always love and remember you.

Forever in our hearts and thoughts.

Sadly missed and never forgotten by May, Donal and family, Ellen, John and family, grandchildren, great-grand-children and extended family.

Love ye always xxxx

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IN MEMORIAM

CAHILL

(13th Anniversary)



I often am awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and I think about the son I lost, with tears upon my cheek.

I can't get over losing you Owen, no matter how I try. I will always keep you in my heart, until the day I die.

Loved and missed always and forever - Dad

IN MEMORIAM

CAHILL

(13th Anniversary)



Owen Cahill

Ballydrehid, Cahir & Clonmel.

Who died on April 2nd 2006

Your face is ever before me, your voice we cannot forget. Your smile will linger forever, in memory we see you yet.

Gone but never forgotten your friend always - Kenneth.

IN MEMORIAM

BUCK

(Anniversary)



In loving memory of Herbie Buck, late of 26 Garrymore, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs at this time RIP.

There is an ache in our hearts,
That years won't take away,
A place in our hearts no-one can fill,
We miss you dad and always will.

Always remembered by your loving daughter Mary, sons Eamon, Peter and Brother.

CAHILL

(13th Anniversary)



Owen Cahill

Ballydrehid, Cahir & Clonmel

Who died 2nd April 2006

Just the average family, we don't ask for more, then life changed completely with that knock upon the door. This awful thing had happened, and none of us knew why - you were never coming back, Owen, and we did not say goodbye.

Our world just fell to pieces, we cried in disbelief; we had to stick together, to overcome our grief. We will never understand it, It all seems so unfair; we wish we could hear your voice again, and see you standing there.

Love always

- your heartbroken Mam and Dick xxx

Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

CAHILL

(13th Anniversary)



Put your arms around him, Lord, don't leave him on his own, for today is Owen's anniversary and we know he can't come home.

Your resting place we visit, flowers we place with care, but no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Quietly today your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you from day to day.

- Love from Nanny Cahill, Uncle Pat, Mary Cahill, Pamela, Cara and all the Cahill family.

IN MEMORIAM

HADDON

(29th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Kathleen (Kitty) Haddon, late of Ballinahinch, Cashel, whose anniversary occurs about this time.

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

Always remembered by Patsy, Joan, extended family and grandchildren.

Mass offered.

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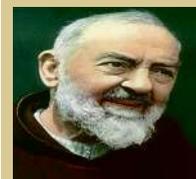


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And lifted you
to rest;
God's Garden
must be beautiful
He always takes
the best.

He knew that you
were suffering
He knew you were
in pain
He knew you'd
never ever
Get well on earth
again.

So He closed your
weary eyelids
And whispered
"Peace be thine"
Then He took you
up to Heaven
With Hands so
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hearts to lose you
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IN MEMORIAM

KIELY

(13th Anniversary)



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

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

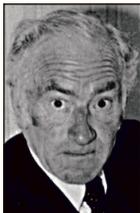
Gone from our touch,
but never our hearts.....

Sadly missed by his family and friends.

Anniversary Mass at 10am on Sunday 31st March in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

LYNCH

(31st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my father Eugene Lynch, late of 27 Baron Park, Clonmel, who died on the 31st March, 1988.

No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do, no morning dawns, no evening falls, without a thought of you.

Fondly remembered by your loving son Michael, daughter-in-law Margo, grandchildren Debbie and Pam and great-grandchildren Louis and Isabelle.

MCCRAITH

(15th Anniversary)



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

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

MILLING

(10th Anniversary)



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

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

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

Mass offered.

MURPHY

(20th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear father Edward (Spud) Murphy, late of 31 Elm Park, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs on 1st April.

Dad, your memory is our greatest treasure, to have, to love and to keep forever.

We will always miss and love you Dad.

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

O'CONNOR

(10th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of Marion, a loving wife, mother and nanny late of Kilmacomma, Clonmel, who died on 8th April 2009.

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

Love you and miss you forever.

Always lovingly remembered by Jim, Jimmy, Philip, Ann, Ken, Susan, Kevin, David and Sarah.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 5th April in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown at 7pm.

IN MEMORIAM

RYAN

(6th Anniversary)

In loving memory of my dear brother Johnny Ryan, late of 48 Connolly Park, Clonmel who died on 31st March 2013 RIP.

I lost a brother with a heart of gold, nothing was too big or small, he helped us along the way.

Loved and remembered always, never forgotten by your sister Diana, Eddie and family.

SHEEHAN

(2nd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of Breda Sheehan, (nee Neville), late of Derryluskin, Fethard, who died on 8th April 2017.

Deeply missed and loved by her family and friends.

Forever in our hearts.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 7th April at 10am in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Killusty.

SLEVIN

(7th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather JJ Slevin, late of 24 Honeyview Estate, Clonmel, who passed away on 6th April 2012.

We did not see you close your eyes, we did not see you die. All we knew was that you were gone, without a last goodbye.

Always loved and remembered by your loving wife Alice and family.

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

SPARROW

(4th Anniversary)



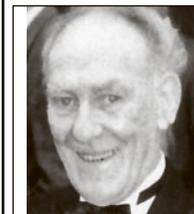
In loving memory of Eileen Sparrow, late of The Favourite, Parnell Street and Summerhill Drive, Clonmel, whose 4th Anniversary occurs on 27th March.

Sadly missed and remembered with love by all the family.

Mass offered.

WHELAN & KIELY

(23rd & 9th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear father, Joe Whelan, 46 Heywood Road, Clonmel, who died on 5th April, 1996. R.I.P.

Simple words, but very true, we will always love and remember you. Happy memories we keep forever, of days when we were all together.

From your sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Also remembering our cousin Kevin Kiely, late of Ballagh, Co. Limerick who died 5th April 2009.

Mass for Joe and Kevin in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown, on Friday 5th April at 9.30am.

Sympathy Prayer

*Dear Lord,
please comfort
those in grief,*

*Love them,
lift them, give
relief*

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

*Make this
sorrow slowly
melt.*

*Lord, let
happy
memories ease,*

*Creating
peace like a
gentle breeze,*

*And as you
help them
make it
through.*

*Draw them
closer, Lord,
to you.*

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

Author Unknown

Please God

*Take this cloud of
darkness away.
Shine your light upon me.
Give me the courage and
strength to start
to feel joy in
my life again.*

Roksana's 'incredible journey' from Tipp to Cheltenham

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A horse born on a small farm on the foot of the Knockmealdown Mountains took gold in the OLBG David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Bred in Goatenbridge by John O'Leary, the Dan Skelton-trained and Harry Skelton-ridden Roksana took full advantage when Ruby Walsh's red-hot favourite Benie Des Dieux crashed through the final hurdle in the race.

