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Amy Lethbridge and her daughter Holly with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Christmas tractors parade in Carrick-on-Suir. Read the full story in this week's The Nationalist and on TipperaryLive.ie

Tipperary community rallies behind local girl this Christmas

The Clonmel community is rallying behind a 10-year-old girl who is set to undergo surgery for a spinal tumour at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London early next year.

Ellie O'Flaherty, who is a daughter of Jamie and Christine and has two brothers Evan and Jack, faces a huge battle in 2020.

To support Ellie and the family, a GoFundMe campaign was launched on Saturday.

The Sisters of Charity fourth class pupil was diagnosed with progressive scoliosis in 2015 and her family was told that she needed spinal fusion surgery.

However, a routine MRI scan taken shortly after the scoliosis diagnosis revealed that Ellie had a large tumour in her spinal cord.

Due to the position of the tumour, doctors in Crumlin and Temple Street Hospital were unable to perform a biopsy and the decision was made to scan Ellie every few months to monitor any changes.

Due to the complexity of the tumour, doctors in Great Ormond Street Hospital were consulted and Ellie met with a neurosurgeon there in

November of this year.

Hospital consultants have decided that the best course of action for Ellie is to undergo surgery in London in early 2020 with a view to removing as much of the spinal tumour as possible.

This surgery is not without risk and could lead to lower limb paralysis, but this has been determined as the best course of treatment.

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Government must tackle 'legalised scam' on public

Tipperary Independent TD Mattie McGrath has said that unless the Government introduce immediate and substantial sanctions for motor insurance companies found to be demanding unjustifiable premiums, then the existing situation will simply continue.

Deputy McGrath was speaking after a damning Central Bank Report confirmed that although the cost of motor insurance claims fell by 2.5% between 2009 and 2018, premiums rose by 42%.

"In February 2018, my colleagues and I in the Rural Independent Group placed a private members motion in the Dáil demanding that action be taken to deal with the

soaring costs of motor insurance. All sorts of tough words were spoken by Government about how they were dealing with the issue and about how the industry culture would be tackled. It was hot air and bluff then, and it will be tough talking rubbish now if immediate sanctions are not put in place," Deputy McGrath said.

Deputy McGrath underlined that the time for debate is over. "We have the clearest evidence yet that the Irish motorist is being fleeced while the industry makes up to 9% profits, in the realm of tens of millions of euros each year.

"At the time of our motion, I called for the delivery of real transparency on how premiums are calculated and why quotes are refused, with additional access to a robust

independent insurance appeals process. Nothing of the kind has been delivered. Instead we have a Fine Gael Minister of State in Michael D'Arcy who reminds us ad nauseam about what he is doing to tackle this crisis. Unfortunately for the Irish motorist and Irish business owner, all his words have delivered precisely zero in the real world where premiums are still exorbitant and unjustifiable.

"The Government must find courage from somewhere and do what needs to be done once and for all and tackle what effectively amounts to a legalised scam being perpetrated on the Irish public," Deputy McGrath added.



Luke McCarthy, Steven Power, Dean Walsh and Andrew Kelly enjoying the coffee morning fundraiser for Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assistance Service at the FET Centre in the town

Patrick Quirke given date for Bobby Ryan murder conviction appeal

Tipperary farmer Patrick Quirke has been given a date in October to bring an appeal against his conviction for the murder of Bobby Ryan.

Quirke (50) of Brean-shamore, County Tipperary, had denied murdering Bobby Ryan, a part-time DJ going by the name 'Mr Moonlight', who went missing on June 3, 2011, after leaving his girlfriend Mary Lowry's house at about 6.30am.

The body of Mr Ryan was subsequently found in an un-

derground run-off tank on the farm owned by Ms Lowry and leased by Quirke at Fawnagowan, 22 months later, in April 2013.

It was the prosecution's case that Quirke murdered Mr Ryan so he could rekindle a love affair with Ms Lowry (52) and that he subsequently "staged" the discovery of the DJ's body after Ms Lowry tried to terminate his lease at Fawnagowan.

Quirke's lawyers contended that the prosecution had failed to prove their case beyond mere suspicion. They

pointed to "inconsistencies" in Ms Lowry's evidence, and claimed she was "not a reliable witness".

A Central Criminal Court jury took 20 hours and 39 minutes to return a majority guilty verdict earlier this year. Quirke was accordingly given the mandatory life sentence by Ms Justice Eileen Creedon on May 1, 2019.

Quirke has lodged an appeal against his conviction, which was given a date for hearing in the Court of Appeal on Monday.

President of the Court of Appeal Mr Justice George Birmingham fixed October 13 as the date for the appeal hearing, which is expected to last four days.

During 13 weeks of evidence that was frequently interrupted by legal argument, the jury learned that Quirke started farming the land at



The late Bobby Ryan (left) and Patrick Quirke (right), who was given the mandatory life sentence on May 1, 2019

Fawnagowan following the death of Ms Lowry's husband, Martin, in September 2007. Martin Lowry had been best man at Quirke's wedding.

In early 2008, Quirke and Ms Lowry began a sexual relationship that Ms Lowry described as "seedy" and "sordid" and something she regretted.

In August 2010, Ms Lowry met Bobby Ryan at a dance, who she described as "fun", "funny" and "a breath of fresh air".

