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James Donegan, John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer, Kevin Ivors, David Ivors, Noel McGrath and Ian Brennan at the official opening of The Mill Resource Centre (RehabCare) in Clonmel. More on page 13. Photo: Joe Kenny

Tipperary company 'excited' after global leader acquisition

Eishtec has announced the transition of the business to be part of Infosys BPM.

Eishtec was established in Waterford in 2011 and in January 2016 the company officially opened in Clonmel.

The spectacular success of Eishtec in such a short space of time has seen the company taken over by a global leader.

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working with clients in 46 countries.

"The entire Eishtec team is excited for the new chapter in the company's journey. The company's owners have been working with a leading BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) company over the last few months and have made the strategic decision to transition the business to be part of Infosys BPM," says Eishtec CEO Heather Reynolds.

"As Eishtec and Infosys share key clients, this move offers a great opportunity for growth. Eishtec is committed to our employees who have played a critical and integral role in helping us to attain our position as one of Ireland's leading customer service providers. We believe the decision to transfer the business to Infosys is in the best interests of those employees and the wider organisation."

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'Really exciting time for CTI Clonmel'

By DYLAN WHITE
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A new chapter has started at the Central Technical Institute (CTI) in Clonmel following the appointment of John McCarthy as principal. Consisting of the CTI Senior College of Further Education, Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn and Coláiste Chluain Meala, Cork native John has been taken aback by the sense of "real camaraderie and openness to new ideas" since commencing the role in August.

"It has been a challenging few months but there's a really impressive staff here that have helped me settle in. Tina Kennedy was the acting principal last year and she has been guiding me through the role and has been so supportive," says John, who previously taught English and was deputy principal across

his 15 years at Coláiste Dún Iascaigh in Cahir.

John's goal is to create a "coherent vision" for the three schools, one which will drive them into the future. He says the Senior College has grown from 183 to 210 students this year, crediting the rise in numbers to the school's ability to proactively respond to society's needs. "The Senior College's courses are legendary. It offers students a gateway to further education and employment. It was usually just for school leavers, but nowadays there's a lot more mature students who range in ages. We have seen a lot of older people coming back to school looking to reposition themselves in society and looking to boost their career opportunities, especially in childcare, special needs assistance and pre-nursing," he says.

Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn currently has 158 students, growing "rapidly" in recent

years, and Brona Kinnane has just been appointed to take charge of the day-to-day running of the school. "We have 31 students in first year and there's 11 in sixth, so it has really grown and offers something unique in the town. It's incredibly natural for the students to speak the Irish language. Every subject is done through Irish which really helps, and it's terrific when you hear them engaging in groups," he says.

"But it's not just about Irish language and education, and it provides the culture and sense of identity that the students are looking for," he explains.

"The school is very academic and it's a very caring, close community. We had 69% of students achieve over 400 points and one student got 601 points in the recent Leaving Certificate. It's quite a relaxed school in some ways but still maintains high academic standards. If you have a

can-do attitude towards work, you'll flourish in Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn," he smiles.

As part of his vision for the school, John plans to open the gates of Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn on The Mall to the public. The school will host a bilingual production centred on High School in November. "It's going to be the first-ever show for Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn and will feature over 50 students in roles ranging from set design to acting and singing. The music department is very strong in the school at the moment. We want the school to be part of the community in a traditional Irish way," he says.

John, an accomplished author who also taught in Drogheda for 10 years, also has big sporting plans for Coláiste Chluain Meala. The school currently has 110 students, from first to sixth year, who do "incredibly well with many going on to further edu-



John McCarthy settling into life as principal of CTI Clonmel

cation." Tipperary senior hurler Seamus Kennedy went on to lift the Liam McCarthy Cup following his studies at the school.

"Basketball is huge in the school, rugby is back this year along with GAA and soccer. The school has won prizes in

the Poetry Aloud competition and is part of the School Excellence Fund, which recognises excellence and innovation. It's a really exciting time for the entire school community," John adds.

'Employees will enrich our customer experience'

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Both Eishtec and Infosys are committed to delivering a seamless transition with minimum impact to our employees and our clients. The current management team is remaining in place under the leadership of the existing CEO Heather Reynolds.

Infosys has made strong commitments to the development of the business and will ensure that all transferred employees are positioned for long term-careers and development opportunities within the company.

"We are very excited to welcome the Eishtec em-

ployees who will help us further enrich our customer experience services. We look forward to helping them enhance their professional careers within Infosys, a global leader in consulting, technology and business process management services," says Infosys BPM CEO Anantha

Radhakrishnan.

"We are recognised by the Top Employers Institute as a top employer in Europe for our excellence in employee care, and our dedication to and investment in our employees' professional development and personal well-being. With our ever-in-

creasing focus on enhancing stakeholder experience and empathy, this transfer further demonstrates our strategic commitment to growth in Europe, one of our key markets, accounting for almost a quarter of our global revenues.

"To drive our continued

growth strategy in the region, we are hiring and training talent locally across the continent. The transfer of the Eishtec employees will enable us to better serve our clients from the UK and Ireland, further leveraging our deep expertise in technology, analytics and digital."

Tipperary food to the fore with ten major awards

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Tipperary food has been to the forefront again when it comes to picking up prestigious awards.

Ten producers were honoured at the major Blas na hÉireann Awards in Dingle where the country's top food was showcased.

The awards were across a diverse range of producers that highlight the extent of produce across the county.

And the overall Tipperary winner was a business familiar with award recognition. That title went to Clonmel butchers James Whelan, former winners of

the international Great Taste award.

Now in their 12th year, the Blas na hÉireann Awards are the all-island food awards that recognise the very best Irish food and drink products, and the passionate people behind them.

The bronze, silver and gold winners from Tipperary across a range of different categories include ABP Cahir, Ayle Foods, Cashel Farmhouse Cheesemakers, Galtee Honey Farm, Glenpatrick Spring Water., James Whelan Butchers, Long Ways Cider., Ribworld, Rocker Organic Farm and The Scullery Ltd, with it James Whelan Butchers winning Best in Tipperary.

The biggest blind tasting of produce in the country, the criteria on which the product

is judged as well as the judging system itself, which was developed by Blas na hÉireann with the Food Science Dept of UCC and the University of Copenhagen, is now recognised as an industry gold standard worldwide.

Products entered are blind-tasted, meaning that all packaging and identifying features are removed from products before being presented for judging, creating a level playing field for products from both large and small producers.

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Skydive raises €37,292 for South Tipp Hospice

Twenty locals who jumped out of a plane in aid of South Tipperary Hospice Movement have raised €37,292.42, the largest sum of money generated from a single fundraising drive for the community specialist palliative care service.

Clonmel's Áine Ryan, Brigid Ryan, Clonmel High School principal Karen Steenson, Kilcash's Richard Murphy, Ken Horne, Mayor of Clonmel Garret Ahearn, Big Brother star Cian Carrigan, Muriel Cuddy, Phoenix Strength and Conditioning's Danny Connolly, Anthony Lawless, Cllr Máirín McGrath, Three Counties Archers founder Pat McNamara, 72-year-old Mary Cassin, Emmet Askins, Marie Hickey, Trisha Cooney, Tipp FM presenter Owen Lonergan, Kathryn Stokes along with retired

inter-county footballer Declan Browne and Rachel Browne travelled to Abbeyshrule, County Longford, for the skydive in July.

They were afforded a mayoral reception at Clonmel Town Hall for the feat.

Hospice costs approximately €720,000 to run annually. Of this, €220,000 is funded by the HSE. However, the remaining amount has to be raised by the generosity and goodwill of the community. "Without the public generosity, we would not be able to provide such a wonderful service. People genuinely respond to our fundraising but we are also supported directly by families who have been affected by cancer and families who have used the services. Without support we would not be able to provide the services we do," a spokesperson for Hospice said.

"The funds raised from the

skydive will go directly to The Quay and will go towards the running cost of the palliative care service. This service was established 29 years ago and has operated in the homes of families of terminally ill people, giving them the chance to spend as much time with their families as possible.

"Hospice gives families the opportunity to remain in the comfort of their own home and reassurance, whilst in a safe and professional environment during end of life.

"Without this service, patients could possibly end up having to leave the locality and travel to one of the main centres for care. This would have an immediate consequence for the patient and also the family who would have to say their goodbyes in a hospital environment. Being in the comfort of your own home with your family sur-



The skydivers with their friends, family and members of South Tipperary Hospice Movement at the mayoral reception

rounding you offers a peace in its own right and helps alleviate some of the anxieties that surround end of life. Having spoken with a number of families directly

affected by cancer and helped by Hospice, I am told of the help and comfort they receive as well as the patient and that being at home gives the patient a sense of security

in what is the last precious family moments," the spokesperson added.

Club secure planning for multi-games area

Clonmel soccer club has secured conditional planning permission to develop a new multi-use games area on its grounds.

Clonmel Town FC, based at the Dr. Pat O'Callaghan Sports Complex on the

Cashel Road, submitted the application to Tipperary County Council on August 13 seeking permission to construct this new playing facility for "youth development" at the south eastern end of its site.

The project also involves

the construction of a retaining wall, fencing, footpaths, an access ramp, drainage and works to site boundaries.

The County Council granted permission for the new development on Monday, September 30. The

club will receive final grant of permission for the project a month from the date of the Council's decision if no planning appeals are lodged in the meantime.

Cost of building new Clonmel hotel being assessed

A pricing estimate is being drawn up for the new hotel planned for Clonmel's town centre, it has been announced.

This estimate would determine the "tendering strategy" and the next step for the development.

This news was relayed by District Administrator Michael Moroney to a meeting of Clonmel Borough Dis-

trict.

Full planning approval has been granted for the new hotel on the site of the former Clonmel Arms Hotel, which prevents the possibility of any objections to the development being lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

Planning permission for the long-awaited development was sought from Tipperary County

Council almost a year ago by Waterford-based Fewer, Harrington and Partners, architects, planners and project managers, on behalf of owners Michael Ryan and Michael Cronin.

The new 114-bedroom hotel will include dining, bar, conference and function facilities, as well as a basement car park and leisure centre.

At the Borough District meeting,

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose asked if the building would be sold for the development of the hotel, or whether the owners would develop the hotel themselves.

District Mayor Garret Ahearn said it was fantastic news that full planning permission had been granted.

This project had the ability to totally transform the centre of the

town and he hoped it would move as quickly as possible.

The Clonmel Arms closed almost 14 years ago and the site, which straddles O'Connell Street, Barfield Street, Quay Street and Blue Anchor Lane, has been an eyesore in the town centre for a number of years.

Funding sought for town centre revamp

Tipperary County Council has applied for an estimated €1m funding for the revamp of the streetscape of two Carrick-on-Suir town centre neighbourhoods and the town's Heritage Centre.

Tipperary County Council Director of Community &

Economic Development Pat Slattery said a funding application was submitted in August to finance the roll out of the Ormond Castle Quarter and Sean Kelly Square Public Realm Plans and the next phase of Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre's transformation.

The application has been

made to the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and the Council expects to learn whether the application has been approved or not in late October or November.

Mr Slattery informed local councillors of the submission of the funding application at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's monthly meeting in

Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall.

The public realm schemes for the Castle Street area and Sean Kelly Square propose upgrading the streetscapes of both neighbourhoods such as improving footpaths, public lighting and road surfacing and changes to parking.

Planning permission for the Ormond Castle Quarter

revamp was approved in July while the Sean Kelly Square project secured planning permission in May last year.

The first phase of the redevelopment of Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre comprising the refurbishment of the former church's exterior is nearing completion.

If the Rural Regeneration

Development Fund application is approved, part of the grant will be used to roll out the next phase of the project, which is the transformation of the interior of the centre into a state-of-the-art interpretation centre telling the story of Carrick's history and culture.



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Protesters call for end to inhumane mental health services in Tipperary

Minister Jim Daly was told at the Tipperary's Fight for Mental Health Services march in Clonmel that he was being held to account to deliver on his promises to provide acute psychiatric in-patient hospital beds and other mental health services to the county.

Retired consultant psychiatrist Dr Alan Moore issued the blunt message to the Minister of State for Mental Health before a crowd of more than 500 people who took part in the march in Clonmel town centre.

He appealed to the Minister, who has announced he will retire from politics at the next election, to deliver on his promises before leaving his job.

Meanwhile, Clonmel priest Fr Michael Toomey

told the march rally the absence of a single crisis hospital bed for mental health patients in Co. Tipperary was "inhumane".

Many of the county's TDs and councillors joined community activists and families who have dealt with the mental health services in taking part in the march, which is the second organised by Tipperary's Fight for Mental Health Services. Speakers at the rally appealed to local politicians to do all in their power to restore acute psychiatric in-patient services to the county.

Some marchers poignantly carried framed photos or wore t-shirts with pictures of loved ones who had died as a result of mental illness.

The march, which began and finished at Clonmel's Main Guard, was led by four

members of Clonmel Boxing Club pushing a hospital bed with the slogan 'Tipperary Lives Matter' emblazoned on the bedspread. They were followed by a group carrying banners declaring "Tipp Fights for Mental Health Services" and "Save Our Acute Hospital Services". Placards dotted around the crowd showed people had travelled from as far as Nenagh and Co. Limerick to protest.

Protesters chanted that they "wanted hospital beds now" as the demonstration proceeded down the Quay in Clonmel, through the West Gate and up O'Connell Street to the rally point at the Main Guard.

First to speak was Fr Michael Toomey of Clonmel's SS Peter & Paul's Parish, who recently met with Minister Daly and highlighted his serious concerns about mental



Tipperary's political and civic leaders joined campaigners in leading the Fight for Tipperary Mental Health Services march through Clonmel

health facilities in Co. Tipperary since the closure of St Michael's Psychiatric Unit in Clonmel in 2012. He praised the Minister for helping secure for Tipperary the Jigsaw project helping young people with mental health issues and he believed he was committed to helping as best he could with limited government resources.

Nonetheless Fr Toomey condemned the absence of a single crisis mental health hospital bed in Co. Tipperary despite recent figures showing Clonmel has been hit by suicide more per capita than the rest of the country outside of Dublin.

He said St Luke's Hospital in Kilkenny where Tipperary psychiatric patients requiring hospital admission are sent, has been "deemed totally inadequate" and recently fined for its "appalling conditions".

"To those in Government and agencies who run and manage these health depart-

ments I can only say, from where I am standing in my ministry, and from everyone gathered here today across all of our society: this is simply not good enough. It is inhumane."

Dr Alan Moore, who was a consultant psychiatrist at the former St Michael's Acute Psychiatric Unit and campaigned tirelessly to stop its closure, said the people of Tipperary were promised a "Rolls Royce" community service to replace the beds at St Michael's but it never happened and were also promised easy access to a Rolls Royce inpatient service in Kilkenny, which they all knew now was a "shameful deception".

He said Minister Daly's appointment two years ago gave many of them hope of improvements in the dire situation. He came to Clonmel in February 2018 and made the "historic statement" that the decision to shut St Michael's was wrong, and he would

work with them to reopen it.

"Jim Daly knows we have an undeniable special case for investment, for rescue now. At the last (deputation) visit to see Minister Daly in July, he repeated his commitment to bringing back beds to Tipperary

"And at that meeting he directed his government officials to get the crisis house built and to lift the recruitment moratorium on posts which have been held up for months and months by the ban on appointing vitally needed staff. Several of these have been interviewed and appointed but are awaiting the go ahead to work.

"We are today holding the Minister to account to deliver on his promises before he leaves his job so his legacy can be a positive one in Tipperary. We deserve nothing less," he declared.

Fight for Tipperary Mental Health Services chairman Dan Connolly told the rally he wished to clarify that the crisis house the HSE is proposing for Clonmel will not be for people who present to the A&E for the first time. It will only be for existing users of mental health services.

Maurice Cagney also of Fight for Tipperary Mental Health Services urged the marchers to lobby politicians and the HSE to deliver the acute psychiatric hospital unit. And to those with mental health issues, he said: "My advice to you is to look around you; your life matters, people care. Just reach out and we will get the help. People are here to support you."

James repeatedly tried to get help two weeks before death

Caroline Lonergan from Cahir gave a moving address at the rally about her brother James, who died by suicide after making repeated attempts to get the psychiatric medical help he needed in the two weeks prior to his death.

She called for the implementation of a list of recommendations made by the jury that deliberated at her brother's inquest and she appealed to the government to restore acute psychiatric hospital services to the county now.

Ms Lonergan urged the county's politicians to work together to achieve these goals.