John says glory at Cheltenham for Roksana is rooted in County Tipperary, taking exceptional pride in the victory. Recollecting Roksana's family tree, John explains that he bought a thoroughbred foal for 300 pounds back in 1984, which had to be taken away from its ill mother. "Usually a foal would stay with its mother until six months old, but that wasn't possible at the time. I took a chance and bought the foal, fed her with milk replacer

and foal creep food to keep her alive and thankfully all went well," John tells South Tipp Today.

When the mare was three-and-a-half years old, it was time to break the foal and put her into training. However, John was rearing a young family at the time and wasn't able to afford the training costs involved, so he syndicated her with three close friends. "We had no contracts or anything like that drawn up - just a gentleman's agreement between friends. We named her Glenview Lady, and that's where this story started," he fondly recalls.

Trained by Martin Hurley, Glenview Lady won a point-to-point, bumper, novice chase and twice over hurdles during a four-year racing career. She went on to have seven foals, one of which was an "exceptional mare" called Talktothetail with leading Beeches Stud, Waterford, stallion Flemensfirth. Trained by Tim Doyle in Moyne, Thurles, Talktothetail was syndicated between 12 sons and daughters of John and his three close friends. "From day one, she

showed great promise and went on to win four races. Unfortunately, as a seven-year-old she got a leg injury and to our disappointment had to be retired early in her career. She had the potential to win many more races, but it wasn't to be. I took her back from the syndicate and looked after her myself, breeding her and she went on to have four foals with me here in Goatenbridge."

Poor health and age forced John to retire from working with horses. He initially sold Talktothetail with a foal at foot, keeping one foal with him in Goatenbridge - Cheltenham champion Roksana. "It looks like the best one was saved until last," smiles John.

Roksana was later sold to retired jockey Jimmy Maunsell before being moved on to Sarah Faulks in the United Kingdom, who subsequently put her in training with Nick Skelton. John "couldn't be happier" for Mrs Faulks and wishes her much success in the future. "I spoke with her after the win and her plan is to take Roksana back to Ireland to run in the Punchestown Festival. She

recently purchased a half-brother to Roksana at Goffs Sales, which she also hopes to race."

John - whose journey with horses started and finished as a hobby - reflects on 32 years of enjoyment, citing Roksana's win at Cheltenham as a dream come through.

"I suppose the odds of breeding a Cheltenham winner would equal the odds of winning the lotto. Breeding horses is a game of numbers. It comes with a cost, a lot of hard work and night watching, waiting on mares to foal. But I wouldn't change a day of it.

"It would have been impossible for myself alone to have made this incredible journey. I was exceptionally lucky to have the support of my friends that syndicated with me and great help from my family, in particular my son John, son-in-law Michael, my grandchildren, and my late neighbours John and Tom throughout this wonderful adventure. As an old man said to me many years ago, you can't put a price tag on enjoyment," he adds.



John O'Leary bred Roksana on his Goatenbridge farm

Hero's welcome home for Special Olympics champion

Carrick-on-Suir gymnast Kellie O'Donnell was one of Team Ireland's top performers at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi last week, bringing home three silver medals.

The 24-year-old, who is the daughter of Tara and Leslie O'Donnell from Taners Gate, Carrick-on-Suir, won the silver in the balance beam, uneven bars and vaulting events at the World Games on St. Patrick's Day. She also earned 4th and 5th place medals in floor exercises.

Speaking after the medals ceremony, a delighted Kellie said: "I am so happy. I can't put it into words. To be here with my fellow athletes who are my best friends in the world is just amazing. We are

having a great time and the medals are the icing on the cake. There has been lots of happy tears."

Kellie received a hero's welcome from her family, friends and neighbours in Carrick-on-Suir when she returned home last Saturday. She was part of a team of 91 athletes from Ireland who competed in the World Games in the United Arab Emirates capital. The Irish team won 86 medals at the games, with a total of 7,500 athletes from 170 countries competing.

The Carrick-on-Suir woman's passion for gymnastics began at the Special Olympics Club in Waterford, which she has been a member of since the age of eight.

She qualified for the

World Games by winning a gold medal in the national Special Olympics in July last year. Names of gold medal winners are entered into a pool of qualified athletes and only so many are picked out. Kellie was one of those selected for Team Ireland.

In the run-up to the World Games, she trained six days a week with only a day off on Sundays. Her preparations included two days training a week at the Special Olympics Waterford Club and two days pilates with Ciara Conway in Carrick-on-Suir to help with her balance and core muscle strength.

She also prepared with high intensity classes at Carrick-on-Suir's Five Star Fitness for two days a week with her mam Tara, who helped her with bar training.



Kellie with supporters on her triumphant return to Carrick-on-Suir

Phoenix Strength and Conditioning to row the length of Mexico for Sanie

Clonmel's Phoenix Strength and Conditioning is undertaking a mammoth indoor rowing challenge to raise money for one of its members.

Phoenix member and mother of two Sandra (Sanie) Connolly is set to travel to Mexico for stem cell treatment in a bid to halt progressive multiple sclerosis, which has destroyed her life.

A large crew of Phoenix members and friends of Sanie will be joined by friends from Elevate, Fitness Freak and Clonmel Rowing Club as they attempt to row the length of Mexico, a total of 3,200km. Over 200 people will take part. They are hoping to cover this distance in around 24 hours, starting at 5pm on Friday evening.

Everyone taking part in the challenge is collecting sponsorship for their effort, so support for the public will be greatly appreciated.



Sandra Connolly pictured with her husband Paul McLaren

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

The cold and wet day did not stop the crowds coming out for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations on last Sunday and eventually the sun did come out even if only for a while. There was great excitement as they waited for the parade to travel through the streets of Cahir. Community groups came out in force and many local clubs as well as individuals got involved in the Parade this year and the 'Patriots' theme was carried out in colour and style among all participants.

Parade prizes sponsors Cahir Community Bingo had a very tough task picking winners in several categories and all the winners were delighted that their efforts were recognised and rewarded.