When Quirke found out about their relationship, he told gardai that he was angry and hurt. He took Ms Lowry's phone and texted Mr Ryan to tell him that he was in a relationship with her and she had not been honest. He then called Mr Ryan and told him: "I'm the man."

On June 2, 2011, Mr Ryan called to Ms Lowry's home some time after 9pm. He stayed the night and left around 6.30am. Ms Lowry, who waited to hear his van cross the cattle grid at the end

of her drive, later told gardai that he took longer than usual to drive away. He was not seen alive again.

Quirke claimed his affair with Ms Lowry resumed in August 2011 and that the following month, they stayed in the Cliff House Hotel in Ardmore, County Waterford, something Ms Lowry said she couldn't remember.

In December 2012, Ms Lowry's solicitor sent a letter to Quirke asking to terminate the lease at Fawnagowan. He agreed to leave that June.

In April, Quirke called his wife Imelda to say he had found a body in a disused waste tank at Fawnagowan. Imelda arrived shortly afterwards and called Garda Tom Neville. Quirke gave a voluntary cautioned statement to gardai and denied knowing how Ryan's body ended up in the tank.



Hillview
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Notice of 2020 Hillview Sports Club Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Hillview Sports Club will take place on Wednesday the 22nd of January, 2020 at 8 PM in the Clubhouse.

Any Motion for the AGM must be sent to the Club Secretary, Hillview Sports Club, Mountain Rd., Clonmel, in writing or by email to davidmartinbarry@gmail.com by 7PM on Tuesday the 7th January 2020.

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Clonmel schools joining forces for new Junior Cycle project

The four Clonmel town secondary schools - CBS High School, Loreto, CTI and Presentation - have been accepted by the Centre of School Leadership to run an authentic collaborative project that explores the value of distributed leadership and reflective practice.

The project is supported by local industry, third-level institutions and second-level support services.

It aims to provide clarity for students, parents/guardians, teachers, board of managements and stakeholders regarding new Junior Cycle developments, through the creation and provision of calendars that clearly outline

the layout of of the language of the new Junior Cycle.

Students and parents will receive the same information from all schools, with common presentations, handouts, FAQ sections and access to in-sync calendars providing structure and clarity for stakeholders.

"The development of a culture of openness, per-

sonal reflection and group learning is one of the many benefits being reaped by management, teachers, cluster members and indeed students. The other aspect of this project is that it offers an alternative, self-sustaining approach to continuing professional development in our schools," a spokesperson says.

"True school improvement and the development of cultures of excellence takes place through people, their behaviours, attitudes and the quality of their relationships. Alongside strategy and pedagogical excellence, schools must put in place systems that support and nurture an understanding of human process issues and one that

encourages people to develop a deep understanding of themselves and others."

Schools will be flagging key dates for open and information nights in due course. "We look forward to hearing feedback on our new synchronised approach from parents/guardians, students and all our stakeholders," the spokesperson adds.



Residents of Greenhill Nursing Home in Carrick-on-Suir thoroughly enjoyed the carol singing and music provided by the CBS Primary School fifth and sixth class pupils with their teachers on December 13. Pictured are residents Mary O'Driscoll and Mick Dalton with some of the pupils and teacher Geraldine Purcell

Public Notice



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VACANT HOUSING

If you own a vacant house which has been vacant for 12 months or more then Tipperary County Council would like to hear from you.

A number of schemes are currently in place which will assist in the revitalisation and reoccupation of vacant residential properties.

Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Repair and Leasing Scheme is aimed at owners of vacant properties which may be suitable for social housing.

- It provides a loan to property owners to facilitate necessary repairs to suitable vacant properties.
- It provides the property owners with an income stream that may, otherwise, be unavailable.

The type of lease agreement permitted under the scheme include Rental Availability Arrangements (also known as RAAs or RAS type arrangements).

As such a property owner can choose whether to enter into :

- (a) A direct lease arrangement or
- (b) A Rental Availability Arrangement.

Buy and Renew Scheme

This initiative provides a vacant property owner with an option to sell the property to the local authority.

It is designed to assist in unlocking accommodation potential that exists in vacant properties for social housing use.

As with the Repair & Leasing Scheme, the use of the Buy & Renew Scheme is subject to the suitability of the property for social housing, the condition of the property and the cost of remedial works.

If you are interested in either of these schemes or wish to discuss further then please do not hesitate to contact Tipperary County Councils Vacant Homes Officer: Tony O'Neill at 0761 065047 or by email: tony.oneill@tipperarycoco.ie

Alternatively, you can call Tipperary Housing Section at 0761 06 5000 and leave details for the vacant homes officer.

Mayor of Clonmel calls on public to shop local this Christmas

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr Garret Ahearn is calling on the public to shop local this Christmas.

"I would encourage everyone in Clonmel and the surrounding villages to please support local shopping during this Christmas period," he tells South Tipp Today.

"Businesses and traders have done an awful lot to promote and enhance the town for the festive season, and we've had free parking in all the County Council car parks in Clonmel for every weekend in December to encourage people into the town.

"Christmas is a time for family and community, and I hope when you consider buying that gift or purchase that voucher that you would consider supporting your local shops and restaurants," he adds.



Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Council, Garret Ahearn

'Support, kindness and generosity shown to us has been overwhelming'

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The spinal fusion surgery for scoliosis was delayed because of the spinal tumour and is on hold until the outcome of the Ormond Street operation is known.

Despite her deteriorating condition, Ellie has continued to enjoy playing for Clonmel Town where her role as a tenacious defender in the under 10 team is highly valued.

Ellie is also a big supporter of Tipperary football and she loves watching her brother Evan play in goal for Tipperary whenever she can.

"Ellie has a massive battle ahead of her in the new year, so as a family we are just trying to make Christmas special and Ellie and Jack are excited about it," says Jamie O'Flaherty.

"The support, kindness and generosity shown to us has been overwhelming and we can't thank those people



Ellie with her parents Jamie and Christine at their home in Heywood Heights

enough. While fundraising is still ongoing, we really appreciate every contribution to date," says mother Christine.

"We avoided fundraising for as long as we could but after meeting with the neurosurgeon in London we

now realise that Ellie has a very long and tough battle ahead of her that will require a lot of care and assistance. It will mean that both myself and Christine will need to take time off work to be with her during her recovery in

both London and Dublin. Family members and friends were anxious to help us in any way they could and suggested setting up a GoFundMe page as an initial fundraising effort," says Jamie.

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Ribworld wins contract to supply Aldi's German stores

M&M Walshe, trading as Ribworld in Fethard, County Tipperary, as won a contract to supply Aldi South stores in Germany, spanning some 1,920 stores.

Ribworld has worked with Aldi since it first entered Ireland 20 years ago, with Aldi having already opened up new markets for the supplier in the U.K.

Expected to be worth over €800,000, the new contract will see the introduction of a range of slow cooked meat products produced in Ireland sold to new Aldi South customers across Germany.

Speaking at the announcement of the contract was Aldi group buying director John Curtin, who celebrated the long history between the retailer and supplier. "We have worked with Ribworld owners since Aldi first entered the Irish market 20 years ago. We currently have 16 Ribworld Irish products in our core range including our Blás na hÉireann 2019 Bronze award winning Salt and Chilli Pork Ribs," he said.

"Over the last 20 years we have built up strong, fruitful relationships with over 200 Irish suppliers, and in many cases, such as this announcement today with Ribworld,

we have been able to open new markets to Irish suppliers so that their exceptional quality can be found on dinner tables internationally."

Ribworld group commercial director Paul Walshe took the opportunity to thank Aldi Ireland for the new opportunities their partnership has opened up for them. "Aldi Ireland has been a long standing partner of ours and has forged a path for us into the UK and now into Germany. We are grateful for their continuing support and look forward to our working with them into the future."



Aldi Ireland's John Curtin with Ribworld's Paul Walshe



Repairs to Quaker burial ground wall get underway

Work has started to repair the wall at the 300-year-old Quaker burial ground in Clonmel.

The wall at the cemetery, which is bordered by Anne Street and O'Neill Street, collapsed almost two years ago.

"Following its collapse in early 2018, I'm delighted that work has finally begun on the reconstruction of the wall at the Quaker Cemetery," says Tipperary County Council cathaoirleach Michael Murphy.

"The cemetery at O'Neill Street was opened in 1709 and the last interment was in 1964.

"Prominent among the families interred in the cemetery are Clibborn, Davis, Grubb, Hughes, Pim, Fayle

and Malcolmson. There are 134 names on headstones in the cemetery."

Cllr. Murphy describes the cemetery as "the epitome of simplicity and serenity". The headstones are of uniform size, as Quakers believed that ornate headstones communicated the dominion of the upper classes, even in death.

"In 1999, Vera Hewitt, Mayor of Clonmel, was instrumental in erecting a plaque to commemorate the contribution of the Clonmel Quaker community to relief efforts during the Great Famine from 1845-1848."

Cllr. Murphy thanks the environment team at Tipperary County Council for working closely with him to ensure the completion of these important works.

Carmel Fox starts the revitalisation of Tipperary Town

The process of revitalisation of Tipperary Town has commenced.

Carmel Fox was appointed as chair of the Tipperary Town revitalisation process by Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Housing and Urban Development Damien English.

Minister English stated that Ms Fox will play a key role in bringing all stakeholders together to develop an agreed path forward for the town.

Ms Fox has recently met with many stakeholders in the town as part of the first phase of engagement and consultation.

At the outset of the meetings, Ms Fox explained that these meetings were an opportunity to seek consensus on how the process of revitalisation would take place so that when the important work of planning commenced, it was clear how it would happen and who would be involved.

Meetings were arranged with the municipal district councillors, March4Tipp, Jobs4Tipp, members of the Town Centre Forum, RAPID Inter-agency Group, school principals, businesses leaders and community groups.

Meetings were also arranged with government organisations and agencies such as Department of Housing Plan-



Carmel Fox, chairperson of the Tipperary revitalisation process, said there would be an opportunity for all voices to be heard

ning and Local Government, Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Education and Training Board, IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland, and Local Enterprise Office.

The creation of a Stakeholder Group/Taskforce to work with the independent chair will take place and the Town Centre Health Check by Alison Harvey of

the Heritage Council will commence in early January 2020.

Ms Harvey plans to work closely with the Stakeholder Group/Taskforce over three months. Recruitment and appointment of a project manager will take place in early 2020.