She said she had become so vocal about Tipperary's mental health services because of her brother's experience. In the two weeks before his death, he visited his GP three times and was referred to A&E.

"It's kind of demoralising to think of somebody in that state having to sit for hours in A&E, first to see a medical nurse and then having to wait again to be assessed whenever someone is available to assess them. This is not acceptable but he did it."

She said his assessment was based mostly on a "yes,

no, don't know" questionnaire, which she considered "inhumane".

"He used everything in his power to let them know he wasn't safe and he was not happy. He refused to sign the release form and care plan and he went home."

At the inquest, she learned her brother rang the psychiatric services again that week seeking help.

"Can you imagine how worn out he was at that stage and he was still waiting for an appropriate appointment to come. Six days later he was dead and my mother found him. This is the reality of so many families in this county."

She thanked coroner Paul Morris for adjourning the inquest to call the HSE in to give statements. The inquest jury made a number of recommendations arising from her brother's experience.

One calls for a protocol that first time users of the mental health services be accompanied by someone when they enter A&E. Another recommends the patient's GP be immediately informed. Sending an automated letter a few days later wasn't good enough.

Ms Lonergan also called for support to be put in place for family members of people with mental illness. "It's desperately, desperately hard for

regular people to know what to do when somebody they love is suffering from mental health issues."

She also complained there was no "dual diagnosis system" where people seeking help for addiction are also diagnosed and treated for mental illness. Addicts suffering psychosis were mental health patients They were often sent home to wait for addiction services but they were too dysfunctional to do this.

Ms Lonergan admitted she has almost lost count of how many people she has lost to addiction and suicide. "That is very, very sad. I am not immune to it, believe you me, my heart breaks daily."

She concluded by telling the rally the upset mother of a young girl contacted her during the week fearing her daughter was going to be discharged from hospital.

"Her mother rang me at an awful hour of the night crying saying they wouldn't keep her. They fought for her to be kept (in the hospital). She is in Kilkenny at the moment. Everyday they are talking about discharging her but she is still there.

"I hope she is doing well today. I am here today for people like her."

Department of Health responds after crowds rally at mental health protest in Clonmel

South Tipp Today put Dr Moore's appeal to Minister Jim Daly to the Department of Health.

A statement said the HSE recently indicated that in the longer-term, the South East region will require about 20 extra acute psychiatric beds. But in the short to medium term, the HSE was endeavouring to increase bed capacity by other means.

The statement said Minister Daly met several times with local representatives about mental health care and visited facilities in the region.

"He recognises the need for continued service improvement in the area. At

present the South Tipperary area is served by a temporary 8-bed crisis/respite facility located at Glenville House, Clonmel.

"A new crisis house is being progressed under the HSE capital programme. This will be located in Clonmel on the Glenconner Road. Planning for this 10-bed facility has been agreed and approved. The pre-tendering process for the associated enabling works has also been authorised."

The statement reiterated the approved centre for acute inpatient psychiatry services for South Tipperary is the 44-bed Department of Psychiatry at St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny. A consultant

psychiatrist decided referrals to St Luke's based on the level of need.

The Department also detailed the range of mental health services available for adults in Tipperary including community mental health teams, psychiatry-of-old age teams, non-acute beds, day hospitals and day centres. There are also high, medium and low support community residences.

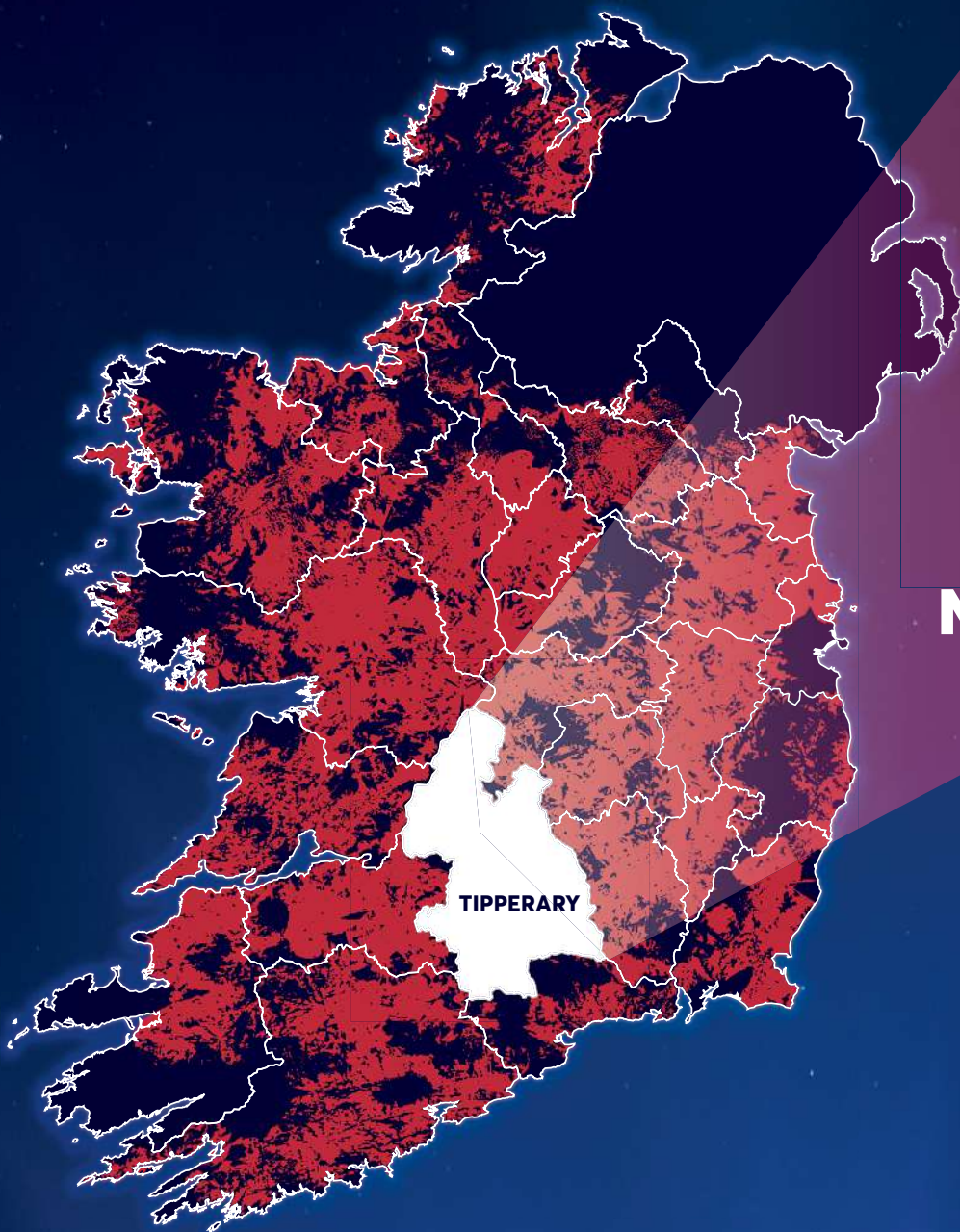
There are three CAMHS teams in the county for children and adolescents

And the Government has provided funding for a Jigsaw counselling service for Tipperary's youth. Jigsaw was aiming to open this service in early 2020.

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History comes to life at Carrick-on-Suir's Ormond Castle

The intriguing life of the 10th Earl of Ormonde Black Tom Butler and his connection with Queen Elizabeth 1, Anne Boleyn and his family's role in the bloody power politics of 16th Ireland and England is now being told in a new accessible way at Carrick-on-Suir's Ormond Castle.

A €270,000 interpretation scheme in the Castle's exhibition and audio-visual rooms tells the story of the Tudor manor's origins and the Earl who built it for Queen Elizabeth 1 through animated films, interactive digital books and an exhibition of reproduction Tudor era paintings and tapestries.

The interpretation scheme has been in place at the castle since earlier this summer but was officially launched last Wednesday by OPW Heritage Commissioner John McMahon and Fáilte Ireland's Product Development Director Orla Carroll.

It was announced at the ceremony that the scheme's two animated films won the runner-up prize in the Heritage Motion category of the European Museum Academy Awards in Slovenia the previous Friday, September 20.

The seven-minute long films are done in the style of John Derrick's 16th century woodcut illustrations of the Elizabethan conquest of Ireland. One film centres on Elizabeth Berkeley, Black Tom's first wife, who reputedly left him over his devotion to Elizabeth 1. The

other is about Black Tom and covers his battles with the Earl of Desmond and close relationship to the Virgin Queen.

Over in the exhibition room, there are two interactive digital books detailing the story of the castle and the great Tudor and Butler characters associated with it as well as the turbulent wider history of the period. The films and interactive books can be viewed and read in German, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Chinese and Irish subtitles and translations as well as English.

They are complemented by two newly commissioned Belgian tapestries and a series of reproduction paintings of the main Butler and Tudor figures connected with the castle. One of tapestries depicts Elizabeth Berkeley, Countess of Ormonde with the castle and other scenes from the period in the background while the second displays the Butler family tree and the family's connections with the House of Tudor and Earls of Desmond.

Mark Leslie of Martello Media, the Dublin company that teamed up with Cork exhibition design consultants Makedot to create the interpretation scheme, said Ormond Castle's interpretation was an extraordinary project for him to work on. He revealed the success of the scheme's animated films at the European Museum Academy awards.

"As someone from the North, I had dimly heard about Ormond Castle. I was blown away to see that this great Elizabethan mansion



Mark Leslie, Eleanor Morrissey, Flora O'Mahony and Orla Carroll at the launch of new interpretation scheme at Ormond Castle

had survived from one of the most violent periods of our history."

Mr Leslie, whose company has also done interpretation schemes for the GPO and Guinness Store House, compared the history of Ormond Castle to a plot from the hit TV series Game of Thrones, The Tudors or The Other Boleyn Girl novel and film.

He said the "extraordinary love triangle" involving Black Tom Butler, Elizabeth I and Elizabeth Berkeley deserved to be made into a Hollywood movie starring Colin Farrell, Saoirse Ronan and Catriona Balfe.

Mr Leslie paid tribute to the team of Irish talent in-

involved in the project. He mentioned the illustrators who managed to match the style of John Derrick's woodcuttings. It was the first animated Irish movie where the first artwork was done 500 years ago, he quipped.

He pointed out actors Tara Flynn and Stephen did the voiceovers while Jonathan Casey composed the original music track that was performed by Irish musicians. The tapestries were also Irish designed.

The interpretation scheme was funded through Fáilte Ireland's strategic partnership with the OPW and Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. It is part of

a €16m investment by Fáilte Ireland in 18 key OPW projects aimed at enhancing the visitor experience at key locations in the country.

This is the first phase of Fáilte's Ireland's funding investment in Ormond Castle.

Fáilte Ireland's Project Development Director Orla Carroll said research showed international visitors really want to find out about our heritage. She welcomed the new interpretation scheme for telling the story of Ormond Castle to those tourists. She said Ormond Castle was a key part of Ireland's Ancient East touring region and it was important to develop clusters of heritage sites for

people to visit that will encourage them to stay in an area overnight.

OPW Heritage commissioner John McMahon congratulated the teams at Martello Media and Makedot for the interpretation scheme they created. He suggested the OPW may engage in further discussions with Tipperary County Council about making the castle more visible to the public in the town. He also indicated the OPW is in discussions with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht about how to best recreate the castle's historic gardens - the next investment project planned for the castle.

Scoil Aonghusa open new sensory playroom

Scoil Aonghusa in Cashel has officially opened a new sensory playroom and gym for its students.

The school, which caters for students with moderate to severe learning disabilities, was supported through a fundraising campaign by employees of Abbott's vascular business in Clonmel.

Established in 1978, Scoil Aonghusa is a co-educational school for students aged four to 18 years. The school currently has 120 students and is committed to the mission of "developing ability, diminishing disability." The new sensory room and gym includes facilities such as a climbing wall, swing area and soft play area.

The construction of these new state-of-the-art facilities

was completed following an 18-month fundraising effort by employees at Abbott's vascular business in Clonmel. The employees selected Scoil Aonghusa to be the site's "charity of choice," and then conducted a range of events which resulted in a €60,000 donation being made to the school.

Thanking the Abbott employees for their fundraising efforts, school principal Ms Siobhan Keyes-Ryan said, "providing our students with this new sensory playroom and gym will be a tremendous benefit in their education and health. Facilities such as these help children with special needs develop their sensory, communication and motor skills. The Abbott employees have been fantastic sup-

porters of our school and we are delighted that their efforts have allowed us to open these superb new facilities."

Deirdre Mullins, site director of Abbott's vascular business in Clonmel, attended the official opening and congratulated the school on behalf of Abbott.

"At Abbott, we have a strong culture of giving and community work in Ireland. Last year our employees delivered more than 7,000 volunteer hours to good causes across the country. In Clonmel, our employees were inspired by the excellent work done here in Scoil Aonghusa and selected them to be our charity of choice.

"We are passionate about supporting young people and helping them to live healthier lives, and in Scoil Aonghusa



Principal Siobhan Keyes-Ryan (principal), pupil James (11) and Abbott's Deirdre Mullins

we recognised a partner that shared this passion. We are delighted to support the school's vital mission and

congratulate all the teachers, parents and above all, the children, for the wonderful community they have

built in Scoil Aonghusa," added Ms Mullins.



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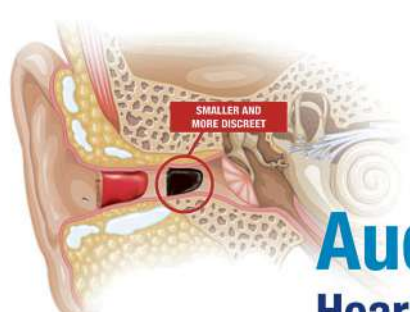
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Roundabouts usually hold little interest for the passing naturalist.

Over the years I have seen the odd visiting rook, or a few lucky dandelions that have escaped the mower. But here in Tipperary a new vision is being developed.

Tipperary County Council have signed up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020. This plan was developed to halt the perilous decline of pollinators, and to reawaken people's interest in planting for wildlife, and the growing appreciation of wildflower meadows.

One of the main reasons for pollinators decline is a lack of pollen and nectar rich plants in our towns, villages and wider countryside. While neat lawns and begonias might look pleasing to the eye, they are of no benefit to nature.

The plan is implemented on the ground, through the council's Environment section. At its helm is a trio of pioneering environmentalists, Ann Marie Clifford and Aine Brett, staff officer, Environment Section and Climate Change, and Eric Ryan, craft foreman.

At the start of spring a few dead roundabouts around Clonmel were brought to life by the planting of native wildflowers seeds. The seeds were purchased from Sandro Cafolla, design by Nature Company in Carlow. He specialises in wildflowers that are gathered

and sown in Ireland and this helps to conserve the genetic identity of Irish wildflowers.

During the summer I visited the roundabouts a few times, and the island meadow was alive with insects. I walked into the middle through a dazzling display of colour. Red clovers, purple cornflowers, dusky mallows and yellow corn marigolds were all in bloom.

Like any of nature's habitats, the real beauty is in the small details, and needs to be appreciated up close. Unseen by passing motorists, dozens of buff tailed and common carder bumblebees were busy feeding on the pollen and nectar. The wildflowers also benefit other species and butterflies, moths and flies that are also pollinators were also present.

When the flowers are finished they are still very beneficial for biodiversity. Their seeds are food for birds, and they will also shelter insects that can also be eaten by birds. Seeds can also be gathered, dried off and stored over the winter for sowing next year. Many pollinator friendly actions simply require us to manage the land in a slightly different way than we have become used to.

It is not about letting the landscape go wild, but about managing it in a way that is sustainable for pollinators, so that they can survive and continue to provide us with their vital service.

Tidy towns, community groups, schools and business can all follow the example and create space for pollinators. Reduce areas of neatly mown lawns and re-plant with wildflowers. Information is available on the national pollinator webpage, and there are projects to suit gardeners, schools, graveyards and the wider community. Signs can also be downloaded and these help to raise awareness and spread the message around the benefits of landscaping for nature.

Draw up a three year spraying plan that looks to phase out excessive use of herbicides and pesticides. Instead try mulching and hoeing as these are far better for the environment. Other initiatives undertaken were the distribution of 900 packs of native Irish wildflower seeds to farmers at Nenagh, Roscrea, Cahir and Tipperary Town marts in March/April this year. This was a great opportunity to meet farmers on the ground, and discuss actions that could be undertaken to help pollinators.