Prizes were awarded to Cahir Tidy Towns Group for Best Community Float with a perpetual Cup, second place went to Cahir Comhaltas and in third place was Ballingearry ICA. Best Commercial Float went to Cahir House Hotel and in second place was Supervalu. The Most Entertaining Entry was The CJ Kickham Brass Band and in second place was 'Flip & Twist'. The Best Youth Entry went to The Cahir Majorettes and second place went to 'Flip & Twist' once again. Last but not least the Most Unique Attempt went once again to Ballingearry ICA.

Well done to all who made tremendous effort to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cahir. Thanks to the local Councillors for their presence on the day as well as Carol Creighton, Events Co-ordinator with Tipperary County Council. Thanks must also go to Tina Reilly, Anne Cunningham and Mary Brewster of Cahir Community Bingo for the kind sponsorship of the parade prizes and Cahir Development Association for support. Thanks to Cahir Gardai, Civil Defence, MC Gerry Duffy, DJ Eoin O'Donoghue, Maria Taylor, all media coverage, Council staff, the parade stewards, Daltons, Cahir Tidy Towns Group who had the town back in shape soon after the event and all who assisted in any way.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

The children in Our Lady of Mercy Primary School were very busy over the past few weeks preparing for the Saint Patrick's Day Celebrations. The older classes had been teaching dances to the younger children in preparation for a Céilí on Friday 15 March. Second and third class wrote Irish stories and read them to the younger classes. Sixth class played board games as gaelige with the middle classes. Great fun was had by the first to sixth classes during the Tráth na Geist. The entire school was



ABOVE AND BELOW: These young boys and girls were enjoying Seachtain na Gaelige in Our Lady of Mercy Primary School, Cahir, last week



a sea of green, white and gold on the Friday with a school concert that included ceol, amhráin as gaelige agus rincí gaelach was enjoyed by all. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir!

CAHIR TIDY TOWNS

Work had recommenced on the St. Paul's flower bed. The group cleared away the remains of the winter leaves last week and planting should commence this week. This flower bed will be a bit different to what we had originally planned as the drought hit us last year and we lost a lot of the roses. We would like to thank those who donated to this project for their patience but the drought last year hit us hard and despite the efforts of the local fire services we could not keep the shrubs alive.

Some wildflower has been planted along the new Woodland Walk and soon enough we will be planting once the daffodils are finished blooming.

There is a huge issue with

litter around town and only for the volunteers and council staff the town would be in a state. We are asking people not to throw litter around and if everyone could keep an eye outside their own door it would make things a lot easier especially as we are coming into the tourist season.

We will be holding the official launch of the Woodland Walk on Sunday May 5 at 12.15 and we are encouraging parents to get their children ready to have their fairy door painted for this occasion and we will find a place for it on the day. A row of trees was planted recently opposite the Coláiste and works on the approach roads will start soon. We meet as normal on Wednesday at 7pm.

CAHIR COMHALTAS TABLE QUIZ

A fundraising quiz night is taking place on next Friday April 5 in the Shamrock Lounge at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 people are €20. There are refreshments on the night.

We have our fifth Annual Trad Fest coming up this year from September 13-15 and all funds raised are needed to support this event, so support for this night is greatly appreciated.

LTI COURSE STARTING SOON

The NEW LTI Course at Cahir Business & Training Centre is commencing April 29, 2019. This course would be of benefit with any person who may be finished or finishing a level 4 and is wishing to progress to a Major Level 5 Course. It also may suit a person who has a minimum level 4 (junior cert equivalent or QQI level 4) wishing to gain skills/re-enter the workplace or needs up-skilling in the areas as outlined within the modules attached.

This is a FULLY funded 44 week full-time course that will enable learners to gain valuable skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook as well as training in The Internet & Social Media, Bookkeeping and Payroll, to name a few. This is a Major

Award comprising of 9 modules in total and based in The Enterprise Centre in Cahir, Co. Tipperary. A Training Allowance and Course Materials are included.

Please call Karen Moore on 052 744 2616 or email karen@cahirda.com to discuss course content, payment enquiries or any other information you may require.

FOURTH CLASS GIRLS BRING JOY TO DAY CARE

Leading up to the February first, the girls in fourth class of Our Lady of Mercy Primary School were very busy weaving St. Brigid's Crosses for family and friends. Donations for these crosses soon began to flow into the school and it was decided to give all money collected to the Cahir Day Care Centre.

The whole project snowballed and some of the girls even shared pocket money of their own. The girls were delighted to visit the Centre this week to show the fruits of their labour. They had a gift cheque for €250 which was way beyond their expectations!

They received a very warm welcome at the Centre and visitors there were entertained by the girls with some beautiful singing and dancing. There were surprised faces and huge smiles when some of the girls met grandparents or family members. What a happy morning it was.

Fourth Class would like to thank anyone who donated money to this worthy cause. Well done girls for all your hard work.

CAHIR ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday April 3 in the Parish Rooms at 2.30 pm. Day trip to Foynes Aviation Museum with Irish Coffee Making Demonstration and Maureen O'Hara Centre is on Friday March 29 leaving Clonmel at 8am and Cahir at 8.15 am. We will finish our day in Adare with lunch and shopping. A 3 day break to West Cork is on April 14 and will include Coach, Accommodation with B/B, Dinners and Outings. Members please let us know if you are interested in this trip as places are filling up. Outing to Fethard and Coolmore is May 30. Tai Chi, a chair exercise activity and relaxation is commencing Friday afternoons May 3 in the Parish Rooms at 2.30pm. Places are limited. This class is funded by ETB. We will have further information at the monthly meeting.

LOCAL CHOIR TRAVELS TO ARMAGH TO SING

The Cahir To Sing Choir was privileged to sing in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in

Armagh as part of a concert of celebration for St. Patrick's Day. This event involved choirs from across the island and abroad performing in this special venue. A highlight of the evening was the collaboration by all choirs, over 500 singers in total, in a combined performance under the baton of John Anderson of BBC. The concert was televised and broadcast by RTE on St Patrick's Day.

CAHIR MEET & TRAIN

The Group continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm. Numbers have been down a bit lately as there is a lot of flu and sickness about. We will continue our preparations for the Morrison 4mile taking place at the end of April. Our walkers are getting out on the mountains more frequently now that the weather has improved and teamed up with Mid Tipp Hill walkers last Sunday. The walkers invite new walkers to join them on Tuesday or Thursday nights in Duneske.