Ms Fox stated that once appointed, the project manager will report to her and the Stakeholder Group/Taskforce in the preparation of a three-year action plan and the office would be located close to the town centre.

While thanking the many stakeholders she has met, Ms Fox stated that there will be opportunities for the voices of all to be heard across the revitalisation process and would like to invite suggestions, comments or questions from those she has not yet met by emailing info@tipptownrevitalisation.ie.

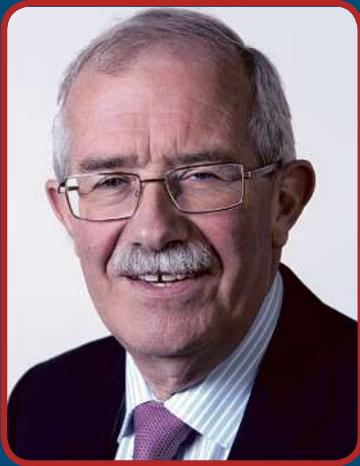
€30,000 was allocated by the Government to fund a Town Centre Health Check as part of the process. Minister Damien English also announced a package of measures to support the revitalisation of Tipperary Town over a three-year period. These measures will facilitate a partnership approach between the local community, Tipperary County Council and other stakeholders in order to develop and deliver an action plan for the town.



Carrick-on-Suir event raises €6,500 for Lourdes Fund

A coffee morning, bake sale and mammoth raffle in aid of the St. Nicholas Lourdes Invalid Fund took place at the Nano Nagle Chapel in Carrick-on-Suir, raising €6,500. Pictured at the event are CBS Primary School pupils with their teacher Deirdre Mullan

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Sporting elite honoured at prestigious Tipp awards

A world champion rower, an all-conquering junior soccer team and an inspirational hurler were among the big winners at the Canon Hayes National Sports Awards in the Great National Ballykisteel Hotel in Tipperary on Friday night.

Also honoured were a legendary Irish rugby player, a hurling team that has become the pride of Tipperary and a number of volunteers who are playing a crucial role behind the scenes across all sports in Tipperary.

The awards have become among the most prestigious in the country and attracted the county and the country's sporting elite to the Limerick Junction venue.

Special guest was Minister of State for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection, Pat Breen, who presented the awards.

The national award went to Skibbreen rower Fintan McCarthy, who won a gold medal alongside clubmate Paul O'Donovan in the lightweight men's double scull at the world championships in Austria.

The 22-year described the win as the biggest moment of his sporting career. The win qualified the boat for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 and McCarthy is now one of five rowers - all from the Skibbreen club - who are competing to crew it in Japan.

Also nominated for the national award were Para Ath-

letic discus thrower Niamh McCarthy, a bronze medalist at the world games in Dubai, and Three Day Eventer Cathal Daniels, who won a bronze medal at the European championships.

Winners of the county award were Tipperary town side St. Michael's who won every competition they entered this year, including all the domestic titles in Tipperary, Munster Junior Cup, FAI Junior Cup and the All Ireland President's Cup.

On hand to accept the award were players Richie Ryan and Colin Bargary, who paid glowing tribute to manager James Walsh, who they said had brought his brilliance as a player into his meticulous attention to detail as a manager.

Also nominated for the county award were the Tipperary intermediate ladies football team who won the All Ireland title, and another All Ireland winning side, the Tipperary under 20 hurlers.

However there was compensation for under 20 goalkeeper Aaron Browne who collected the local award.

The Knockavilla clubman conceded just four goals on the way to the title and also captained the club side to the West Tipperary minor 'A' title. He follows in the footsteps of his brother Ger who was an award winner last year.

Also nominated for the local award were Megan Hefernan from the Galtee Rovers ladies football club, who won county titles at u-16 and intermediate grade with the Bansha club, as well as en-

joying success at county level and has now made the Tipperary minor panel.

Two other brilliant footballers, sisters Caitlin and Anna Rose Kennedy from Aherlow, were also nominated after winning county titles with their club and the All Ireland intermediate crown with Tipperary.

In a stunning year for Tipperary sport, the All Ireland winning Tipperary senior hurling team were honoured with the Outstanding Achievement Award for delivering the county's third MacCarthy Cup win of the decade.

County Board chairman John Devane described it as a success that thrilled everyone in Tipperary and paid tribute to a wonderful group of players.

Joining him on the night were County Secretary Tim Floyd and players Conor Hammerley, Ger Browne and Tom Fox.

Former Ireland rugby legend John 'The Bull' Hayes joked that he thought about going home early after listening to so much talk about Tipperary hurling success on the night but the Cappamore man promised that Limerick would be back.

He was joined by his wife, Tipperary woman and also a former Irish rugby international Fiona Steed, who was enjoying the tales of Tipperary success a lot more.

Hayes accepted the Mick Doyle Golden Sporting Memory Award.

He said he was humbled and delighted to accept it after he had been informed of



Seated l-r: Martin Quinn (organiser), Ger Browne (Tipperary senior hurling team), Minister Pat Breen, Colin Bargary (St. Michael's AFC), Seamus O'Doherty (Hillview Sports Club). Standing: John Devane (Tipperary GAA chair), Aaron Browne (Tipperary under 20 team), John "The Bull" Hayes (former Munster and Ireland international), Fintan McCarthy (world rowing champion), Richard Ryan (St. Michael's AFC)

his selection by former teammate Alan Quinlan.