Also 150 boxes of wildflowers seeds were also given to Tidy Towns and schools, each year for the past 5 years, as part of helping pollination in the county.

Pollinator workshops were also held with schools and tidy groups, outlining actions they could take to help these vital insects.

This was a great initiative and given the huge response to same, it is planned to run this again in 2020.

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.

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A relationship breakdown can often be a very traumatic and upsetting time for all involved. Whether it is a couple living together, parents of children or a married couple, every relationship break up brings its own unique challenges and stresses.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU VISIT A SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS A SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

The first thing which we always explore is the possibility of mediation and reconciliation. We give clients the names and addresses of people qualified to help, which includes counsellors & mediators. When we say counselling, we mean both marriage counselling and personal counselling.

IF A MARRIAGE BREAKS DOWN - WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE?

Separation Agreement
Judicial Separation
Divorce

Nullity is also an option where the Court would make a finding that a marriage never existed. This is rare option which could leave the parties without any financial redress.

SEPARATION AGREEMENT

Many family disputes arising from marital breakdown may be settled amicably between spouses.

A Deed of Separation is a document that may be drawn up and executed by the parties to a marriage. It can be used where the parties do not wish to have recourse to the Courts for the purpose of agreeing the terms of the breakdown.

A fundamental provision of every separation agreement is an agreement that the parties will live apart.

Commonly a Deed of Separation will deal with custody, access to children, maintenance, division of matrimonial property and Succession Act rights. The terms will be committed to writing and signed by both parties.

The Deed may also attempt to deal with matters that may cause confusion in the future, such as the education of dependent children or the entitlement to apply for passports for dependent children.

However, a Separation agreement cannot deal effectively with Pensions

without Court approval.

JUDICIAL SEPARATION

There are six grounds upon which the Court may grant a Decree of Judicial Separation:

Adultery

A spouse has behaved in such a manner that the other spouse can no longer be expected to reside with him/her.

The spouse has deserted or forced the other to leave the home at least one year preceding the application for the Judicial Separation.

The spouses have lived apart for one year immediately preceding the date of the application and the Respondent consents to such an application being made. The spouses have lived apart without agreement for a period of three years prior to the date of the application.

The marriage between both spouses has broken down irretrievably to the extent that the Court is satisfied that a normal marital relationship has not existed between the spouses for the period of at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application. This is the usual ground.

DIVORCE

There is no obligation on spouses to have either sought a Judicial Separation or effected a Deed of Separation before seeking a Decree of Divorce.

In order to successfully obtain a Decree of Divorce from an Irish Court, 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 must be 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.

In granting a Decree of Judicial Separation or Divorce the Court can make various orders:

Maintenance

Family Home

Property – declaratory or adjustment orders

Barring Orders/Safety Orders

Custody and access

Succession rights – Extinguishing the rights that one spouse would have over the estate of the other spouse in the event of his/her death

Pension adjustment.

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS - ALTERNATIVES TO COURT

This provides another option which can result in a binding Mediation Agreement.

Alternative dispute resolution is an alternative to litigation or going to Court.

In sensitive matters, particularly family law disputes, ADR does not add to the conflict in question, where a Court situation can.

It is a less stressful method for the individuals who are already involved in stressful situation.

Collaborative Law

The collaborative approach involves both parties and both solicitors making a commitment at the outset of the case, to be open, honest and transparent with each other.

It involves strictly controlled round table meetings with the parties and the solicitors in attendance.

It rules out Court as an option with a view to giving separating or divorcing couples a greater impetus to sort out their differences themselves with the assistance of their solicitors and without the Judge imposing a solution that might be unworkable and to no one's liking.

If unsuccessful, the lawyers cannot continue to act for either party.

Structured Negotiation

What the structured negotiation process seeks to do is to establish ground rules for negotiation to enable parties to be clear about what they can expect from the process and also what is expected of them.

It differs from collaborative law in that the lawyer doesn't make a commitment not to go court on behalf of the client and also the four-way meetings that are an intrinsic part of the collaborative process are an optional part of the structured negotiation process.

Mediation

Mediation is a swift, cost efficient method of dispute resolution. It is based on the principle that people can resolve their own disagreements if given the right encouragement. A mediator is not the decision maker but an independent, third party to the process.

The function of a mediator is to facilitate a resolution between the parties.



Group pictured at the launch of Tipperary County Council's pollination project when wildflower seeds were distributed at marts across the county. Columnist Albert Nolan is pictured on the left

System is failing family carers

The stories of so many genuine family carers who experience layers of frustrating bureaucracy as they try to access services and support provided a picture for Senator Frances Black of the failings in the system they encounter every day.

Senator Black visited Clonmel last Friday to listen to the carers outline how difficult it is for them to make any progress up against a system that seems to be designed to make their task as difficult as possible. The manager of the Clonmel branch of Family Carers Ireland Richie Molloy and the twenty or so members welcomed the opportunity provided by Senator Black during her visit to Clonmel. After listening to harrowing stories of a constant battle with statutory agencies Senator Black advised the carers to write personal letters to every politician in Tipperary to make sure they were fully aware of the difficulties encountered and the awful situation they were left in as a result of a system they were up against.

"What comes across very powerfully after listening to



Senator Frances Black at a meeting with members of the Clonmel branch of Family Carers Ireland, including manager Richie Molloy and carers from across South Tipperary

the carers is the lack of empathy and compassion. What concerns me greatly is the loss of humanity in the system" said Senator Black. "Nobody wants to take responsibility, it is cut, cut, cut. The health system is a shambles, the housing system is a shambles" she said.

Senator Black said that genuine people like the carers just did not have a voice and because of their selfless commitment to looking after a loved one 24/7 they did not have the energy to fight the constant battles to secure support from the system.

"These carers who are men-

tally and physically exhausted from their caring responsibilities are just not getting the services they should be getting. It is shocking and the system is failing them and their loved ones" said Senator Black.

Carers manager Cllr. Richie Molloy said the group had made a pre budget submis-

sion to the government on many of the issues raised with Senator Black.

Those included a reform the means test for Carer's Allowance, an increase in the hours a carer can work/study from 15 hours to 18.5 hours, an end to the postcode lottery in home-care and carer supports, re-

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Ardfinnan Ladies Gaelic Football Club celebrate a memorable 50 years

Ardfinnan Ladies Football Club celebrated its 50th birthday at Cahir House Hotel last Saturday night. Players, coaches, club officers, parents and supporters were joined by Ladies' Gaelic Football Association officials for the memorable occasion.

"We are blessed in our community to have produced so many wonderful players, coaches and administrators who have represented our club and county with pride over the years and are truly grateful to have one of the founding members of the LGFA (Biddy Ryan) still as involved today as she was on day one," a club spokesperson said.

Ladies football began back in Ardfinnan in 1969, with the ladies recalling fond memories of training and playing matches on The Green. However, it was 1974 when the LGFA was officially formed and the first All-Ireland competition took place. "We are so proud to boast that first Tipperary team was well represented by Ardfinnan with Kitty Savage being the captain and becoming the first lady to have the honour of lifting the Brendan Martin Cup. In 1975, another Ard-

finnan lady by the name of Margaret Carroll had the honour of lifting the Brendan Martin Cup along with her Ardfinnan and Tipperary teammates. In recent years, Tipperary have experienced more All-Ireland glory at intermediate level in 2017 and 2019 with our very own Samantha Lambert lifting the Mary Quinn Cup and bringing All-Ireland glory back to Ardfinnan again along with fellow Ardfinnan woman Laura Dillon," the club spokesperson said.

"There have been many highs and lows over the 50 years including the trips to Mosney and claiming the gold medals in 1981 and silver medals in 1985; winning, losing and competing in numerous county titles at the various grades; watching our Ardfinnan girls represent Tipperary (and London); and claiming many Munster and All-Ireland titles at the various underage and adult grades.

"One of the most recent highlights, which was acknowledged by a best wishes card from Aherlow Ladies Football Club on the night, was the joining of both clubs to compete in the Tipperary Junior Championship as Gleann Ard and winning the



Members of Ardfinnan's ladies junior team enjoying the celebrations

title in 2007. "We all have fond memories of our time together and this arrangement proved to benefit both clubs as it ensured we could continue to provide ladies football for our club girls during a period when membership of adult players in both clubs was at a low. We would like to congratulate Aherlow on claiming the senior title this year and hopefully we will be

back up there competing with them in the very near future."

The club is currently providing ladies football for 165 registered members with teams competing in every grade from under 6 to Junior A and also in the Gaelic4Mothers&Others (G4MO) competitions. "There were many highlights in 2019 including our girls

competing in the county leagues and championships, our under 10 trip to Croke Park, our under 8 and under 10 trip to Passage West, our G4MO trips to Mallow and Dublin to compete in the Munster and national blitzes, and Sarah English winning an under 17 All-Ireland title with Tipperary. Finally, we were so proud to host the homecoming and welcome

home Samantha, Laura, Sarah Jane and the All-Ireland champions and the Mary Quinn Cup back over Ardfinnan Bridge last month. One of our main focus points will be the retention of these wonderful players and putting structures in place to ensure our club goes from strength to strength over the next 50 years," the club spokesperson said.



Members of the All-Ireland winning teams of 1974, 1975 and 1980 pictured with the first and current chairpersons of Ardfinnan Ladies Gaelic Football Club. Back: Biddy Ryan (first chairperson), Lina Rina, Antoinette Nagle, Lil Dillon. Front: Tina Flynn, Nora Moran, Kitty Savage, Eleanor Carroll and Peggy Kennedy (current chairperson)



Peggy Kennedy (Ardfinnan chairperson), Marie Hickey (LGFA president) and Barbara Hyland (Ardfinnan secretary) at the celebrations

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"We chose Aherlow House Hotel for our wedding reception," said Denise and John Fitzgerald, who got married in July.

From the outset, the wedding and events manager Eve Quigley was amazing. She was extremely organised and

prompt in all our correspondence. She was always at the other end of a phone or email to deal with any queries.

"Eve is meticulous in her planning. In the weeks and months prior to the wedding, Eve was a huge support. We

met with her the week of the wedding to ensure everything was correct and nothing was left to chance. She is amazing at her job."

Denise and John said the service and food were "absolutely fabulous", adding: "All of our guests commented on

how delicious the meal was, so hats off to the chef and all the waiting staff who ensured our glasses were never empty."

Contact 062-56153 or events@aherlowhouse.ie. Visit www.aherlow.ie

Tipperary hurlers officially open RehabCare Mill Resource Centre

All-Ireland senior hurling champions Noel McGrath and John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer along with Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr Michael Murphy were on hand to officially open RehabCare Mill Resource Centre.

The Mill began in 2017 and initially operated out of Bridgewater House with just four people using the service. It moved to Hughes Mills in September 2018, and now 10 individuals access the service.

RehabCare's mission is to help the people they serve to be more independent and to contribute to and be more included in their community. This is achieved by empowering everyone with the skills and confidence to be

active in the workforce, and supporting them to be in charge of their health and wellness.

Choice, quality and personalised services are the cornerstones of RehabCare. Flexible activities are offered, which are all designed to meet the individual wishes and requirements of each person who uses the service.

"Thank you to everyone involved in the service, from the service users, their families, the staff team, the local links in the community who provide essential work experiences and those who fundraise on their behalf. All of these are essential to the service that we provide," community services manager Maeve Leamy told guests.



RehabCare: Staff members photographed at the official opening of The Mill Resource Centre (RehabCare) in Clonmel : Niamh Corbett, Mary Simpson (Programme Supervisor), Nicole O'Donoghue, Ciara Hartigan, Chris O'Donnell and Maeve Leamy (Community Services Manager).



Josephine Ivors, Tony Donegan, Bernie Donegan and David Ivors.



John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer, David Ivors, Kevin Ivors and Noel McGrath.



Amy Kinsella with Bubbles O'Dwyer and Noel McGrath



Margaret Hogg and Va;l Maher

Classic Car Club raise almost €200,000 for charity

Members of the Clonmel Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club were honoured with a mayoral reception in the Town Hall in recognition of 10 years of charity work, during which time they have raised almost €200,000 for local charities.

The club was formed in 2010 and some of the founding members are still active members, and were present at the ceremony.

Two honoured guests at the reception included Micheal Lavin, one of the founders and currently the club's honorary member and president, and club chairman Grant Dowling.

"The ethos of the club is based on two key principles; to promote the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of cars from a bygone age, and to use our hobby in ways which help others less fortunate than ourselves and raise money for local charities," said Grant Dowling.

"It's great that our members, both past and present, are being recognised for the time and effort they voluntarily give to raise money for local causes," he said.

Mayor Garret Ahearn recognised the extraordinary work that club members have done for the local community through their donations to charity.

He also said that the club, through all of its events, makes a huge effort to champion the town of Clonmel, the county of Tipperary and local produce.

Cathaoirleach of Tip-

perary County Council, Cllr. Michael Murphy, is a long-standing and active member of the club.

He explained: "The club fundraises through various vintage car runs, rallies and events throughout each year but our main fundraising event is held over the May bank holiday weekend. This two-day event sees classic car enthusiasts from all over Ireland visit Clonmel for the weekend, many of whom stay overnight in local hotels and B&Bs. It consists of a scenic drive on Saturday, where approximately 100 cars drive in convoy, enjoying the beautiful scenery that Tipperary has to offer.

"Upon our return we end the day with a dinner at the racecourse and a small party afterwards. On the Sunday the club holds a static car show in Powerstown Park Racecourse, with over 300 vintage and classic cars on display. This attracts hundreds more enthusiasts and families to Clonmel for the day so it really is a great event for the town."

Grant Dowling stated that "all throughout the weekend we promote local produce, including ham supplied by Oakpark Foods in Cahir and bread from Drohan's, Clonmel. During our meal we serve apple juice from the Apple Farm, courtesy of the Traas family, and each participant on the run is given a goody bag full of local food and drink, along with small gifts supplied by local traders such as the Zip Yard in Clonmel, Glenpatrick's Water and O'Donnells



The Clonmel Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club making a presentation of €7,000 to the Clonmel branch of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Crisps."

Representatives of each charity that the club fundraised for this year also attended the ceremony and chairman Grant Dowling presented cheques to each, with €7,000 awarded to The Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, €500 awarded to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, €500 awarded to St. Oliver's

Parish, and €200 awarded to Cahir River Search and Rescue - a combined total of €8,200.

The Clonmel branch leader of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, Evelyn Norton, explained that the money has enabled them to purchase a new wheelchair accessible van which will be used to transport patients from their

30 local families to attend the clinic for rehabilitation and social events, where they would otherwise be house-bound.

Cllr. Richie Molloy explained how a charity very close to him, Family Carers Ireland, benefitted from the club's work. "I have seen first-hand the amount of work that goes into planning and run-

ning an event like the May show. The club members take so much time to fundraise for their selected charity and last year they raised €5,000 for Family Carers Ireland, which is of huge benefit to families who are looking after their loved ones all year and sometimes need a little extra support," he added.

No water 'a calamity' during Busking Festival

Ongoing problems with Clonmel's water supply meant that most of the town centre was left without water on the weekend of the town's Busking Festival, "a calamity" that was unacceptable.

That was the message delivered to Irish Water by angry members of Clonmel Borough District at their monthly meeting.

Cllr. Pat English said there was a problem on Thursday but it was Monday before the supply was fully restored during last month's Busking Festival. Shops had to close, businesses were out of pocket and visitors had to return home.

In the past they had a dedicated caretaker in each of the water plants, which ensured they were monitored at all

times, and it was essential that they got back to where they were. When there was a problem before, the council staff were called straight away and the situation wasn't left for three or four days, as was the case now.

Cllr. English said that such outages happened on numerous occasions since Irish Water had taken over responsibility for the supply. It was a question of maintaining and upgrading the plants at Poulavanogue and Glenary, and they should make a complaint to Irish Water.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy said that Irish Water could put a spin on the situation and refer to an Act of God or lightning strikes, but the dogs in the street knew that a lack of maintenance had caused the problem.

"The whole water issue should be taken back into our

(the council's) hands," he said.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said they had all dealt with "the calamity" that existed on the weekend of the Busking Festival.

He had met many shop owners who were left without water and the lack of communication from Irish Water was unacceptable. They wouldn't have received any information had it not been for the council officials at local level.

It was also unacceptable that hotels, cafes, restaurants and hairdressers were left without water on a busy weekend.

He said that a lot of this could have been avoided if

there was preventative maintenance at source. An amount of foliage had blocked many outlets in the water plants but it was known that bad weather was on the way.