CAHIR COMMUNITY LOTTO

There was no winner of the Draw that took place on Wednesday March 20, 2019. The Draw was witnessed by Leo Coffey. The numbers drawn were 15, 24, 27 and 31. The 4 lucky dips winners each receiving €25 were Mary Finnegan Burke, Clonmel Chrissie Wall, Cahir Mary Fitzgerald, C/o Day Care Centre Linda & Martin Francis, Ballydrehid. Congratulations to all.

SOUTH TIPPERARY HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday 17 March a very successful Coffee Morning was held in Cahir House Hotel. Breda Ryan and Hilary Carter wish to thank all who supported the event, also David Walsh and his staff for the excellent service which was provided. Thank you to all once to all who came along to lend their support.

WOOL DONATIONS FOR CANCER CARE

If anyone is getting rid of knitting wool it doesn't matter what colour or size. Please call Maurice on 087 7760766 or contact through Facebook or Messenger. The Wool is for making blankets, hats, scarves and gloves etc for cancer patients. If anyone wants to look it up Cork Cancer Care Centre is where the wool is being donated. Maurice is going to visit the centre to see what it is like on Thursday 14 February. Any wool donations can be dropped into Cahir & District Lions Club Bookshop behind the Lazy Bean Cafe on the right hand side at the back or leave it Cahir House Hotel with Maurice's name on it. Thank you, all donations appreciated.

CAMINO WALK

If you have always wanted walk the Camino Way or part of it then here is your chance. The Way of St. James from Sarria to Santiago de Compostella. This is a 100 kilometre walk (75 miles) from 21 to 28 September, 2019. Fly from Dublin Aer Lingus or Ryan Air. Hotel Accommodation is Bed and Breakfast for 7 nights and Dinner on 5 nights with transfers and daily Luggage transfer costing approx € 900 at present flight prices. For more information etc. contact Ned Lonergan on 086 8309365 or neddy44@hotmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Reduce your Pain – Reclaim your Life – Living well with Arthritis. Venue: Clonmel Community Resource Centre, Kickham Lodge, Kickham Street. It is from Monday 25 – Thursday 29 April and from 7- 9.30pm each evening. Fee is €32 and €24 for medical card holders. For more information call 01-6470206 or email training@arthristisireland.ie

Lenten Talks with Speaker Fr. Michael Mullins will talk on two evenings about Reflection on The Passion & Easter Narratives. The Venue is St. Oliver's Parish Centre, Clonmel and the first talk began yesterday Tuesday 26 and will continue next Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cahir Day Care Centre is holding a Progressive 25 Card Drive on Friday 5 April 2019 at 8pm in the Day Care Centre. Entry is €10 per person. All welcome. There will be a Raffle and refreshments on the night.

CAHIR PARK AFC

U13 Championship - Cahir Park 5 - 4 Bansha

Cahir Park came out on the right side of a nine goal thriller on last Saturday against Bansha in their first game of the new season. Great performances all over the pitch with Cahir Park goals coming from a first half hat trick by Leigh Murphy and one each from Daniel Mina and Jake O'Gorman. Well done to both sides.

Well done - to our Club President Pakie Halley who was nominated for Eileen Anderson Unsung Hero Award which was held in Clonmel tonight. Pakie has been dedicated to The Park for many years and stuck with it through good days and bad. He has seen major developments both on and off the pitch and is always open to progressive ideas. He is also a valued member of Cahir Mens Shed. Well done Flicker.

Club facilities- It is great to see other clubs and sports getting the benefit of our facilities. On March 19 we wel-



Fourth Class of Our lady of Mercy recently presented a gift cheque to Mary O'Donnell, manager of the Day Care Centre, raised from the sale of St. Brigid's crosses

comed Mullinahone GAA hurlers and Fr Sheehys CLCG to Cahir Park Astro Pitch. We wish the best of luck in the coming season to the lads.

Cahir Park AFC non competitive: Under 11 (players born 2008) Training on Friday evenings at 5:30pm at Cahir Park All Weather. €2 per Player

Academy: Training for Under 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s & 10s on Saturday Morning at 9am. €2 per Player

Non Competitive Matches & Blitzes scheduled to resume in April.

Coerver Coaching continues every Tuesday evening at Cahir Park.

New First Skills Classes for Young Players aged 3-6 years starting on Tuesdays at 3.30pm, Players under 7, 8 & 9 start at 4.30pm and Players under 10, 11 & 12 start at 5.30pm.

CAHIR GAA CLUB

Sympathies- Our club would like to offer our condolences to the O'Dwyer family on the recent death of Albert O'Dwyer RIP. Our thoughts are with the O'Dwyer and extended family at this sad time, may Albert rest in peace.

Minor 'A' Football Championship - The first outing for our minor footballers took place last Sunday in Ned Hall Park at noon, where Grangemockler/Ballyneale stood in front of our team, our team captained by Darragh Hefernan played well as a unit in the first half and exchanged points with our opponents and led by two at the half time whistle with 0-07 to 0-05.

The second started as our men left off in the first playing well and ten minutes in were six points up and to mention one player Kevin

Grogan was doing nothing wrong and shone as the game went on. For the next ten minutes Cahir seemed to take the foot off the gas and allowed the combo team back into it with a converted penalty and a couple of points to draw level with five to go. Our team settled again and scored two more points to see out the win with a final of score 0-13 to 1-08.

Well done to all the panel of players and the management team, full team and scorers: Killian Halpin, Liam O'Neill, Eoin Wyse, Liam Hickey, Darragh Heffernan, Christopher McDonagh, Tommy McDonagh, Kevin Grogan (0-4), Francie Delaney (0-1), Gareth Butler, Jake Kiely (0-1), Jack Buckley (0-2), Jake Fitzgerald, Dylan Browne and David Clifford (0-5). Subs Used: Kevin Hickey and Conor Kirwan.

Joker Draw- Morrissey's Bar was the venue last Sunday for our weekly fund raiser and thanks to Brian and Mags for looking after us as always. Our jackpot is growing nicely and next week the jackpot will be €5,400, a tidy sum not to be sniffed at. This week's winners were Mary & Clare Hickey, Eimear Collins, Helen Casey, John O'Donoghue and Margaret O'Connor.

County Draw- The county draw has now finished for this twelve month period. As we did not have many winners in the draw this year and indeed the last few months, we have decided to give something back to all who joined the County Draw with Cahir GAA. So as a thank you for joining the draw with us we have decided to give twenty members half their money back for being loyal to our club, which is €50 x 20. So we put all the names of all those people and drew the twenty names at our last com-

mittee meeting. Here are the first four winners of €50: James Meagher, Cathal Davis, Jimmy Maher and Sandra Burke.