Hayes became Ireland's most capped prop in 2006 and went on to be capped 105 times for Ireland. His special memories include his first cap at Lansdowne Road and the Grand Slam triumph in 2009.

Fiona Steed was capped 62 times for Ireland and told host Martin Quinn that it was very special for her that John received his honour in Tipperary.

Also honoured on the night were seven volunteers who had all given exceptional service to their clubs and chosen sports.

Held in association with Tipperary Sports Partner-

ship, the awards recognise the huge volume of work done behind the scenes on a voluntary capacity.

The overall award went to Seamus O'Doherty from Hillview Sports Club in Clonmel who has given fifty years service to the club he loves. The Mountain Road club caters for tennis, pitch and putt, badminton and table tennis and O'Doherty has been a player, coach, administrator and president.

He said the work done in Hillview was very much a joint operation and pointed out that there were 32 people on the Lotto committee and 29 working on bingo.

He is also involved in a range of other voluntary

work, including with Bridge-water House in Clonmel.

Also honoured with volunteer awards were Frank Burke, Moyle Rovers GAA Club; Michael England, County Tipperary Community Games; Michael Foxy Grace, Bansha Celtic Schoolboys; Richard Hudson, Nenagh Juvenile Badminton Club; Paddy Noonan, Ard-finnan Ladies Football Club; and Jim Ryan, Tipperary Town FC.

Minister Pat Breen paid tribute to all the volunteers and remarked that it was people such as them that kept clubs alive and functioning.

He also congratulated the Canon Hayes Centre on running the awards.

Majella receives top award for academic excellence



Carrick-on-Suir's Majella Regan all smiles after receiving the Liam Donnelly Medal from CPA Ireland

A Tipperary woman is this year's recipient of the Liam Donnelly Medal from CPA (Certified Public Accountants) Ireland.

Carrick-on-Suir's Majella Regan was presented with the award in Dublin on Saturday.

Sponsored by Skillnet, the award recognises Majella taking first place worldwide in the final CPA Ireland examinations.

Tour de Munster funds to benefit Down Syndrome Ireland Tipperary branch

Tour de Munster has enjoyed another incredibly successful year with the 2019 charity cycle raising a phenomenal €316,254.86 for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) and individual beneficiaries.

Since the tour began in 2001, over €3.1 million has been raised for charity with over €2.6 million raised for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland.

The amount raised was announced and presented at the annual celebratory event, hosted in the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs recently.

The event was attended by cyclists, their families and DSI branch members, who came together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of participants and

supporters and to recognise the positive impact the funds raised will have on those who avail of DSI services and supports.

2019 marks the 10th year that Down Syndrome Ireland has been the main beneficiary of the popular charity cycle, where participants also have the option of choosing their own beneficiary for whom they will raise funds and awareness.

Over 120 cyclists including cycling legend Séan Kelly took part in this year's tour which travelled through the six counties of Munster, beginning at Cork City Hall on August 8 and finishing on Cork's St Patrick's Hill on August 11.

Participants endured an impressive 600km cycle as they journeyed an average of 150 km per day through the beautiful towns and villages of Cork, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare and Kerry.



Cheque presentation for €316,254 for Down Syndrome Ireland

Sean Kelly with Triona, Chloe and Ella Griffin from Fethard

Clonmel Remembrance Christmas Trees to support South Tipperary Hospice Movement

Christmas shoppers in Clonmel are being urged to take a few minutes during the seasonal rush hour to think of their loved ones who have passed away and at the same time help fundraise for South Tipperary Hospice Movement.

The Hospice homecare nursing service is one of the most deserving charities in the county, doing wonderful work each year to alleviate the suffering of those who are seriously ill and to help their families cope with it.

The people of the county have always given Hospice great support in their efforts, particularly in raising funds to provide homecare nurses.

And it's hoped that this Christmas, there will again be a strong response to the annual Remembrance Tree campaign, organised by the Rotary Club of Clonmel to raise funds for hospice.

This year, there will be three trees. One will be at Dunnes Stores, Davis Road, the second tree will be at Dunnes Stores, Oakville, and the third tree will be on O'Connell Street outside the

Dealz shop.

The three trees will be staffed by Rotary members, Hospice members and volunteers between December 19-23.

Members of the public can come to the tree and write the names of those they want to commemorate a ribbon, which is then attached to the tree. They can also make a donation to Hospice in memory of their loved one.

Rotary Club of Clonmel president Terry Stafford says the Remembrance Tree project is a fantastic way for people to remember their loved ones at Christmas and it's wonderful that the funds raised are all spent locally.

"There is no more deserving charity than Hospice. Every family is affected by serious illness at some stage," he says.

After Christmas, the ribbons will be brought to Ss Peter and Paul's Church in Clonmel, where a mass will be said at 11am on December 29 and where all the people whose names are written on the ribbons will be prayed for.

All the funds raised will go to South Tipperary Hospice



At the launch of Clonmel Rotary Club's Christmas Remembrance Tree in Mulcahy Park were Sean Dunne, Noreen Chawke, Mayor of Clonmel Garret Ahearn, Phil Kehoe, Terry Stafford, Michael O'Malley and Billy Doyle. Trees are at Dunnes Stores on Davis Road and Oakville and on O'Connell Street

Movement, who need to raise hundreds of thousands of euro each year for their

much-needed work. Both Hospice and the Rotary Club of Clonmel are

deeply grateful for the kind donations made during the Remembrance Tree cam-

paign in the past, and are hoping for a generous response again this year.