An assurance should be given that systems were in place to ensure there was no recurrence of this problem during Orange Weather alerts.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said that no lessons had been learned, because if we have heavy rain next weekend the water will be gone again. She said it wasn't good enough when you had no water to flush toilets, prepare food or do the washing.

"The service isn't good

enough and the communication aspect isn't good enough", she stated, adding that it was "a nightmare" for councillors when there were water outages.

If there was an outage on Friday it wouldn't be sorted until Monday morning, and it was time that people got answers.

District Mayor Garret Ahearn agreed that the situation was totally unacceptable, and it always seemed to happen on weekends that were extremely busy.

Businesses faced enough challenges without having to deal with a lack of water. Since Irish Water had been established their awareness

of a looming crisis had worsened.

He said it was important to get some clarity and reassurances for businesses in the town centre.

Director of Services Sean Keating agreed that what happened over the Busking Festival weekend was totally unacceptable.

Arrangements for weekends had been under discussion with Irish Water for a number of years, and he was disappointed that some arrangements didn't kick in an awful lot sooner than they did on the Busking Festival weekend.

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Tipp students on looking after mental health

At South Tipp Today, we are aware of the importance of physical health and the benefits of staying active.

But what about our mental

health? How often are we aware of our own mental health and the kind of things we can do to stay fit in our heads?

Today (October 10) marks

World Mental Health Day, with events running until Saturday as part of the South Tipperary Positive Mental Health Festival (STPMHF). Visit STPMHF on Facebook

for more information.

To coincide with the ongoing events happening around the locality, South Tipp Today has teamed up with first year students of

Limerick Institute of Technology in Clonmel who were challenged to answer the all important question - what helps you to have positive mental health? Below of

some of the contributions by the students, who are studying Digital Animation Production, Game Art Design, and Media and Design.

Sammy the dog saved my world

People often say that animals can sense things, writes Ciara Manning.

More times than not, they do it better than humans.

My dog's name is Sammy and he is my hero for just being himself. It's crazy how an animal can just exist and not only change but save your entire world.

During my early teens I began to feel empty, lost and lonely. It was like someone took out my batteries and I was running on thin air. At 14 my purpose had vanished and

I was really struggling. How could I have depression or anxiety when I didn't even know what they fully meant?

When I was feeling down, Sammy followed me everywhere in the house. He cuddled me when I was crying, licking the tears off my face and distracted me with a toy when I was thinking things a teenager should never think. Even through a communication barrier, he let me know he was there no matter what. He made me feel like I was cared for, loved and believed.

A lot of people with a mental illness don't tell people for many reasons, one of them being that we're scared it won't be taken seriously. Even though he didn't fully understand, he listened without judgement and that's all I ever wanted someone to do. His cute, naïve innocence made me resurrect my inner child. The one that loved music, dance, art and anything creative. I hadn't done any of these in so long.

When we moved, Sam wasn't allowed in the rented house as they didn't allow

pets and it broke my heart to leave him. Months passed and when I visited him I burst into tears. He started crying out too, I held him for hours and he didn't want to leave. He was barely eating, getting out of bed was hard for him, he was snapping at people and he had no life in him. It was then I realised my purpose: to be there for him like he was there for me. I went home that night and he was eating, drinking and smiling. It was the best feeling in the entire world.

Pets feel so much more



than you think they do. They have so much importance to people who suffer with mental illness. They become

your best friend, your source of motivation and happiness, and sometimes they can be your only support system.

Top tips to beat the blues

Anxiety and depression are common and affect everyone, writes Yixin Li.

Negative emotions can overwhelm us at times. In any case, everything will pass and the future should be bright.

TIPS TO BEATING THE BLUES

1. Make a list of your accomplishments

Recording your accomplishments and write about things that make you happy. Accepting shortcomings can empower you. Striving for perfection

can't prove who you really are.

2. Identify the problem and make changes

Feeling stuck in a hopeless job? Tired of living in this city? Not sure what to learn in school? It's okay to say that you are not okay, but don't give in to powerlessness. It may take time to find things that suit you, but that's why practicing patience is so critical. Big projects may seem scary, but breaking them down into smaller tasks makes it easier to achieve goals. Remember that

when you're waiting for a miracle, don't stop perfecting yourself.

3. Find a therapist

Many people abandon this idea because they might not be able to afford it but there are options, especially if you're a student. An open mind is what will ultimately get you help. Call the insurance company to see what they can do. Seeking help from a family doctor is also good. The internet exists for a reason and there are options out there. The more professional advice you get,

the faster you can contact and seek professional help.

4. Company can work wonders

Take care of your own safety and don't spend the night alone. Call your family, friends or loved ones and tell them how you feel. If possible, it would be better to spend the night at their house. Let the new environment improve your mood.

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Head out for a walk and clear your head

It is important to keep an eye on your mental health and find the best ways to improve it, writes Louise Prendergast.

Art has helped me express my negative thoughts instead of acting them out.

When I was younger I used to draw angry characters, who would fight a lot and say threatening things as I wasn't in the best of environments and had nobody to talk to.

As I'm getting older and events in my life started to

vastly improve, my drawings began to get more nicer and more positive. Art is important for me as well as my own characters. My mother made up a character to help me when I was feeling stressed named Fredrick, the posh frog who wore a

monocle and lived in the field who had his difficulties like I did. This would make me feel a lot better about myself. I have my own special characters who I love dearly and draw a lot like Felix the vampire, the magical leaf cat and Lucian the king of Jupiter

who was a humanoid fox.

When I get too stressed, overwhelmed or just want to work my brain to get new ideas for my fictional stories, I take a walk. It clears my head and makes me think about something else more positive than the bad thing I was

thinking about earlier.

Music is important to me as well as walking and I always combine the two. Music helps my mind think about imaginary worlds I love to make up, making me feel a lot better.

I knew nothing about Clonmel and its traditions

Many of you can remember your path to adulthood, writes Alec Richardson.

Whether it took place in your home town or a foreign environment, we all have a piece of ourselves dedicated to where we learned to be

independent. Clonmel is my new path to living as an adult.

My move to Clonmel was abrupt. I had only been here twice before officially moving and both were to help understand the course I was going to join. Neither of them in-

volved familiarising myself with the town and its culture. I came in blind with 200 kilometres of land between myself and my family.

The responsibility of taking care of myself has given me a renewed sense of self-worth. I have gained new

life since I started taking care of myself. The meals I cook taste better, the clothes I wear feel crisper and I no longer feel guided down the street as these are the paths I created.

Much of this is thanks to control. I feel in charge of my

own life and the choices I make. It was my choice to come and live out the next four years of my life here. It was my choice to take care of myself and it was my choice to follow a career path I enjoy.

The older a person gets the more important living on

oneself becomes. We as humans need to be able to control the environment around us.

Clonmel is the town where I am carving my new personality and becoming an adult.

Mike collects football medal 50 years after final

There was a proud moment recently for well-known Clonmel-based Mike Ross-Loneragan when he finally got his hands on a South Kerry senior football medal he had won 50 years previously.

Tralee-born Mike picked up his medal at a club reunion to mark the golden anniversary of St. Mary's (Caherciveen's) victory over Skellig Rangers in the South Kerry divisional final of 1969 and he was delighted to put the medal in his 'back pocket' after such a long wait.

Mike arrived in Caherciveen as a young teenager after his late father - who hailed from Clogheen - was appointed as bank manager in the town.

He attended the local CBS Secondary School, making

his way on to the school team, and he also joined the local GAA club, St. Mary's, incidentally the same club as household Kerry footballers such as Jack O'Shea, Maurice Fitzgerald, Bryan Sheehan and many others.

During his time in secondary school, coincidentally now in retrospect, Caherciveen met Clonmel High School in a Munster B Colleges final played at Millstreet where the Clonmel side, including the likes of Jimmy Harney, Jimmy Burke, Maurice Slater and Eamon Bradshaw came out on top.

Before long, Mike was challenging for a place on the St. Mary's senior side and was corner-back the day they beat the Port Magee side in the final.

However, Mike and his family had moved from Caherciveen before the medals were presented.

When Caherciveen man Christy O'Connell was researching the club history last year he discovered that Mike Loneragan had never received his medal, and with the golden jubilee just around the corner, it was decided that a special presentation would be arranged. And so Mike, along with teammate Johnny O'Connell, a retired County Council engineer who has been based in Clonmel since the late 1970s, headed back to south Kerry to catch up with former clubmates and a great night was had by all.

Mike Ross-Loneragan worked for local Clonmel company MF Kent for 40 years before he retired recently. He married Gaye Richardson (RIP) and they have two children, Kate and Eoin. Mike's late father, Maurice, is buried in Shanrahan, Clogheen.



Michael Ross-Loneragan of Cahirciveen and Clonmel presented with his medal by St. Mary's club president Junior Murphy with his teammates. Back: Christy O'Connell, Sean Garvey Judge, Michael O'Shea and Johnny O'Connell. Seated: Michael Ross-Loneragan and Junior Murphy

Mark Kehoe bridges 61 year gap for Kilsheelan

Monday, October 14, will be a special day in the parish of Kilsheelan-Kilcassh when Mark Kehoe arrives for a tour of the parish with the Liam MacCarthy Cup.

He will be accompanied by Tipperary captain Seamus Callanan.

The great victory of the ladies footballers in the All Ireland intermediate final will be celebrated as well with the participation of Niamh Martin, Cora Maher, Orla Winston and Angela McGuigan.

There will be a special focus on the schools in the parish with visits to Kilcassh, Killurney and Kilsheelan schools. There will be an opportunity at each venue for members of the public to meet the victorious players and the Kilsheelan Kilcassh GAA clubhouse will be open to the public from 2pm to 3.30pm where light refreshments will be served. Members of the public are welcome to come along and in particular present and former players with the club.

For older people in the parish it will evoke memories of a day 61 years ago when Tom Larkin became the first player from the club to bring back a senior All Ireland hurling medal to the parish. Tom was a member of the Tipperary team who won Munster and All Ireland hon-

ours in 1958, defeating Waterford in the Munster final and Galway in the All Ireland final.

Tom lined out at centre-forward on the Tipperary team in the company of such illustrious names as Jimmy Doyle, Liam Devaney, Tony Wall, John Doyle, Theo English, Donie Nealon and Liam Connolly from neighbouring club Fethard to name but a few.

It has taken sixty one long years for a member of the club to emulate Tom Larkin's great achievement but Mark Kehoe has now bridged that gap.

Mark comes from a family steeped in the GAA. His

grandfather Johnny was club chairman for a long number of years while his uncles Jim, John, Gerry and his father Michael were top class players for the club for many years with Jim representing the county in hurling and football with distinction.

The itinerary for the school visits is as follows: Kilcassh School 10.30am, Killurney school 11.45am, Kilsheelan school 12.30pm and Kilsheelan Kilcassh GAA clubhouse 2pm.



PICTURED RIGHT: Mark Kehoe in action for Tipperary against Galway

Friends and family come together in memory of Andrew

A five-a-side football tournament was held at Clonmel Town Football Club on Saturday last in memory of Fethard's Andrew Walsh, marking the 10th anniversary of his death. Many of Andrew's schoolmates and old Clonmel Town FC teammates, his two brothers Paul and David, and cousins took part in the football, joined in support by other friends, family, and his parents Michael and Ann.

The constant drizzle on the day failed to dampen the spirits of those who took part in the event, which was or-



ganised by his good friend and teammate Mark Power.

That evening all re-

grouped in Chrissie's Bar, Queen Street, for a medal presentation, a raffle, and

some food and drinks to round off a very memorable day celebrating Andrew's

life.

Generous donations were made afterwards to charity.

PICTURED: Participants in the five-a-side football tournament at Clonmel Town FC

Halloween experience to test even the bravest

Several fundraising events will take place in the coming weeks as St. Mary's Choral Society endeavour to raise much needed funds to improve facilities at The White Memorial Theatre.

With Halloween and Christmas on the horizon, St. Mary's Choral Society has plenty of tricks and treats in store for everyone.

On October 26, A Night of Mediumship with Anne-Marie Slavi" will be held in The White Memorial Theatre. Anne-Marie is a well-established Medium both locally and nationwide. Anne-Marie will connect you

to the other side, relaying messages from loved ones who are now in the spirit world. However, Anne-Marie is acutely aware of privacy surrounding loved ones in spirit and their living family members and will ensure matters of a sensitive nature are not discussed without permission. It is advisable to book tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night or in advance via the society's new online booking system at www.ticket-source.eu/whitememorialtheatre. The show will begin at 8pm with doors opening at 7.30pm.

October 31 will see one of

Clonmel's oldest and most historic buildings transformed from a theatre to a Graveside Manor and later The Asylum. At 2pm the doors of the Graveside Manor will open for all those brave enough to explore. This event promises to be a spook-tacular family activity. Tickets are €5 per child and can be purchased at the door.

At 8pm that night the theatre will once again transform into The Asylum. This most intense and terrifying adult only Halloween experience will test even the bravest of individuals. "Our Asylum is one place where you do not want to get left behind," a spokesperson says. This

event is the first of its kind in Clonmel and is not for the faint-hearted. General admission is €10 and tickets are available upon entering.

With Christmas fast approaching that can only mean one thing in The White Memorial Theatre - it's Panto Time. From November 19-23, St. Mary's Choral Society will stage Dick Meany's Christmas pantomime Mother Goose. This timeless tale will captivate and amuse children of all ages. This pantomime tells the hilarious story of Mother Goose, played by stalwart George Barry, and her wild adventures. Alongside George, 70 talented children from Clonmel and

surrounding areas will take to the stage to entertain you on their adventures through Featherland. Frontline members include faces both familiar and new. Local publican Richie Gleeson will return to the stage again this year after his successful cameo appearance in last year's production of Aladdin. However, this year he will take on a more substantial role as The King of Featherland. Other roles include Lauryn Boyle as The Queen of Featherland, Pamela O'Donnell as the Evil Baron, Aoife Hall as Cutie, Amy Everard as Fruity, Kevin Fahey as Give, Diarmuid Vaughan as Take, Jack O'Meara as Simple

Simon, Kevin Twohig as Jack, Laura O'Donnell as Jill, Jennifer Lynch as Monsieur Jacques, Grainne Vaughan as the Minister of Eggs and Mary Kelleher as Gertie The Goose. Evening performances will commence at 7.30pm with a matinée performance on November 23 at 2.30pm. Tickets for evening performances are priced at €15 and €12 for the matinée performance. Family tickets are priced at €50 (four tickets). Tickets can be purchased online or at the theatre box office from November 4. This show is well worth a gander, so be sure to book your tickets.

Great weekend of lifting for Phoenix Strength and Conditioning Clonmel

Clonmel's Phoenix Strength and Conditioning's weightlifting club was out in force last weekend with 14 of its lifters taking part in a competition in Cork.

At the same time, Jimmy Fitzgerald was representing Phoenix in a powerlifting competition in Dublin. Jimmy put in a super performance, producing some of his best lifts to date.



Killian Fitzgerald, Radka Janacikova, Joanne Murphy, Aisling Ralph, Dan Connolly, James Cahill, Elle Power, Dave Phelan and Mary Duggan



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Clonmel choir fly the flag at Lisbon festival

Clonmel's Belle Voci Choir members along with their musical Director Mr Eamon O'Malley had a wonderful time at On Stage In Lisbon Choral Festival.

They were thrilled to be representing Clonmel and Ireland at this international celebration of music and friendship

The opening concert in central Lisbon was an international evening. We had all brought our national flags, and after every choir sang one song from their programme, we were able to mingle and greet each other over light refreshments," a Belle Voci Choir spokesperson says.

They enjoyed a tour of the city, stopping at four pre arranged sites where each choir performed a song for the passers by and tourists. "To our delight, our renditions of



Clonmel's Belle Voci Choir soaking up the sun in Lisbon

Mo Ghile Mear, Siahamba and The Parting Glass were very well received."

The choir thank Tipperary County Council for its continuing support and en-

couragement. "Without their financial contribution, we would have missed out on this great opportunity to represent Clonmel, County Tipperary and indeed Ireland

internationally. We hope that some of the new friends we made while in Lisbon will travel to visit us and sing in Clonmel," the spokesperson adds.

A World of Musicals in Tipperary this weekend

Following on from the wonderful success of The Yeomen of the Guard last year in Cahir Castle, Gaudeamus Productions will perform A World of Musicals in Clonmel and Thurles on October 11 and 12.