We will bring you another four names next week and so on until we publish all twenty. Please remember the new county draw will start again soon and we will be looking for your support once again to help us make this fine club even better for the future. Thank you for supporting us in the past and we hope you will continue to do so going forward.

Other county matters - Our senior county footballers were in hard luck last Sunday when sadly they were relegated to division three in the league after a spirited performance against Clare. With club man Liam Casey getting on the score sheet, we hope Liam and the team have a good championship in 2019. Things were brighter for our county ladies football team when they were assured their division one status for next year after getting the better of Monaghan. Club player Aisling Moloney scored ten points and some of her tally from long range frees was amazing. Also helping the cause last Sunday was club player Roisin Howard, well done to our club players and all the county team, once

again we hope they have a good championship.

Juvenile News- RESULTS- Both our U12 Football teams, A and D played Championship Matches on Saturday March 23. The A's played Clonmel Og, where they drew their match, the D's had a great win V Newcastle and well done to both teams and their Mentors.

FIXTURES - Saturday March 30, U12A Football Championship Cahir v Fethard in Fethard, throw in 6.15pm. Sunday March 31, U12D Football Championship Cahir v Ballylooby /Castlegrace, a home game in Cahir, throw in 10 am. Our U16s start their Football Championship next month; they will kick off their Championship hopes v Clonmel Commericals in the first round on Monday evening of April 1.

Contact Cahir GAA Club with your news/ photos at procahirgaa@gmail.com

'SIVE' IN CLOGHEEN

Kevin Farrell (Liam Scuab) and Michelle Shaw (Nanna) are busy rehearsing for John B Keane's play 'Sive'. Curtains go up at 8.15pm nightly from March 28-30. Tickets are on sale at the Fruit and Veg Shop in Clogheen or phone PJ on 087-7984929.



Locals enjoying the St Patrick's Day celebrations in Cahir



Flip and Twist came second in the Most Entertaining category on St Patrick's Day. They are pictured with Anne Cunningham and Tina Reilly



Cllr Andy Moloney, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr Richie Molloy, district administrator Anthony Coleman, Mayor of Reading Cllr Debs Edwards and Alan Edwards at the Swiss Cottage

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

CASHEL

Lost hearing aid

A hearing aid was lost in the vicinity of St John the Baptist Church, Cashek, recently. Contact 087-9478985.

Toastmasters

Next meeting on April 4 from 8-10pm in Halla na Feile.

CLONMEL

Auction

A fundraising auction takes place at Hotel Minella on April 12 from 7-10pm in aid of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland Clonmel Support Group. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served and a raffle will take place on the night.

Cardio screening

Heartfelt Cardio Screening is coming to Clonmel Park Hotel on April 3 and 18 and May 2 with the revolutionary BPro pulse wave analysis device, providing affordable and accurate heart and artery screenings. The BPro device is a completely mobile test kit, comprising a wrist sensor and a laptop. It can be brought to any location, including your workplace or organisation which makes it ideal for sports clubs, health centres etc.

Screenings are carried out by a Healthstats certified technician and a full printout of the results are given on the day. The procedure is non-invasive and completely pain-free. The information provided by our BPro screenings can help doctors decide whether more invasive investigations are required, thereby saving patients further unnecessary trauma.

The cost of an individual BPro test is €50 per adult with a 10% discount (€90) for a couple. There is also a 20% discount for groups of 12 or more people. Appointments are essential and are available from 11am until late. For further information or to make an appointment, please contact Anna on 086-4135555 or Jimmy on 086-2566422. Email: heartfeltcardio-screening@gmail.com. Website: www.bproheartfeltcardio-screening.com.

Horticultural Society

Next meeting on April 3 at 8pm in Hotel Minella. Spring Flower Show on April 14 from 2-4.30pm.

Gig

Clonmel Aoife Scott will play Clonmel Folk Club at The Coachman on April 2. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm. Tickets on sale in Ger Ambrose Jewellers,

Clonmel Arts Centre and The Coachman.

Flower Club

Next meeting on April 9 at 8pm in Hotel Minella. Tuition will be given by Mildred Stokes, Club Kilcoran Garden Centre's Mary Skelly will also discuss summer bulbs and containers for summer planting.

2015 Bridge Club

Results from March 19: 1st Nett Dick Tarrant and Pat Kennedy, 1st Gross Liz Binchy and Ann Binchy. There were 13.5 tables with a good turnout from new members.

Probus

Next meeting on April 4 at 10.30am in the Raheen House Hotel. A talk on Ethiopia will be delivered by Concern's at 11am. Contact Jim Trehy on 087-9608713.

Place4U

Place4U is hosting a vintage tea morning in aid of the restoration and refurbishment of Old St. Mary's Parochial Hall on March 29 from 10am to 12.30pm.

KILLENAULE

JUVENILE GAA CLUB

Our U10 Mixed football Community Games team won their first round team against Boherlahan 4-0 to 2-3.

U12A team won against Moyle Rovers 4-1 to 3-2 with a last minute goal to seal victory.

U12A drew against Commercials in an exciting game 3-3 to 1-9 with both teams giving their all.

U12D won their first championship game against Fethard, they never gave up and were deserving winners 2-4 to 3-3

U14s lost to stronger Fethard team in the Peil semi final 3-6 to 1-8.

U16s lost to a stronger Ballylooby team in their first game of the season.

KILLENAULE BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Results Thursday 14th March: 1st Anne Boland & Lena Slattery, 2nd Sean O'Dea & Lily Graydon, 3rd Josephine Bulfin & Breda O'Grady, joint 4th Teresa Norton & Noreen Kealy, Joan Hayes & Judy Doyle.

CLOGHEEN

SIVE IN CLOGHEEN

The boards at St Paul's Community Hall will rattle again this weekend with the Clogheen Drama Group's performance of John B Keane's Sive.

The cast and crew have been preparing and rehearsing for months and a terrific night of entertainment and drama is eagerly anticipated. Directed by Liam Wall, Sive deals with an Ireland of the 1950s of deprivation,

discrimination and greed, and despite the main theme of the play the authors' compassionate handling of the issues, delivers plenty of hilarious dialogue and situations.

The play will run March 28-30. Curtains up at 8.15pm. Tickets are on sale from PJ and Margaret English's fruit and veg shop Clogheen, phone 052-7465951, 087-7984929 and at Ballyporeen Post Office on 052-7467101.

DIANA WARD R.I.P.