Clonmel group strengthen links on twentieth anniversary of twinning with Trofaiach in Austria

A group from Clonmel's town twinning committee and Cllr Pat English visited Austria recently for the 20th anniversary of the town twinning with Trofaiach.

Coincidentally, Trofaiach was also celebrating its 40th year as a city.

The connection with Trofaiach was initiated by Desmond Doyle, originally from Pearse Park, Clonmel, who has lived in Austria for many years and has brought hundreds of Austrian visitors to Clonmel in that time.

The city council in Trofaiach also has a twinning pact with the Slovenian town of Kamnik, with Mayor Matej Slapar and other citizens of Kamnik also celebrating the 20th anniversary of their twinning.



Old friends Desmond Doyle and Pat English reunited in Trofaiach, Austria

Five days of celebrations were planned and the twinning anniversaries played a very central part in the festivities.

On the first day of the Clonmel delegation's visit, a small gathering took place in the city hall, where the renewal of the twinning agreement was discussed and a review of the activities in the last 20 years was highlighted.

Afterwards, a huge celebration took place in the sports hall of Trofaiach, where an orchestra from Kamnik and the O'Kelly dance school from Austria entertained more than 800 guests.

Cllr English, who is the deputy mayor of Clonmel, and Mayor of Trofaiach Mario Abl spoke about the deep roots that unite the two municipalities, and the translations were made by Maeve

Doyle, Desmond Doyle's daughter.

The following day, the three mayors planted trees as a symbol of the friendship between the towns. An oak was symbolically planted to represent Ireland and a plaque was unveiled in the city park to mark the occasion.

The group from Clonmel also visited many historical and industrial sites in the district, including the world-famous library in the monastery of Admont and global player in the steel industry Voest Alpina.

Cllr English and town twinning committee member Ted Boyle paid a short visit to Simon's Mill, a flour mill that has been unused for nearly 50 years in the city centre that Desmond Doyle and a group of other

people are renovating and opening as a cultural centre.

In trips organised by Desmond Doyle, Clonmel will welcome several guests from Austria next year with groups arriving in April, May and September to stay for a week at a time in Clonmel Park Hotel.

As part of the cultural exchanges between the towns, Tipperary-based artists Ronnie Fitzgerald and Michael Hunter will exhibit in the cultural centre in Trofaiach as part of the global art initiative See the Big Picture.

The city of Trofaiach spared no expense in celebrating the town twinnings and its 40 years as a city.

Much more will happen in the coming years, with the Clonmel connection remaining strong in this district of Austria.

WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

Discovering the wonder of nature in winter



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The night had been very frosty and as I headed out on my walk it was still very cold in the shady spots.

I soon forgot about my discomfort as nature absorbed all my thoughts and time. The tops of the sitka spruce tree had golden cones hanging from the branches. These are nature's decorations, opening for Christmas, and providing food for hungry birds and squirrels.

Down at the shady base of the trees, the long green fronds of Hart's tongue were sticking out from the hedge. When I checked the underside of the leaves, the sori or spore capsules were nearly ripe.

On the branches, polypody fern were growing from the clumps of moss. Ferns were dotted here and there, but they have plenty of competition and never get the opportunity to completely take over.

Birds were very active, and high in an ash tree I could hear the plaintive calls of a chaffinch. A male blackbird flew loudly across the road

and disappeared into the hedgerow. Rooks were calling from the farmyard and they were waiting to sweep up some animal feed dropped by the farmer.

There were not many flowers in bloom, but when I took a moment to have a closer look hints of life were visible. The rosette leaves of foxglove were peeking up through the vegetation. These plants are biennial and flower in their second year. The stately flowers area magnet for bumblebees and spread freely around my garden.

The seeds heads of cow parsley have been stripped bare by the birds. The hedgerow base with fallen seeds and insects is a lifeline for wildlife throughout the year.

Road furniture like seats, handmade field gates and old walls are slowly disappearing from the roadside edge. Many get a new life in gardens or tidy towns parks, and I have a few old ploughs myself.

The drain at the base of the hedge near my house is beautifully constructed with large hand cut stones. This is far superior to a plastic pipe that are far too common along roads today. There is also an

old well that used to supply water to several houses. My grandad told me that it was very reliable and never froze over or dried up. The water is cool and delicious at any time of the year.

At a muddy farm gate the constant trotting of cows has kept the ground frost free. Lots of birds have gathered here to available of the early morning bounty. Three robins had reached an easy arrangement. One was singing from a tree, and the other two were having a standoff on the gate.

A grey wagtail was walking on water as the puddle he normally gets a drink from was frozen over. He kept on walking over and back in disbelief, and couldn't figure out where the water had gone too. I heard the quiet calls of a meadow pipit, and he took flight when I came a little closer.

High in a beech tree starlings were singing and a wren doing a solo song with nature's choir in the background. Ivy provides great shelter and food, and I saw a tiny goldcrest foraging through the ivy in its endless search for insects.

Long-tailed tits also joined the goldcrests, moving in a musical troop between the trees.