The Clonmel concert will take place in Clonmel's White Memorial Theatre on Friday, in association with St. Mary's Choral Society, and tickets are now on sale at Marian's on O'Connell Street. The Thurles concert will take place this Saturday in the Sr. Ursula Memorial Hall at the Ursuline Secondary School, in association with Thurles Musical Society, and tickets

for the Thurles concert are available at The Bookworm Bookshop.

The Gaudeamus soloists, choir and orchestra, headed by Danny Carroll and Mary Rose McNally, will be joined by guest soloists Derek Ryan and Emmet Donlan. The concert will be directed and narrated by Michael O'Donoghue. The concert will feature the very best of music from musicals such as Chess, Jekyll and Hyde, Finian's Rainbow, Chicago, Dear Evan Hansen, Les Miserables, Miss Saigon and many more. Tickets are priced at €15.

Des Bishop returns to Clonmel Park Hotel

Des Bishop returns to the Clonmel Park Hotel with his brand new show Taking the Points on November 29.

The openness and honesty of his presenting style combined with his restless imagination and perceptive comic observations make

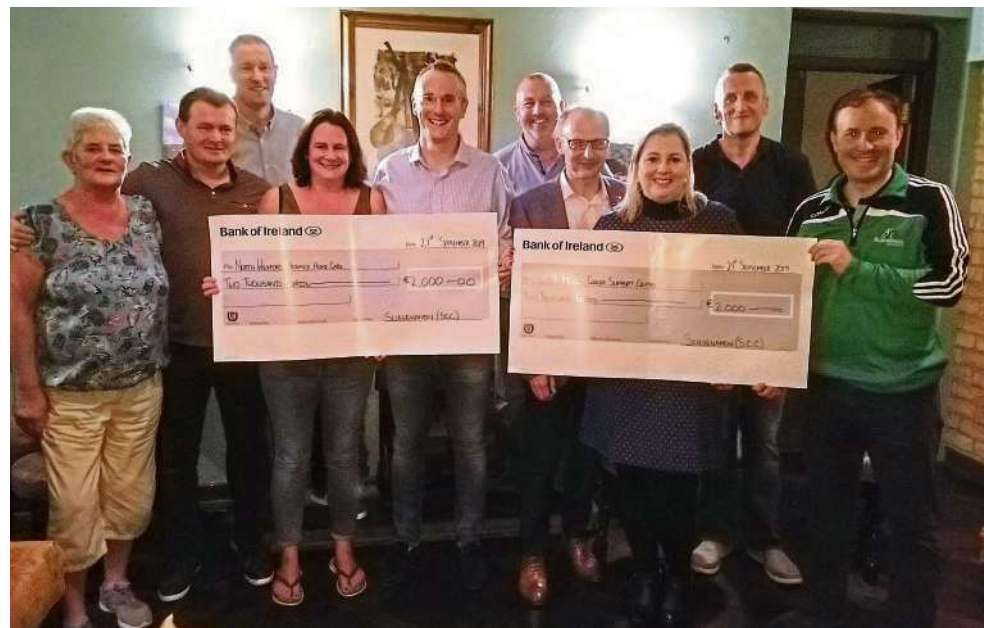
Des Bishop a must-see for fans of unique, insightful and provocative comedy.

Taking the points is good advice on the hurling pitch but an even better metaphor for life, especially when you don't take advice well.

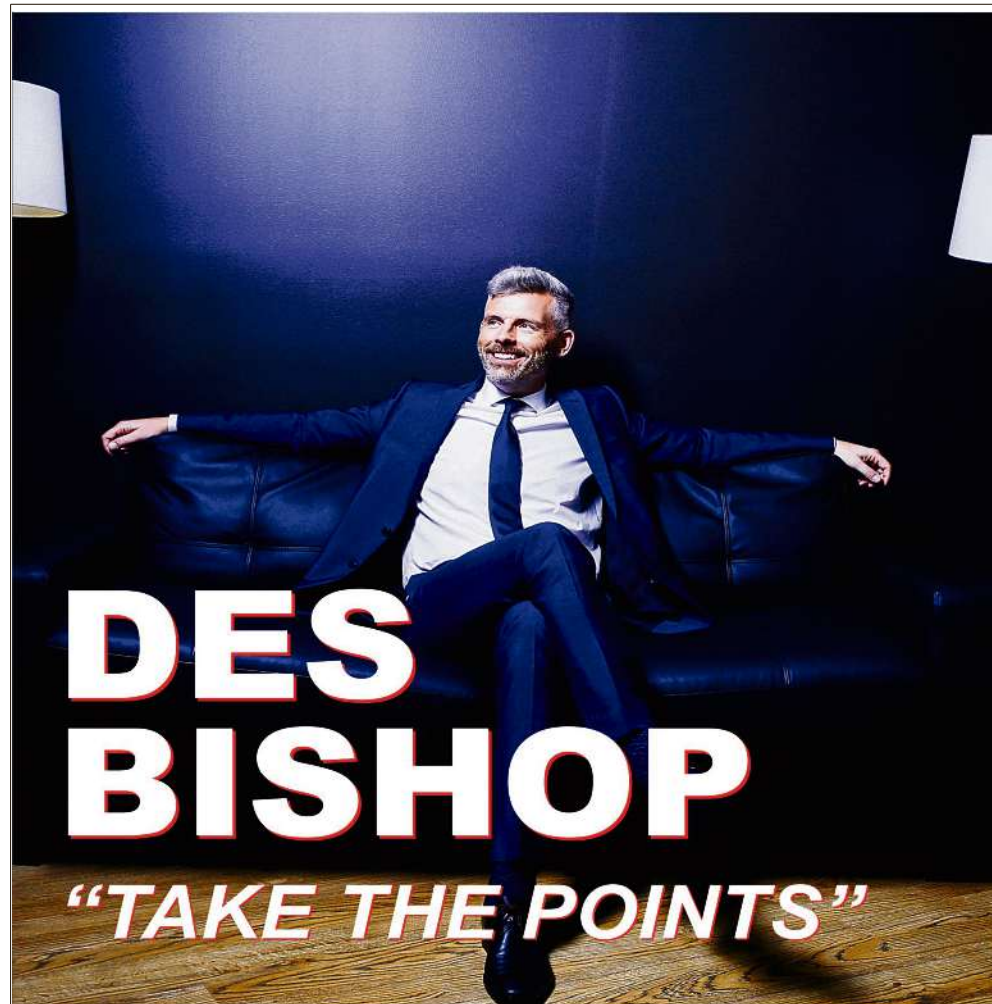
Des Bishop's new show tries to digest the incredible

changes we have seen in society in the last year and a half. #MeToo, Trump, the 8th and how divided everyone is online.

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are €25 from the hotel on 052-6188700, email info@clonmelparkhotel.com or visit Tickets.ie.



Slievenamon Cycling Club members presented the proceeds of the Slievenamon Tipperary 200 cycle to C.A.R.E. Cancer Support Centre and to the Robinson family on behalf of the late Sarah Robinson, who have donated the proceeds to North Wexford Hospice Homecare



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TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

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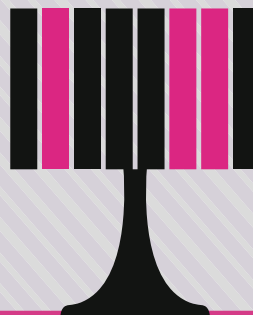
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Amy Turner (nee Lonergan)
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40th Birthday Remembrance
of our beloved Amy RIP

Small memories left behind
are safely tucked away.
Precious memories that we shared
are in our hearts to stay.

Amy, sleep gently
in the arms of the Angels.

Sadly missed by her heartbroken
husband Mike, her twin girls Oonagh
and Aoife and little son Donnacha,
heartbroken Mother Phyllis, brother
Gavin, sisters Loretta and Lisa and
families, extended family and friends.
(Pre-deceased by her Dad Christy).

Sadly missed by her Mother-in-law Vicky,
Father-in-law Ronnie and extended
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WALL

(Birthday Remembrance)



Shane Wall

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30th Birthday occurs on 30th September

As you celebrate among the Angels on
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our love.

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and Darren. xxxxx

Thinking of you Shane on your special
day. Wishing you were here with us and
hadn't gone away.

Loved and missed by your Aunt Jackie,
Uncle Eamon, cousins Michelle, Emma,
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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

RYAN

(26th Birthday Remembrance)



(7th October)

Aaron Ryan

Another birthday away from home son...

Of all the special gifts in life, however
great or small, to have had you as my
son was the greatest gift of all. A special
time, a special face, a special son I can't
replace. With an aching heart, I whisper
low, Happy Birthday son, we love and
miss you so xx

Loved always by Mam, and Sham, your
sister Jessie, your son Ronan Aaron xx

RYAN

(26th Birthday Remembrance)

Aaron Ryan

Whose birthday occurs on 7th October

Your memory is our greatest treasure, to
have, to love, to cherish forever

Thinking of you on your birthday and
always Aaron

Love from Nanny Pa and Grandad Murt
and all the Hennessy Family

IN MEMORIAM

BERMINGHAM

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Betty Bermingham,
late of 26 Kickham Park, Clonmel, whose
First Anniversary occurs on 10th October.

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away, we think of you always, not only
today.

A smile for all, a heart of gold, the very
best this world could hold.

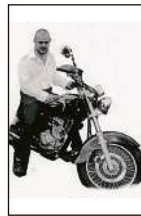
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by her son Frank, daughter-in-law Louise,
grand-daughter Lorna and her husband
Sean, great-grandson Rian, her brother
Jim, sister Joan and all the family.

Anniversary Mass for Betty and her late
husband Jim on Saturday 26th October
at 1pm in Ss Peter and Paul's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

CASSIN

(13th Anniversary)



James

Monday 14th October
(13th Anniversary)

To James in Heaven

We love you and we miss you.

If we could hold you once again,
we would never let you go.....

Big Bear Hug James

Love you forever
- Mammy Lizzie and little sis Rebecca
xxx

James Mass on Sunday 20th October in
Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 12.30am.

CASSIN

(13th Anniversary)



James

In loving memory of James Cassin,
whose 13th Anniversary occurs in the
14th of October.

Always remembered James, treasured
and missed. Our Guardian Angel in
Heaven.

Lots of love Heather and Samantha XX

Never a day goes by James, that you are
not mentioned in some conversation.
Miss you always. Also remembered in
our prayers, my sister Grace, whose
anniversary occurs on the same day.

Love Mary

Rest in Peace

*Another Leaf
Has Fallen*

Another leaf has fallen,
another soul has gone.
But still we have God's promises,
in every robin's song.
For he is in His heaven,
and though He takes away,
He always leaves to mortals,
the bright sun's kindly ray.
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,
and lovely forest, green.
And gives us new found comfort,
when we on Him will lean.

IN MEMORIAM

CONDON

(9th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear and special
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57 Elm Park, Clonmel who died on 9th
October 2010 RIP

Nine years ago on this day, God rounded
up the best and told them of a special
person who needed to take a rest. He
gave the Angels maps and charts and
told them where to go. "Take care, this
one is so precious, through life he served
me so". "This man sounds remarkable"
the Angels did reply, "won't his family
miss him, surely God, they'll cry". "Oh
yes, there will be sorrow, his family
holds him dear, but all their love can't
ease the pain, so I'd rather he was here".
The Angels then departed and settled by
his bed and asked "Matthew, are you
ready now" and gently stroked his head.
In that moment your pain was gone,
your blue eyes shone once more, your
body set your spirit free, above us now
you soar. The next time that we see you
Matthew, will be at Heaven's door and
when we see you waiting there, we
won't cry anymore. We'll put our arms
around you and kiss your smiling face
and all the pieces of our broken hearts
will fall back into place.

We love and miss you always Matthew -
Dad, sister Nicola, brother-in-law James,
nephews Aaron and Brandon, brother
Eoin and sister-in-law Audrey xxxxx.

Anniversary Mass in St. Oliver's Church,
Clonmel on Friday 8th November at
7.30pm.

CUNNINGHAM

(5th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my mother Ellen
(Nellie) Cunningham, late of Kickham
Park, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs
on October 13th.

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IN MEMORIAM

ENGLISH (2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Michael English, late of 12 McDonagh Crescent, Old Bridge, Clonmel who died on 13th October 2017

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

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

Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you today.

Loved always and sadly missed by your wife Mary and daughters Margaret, Marie, Sandra, Jackie, Samantha and Deirdre and families.

Michael's anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 13th October at 12.30 pm in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

ENGLISH (36th Anniversary)

In loving memory of a dear father, Tom English, Gortmore Cottage, Cahir Road, Clonmel who died on October 3rd 1983 RIP.

You are never more than a thought away.

Loved and remembered everyday by your daughter Carmel, Martin and family.

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*Light a
Candle...*

A candle to remember, may it burn ever so bright

As we look to the heavens on this very night.

Beyond the stars, our dear loved ones soars

Embraced by their Savior on heaven's shores.

*As the angels protect them
and sing their sweet name*

We honor their life with the glow of this flame.

So we light this candle for our loved ones tonight

As a symbol of our love and their eternal life.

IN MEMORIAM

GRACE (3rd Anniversary)



Marie Grace

Poulnagunogue, Clonmel.

In memory of Marie, whose Third Anniversary is on 14th October 2019.

Every moment of every day, your loss fills us with pain, but the memories of how special you were hold strong and do not wane.

Three years without the love you gave, we still grieve at being apart, but we'll always keep your memories alive, locked within our hearts.

Your intelligence, counsel and your wit, filled with laughter and love, that lift us from those darker days as you guide us from above.

A light went out in all our lives the day we said goodbye, a mum, a wife, a daughter, a sister and a friend, now an Angel in the sky.

A mum like no other, A Gram as special as could be, A wife and daughter beyond expectation a friend to all, Marie.

Anniversary Mass in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday 15th October at 1pm.

HALLEY (3rd Anniversary)



Anne Halley

125 Bianconi Drive,
Clonmel.

Died on 13th October 2016

The voice is now silent, the heart now cold. The smile and the welcome that me us of old. We miss you and mourn you in sorrow unseen. And dwell on the memory of days that have been.

Sadly by your daughter Mary and son Michael.

IN MEMORIAM

KEYES-FOGARTY (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my beautiful son Dane Keyes-Fogarty, late of Highfield Grove and Elm Park, Clonmel, who went to Heaven on 10th October 2016.

Letter from Heaven
When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears of me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me, I know you miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for everytime you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

- from your heartbroken mother Tonia and her partner Francis xxx

Mass offered.

KEYES-FOGARTY (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of our brother Dane Keyes-Fogarty, late of Highfield Grove and Elm Park, Clonmel, who went to Heaven on 10th October 2016. RIP

A Wonderful Brother
Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, to have had you as our brother was the greatest gift of all. A special time, a special face, a special brother we can't replace. With an aching heart we whisper low, we miss you Dane and love you so.

- from your heartbroken sister Shelby, your twin brother Nathan and your younger brother Darren xxx

IN MEMORIAM

KEYES-FOGARTY (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my grandson Dane Keyes-Fogarty, late of Highfield Grove and Elm Park, Clonmel, who went to Heaven on 10th October 2016. RIP

Missing you always
You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye, you were gone before I knew it and God only knows why. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still, in my heart I hold a place, that only you can fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone, as part of me went with you, the day God called you home Dane.

- from your heartbroken Grandad Dinny xx

KEYES-FOGARTY (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my nephew Dane, late of Elm Park and Highfield Grove, Clonmel, whose Anniversary occurs on 10th October. RIP

The moment that God called you, my heart was broken in two. I think of you day and night, I will always and will never forget you.

Remembered always by your Uncle Darren, Alice and family.

KEYES-FOGARTY (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my Godson Dane, late of Elm Park and Highfield Grove, Clonmel, whose third Anniversary occurs on 10th October. RIP

They say that time's a healer, but as the time goes on. I seem to find it just as hard, to face the fact you've gone.

And today it's the Anniversary of the day you went away. And I'm standing here at your graveside and believe me when I say, you will never be forgotten.

Always loved and remembered by your Uncle and Godfather Declan, Paula and family.

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.*



*"The angels are always near to those who
are grieving, to whisper to them that their
loved ones are safe in the hand of God."*

Eileen Elias Freeman





FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Email: sales@southtipptoday.ie

Post or Call to Queen Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Deadline: Tuesdays @ 11.00am



IN MEMORIAM

MCLOUGHLIN (14th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear father Patrick McLoughlin, late of 7 Mountain View Drive, Cahir, who died on 13th October, 2005.