Sincere sympathies are extended to the Ward and Gavin families on the recent death of Diana Ward which occurred in Clonmel Hospital recently. Diana was in her twenty's and only moved to Clogheen within the last year and lived in Main St Clogheen with her husband Michael.

We extend our sympathies to her husband Michael, her parents, Sisters Rosemary and Margaret, brother Martin, and all her extended family. Reposed at Massey Bros Finglas with removal to St Canice's Church and following requiem mass she was laid to rest in St Joseph's Cemetery Carrickmacross. May she rest in peace.

NOTES FOR PUBLICATION

Please leave any notes for next week's paper into Moroneys Shop or phone P.J. at 0877984929 or email p.j.english@hotmail.com

FR SHEEHY'S GAA CLUB

It was a busy weekend on the playing pitches with all of our teams playing. Well done to everybody who togged out.

Results County Football League: Fr Sheehy's 1-12 Ballylooby Castlegrace 0-9

U16 South football: Fr Sheehy's/Ballylooby 6-10 Kille-naule 2-4

U14 hurling Feile South semi-final: Fethard 1-6 Fr Sheehy's 1-5

U12 South football: Ard-finnan 1-7 Fr Sheehy's 1-2

Membership / registration is now due for 2019. Details available from club officers and team mentors.

Lotto draw March 19. Numbers drawn were: 22, 24, 25, 26. No winner.

Two x match 3's at €75 each: Daniel English Burncourt; Liam Butler Goatenbridge

Jackpot next week is €6,000 in Butlers Bar Burncourt. Thanks for playing.

Training for under 6,8 and 10 teams commences on Tuesday April 2nd in Fr Sheehy Park at 7pm.

New members are always welcome.

BRIAN BORUS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Well done to all our underage girls who are back in full swing training. It is great to see you all back. New members are always welcome.

U6 Player of the week last week is Niamh O'Farrell

U8 Player of the week last week is Elizabeth Moloney and Lucy Keating

U10 Player of the week is Cara Grant

U10 Most improved player is Ciara Lonergan

Please follow of Facebook page "Brian Borus Ladies football Club" for training, matches and club news.

BALLYLOOBY/ DUHILL DEVELOPMENT LOTTO

Recent lotto results: No jackpot winner. Lucky numbers: 4, 20, 22 and 23. One 'match 3' winner O & I Savage c/o Brian Reidy. Next week's jackpot €4,000.

45 DRIVE

Duhill 45 Drive continues every Sunday night at 8.15pm sharp.

Sympathy to Una McGrath, Coolantallagh, Burncourt on the death of her husband Aiden who passed away last weekend.

25 CARD DRIVE

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

GAA

U12D (1) Football Result, Round 2, Ballylooby/ Castlegrace 3-3, Ardfinnan 2-20

U12C Football Result, Round 4: Grrangemockler/Ballyneale 1-1, Ballylooby/Castlegrace 5-9.

FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Ballylooby/Castlegrace GAA Fundraising Race Night will take place in Kilcoran Lodge on Saturday April 6. Currently pricing is 10 per line €50 to sponsor Race.

BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL INVALID FUND

Afternoon Tea in aid of Ballylooby/Duhill Invalid Fund on Sunday, May 12, from 2pm to 5pm in Kilcoran Lodge Hotel. €20 per person. Special prize for the Best Dressed Table. To host a table contact Mary: 087-6156999 or Rita: 086-3001876.

SIVE IN CLOGHEEN

Best of luck to our neighbours, Clogheen Dramatic Society on their forthcoming production "Sive" by John B Keane directed by Liam Wall. The play will be staged in St Paul's Community Centre on Thursday 28, to Saturday 30 inclusive at 8.15 on all three nights.

IRISH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Irish Class with Josephine will continue in Duhill Hall on Monday nights 7 to 8pm (ina sui cois tine). Classes also in Browne's XL Clogheen Café every Saturday 11-12 noon.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of Bernard Guiry (Carrick-on-Suir and late of Castlegrace and his son Michael who passed away in Wales UK on March 1. Bernard was laid to rest in Duhill Cemetery after his requiem mass in Carrick

on Friday March 22.

GRANGE LECTURE

Ardfinnan Community Council is delighted to host a lecture by Dr. Anthony O'Halloran which will be held in Ardfinnan Community Centre on Friday, March 29 at 8pm. Anthony is a political scientist and author.

The title of the lecture is The Trump Presidency: Constitutional Norms and Political Obstacles. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

PROGRESSIVE 25 DRIVE

1st - Agnes Hyland & Shay Hughes; 2nd - Brian Purcell & Donal Keating.

Raffle: Betty Collins, Anne Hanrahan, Alice Hally, Agnes Hyland.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

The next community coffee morning takes place on Wednesday, April 3 from 9.30 to 12 at Grange Community Hall.

TIDY VILLAGE GROUP

The annual Spring clean-up organised in conjunction with Grange School will place during the week of April 8-12. More details later.

NEWCASTLE

FIRST AID COURSE

Newcastle First Responder Group - First Aid Training Course - This course is designed to give First Aid providers the knowledge and skills needed to respond confidently and effectively in an emergency.

The course will run over two nights in April, Monday 1 Thursday 4 at the GAA Complex, Newcastle at 7.30 pm. Tutor: Donal Lonergan. Course Fee €40 includes certificate.

Name with deposit of €20 to Sean Byrne - 087 6618373 - Marian O' Dwyer - 087 1254882 or Ciara Lonergan - 086 3176953.

MUINTIR NA TIRE DRAW

Newcastle Muintir na Tre Community Council March Draw Results

1st prize, €300 - John Mangan, Newcastle, 2nd prize, €200, Terence Kennedy, Knocknaree, Ballymacarbry and 3rd prize, Michael and Mary Kennedy, Newcastle.

As this was the first draw in the new series the committee would like to thank those who renewed their membership and welcome and thank new members of the draw. Next draw Wednesday, April 17.

ANNUAL MONSTER 45 DRIVE

Good Friday night at 8.45pm in the Community Hall Newcastle. Proceeds to the Lourdes Invalid Fund. Entry fee €10. Excellent prize money. Refreshment and raffle (gifts for raffle appreciated).

LIAM LYNCH COMMEMORATION

The Annual Liam Lynch Commemoration Ceremony will take place in Newcastle on Sunday, April 7.

The proceedings will commence with flag raising at Tigh na nDaoine Newcastle at 12 noon followed by Mass at 12.30 pm in Newcastle Church

Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre Newcastle afterwards and oration will be given by Mary Hanafin, former Minister.