At the sunny edge of a field six male blackbirds were probing for worms. They were joined by a large mistle thrush who had taken a break from his singing to re-energise his body.

Don't forget to keep feeding your garden birds!

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos, comments or questions during the year.

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Cervical Check and Narcolepsy cases set for courts in 2020

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As 2019 draws to a close, it is worthwhile looking back at some of the legal highlights during the last 12 months. Some of these changes may have a long-lasting and profound impact on the Irish legal landscape.

CERVICAL CHECK

While this was a story initially broke in 2018, it continued into 2019.

There was fresh outrage after a review led by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in the UK found hundreds of "discordant" results. The review group had re-examined slides of over one thousand women who had been tested for the disease under Cervical Check, given the all clear and later developed cancer.

The re-examination of the smear test by Royal College reviewers produced a result that was different from the original finding by Cervical Check. The extent of the individual divergences from the initial results is not yet known, but the review has found some cancers could have been prevented.

The Cervical Check story will continue in 2020 as many women have cases yet to come before the courts, a large number of whom are represented by us at Lynch Solicitors.

One of the women brought her case before the High Court and won. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court and has yet to be decided.

The novel development was the intervention of the State. The State has effectively guaranteed the compensation no matter how the Supreme Court decides the case.

NARCOLEPSY

The case taken by 26-year-old Aoife Bennett, which came before the court in November, also has major ramifications for the State.

Aoife, from County Kildare, developed the sleep disorder narcolepsy as a result of being given the Pandemrix swine flu vaccine.

Her case was settled with no admission of liability in what was considered to be a

test case. There are an estimated 100 people who have developed the crippling lifelong condition as a result of taking the vaccine.

The case was heard over weeks of evidence but was not concluded i.e. the judge did not make a decision on the case.

It was settled at a private mediation session. Therefore, the fact that it was successfully mediated is a good outcome for other claimants.

The outcome of this case will prove pivotal for the others affected as we prepare to take their cases to court in 2020. The 'but' is that we do not know the 'how' – how was fault dealt with, who was at fault and how much was it settled for.

DIVORCE TIME LIMITS

The Family Law Act 2019, which amends the law on divorce, came into force in the latter half of 2019.

The act reduces the minimum living apart period specified in the Family Law Divorce Act 1996 to two years during the previous three years.

This new legislation follows the passing of the divorce referendum on the May 24, 2019, to amend the Constitution. The referendum was carried by 82 per cent of those who voted. This was the 38th amendment to the Constitution.

The reduction of the living apart period will be a huge relief to many couples who are going through the family law courts as the 2019 Act also provides that proceedings currently before the courts can be converted from a judicial separation application to a divorce application where the mandatory two-year period has already expired.

The act also clarified what is involved in 'living separate and apart'. It effectively recognised the existing case law that meant that you could be living separate and apart and yet be living under the same roof.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE?

The Statute of Limitations in medical negligence cases also came into focus in 2019.

Generally the window of

time in taking a case is two years, with a rider that the two years cannot start until you know or ought to have known for certain facts to make a case.

There has been a considerable amount of confusion as to when exactly the clock starts ticking under the 'knowledge' principle.

Two cases came before the Supreme Court in 2019, which clarified the situation.

In one case, a man from Cork raised questions around when your two-year limit should start and the other case involved a woman from Cashel. These cases involved an analysis of the 'knowledge' principle as it is applied.

These cases were vitally important in the field of negligence as they set out a clear blueprint on how to assess whether or not someone is out of time to take a case.

While these cases may not have been widely reported, their effect will be long lasting and will have implications for people taking negligence and, in particular, medical negligence cases in the future.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

Each year we see how a small number of cases which come before the courts can have such a profound impact on how law and the legal system evolves in Ireland.

It is safe to assume that 2020 will be no different with a number of cases taken by women affected by the Cervical Check scandal and also more victims of the Pandemrix vaccine to come before the courts.

We will continue to watch with interest how these cases unfold during 2020 and we will continue to represent our clients at all levels of litigation.

From everyone at Lynch Solicitors, we wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Reward offered for return of missing dog

Missing from Mondaniel, Rathcormac, County Cork, since December 11. Chipped and neutered. Gardai notified. Reward offered. Contact 087-2536815

Fethard Ballroom to host Christmas Cracker dance

Fethard Ballroom will be the focus of the dancing fraternity from Tipperary and further afield when it hosts the festive Christmas Cracker dance on December 29.

The dance will feature Gina and The Champions along with radio star Ronan Collins.

Proceeds will go towards Fethard Ballroom's ongoing renovation programme,

which now makes it one of the most popular dancing venues in the county.

There will also be a bar extension on the night, followed by a disco with Mad Mike.

Tickets are now on sale at Fethard Post Office on 052-6131217 and from Marion's in Clonmel on 052-6123813. Tickets cost €25 each.



Seamus Barry, Eileen Frewen, Sean O'Donovan, Anne Nevin and Michael O'Rahilly all set for the Christmas Cracker dance

Winter solstice pilgrimage at Knockroe Passage Tomb on December 21

Hundreds of people, including some Druids, will make the annual pilgrimage to see the winter solstice at the ancient Knockroe Passage Tomb near Carrick-on-Suir on the shortest day of the year, December 21.