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

Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th October at 10am in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

MCMAHON (11th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of Michael McMahon, late of Clonmel and Dublin, who died on 12th October 2008 and whose birthday occurs on the 20th October.

Gone from us but leaving memories, death can never take away. Memories that will always linger, while upon this earth we stay.

Sadly missed by his mother Betty, brother Jimmy and sisters Helen, Bernie, Frances, Teresa, Clare and Carmel.

MCSHARRY (2nd Anniversary)



Willow Park, Clonmel & Kilmaine, Mayo.

In loving memory of Dick, who died on October 14th 2017.

Treasure him Lord in your garden of rest, because on Earth, he was one of the best.

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered everyday.

By Celia, Ian and Neil.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 13th October at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown.

IN MEMORIAM

MCSHARRY (2nd Anniversary)

In loving memory of Dick, late of Willow Park, Clonmel and Kilmaine, Co. Mayo, whose Second Anniversary occurs on 14th October.

A Thiarna déan Trócaire.

Sadly missed by your sisters-in-law Anne, Mary, Caitriona, Clara and their families.

MEANEY (5th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a wonderful wife and mother Nora Meaney (nee Byrnes), late of 4 Mount Carmel, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary who passed away on 12th October 2014.

A light from our household gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, that never can be filled.

Some may think you are forgotten, though on earth you are no more. But in memory you are with us, as you always were before.

Loved and always missed - your loving husband Ned, sons David, John, Edmund, Mike, grandchildren, great-grandaughter, daughters-in-law and Huw, brother Frank, sister Maureen, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephew, extended family and friends.

Nora's 5th Anniversary Mass will be held in Ballybacon Church on Sunday 13th October at 11.30am.

IN MEMORIAM

O'CONNELL (2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of a wonderful Mother and partner Ann-Marie O'Connell, Castleview, Ardfinnan, on her second anniversary away from home on 11th October.

A million times we've needed you,
A million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one else can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.

Loved and missed every day - Johnny, Victoria, Christopher and Conor xx

Mass offered in the Holy Family Church in Ardfinnan on Saturday 12th October at 6.15pm.

PYKE (2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Michael Pyke, late of 1 St. Joseph's Tce, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co Tipperary who died aged 31 and was taken from us during Storm Ophelia on 16th October 2017.

Each time we look at your picture, you seem to smile and say, don't be sad but courage take and love each other for my sake.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass is on Wednesday 16th October at 9.30am in The Church of the Holy Family, Ardfinnan.

IN MEMORIAM

REIDY (40th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our brother David, late of Baron Park, Clonmel who died on October 12th 1979.

In the hearts of those who loved you, you will always be there.

Always remembered by your brothers, sisters and their families.

ROSSITER (7th & 17th Anniversaries)



Shane & Brian

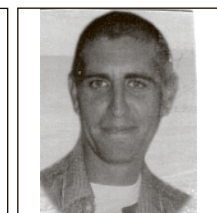
In loving memory of our dear sons and brothers Shane and Brian, late of Clonmel and Wexford whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Not today, but everyday, in silence we remember.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Mass offered.

RUTH (2nd & 7th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my dearest wife Alice and son Kieran, late of Baron Park, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

It's lonely here without you, we miss you both each day. For life is not the same to us, since you went away. Your resting place we visit, placing flowers there with care. But no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed, never forgotten by your loving husband Michael, sons Paul and Michael, daughter Sarah, son-in-law DJ and grandchildren.

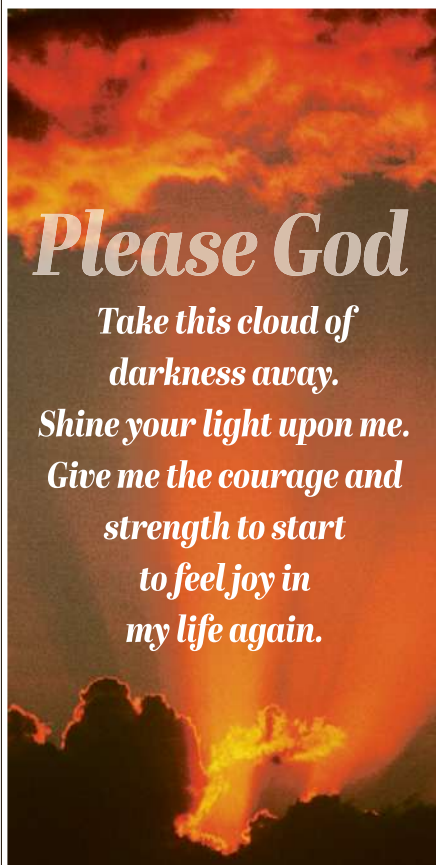
Mass offered.

Memories Live Forever

A bouquet of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears, wishing God could have spared you, if just for a few more years.

It does not take a special day, for us to think of you, each Mass we hear, each prayer we say, is offered up for you.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together, our family chain is broken now, but memories live forever.



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

CAHIR CORNER

TIDY TOWNS

The group heard last week that their marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition had increased by 5 points up to 326 points this year. To add to their joy, the Bronze medal was also retained for another year! A fantastic result and well deserved.

The group welcomes the third bronze medal in a row to the town and the extra points gained and the report that followed makes interesting reading as there are areas we need to work on for next year. We have been lobbying for footpath repairs over the years and it's great to see works being completed on Pearce Street and the Mitchelstown Road. There are other bits and pieces planned and we would hope that these will help our points next year.

There were a few patches of plaster removed from the library building but this is part of the testing of the structure of the building for works to be completed if funding comes available. We would hope that a decision would be made on the Town Hall as soon as possible as this building would be an eyesore in the square if it cannot be painted due to works.

This week in Cahir there were TV cameras present on 3 occasions and this shows the way the town has progressed to be a serious tourism hub.

We have planned a Bat Walk on Wednesday 16 October from 8-10pm meeting at the Tourist Office. Albert Nolan will lead the walk and all are welcome to come along the walk and learn how to identify survey and protect our native bats.

We meet as normal on Wednesdays at 7pm.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP CELEBRATION

Last week forty-seven English language learners of thirteen different nationalities were present in St. Mary's Parish Rooms for the



Coláiste Dun Iascaigh principal Peter Creedon with Junior Cert students Lauren Ward, Aisling Burke and Natalia Goralska after receiving their results

presentation of Certificates in Intermediate and Advanced ESL from the Irish Board of Speech and Drama. All First Class Honours and Distinction were awarded. The exams were facilitated by Rockwell College Music Academy. Family and friends gathered together on the night to celebrate on this special occasion and over refreshments much more conversation was enjoyed by all.

The St. Mary's Parish International Group was launched in November 2013 with the aim of welcoming and supporting immigrants in our community. Our principal activity is the provision of free conversational English classes through the 'Fáilte Isteach' project. Classes take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9pm in the Parish Rooms. We currently have five volunteer tutors and anyone who wishes to brush up on their English is most welcome to come along and join in.

Fifteen certificates were awarded in total but only six recipients were available on the night and they included mother & daughter Nikolina & Emma Gagula as well as

Agne Paliunyte, Anna Tupalska, Yasmine Lounis and Christine Rezk. Congratulations to all certificate recipients, their fantastic tutors and all who continue to attend conversational English classes in the Parish rooms.

SOCIAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society's first lecture of the 2019/20 lecture series will take place in the wonderfully atmospheric Great Hall of Cahir Castle on next Thursday 17 October. The lecture will begin at 8pm. Our guest lecturer, Aislinn O'Keeffe, will speak about 'Women, Witchcraft and Trials in Europe'. Admission is €3 for Members and €5 for Guests. All are welcome.

PANTO AUDITIONS

Now that the Cahir Pantomime Society has announced their next exciting project will be 'Little Red Riding Hood', auditions are now set to follow. The Society has presented us with many fantastic pantomimes over the years and this one will definitely not disappoint the fans. So are you up

for a challenge? And some great fun too? Well why not join the Cahir Pantomime Society crew and audition for one of the parts?

Auditions will take place in Cahir House Hotel on Saturday, 19 October from 2.30 - 5.30pm. All welcome to come along and good luck to all applicants!

DAY CARE CENTRE

The Centre would like to thank the people of Cahir, Ballylooby, New Inn and Knockgraffon who gave so very generously to our recent church gate collection. We appreciate your much valued ongoing support.

We have just come back from a lovely break in Kilarney and twenty of us travelled and had a wonderful time despite the weather. Our Recent lucky dip winners in the local lotto were Shelia Marnane and Joan Lonergan. Well done to the ladies.

COMMUNITY LOTTO

There was no winner of the Draw that took place on Wednesday September 25, 2019 in the Social Welfare Office. The Draw was witnessed by Leo Coffey. The numbers drawn were 4, 6, 21 and 28. The 4 lucky dips



Colaiste students Shannon Coffey and Áine Grace were happy with their Junior Cert results



Colaiste students Sonia Staucin and Paula Hildebrante with their results and friend Michael O'Donoghue

winners each receiving €25 were Joan Lonergan, C/o Day Care Centre, Paddy Doody, Cahir Bingo, Kay Williams, Pearse St, Cahir and Ber Forde, Tincurry, Cahir. Congratulations to all.

The next Draw takes place on today Wednesday October 2 in the Social Welfare Office at 12 noon with results next week. The Jackpot is now €5,800 and tickets are available in the Enterprise Centre and in local shops too.

MEET & TRAIN

The Group's fun 5 km run/walk was cancelled last

weekend due to the inclement weather and will now go ahead this Saturday 12 October at 5pm. Registration is in the main car park beside the castle from 4.30pm. We would hope that all former and present members of M&T would turn out to support the playground by purchasing a ticket as entry to the run. Admission is €5 or family entry for €10.

We meet as normal on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30pm and anyone who is not able to make the run can purchase their tickets from Andy before the run.



Brenda Cronin, Linda Delaney and Olivia Kennedy took part in the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride last Sunday



Distinguished Gentleman's Ride organisers Cyril and Kojii Helnwein dressed for the DGR last Sunday morning in Cahir



International Group Awards recipients - back: Agne Paliunyte, Anna Tupalska, Nikolina Gagula and Fidelma Nugent (Parish International Group Co-Ordinator). Front: Yasmine Lounis, Christine Rezk, Fr. Peter Cullen (parish administrator) and Emma Gagula

CAHIR CORNER

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

We would like to remind our members that Yoga classes will commence on Friday, October 11 in the Parish Rooms from 3 to 4 pm. Art class is on Thursday October 17 and also in the Parish Rooms at 10am. The Coach will leave Clonmel Park Hotel for Doneraile and Blarney on Tomorrow, Thursday October 10 at 8.30am and Cahir at 8.45am. The night out to the Everyman Palace is on October 31 for a Drama Production. We had a packed house for last week's meeting with a most informative presentation re Wills and related matters from John Lynch, Solicitors, Clonmel. We very much appreciated all information. For more information on activities please see our committee members.

A Coffee Morning in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association will take place at Cahir Park Golf Club on this Saturday 12 October from 10am to 1pm. Come along and enjoy coffee, Tea & Home Baking while supporting a vital charity. All donations welcome and there is a Raffle & Spot Prizes on the morning. All proceeds to MND Ireland.

DANCE CLASSES

Beginner's Dance Classes will start on next Wednesday, October 16 at 9pm in Cahir Parochial Hall (Community). New Moves & New Dances - Line Dance & Jive - Partner not essential but welcome. Please call Sandra on 087 4171734 or Laura on 086 1064873 for more details.

FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

The Club will hold a teach night with Mary Keogh (AOIFA) on October 30 in Cahir House Hotel. Mary will show everyone how to create seasonal arrangements and it will start at 8pm. Non members also welcome.

BUS TO RDS

A bus is being organised to travel from Cahir to the



Members of Cahir Camogie Club's under 6, 8 and 10 teams took part in a camogie blitz in Ballylooby

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FOR TIPPERARY NEWS AS IT HAPPENS

Knitting and Stitching Show taking place in Dublin at the RDS on Friday the 8 November. Contact Mary on 0868298224 for more details and to book a place.

HALLOWEEN ART TUTORIAL

On Sunday, October 27 there will be a fantastic Halloween Art Tutorial with Artist Julie for children aged 6 to 9 years plus in Cahir Castle. The children will be entertained with fun Halloween themed, easy step by step instructions to help them create their own creepy masterpieces on the day! The Tutorial is free but booking is essential and you can do so by calling/texting 087 9034201 or just pm the Cahir Castle Facebook page. This will be a great Halloween treat for children in the fantastic venue of Cahir Castle.

CREEPY ART & CRAFT CAMP

Crazy Art will take place in Cahir Boys School from October 29 - November 1. On October 29 and times are 9-12pm and on the October 31 & November 1 times are from 10-3pm. Admission is €80 for 3 days and discount for siblings.

Lots laugh, games and art during Halloween break. The children can get creative, carve and paint their own pumpkin! They will

freely enjoy investigating different techniques and work with various materials. It will be a truly fun and dynamic experience with breaks for games and time to chill and chat. All materials are provided. Places are limited.

Book now by calling Mags on 086 33 76 905, magsrudnicka@crazyart.ie or www.crazyart.ie

PARISH NOTES

Fr. Peter's wishes to set up a Pastoral Council Committee and Finance Committee, so if you are interested in joining, please give your name and details into either the Parish Office or Sacristy.

The Priest September Collection was €1465 and the Renovation Fund was €505. Thank you to parishioners for your help in the upkeep, maintenance and on-going repairs and renovation needed to keep our parish church in good order.

Free English Classes for Adults are on every Tuesday evening in the Parish Rooms from 7:30 - 9pm. Call 087-6998346 or contact failteisteachcahir@gmail.com.

If you have purchased a grave plot in St. Mary's Old Cemetery and it is not marked please contact Office or Jimmy Looby on 087-2604797, with proof of purchases.

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CAHIR FIANNA FAIL COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR

The AGM will take place of the CC in the Cahir Office, Church Street, Cahir next Monday 14 October at 8pm. New members are more than welcome. Please make every effort to attend.

CAHIR CAMOGIE

Blitz in Ballylooby- Our U6 &

U8 had another great morning in Ballylooby last Saturday. The monsoon conditions didn't bother the girls at all, although some were wishing they'd worn wellies. We split into two teams initially, both playing against local Brian Boru's girls. Both Teams put in fantastic performances. A couple of teams didn't turn up, so we played against Brian Boru's again, this time loaning them some players and it turned out to be a draw. Thanks for the great support in awful conditions. We'll be meeting up for the last time this year next Wednesday.

Our U10 girls played great in their blitz last Saturday. They all got to play in 3 or 4 games each as we had 7 in total. We showed lots of skill and teamwork throughout the morning. Even the heavy rain towards the end couldn't slow us down. A big thank you goes to Carmel Flannery who looked after a team for us on the day and also to the other parents who supported us and got wet for their efforts. We are now finished playing matches for the year. The training venue is now moving to new all weather field across from church from 6:30 to 7:30pm on Wednesday's. Please bring €2 every night to training to cover costs of lights. Thanks to all.

CAHIR PARK AFC

(cahirparkafc.ie)
Halloween Camp - A Soccer Camp will take place at Cahir Park AFC during Halloween Mid Term break for kids aged from 6-12 years. Dates are October 29, 30 and 31. Times are 10am - 1pm each day and the cost is €25 for 3 days or €10 per day. Sign up your child for 3 days of fun and games during Halloween. Please book by sending players name & age to any of the following options: Phone: 087 1145854, Email: cahirparkafc@hotmail.com or Facebook: PM



Members of under 6 ladies football team

Cahir Park Astro

JUNIORS - After having last weekend off Cahir Park Junior A team return to Premier League action on Sunday when they make the trip to play Two Mile Borris. Our B team also had last weekend off and will host Galbally United this Sunday in League Division 2.

Schoolboys/girls- U13 SFAI Cup Round 2 was played on last Saturday October 5 in Cahir Park with Cahir Park V Cashel Town. Cashel Town FC put in a stellar performance on Saturday to overcome local rivals Cahir Park AFC in the U13 SFAI Skechers National Cup second round - some superb football and goals ensured the Town are in the draw for the third round. Thanks to both teams and their management for their time.

We wish the best of luck to Cahir Park U12 Girls who play the Tipp Cup Semi final V Tipperary Town on tomorrow, Thursday October 10 at 7pm in Cahir Park. The Girls training is on every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Cahir Park.

Well done to both Under 11 teams who were in action last Sunday against Slievenamon and St. Kevins.