Powerstown/Lisronagh YOGA

Yoga in Monroe Hall every Tuesday evening at 7p.m. Beginners welcome Contact Jane Anne Cleary 0872669367

RATHKEEVIN CARDS

Winners of the weekly card game held on Thursday March 21: Billy O'Brien & Eileen Howley.

On 11 games: Eddie & June Cooney on 10 games.

Table Prizes on 19th & 20th games Paddy Franey & David Blissett with Helen Aherne & B Egan.

Cards again on Thursday March 28.

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

Partners available if required.

Kilsheelan/Kilcash

KILSHEELAN COME DANCING

Only a few weeks to go to a feast of top class dancing which will be performed by people you know and meet every week, what a treat lies in store for our community.

The show of a lifetime is on in the Park Hotel, Clonmel on Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13. Tickets are available from Joanne on 085 1250626 and also in Ollie's and the Ormond Stores. Saturday night is sold out so no point in asking for Saturday tickets. A wonderful night's entertainment guaranteed. Photographs of all dancers appearing in the window of Jim Strang's garage this week. Be sure to stop and view the dancers and like all of us we wish them the very best of good wishes over the next few weeks. All sponsors will be promoted and highlighted on both nights and mentioned in our dance programme, where one will discover some intimate information about all of the dancers.

KILLURNEY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The annual table quiz for the school children will take place on April 5. All schools will be notified in advance and it is hoped there will be the usual response from our enthusiastic young people.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

GRANGEMOCKLER

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The next Active Retirement Group meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27 at 2.30pm in the Cardinal Browne Hall, Grangemockler. New members are always welcome.

GAA

Junior Hurling League: Grangemockler/Ballyneale 1-13 Boherlahan 4-18.

Minor A Football Championship: Grangemockler/ Ballyneale 1-8 Cahir 0-13.

U16 B Football Championship: Grangemockler/ Ballyneale 2-5 St Patricks 1-6.

Please check GAA fixtures for upcoming games.

GAA CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due and can be paid to any committee member.

Rates as follows: Non playing: Adult - €40; Student - €20; Youth (U16) - €10

Players Membership: Adult - €70; U21 - €50; U18 - €20; U16 - €10

GAA PARISH HISTORY

We are seeking any information on teams and stories about our parish GAA juvenile activities from 1960 to 1980. Please contact Al Murray at 0876606139 or at almurraytipp@gmail.com

LOCAL LOTTO RESULTS

Two match 3 numbers. Robbie Meagher and Maureen Power. Numbers were 1, 2, 6, 18.

NEW INN

THE DIOCESAN LISTENING PROCESS

Feedback of all findings have been codified under headings and will be made available in the Community Centre Holycross on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7.30pm. We would like a good representation there, from New Inn/Knockgraffon parish. Please let me know if you can attend Fr. Michael on 0874147229.

PROGRESSIVE 25

Winners last Wednesday evening, March 20 at the Old School, Knockgraffon were joint winners Jim & Mary Garrett, John Ryan & Chris O'Brien and Betty Ryan & Teresa Breen with 11 games each. Well done all! Tea & refreshments afterwards. Cards start at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

The committee would like to extend deepest sympathies to Mary Anne Healy, (a stalwart at our cards here in Knockgraffon) on the passing of her brother Michael (Mauda) Hayes, Bansha recently. Our thoughts and prayers extend to his wife Mgt and family also at this very sad time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an anam.

ROCKWELL ROVERS - THE CHASER

The Chaser is a live version of the hit TV quiz show The Chase. It is a fun way for com-



Big Breakfast in Burncourt

Anne, Pat Butler and Breda Fitzgerald enjoying the Big Breakfast in Burncourt last Sunday in aid of the community hall

munities to fundraise, offering a real good advertising opportunity for businesses both locally and nationally. A great night in store for all on Sunday May 5th in Halla na Féile, Cashel. Top prizes of €1,500 on the night!

LOTTO RESULTS

Saturday, March 23, results from Ollie's Bar. The numbers were 16, 22, 27 and 32. No winner.

Lucky Dips x 4: Pat & Caroline Peters, Andrew Moloney, Jim Joe Dudley and Caitlin Fitzgerald to be entered into a draw for €500 on Saturday, April 6.

Sellers x 4: Pat Peters, PJ Moloney, Jim Joe Dudley and Phil Ryan to be entered into a draw for €100 on Saturday, April 6.

This week's Jackpot is €8,000 and the draw will take place in The Rovers Inn on Saturday, March 30

GAA EASTER CAMP

Dates for your diary: Easter Camp is on from Tuesday, April 16 to Thursday, April 18 from 10am to 1pm at Rockwell Rovers GAA field. Camp cost is €30 per child and each child will receive a sliotar and football.

NEW INN VILLAGE PARK STILL ON THE CARDS

At the recent meeting of the Clonmel Borough District, Cllr Andy Moloney proposed to have a village park in New Inn village centre. The Local Councillor claimed that the public realm improvements in the Village could be finished off with the provision of a Village Park as proposed in the initial plans for New Inn. After a hard few months of traffic disruption due to the Irish Water works, the new road surface is to be commended and further improvement due during the summer on approach roads. New Inn like many other villages that were by passed needs this injection to bring

people to the area and the provision of a Village Park would help our cause. He has also proposed a cycle greenway from Cahir to Cashel and with little investment this could be a reality. We need to re-energize our villages that are struggling for numbers on GAA teams and trying to keep services open.

The local Tidy Towns Group have the place looking fantastic and the council owe it to the people to go one step further.

BURNCOURT

SUPER BIG BREAKFAST

What a Big Breakfast. There was an amazing turnout for Burncourt's Big Breakfast of 2019. From start to finish there wasn't a table free in the Community Hall.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, those tireless backroom workers who kept the food on line seemingly effortlessly, to the serving crew, particularly our teenagers who are a credit to their families and community and to the great bakers who ensured a great supply of home made bread and scones.

Thanks to our sponsors Danny Fitzgerald, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Shane Fox, Finn's Eggs Araglen, Sweeney's Mushrooms, PJ English Fruit & Veg, Hodgins Sausages, to the following for their contribution - Fitzgerald's Butchers, Ballyporeen, Supermacs, Mitchelstown, Patsy Mulcahy, Mary O'Brien, Michael Fox, Margaret Fitzgerald, and Anne Casey.

Funds raised will go towards the construction of a storage unit for the Community Hall.