Academy- Training for Under 8s, 9s & 10s is every Saturday Morning at 9am. Training for Under 6s & 7s is on Friday evenings at 6pm. Coerver Performance Academy is at Cahir Park every Monday evening at 7:30pm.

All Weather Pitch Bookings - We currently have limited availability on the All Weather Pitch during the week. Please call 74 43850 for further information.

Premier Predictions - Our Premier Predictions competition is nearing the final weeks and still all to play for with €1000 Jackpot up for grabs. 5 players have max 21 points, 6 players have 19 points and 11 have 18 points. We wish the best of luck to all for the remaining 3 weeks.

CAHIR GAA

www.cahirgaa.com

Sympathies - We would like offer our condolences to our Treasurer Michael Fahy and the extended family of Michael on the recent deaths of two of his cousins, who passed away on the same day recently. Jimmy Duggan RIP, and Declan Kavanagh RIP, our thoughts are with the Fahy family at this sad time may they rest in peace. Draw the Joker - This week it was the turn of the Shamrock Lounge to hold our weekly fund raising game, as usual thanks to Margaret and Hughie for their warm welcome. This week's winners are as follows: John Casey Sr., Buntly Flannery, Willie O'Gorman, Gerry O'Donnell and Tony O'Sullivan.

New Arrival- As we are on the subject of the Shamrock Lounge we want to congratulate Margaret and Hughie's daughter Cathy and her husband Mark on the birth of their first child baby Isabella.

County Draw - The draw for the month of October was held last Friday evening, sadly we had no winners from our club this month, let's hope we can do better next month, thank you all for your continued support of the draw as it is a good money earner for the development our club.

Pop up Gaeltacht - Great craic was had at our pop-up Gaeltacht in Cahir House Hotel last Monday night. It runs every second Monday night in Cahir House Hotel from 7pm to 9pm, it is opened to everyone whether you can speak Irish or not, and all are welcome. The next date is next Monday October 14. Craic go hiontach!

Contact us at proc-ahirgaa@gmail.com with any news/photos thank you.

NEWS ITEMS

To include news items/photos on the Cahir pages contact correspondent, Maria Taylor on 086 1022014 or email at caplicetaylor@hotmail.com



Cahir Tidy Towns Group is celebrating its third bronze medal in a row in the national Tidy Towns competition

CARRICK-ON-SUIR CORNER

Send Carrick-on-Suir news/photos to Anne Marie Magorrian at ammagorrian@eircom.net

St Molleran's GAA

More than 70 children playing gaelic games at St Molleran's GAA Club were presented with medals at an end of season ceremony at the Club's grounds at Coolnamuck last week. Waterford hurler Calum Lyons presented the medals to the juvenile players aged between four and 10 years-old last Wednesday, October 2. St Molleran's GAA Club thanks all the children, their parents and trainers for their commitment to the club all year.

Youth Project

Volunteers are needed to assist Carrick-on-Suir Foróige Neighbourhood Youth Project staff with the group's educational support groups for primary school students in the town. People interested in volunteering can access Foróige training, NYCI Child Protection training and build their CV and professional network through their work with the project, which is based at Kickham Street, Carrick-on-Suir. Call into the office on Kickham Street or telephone Daryl on 086-0479851, Sheridan on 086-3848160 or Siobhán on 086-8331886.

Free castle tour and talk

A free outdoor architecture tour of Ormond Castle will take place on Saturday, October 12, at 3pm. Carrick-on-Suir Workhouse and Burial Plot is the subject of a talk that will be given by John Connolly at Ormond Castle on October 19 at 11.30am. All are welcome to this free historical event. Booking in advance essential for both events. Tel: 051-640787.

Equestrian contest

Three teams from Scoil Mhuire Secondary School competed in the Equestrian Interschools Championships at Warrington Equestrian Centre in Kilkenny on Sunday, September 29. The novice team of Aine Kirwan, Lana Kent and Laura Whelan finished 6th in the junior teams competition. Ava Lynch, Hazel Barden and Katie Doyle finished 5th in senior teams competition. Another junior team from the school that competed included Kelly Croke, Eva McMahon and Allanah Tobin. Scoil Mhuire thanks the students' parents for all their support of the teams.

Fitness classes

Residents of Bridgewater House Centre for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Carrick-on-Suir are participating in regular fitness classes led by a local instructor.



Comeragh College's Lauren Clarkson, Niamh McDermot, Jessica Newell, Musse, Eve Keane and Lorna O'Neill with their Junior Certificate results

Fitness instructor Ger Houlihan has run fitness classes, incorporating pilates, weight loss Programmes and meditation for the residents of Bridgewater House for the last 15 years.

Ger has an excellent rapport with the residents who come from many different cultural backgrounds. She has always worked hard to support them often calling in to bring groups of ladies on walks to Curraghmore Estate in Portlaw, Tramore and beyond. The Friends of Bridgewater House Group sourced funding for the classes and fitness t-shirts with their logo, along with yoga mats and resistance bands. Friends of Bridgewater House liaison officer Martina Walsh has always advocated the benefits of exercise, especially for the

mental health well being of the Centre's residents. She told The Nationalist she was delighted with the number of residents participating in the fitness classes and enjoying them.

Swan GAA Club

Carrick Swan senior hurlers playing year came to an end on Sunday last when they lost to Holycross/Ballycahill by two points in the Seamus O'Riain Cup quarter-final. The club thanks its senior hurlers and management for their time and dedication this year. The team's hurling was exceptional at times but unfortunately the little bit of luck you need to get over the line in tight games eluded the squad in recent weeks.

The under 11 boys football team to Killenaule in the Winter Football League on the Green last Sunday.

The weekly bingo session was cancelled last week due to the bad weather warnings. It resumes this Thursday at 8.30pm in the Swan Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Last week's Swan Lotto numbers were 04, 06, 24, 27. The jackpot prize was €7,000 and there was no winner. One player matched three numbers and wins €200. He was Eamon P. Power, The Whistlers. This week's jackpot prize is €7,250.

The 12 Days of Christmas Field Development Draw has now been launched. The draw boasts €20,000 in prizes. Contact any Swan Club committee member for tickets.

All at the Swan Club were very saddened to hear of the passing of Fr Michael Ryan, the club's esteemed honorary vice-president for

many years.

Fr Michael, or Mick Joe as he often referred to himself, was a gentleman with a gentle manner. He loved hurling and he even played with Waterford at one stage before becoming a priest. While serving in Carrick, he aligned himself to the Swan and officiated at many of the club's events during the years. The club extends deepest sympathy to his bereaved family. Carrick Swan Club also extends condolences to the Ivors family, Ballingarry, on their recent bereavement.

Boxing Cup

Carrick-on-Suir boxer Dale Finn from St. Nicholas Boxing Club won a silver medal in the Celtic Boxing Cup Finals. He won the medal in the Male Youth A 52kg category of the competition hosted in Dun-

garvan Sports Centre on September 29.

Carrick United

Carrick United's under 14 team clinched a 2-1 victory in the Lions Club Cup semi-final in Portlaoise on Sunday. The team's goals were scored by Gavin Casey and Luke Byrne-Kelly. The big final and day out to Dalymount Park will take place on November 3.

Night of music

Carrick-on-Suir-born playwright, actor and musician Robert Power will perform his new original music at Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre's nuns chapel on October 19. Robert will share his new material at the evening of music titled RP. He and his ensemble of musicians will be joined throughout the night by special guests, who will come from the audience, some for the first time in their lives, to share their own original work.

RP is being hosted by the Tudor Artisan Hub. Doors open at 7.45pm and the event starts at 8pm. Tickets costs €12 and can be booked at the Tudor Artisan Hub on 051-640921.

Panto

Final rehearsals are underway this week for Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's annual pantomime Cinderella, which opens at the Strand Theatre on October 16 and runs until October 20. Tickets are available from the Strand Theatre Box Office by phoning 051- 645050 or on-line on <https://www.ticket-source.eu/strandtheatre>.

Event

A public reading and sharing of letters written for an inter-generational writing project takes place in Carrick-on-Suir's Tudor Artisan Hub this Thursday, October 10, at 7pm. The Correspondences event will feature readings of letters written by adults to their 14 year-old selves and also letters written by teenagers from their 14 year-old selves.

Music will be played by guest musicians Marie Walsh and Jane McLoughlin. Correspondences is about the healing power of letter writing, music and the spoken word.

This event is free and is being organised in association with the Writing Changes Lives creative writing workshops run by WIT lecturer Margaret O'Brien. Correspondences is also being in conjunction with the South Tipperary Positive Mental Health Festival.

All are welcome to attend the event. Tel 051-640921.



Relaxing after the enjoyable fitness class with instructor Ger Houlihan in Bridgewater House

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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CASHEL

Bridge Club

Results for September 25: Gross - 1st Mary Kelly and Bernie O'Callaghan, 2nd Margaret Ryan and Peter McCarthy, 3rd Liam Ryan and Michael O'Brien, 4th Joan Moloney and Josephine Maher. Nett - 1st Mary Kelly and Bernie O'Callaghan, 2nd Margaret Ryan and Peter McCarthy, 3rd Liam Ryan and Michael O'Brien, 4th Mary Kennedy and Helen McCarthy.

Tea dance

Social tea dance in Halla na Feile this Friday, October 11, with dancing from 9pm to midnight. Music is by Catherine and Images. Refreshments served and admission is €10. Social dancing classes continue on Tuesday evenings with dancing from 8.30-10.45pm. All the social dances will be refreshed by Anne Doyle and Eamon Fogarty. Admission is €5.

Friends of Europe

Cashel Friends of Europe meeting will take place in Brosnans on October 14 at 8pm. In 2020 Cashel will host the May Youth Meeting of the EU Rural Charter, when young delegates from nine EU countries will visit Cashel.

Music

A tribute to the music of John Denver will take place at Brú Ború on October 19 at 8pm.

Fashion extravaganza

Cashel Lions Club will stage a Fashion Extravaganza in Brú Ború on October 25. Following on the success of the fashion show in recent years, Cashel Lions Club has enlisted the services of Gretta Peters of Get Glam with Gret to assist with the planning and organising the event. Local fashion shops including Daverns, Kilkenny Shop, Mister Mister and Uptown Girl in Cashel, Klassy Lady in Cahir, In the Wardrobe and Only in Clonmel, Julie's Children's Wear in Tipperary Town, and Elverys in Thurles. Doors open at 7pm and guests will be greeted by a prosecco and light refreshments reception. Tickets cost €20 and are available from Uptown Girl, the Kilkenny Shop, Brú Ború or from any member of Cashel Lions Club.

FETHARD

Coffee morning

A coffee morning for Augustinian Nuns in Kenya will take place in Fethard Horse Country Experience this Friday, October 11, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Fr.



Zoe Donegan, Lorna O'Neill, Jodie McGrath, Saoirse Barry and Jade Kevan with their Junior Certificate results at Comeragh College

David Fitzgerald OSA has been helping the Augustinian Nuns and four years ago they began a new monastery in the Kiltale Diocese of Kenya. Money raised goes directly to them.

Table quiz

The Parents' Association of Patrician Presentation Secondary School, Fethard, cordially invite you to their annual table quiz in aid of school funds in Fethard Ballroom on October 14 at 8pm. A table of four adults will cost €28. Students cost is €5 each for a table of four. There will be attractive raffle prizes available on the night. Raffle tickets cost €2 per strip. Tel: 052-6131572.

John Connors talk

On October 8, author John Connors will give a talk to the Fethard Historical Society on Seán Hogan at 8pm in the ICA Hall. Mr. Hogan was one of the Tipperary Big 4 who took part in the war of independence but did not receive the acclaim of his comrades. The talk will address his role in the Revolutionary Period and his life thereafter and will include some photographs of that era taken by Mr Starkey of Clonmel who was also a volunteer. Admission is €5 and all are welcome.

ICA meeting

Fethard ICA will hold their October meeting on October 15 at 8pm in the ICA Hall

Social dancing

Fethard Ballroom continues its social dancing on October 13 to the music of Declan Aungier from 9pm to midnight. Admission is €10, which includes tea and

cakes. Contact Eileen Coady on 086-0776420 or eileen-coady@hotmail.com.

Bridge Club

September 25 results were: 1st Gross Monica Anglim and Betty Walsh (winners of free sub), 2nd Gross Tony Hanrahan and Keith Woodlock, 3rd Gross Rita Kane and Kay St. John. 1st Nett Yasmin Woodlock and John Woodlock, 2nd Nett, Berney Myles and Alice Quinn, 3rd Nett Margaret Slattery and Mike Burke. Bridge starts at 7.15pm each Wednesday. Anyone looking for a partner should contact Gemma Burke 086-6064148. Newsletter church gate collection on weekend October 19 and 20.

Emigrants Newsletter

The annual church gate collection for the Emigrants Newsletter will take place in the parish on October 19 and 20. Donations over €10 will be acknowledged in this year's Newsletter if you put your donation in an envelope and write your name and address on the outside. Donations can also be given to Carmel Rice or Joe Kenny.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Micheál Maher on his appointment as the new chairman of County Tipperary Community Games. Micheál won the Tipperary Volunteer of the Year Award and will be presented with his prize at the national awards ceremony in Carlow in December. He is the current chairman of Fethard-Killusty Community Games and also wears many other hats within the county. He

is the teams games director for South Tipperary along with Joan O'Connor from Powerstown, a member of the County Development Team and a delegate to the Munster Council.

BALLINGARY

Prayer group

Ballingarry Cell Prayer Group reconvenes in Fennelly's home, Glengall for the 2019-2020 season this Thursday, October 10 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Christmas dinner

The Christmas dinner takes place on Sunday, December 8 at 1pm in Ballingarry Community Centre.

Christmas Fair

Ballingarry Christmas Fair takes place on Sunday, December 1 in Ballingarry Community Centre. If you would like a stall please Tel: (087) 2444819 in good time.

Church News

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Ballingarry on May 17. The church welcomes 5th/ 6th class students who return to read the liturgy and prayers of the faithful at Mass. October is the Month of Our Lady and to celebrate a decade of the Rosary will be recited after Mass in the church each day. This is also National Month of the Missions and parishioners asked to remember missionaries in their prayers and to contribute to their physical needs in the collection on the weekend of October 19 and 20. The Diocesan Listening Process resumes with a meeting for all those

interested from the parish in Fethard Ballroom, Tuesday, October 15 at 7.30pm.

Bingo

Weekly bingo continues at Ballingarry Community Centre every Tuesday at 8.15pm. It boasts a prize fund of more than €1,500.

Workshop

Millennium Family Resource Centre, Glengoole is hosting a workshop on taking a proactive approach to wellbeing on Thursday, October 10 from 10am to 1pm. Learn tips for thriving rather than just simply surviving. It costs €10 and will include a light lunch. To book please contact Julie at (052) 9157992 / (083) 1008075.

Shoebbox appeal

If you would like to fill a shoebbox with gifts for a child this Christmas, boxes may be dropped into the sacristy up to November 3. Leaflets are available in the church.

Late Larry Sweeney

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Sweeney family on the death of Larry Sweeney of Tudor Lodge, Outrath, New Inn and formerly of Killenaule, Co. Tipperary. He died peacefully on Sunday, September 29 in his 91st year surrounded by his loving family and close friends in the wonderful care of the staff of St Theresa's Hospital, Clogheen. Predeceased by his brothers Tom, Willie, Jim, John, Marks and Paddy, his sisters Mary, Bridget and Nelly, sister-in-law and brothers-in-law. Larry is sadly missed by his

loving wife Breda, daughter Theresa (Marnane), son-in-law Con, adoring grandchildren Amy and Olivia, sisters-in-law Freddie (Sweeney) and Eileen (Dunne), nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Late Maureen Ivors Sincere sympathy is also extended to the Ivors family on the death of Maureen Ivors, Upper Ballingarry. Maureen, who was predeceased by her husband Joseph, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family, Joan, Ann, Mary, Kathleen, George, Carmel, Bridget, Norah, John, Frances, Alice, Joey and granddaughter Kay. Late Mary Grace The community also extends sincere sympathy to Michael, Martin and Danny Hanrahan from Ballingarry on the death of their sister Mary (Molly) Grace (née Hanrahan), Ballyrichard, Drangan. She died suddenly at her residence on October 6.

CLOGHEEN

60th wedding anniversary

Congratulations to Michael and Angela Morrissey, Mt Anglesby, Clogheen who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 23. Fr Bobby Power PP did a special blessing at their home on the day and it was followed by a family gathering. The community wish Michael and Angela many more years of health and happiness together.

Late Fr Ryan

It was with sadness that the communities of Clogheen and Burncourt heard of the death of Fr Michael J Ryan. He served in the Diocese for over 64 years as a priest. He served in Clogheen and Burncourt for seven years. We thank God for his life and ministry and many years of service and love to God and his people. Fr Ryan was a good and faithful servant. May he rest in peace. AGM

The AGM of Cahir Fianna Fail Comhairle Ceantair will take place in the Cahir office on Church Street on October 21 at 8pm. New members are more than welcome.

Coffee morning

The recent coffee morning in aid of South Tipperary Hospice in Georgina's, Clogheen was an outstanding success. The event raised €1,105. Burncourt NS Burncourt NS is running an unwanted clothes collection to raise funds. Drop off bags of clothes at the school on Saturday, October 12 from 10am to 3pm.

CLONMEL

Give Paw

This October, Ireland’s largest pet retailer Maxi Zoo will raise funds to help their furry friends in Dogs Trust through its annual Friendship Connects, Give Paw fundraising campaign, which was launched by top Irish model and TV personality Glenda Gilson, together with her dog, Yazz. Now in its fourth year, the campaign sees Maxi Zoo sell limited edition Friendship Connects, Give Paw bracelets for €2.50 each in its Clonmel store. 100% of proceeds from the sale of these bracelets will go towards Dogs Trust , where the fund will be used to provide food, dog treats and interactive toys for all the dogs and puppies in their Rehoming Centre.

Launching the campaign, Glenda Gilson said: “I am so delighted to be teaming up with Maxi Zoo to help raise awareness for the campaign, which will raise vital funds for Dogs Trust. I am a huge dog lover and I can’t ever imagine having to or choosing to give up my dog. “Dogs Trust does so much to help broken hearted and homeless dogs feel loved and safe in its care. As the full cost of each bracelet sold throughout the campaign will be donated directly to Dogs Trust, purchasing a bracelet will help make a huge difference in so many dog’s lives.” For further information about Maxi Zoo’s Friendship Connects, Give Paw campaign, chat to the pet experts at the Maxi Zoo Clonmel store, visit @Maxi-ZooIreland on Facebook, www.maxizoo.ie and www.dogstrust.ie.

Art Group

Junior STAG has a few vacancies in the senior section for this term. The primary section is now full. Names can be taken for the next session starting in November for both groups. Adult STAG on Tuesdays 7.30pm in the Art Room, Infant School, behind Ss Peter and Paul’s Primary School, and on Wednesdays 10.30am upstairs in the South Tipperary Arts Centre studio on Nelson Street. All welcome. An exhibition of adult STAG artwork is currently on display at Unit 6 in the Clonmel Showgrounds. Contact Maureen on 086-8096823.

Whist

Whist on Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm in the bridge centre, Clonmel. Refreshments served. New players welcome.

Alpha

Alpha Clonmel began last week in the Church of the

Resurrection Hall and is open to all local parishes and parishioners. It takes place every Wednesday at 7pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. If you would like to take part in Alpha for the remaining weeks contact the parish office in Ss Peter and Paul’s on 052-6122138.

GOLDEN/KILFEACLE

Women’s Group’s Felt and fabric crafts with Maura Dunne takes place in Golden Kilfeacle GAA Centre on October 21 at 8.15pm. New members always welcome. Cost is €5 for refreshments and supplies.

Commemorations

The 3rd Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee’s annual Mass will be celebrated in Kilfeacle for the members of the brigade, volunteers, Cumann na Mban and Fianna Eireann this Sunday, October 13. The Mass will be followed by the 99th Sean Treacy Commemoration. Proceedings will commence at 2.15pm. This year’s commemoration orator is the Dublin historian Liz Gillis.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

Tipperary Musical Society will hold a fundraising concert on October 20 in Great National Ballykisteon Hotel. It Was A Very Good Year, a musical celebration, will feature pieces by both society members and guest performers. This evening of song, dance and musical performance will begin at 8pm and tickets are on sale now from Joe Whelan’s, Main Street, Tipperary Town, and current society members.

LIVE CONCERT

Tipp Mid-West Radio is delighted to announce a live concert in Cahir House Hotel on October 22 at 8pm. This fundraising concert will feature some of Ireland’s best-loved country music acts including Louise Morrissey, Gerry Guthrie, Dave Lawlor, Ciarán Rosney, Martin Cuffe, Dermot Lyons, Marty Daniels, Stephen Stokes, The Bachelors in Trouble and The Off The Kuff Band. Tickets are €25 and are available from Tipp Mid-West Radio studios, Danny Ryan’s Music Shop in Tipperary Town and Noel Fahy’s Footwear in Cashel. There will be a fantastic raffle on the night, and all proceeds from the event will go towards the ongoing funding of Tipp Mid-West Radio.



ARDFINNAN

Walks

The second week of the Clock and Loop walking sessions commence from Ballybacon Church on Monday, October 13. This is an 8 week programme for Ardfinnan and the surrounding area. Walks are each Monday and Wednesday at 7.30pm. There will be different start points each week. Monday walks will be linear walks where participants will walk out a quiet country road over an agreed time such as 35/40/45 minutes. Everyone will turn on the spot and return to the start point. Wednesday walks will feature local loops and all walks will have leaders and sweepers. These walks are suitable for all levels of fitness and everybody walks at their own pace. Come along and walk with us. You will meet new and old friends and enjoy a walk while getting fit.

All we ask is that if you have not been on a walk before that you register for free at www.suileile.com/register. High visibility vests and a head or hand torch are essential.

Halloween disco

The Community Council’s Family Halloween Disco takes place in Ardfinnan Community Centre on Thursday, October 31. Admission is €5 per child and €10 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is asked to consider attending in fancy dress to create a Halloween atmosphere for the children.

Coffee morning

The Community Council is organising a coffee morning in Ardfinnan Community Centre on Friday, November 8 from 9am to 12 noon. Proceeds will go towards the

Senior Citizens Christmas Party, which will take place in the Community centre on Sunday, December 1 at 2pm. All senior citizens in the locality and surrounding areas are welcome. Please come along and join in the festivities.

Collection

The Community Council thank all who contributed to the recent church gate collection. Proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

Car boot sale

The Tidy Towns Committee are holding a car boot sale in Ardfinnan Community Centre on Sunday, November 17 at 12 midday. You can book a table for €20 by contacting Kitty on (087) 7562742. There will be a cake sale, teas and coffee available on the day.

POWERSTOWN/LISRONAGH

School hall opening

The official opening of Powerstown National School’s new school hall takes place on Sunday October 20 from 3pm to 5pm. Teas and coffees will be served. Parents, students, sponsors, parishioners and the community are all welcome to attend.

Rathkeevin cards

Winners of the weekly card game last Thursday, October 3: Michael Ormond & Mick O’Dwyer on 13 games; James & Thomas Kennedy on 11 games. Table prizes on 19th and 20th games: Joe Aherne & Chris Maher with Jim & Mary Garrett. Beginners or seasoned card players are welcome to join this well run card game. Partners available if required. Next game is on Thursday, October 10 at 8.30 pm.

ICA

The next meeting of Rathkeevin ICA Guild is on October 16 at 8pm. Catering: Lilac Group: Eileen Boland, Eilish Blessington, Theresa O’Dwyer, Stephanie Alyward and Phil Ryan. Competition will be to bake a two pound loaf of barn brack. Guest speaker will be Barry from O’Reilly’s Pharmacy in Clonmel.

BALLYLOOBY/DUHILL

Drama

Jim Keane’s two-act play A Living Will returns to the stage at Ballylooby Community Hall on November 16. Tickets will be available shortly.

Brian Borus

The camogie club commends all the players from Lismore, Ballybacon/Grange, New Inn, Brian Borus, Modeligo, St Manahan’s, Cahir & Galinally, who played wonderful camogie at the end of season blitz last Saturday.

Ballylooby/Castlegrace Juvenile GAA

The club’s 25 drive is every Monday at 8.30pm The junior footballers had a good win over Moyle Rovers in the County quarter-final. Final score was 2-7 to 1-5. A date and venue for the semi-final has yet to be fixed.

Duhill Card Drive

The 45 Drive is every Sunday at 8.30pm.

Irish language chat

The Irish Conversation Circle meets every Friday at 8pm in Duhill Hall.

NEW INN

Community Centre

The official re-opening of New Inn Community Centre takes place this Friday, Oc-

tober 11 at 7pm. All are welcomed to attend this community celebration.

Community Games

New Inn-Knockgraffon Community Games’ AGM takes place on Thursday, October 10 at 7pm in the meeting room at Rockwell Rovers GAA centre. All parents of children who would like to participate in any event in 2020 are invited to attend this meeting. Community Games offers a huge variety of competitions in individual and team sports and activities for children aged between 6 and 16 years.

Women’s Group

The Women’s Group’s monthly meeting is on Tuesday, October 15 at 7.45pm. Guest speaker will be nutritionist Anne Darcy.

Anniversary masses

October 12: Brigid and Christopher Heaney and sons, Garranlea, at 7.30pm Mass in New Inn Church. October 13: Josie and Nellie Owens and deceased members of the Owens’ family at 9.30am Mass in Knockgraffon Church. Also, Mary Luddy, Knockgraffon, and Helen Hayes, Carrigeen, at 11am Mass in New Inn Church.

Tennis Club

The annual Lena Rice Tennis Tournament will take place at the club from October 16 to October 20. Closing date for entries is October 13.

Fundraiser

New Inn Boys School will host a charity cycle in aid of the School Development Fund on October 19 at 9.30 am. There will be refreshments for all cyclists in the school afterwards. A coffee morning will take place in the school on the same day from 11am to 1 pm.

New baby

Congratulations to Johnny and Amy Maher, Ardmayle, on the birth of their second son MJ, new baby brother to Andy. Amy is the daughter of proud grandparents Michael and Kitty Byrne, Knockgraffon. Congratulations also to Paddy and Gillian English, Cashel, on the birth of their first born, a beautiful baby girl Róisín. Paddy is a son of proud grandparents Declan and Eileen English, Chamberlainstown.

Concert

A Songs from the Heart Concert in aid of New Inn’s two primary schools will take place at Cahir House Hotel on October 24 at 8.30pm with Peter Bourke, Fr Bobby and friends’ band. Tickets €10 from The Shop, New Inn, and the committees of both schools. There will be a raffle at the event.

All-Ireland winners return to Cashel school

September 27 will go down in the history of Cashel Community School (CCS) as a special day, when the school welcomed back five past pupils who in the previous weeks had played huge roles on three Tipperary All-Ireland winning teams.

There were great scenes of joy as each of the past students were introduced to the packed audience by GAA coach Brendan Ryan. First was Ger Browne from the Tipperary senior hurling panel that won the Liam McCarthy Cup. He was given great praise for winning an All-Ireland minor, under 21 and now senior medals in the three years since completing his Leaving Certificate in CCS.

Attention moved to Orla O'Dwyer next, after playing a starring role for the Tipperary ladies football team that secured the All-Ireland title. The dual star received huge praise for being such a fabulous role model to all in

CCS, and some of the numerous achievements and medals won by O'Dwyer in her time in CCS including being voted student of the year in May 2017. O'Dwyer was wished well with her upcoming move to Australia where she has been offered a professional contract to play in the AFL for Brisbane Lions.

The roles played by Eoghan Connolly, Aaron Browne and John Ryan on the Tipperary under 20 team that won the Munster and All-Ireland titles in 2019 were then highlighted. Connolly was praised for his displays at both wing and full back over the campaign, as well as for the starring roles he played on many CCS teams while in school, which included captaining the senior hurling team to reach the Munster final in February 2018.

Twelve months after coming back to CCS having won a Munster minor hurling medal, Browne was congratulated on playing every minute in goal in Tipperary's under

20 championship. Browne's performances at such a young age were vital to a Tipperary team that scored 19 goals but only conceded four over the campaign.

Having played minor and under 20 football for Tipperary in 2017 and 2018, Ryan was complimented on making the Tipperary under 20 hurling panel this year. The decision proved fruitful, as his efforts have seen him win his first Munster and All-Ireland titles. He won three county senior football titles while playing for CCS, as well as being a huge player on the schools senior hurling team in the same period.

Principal John Gallagher praised the five past pupils on their achievements, and also on being so committed to any team they were part of while in CCS. All five showed leadership and commitment to the school, and have now become role models for present students. Special guests included county chairman John Devane, West Tipperary GDA's Kevin Halley, county ju-



Back: Principal John Gallagher, deputy principals John Murray and Margaret Moore, and games coordinator Brendan Ryan. **Front:** Aaron Browne, Eoghan Connolly and John Ryan (under 20 All-Ireland winners), Ger Browne (senior All-Ireland winner), and Orla O'Dwyer (All-Ireland ladies football winner)

venile chairman Martin Burke and Cllr Roger Kennedy.

Brendan Ryan thanked all who contribute to allowing students represent the

school in all sports. He concluded this special ceremony by encouraging the present students to learn from the hard work, discipline and commitment shown the All-

Ireland winners.

A proud and special day for CCS ended with the five past students being wished well, and the school choir singing Sliaibh na mBan.

Locals loving parkrun on Suir Blueway

Clonmel parkrun's move to the Suir Blueway is proving a huge hit with locals.

Meeting just up from underneath the Gashouse Bridge, the free 5km run/walk for all ages takes place every Saturday at 9.20am.

It's fun and great for your personal health. Register at parkrun.ie. You only ever need to register once and print your barcode. You can run or walk and even bring your dog (but it must be on a short lead) and kids in bugbies.

It's completely organised by volunteers. If you don't want to run or walk but would like to volunteer, email clonmel@parkrun.com. Follow Clonmel parkrun on Facebook for more information.



Officers elected for County Tipperary Community Games

A good attendance turned out for 2020 AGM of County Tipperary Community Games at the Anner Hotel, Thurles.

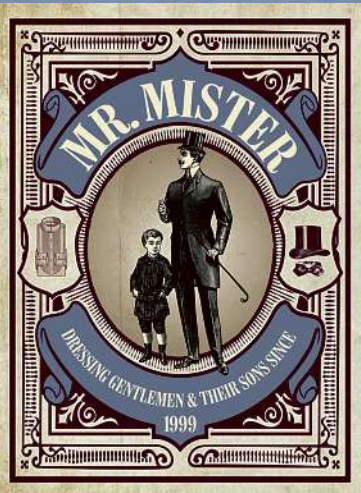
Ballingarry, Boherlahan-Dualla, Carrick-on-Suir, Drangan/Cloneen, Fethard/Killusty, Moyne Templetuohy, Mullinahone, New Inn, Powerstown/Lisronagh, Roscrea, Silvermines, St Flannans/Bournea, Ss Peter and Paul's Clonmel and Tipperary Town were all represented at the occasion.

The officers for 2020 are as follows: president Breeda Christie (Tipperary Town), chairperson Micheal Maher (Fethard/Killusty), vice chairperson Annette O'Donnell (Boherlahan/Dualla), secretary Joan Hogan (St Flannan's/Bournea), assistant secretary Peggy Colville (Fethard/Killusty), treasurer Marie Corbett (Ballingarry), assistant treasurers Eleanor McCahill (Tipperary Town) and Albert Doyle (New Inn), PRO Peggy Colville (Fethard/Killusty), child officer Deirdre Ryan (St Flannan's/Bournea), youth officer Claire Hogan (St Flannan's/Bournea), team competitions secretary north Seamus Hogan (St

Flannan's/Bournea), team competitions secretary south Micheal Maher and Joan O'Connor (Powerstown/Lisronagh), individual competition secretary Joan Hogan, NEAC delegate and athletics secretary Postponed to the next meeting, development officers north Seamus Hogan, Joan Hogan and Mick England (Roscrea), development officers south Micheal Maher, Albert Doyle and Peggy Colville, Munster delegates Joan Hogan, Deirdre Ryan, Micheal Maher and Peggy Colville, appeals committee Annette O'Donnell, Mick England, Joan O'Connor, Fr. Bobby Fletcher and Albert Doyle (New Inn).

Boherlahan Dualla won the large area award. There was a tie for second place between Fethard/Killusty and Ballingarry. New Inn won the small area award. Cloughjordan were runners up.

Micheal Maher, Fethard, won the adult volunteer award. Lucy Murphy, Cashel/Rosegreen, won the youth volunteer award. Awards ceremonies will take place in the Mount Wolseley Hotel, Carlow, on December 7.



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