VINTAGE TEA

As a fundraiser for the Mountain Lodge Restoration Project, a Vintage Tea will be held at Mountain Lodge on Sunday, May 5, from 11 am to

3pm.

NINETEENTH CENTURY LANDSCAPE EVOLUTION IN THE BURNCOURT AREA

As a lead up to the Vintage Tea at Mountain Lodge, Rose Cleary will give a talk on "Nineteenth Century Landscape Evolution in the Burncourt Area" on April, 25, in Burncourt Community Hall. This will include some aspects of the Mountain Lodge Restoration Project.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Nora Quirke who celebrates her 94th Birthday this week. Congratulations Nora from all in Burncourt.

MULLINAHONE

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation took place in St. Michael's Church on Thursday last March 21. The beautifully decorated Church was full to capacity as 61 local girls and boys were confirmed by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly. The reception afterwards in the GAA Centre which was well attended was also well received with Archbishop O'Reilly and Fr. Danny in attendance. Confirmations ceremonies, clergy and even archbishops have been changing with the years.

MINOR FOOTBALLERS WIN

After their recent good win over Ballingarry C.J. Kickhams minor footballers were out again in Cloneen on Sunday against Killenaule in the South Tipp 2019 B championship. While C.J.K. were favourites to win the game, it turned out to be a much easier task than had been expected.

At half time C.J.K. led by 4-7 to 0-2 and the game was as good as over. The game finished 6-12 to 0-3 to us.

Eanna Ryan who is having trials with the Tipp U20 panel did his chances no harm at all as he scored 4-7 of his side's

total. Another player who played really well was Danny Dunne who must deserve to be looked at for county minor selection in the future.

Mullinahone lined out: Cathal Brett, Diarmuid White, Cillian White, James Cody, Conor O'Brien, Eoin O'Dwyer, Shane Morris, Matthew Thompson, Conor Whelan, Eoghan O'Brien, Eanna Ryan, Danny Dunne, Jack Lonergan, Mikey O'Shea, Stephen Hickey also used Paddy Hayes and Josh Rowan.

JOANNE O'RIORDAN FOR MULLINAHONE

After her recent visits to Tipperary in Clonmel and Tipperary town the disability rights campaigner, Joanne O'Riordan must be far better known to the people of the Knocknagow area now than she was, even a short time ago. Local will have the chance to meet the young Cork woman in person when she opens this year's Kickham Country Weekend in Mullinahone on Friday May 3. The story of Joanne's life is inspirational and I am sure that she will be inspirational when she visits Mullinahone.

HURLING

Our adult hurlers had 2 games in the Tipperary league over the weekend.

On Saturday in Division 4 we travelled to Castleiney to take on Loughmore. We went down heavily 2-23 to 1-13. Sunday was a better day. This time we travelled to Templemore to play in Division 2 of the league. We took on J.K. Brackens, Templemore and showed some better form winning 0-20 to 1-14. It was hopeful to see a pretty strong team take the field as the season ahead could be a trying one.

MULLINAHONE FC

Shield Division 3 final Mullinahone 0, Cahir Park 2. Last week saw the conclusion of the Junior Season. Unfortunately, things didn't go our way and we lost 2-0 to league winners Cahir ark in the Shield final. On behalf of Emmy and the team I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the lads. There was a massive presence on the sideline.

For now we'll take a well earned break and enjoy the free Sundays and we'll regroup during the Summer. Thanks once again to players and management.

DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society was a great success in Mullinahone this year. The Coffee Morning held in the Community Centre on Friday last was very well supported. Perhaps, it was the best ever. Thank you to everybody.

MENS SHED

Mullinahone Mens Shed has decided to go ahead with the production of the

Magazine in 2019. The first step is to gather as many local photos as possible. It would be appreciated if anybody interested in their photos appearing in the Magazine would kindly go through photo albums and let us have same. Please start going through your albums/photos now. Please contact Mens Shed for further information.

LOCAL LOTTO DRAW

The last local lotto draw took place on Tuesday March 19. The numbers drawn were 5, 19, 24 and 26. There was no jackpot winner, but two shared the Match 3 prize of €150. Congrats to Vicky Maher and Rita/Sean. Next draw will be on Monday April 1 when the jackpot could be worth €6,650.

GOLDEN/ KILFEACLE

GAA CLUB LOTTO

Numbers drawn March 19 (5, 6, 18, 21). Jackpot €10,100 - no winner.

€100 Lucky Dips: Anthony Flynn, Tom Shelly, Christine Egan, Andy Compton, Helen Flaherty, Mary Sause, Martin Ryan, Jimmy Keaty, Mick Ryan, Joe Doyle.

Lucky Dips €20: Paddy Lonergan, Michelle Tierney, Margaret Long, Danny Hallissey, Nellie Joy.

Sellers Prize €20: Margaret Long, Margaret Tuohy, Mary Price, Nellie O'Connor, Billy & Seamus, Paul Fogarty, AnneMarie Morey, Jack and Ben Currivan, Con Cash, Joe Egan.

Next Jackpot €10,700

THOMASTOWN NS

Following on from their All Ireland Senior Success a few weeks ago congrats once again to past pupils Rebecca Farrell, Leonie Farrell and Lucy Fogarty who won the all Ireland Junior PPS Camogie final with Cashel Community school. They defeated Portumna Community school 4-10 to 2-6.

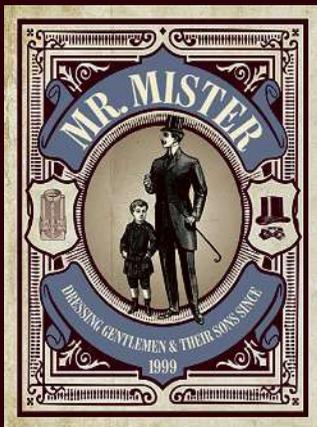
Congrats also to past pupil Jake Flannery on his recent success with the Ireland U20 Rugby team who are the six nations Grand Slam champions following their win over Wales.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Golden/Kilfeacle Ladies football will hold a table quiz in the Cornerstone on Sat March 30th at 9pm. Entry is €40 per team with prizes and raffle on the night. All support would be greatly appreciated.

RECENT RAINFALL

March 18 brought a modicum of relief locally. It was the first day in March that was completely free of rainfall. The last nine days of February had been very dry with only 0.3mm of rainfall, but March began with 9.8mm of rain and it continued to rain day after day until March 18 when weather dried up again.



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