The Megalithic monument, which is also known as The Caiseal, is situated close to Ahenny at Knockroe. It is the only passage tomb in Ireland with both morning and evening winter solstice events, where the rising and setting sun illuminate the tomb's intriguing artwork.

The morning winter solstice will occur at the tomb at 8.40am while the evening solstice will be at 3.40pm.

Knockroe Passage Tomb was built more than 5,000 years ago by the first farmers and is part of

a large collection of interconnected megalithic sites in the area including Bawnfree, the Kilmacoliver Stone Circle and the cairn on Slievenamon.

Members of the Caiseal Conservation Committee, Lingaun Valley Tourism and Suir Valley Environmental Group will be on hand on December 21 to oversee parking facilities and provide refreshments to visitors.

UCD archaeologist Prof. Muiris O'Sullivan, who has led archaeological investigations of the site, will give wonderful insights into the national monument.

People attending the solstice events are advised to wear wellies or good boots and arrive early as there is a short walk to the site. They are also advised that this is an important national monument and should

take care not to cause any damage to the stones.

Organisers of the winter solstice celebrations at Knockroe thank Kilkenny County Council for its grant allocation and to the Iverk Show Committee, Kilkieran Cottage, Marty's Pantry and SuperValu of Carrick-on-Suir for their sponsorship. They also thank Noel Dwyer's, Power's Tullahought and Tullahought Development Association for lending equipment for the event.

They also thank the OPW for granting permission to host the event, to those supplying parking facilities, baking and the volunteers who help to make this winter solstice so special.

Tearooms at Windgap Community Centre will be open to winter solstice tourists until 2pm on December 21.



Rachel Rees, Emma Power and other VTOS students from the FET Centre in Carrick-on-Suir organised a charity coffee morning fundraiser with a raffle and spot prizes in aid of the Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assistance Service recently

Get Your Locks Off launch product for people with hair loss

Clonmel barber shop Get Your Locks Off is selling an exclusive product for people suffering hair loss.

Locks On has been manufactured to Get Your Locks Off's unique specifications to suit customers' requirements.

Get Your Locks Off is the sole distributors of Locks On hair building micro-fibers. Locks On is designed for use on thinning, balding and fine wispy hair.

Whether your hair is thinning as a result of male pattern baldness, hormonal hair loss, stress or if you have always just had light, wispy, weak hair then Locks On is the product for you," says the Get Your Locks Off team.

With its unique formula, that is all natural and non-toxic and it's almost microscopic individual particles, it's designed to cling to your hair like a magnet, bulking up each individual hair shaft and adding instant fullness.

In more extreme cases of balding, Locks On also gives some scalp coverage, creating a full and natural look in an instant by creating bulk on the existing hair shaft

and some scalp coverage.

Applying this product is easy. Its cleverly designed shake and apply bottle with a safety seal, which prevents you from shaking too much product onto your hair at once, allows for flawless precision and perfect application every single time.

Locks On takes just a minute to apply. It does exactly what it says on the tin. It gives a natural look of fuller, thicker hair in an instant with a full colour range to choose from.

"Locks On is so discreet and the fibers are so tiny that no one will notice you are using a product. It's a wash out product that can last up to three days in your hair before you wash it out and need to re-apply.

"Locks On is a unisex product, so it's not only for the gents. Our female customers have been loving Locks On hair fibers too. It can be used for colour coverage when roots are showing up in your parting to keep you topped up until you have time to make it to the hairdresser.

"It's great for female hormonal hair loss issues. All of the mamas reading this who have suffered



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from postpartum hair loss and also those who have suffered menopausal hair loss will understand how hormones can let us down and now we have a product that can help you to get back looking your best.

"Locks On can also be used by those who have experienced hair loss as a result of chemotherapy

and the regrowth is slow and weak it will help give a fuller, thicker appearance to hair.

"Whether you plan on using it only for special occasions like weddings or nights out where the cameras are out or you are looking for a daily dose of Locks On to boost your confidence permanently, this is the product you have been searching

for," the Get Your Locks Off team adds.

Both Joe and Mary have both been using the Locks On hair product for quite some time.

"I had been using a different brand of fibers for years pre hair transplant surgery and although it worked great I made up my mind that we could do better and started on a mission to source our own custom hair building fibers. With the extensive knowledge I have with hair and within the barbering industry, I kept working hard until Locks On was created," Joe says.

"In the past year after the birth of my second daughter, my hair began to fall out in clumps and it all seemed to come from my hairline. I was devastated as the extent seemed so severe. The hair loss finally subsided which I was thankful for, but I was left very unhappy with how my hair looked. I tried Locks On and couldn't believe how well it worked. It literally filled in my light and wispy patches, and it's working perfectly while my hair has been slowly recovering and growing back. I only wish that I had Locks On after my first daughter was born," Mary says.



Clonmel has an unrivalled reputation as an outstanding shopping location -and that is especially true at Christmas time. The town boasts a huge range of shops, cafes and services that makes Clonmel Christmas Shopping such a joy. Shop local in Clonmel

this Christmas and support the local traders where you will be guaranteed a friendly smile and helpful assistance at all times.

Hickeys Bakery & Café Clonmel's Nuala Hickey celebrating the Great Taste

Award for her Christmas Cakes Hickey's Bakery in Clonmel is among the Great Taste Awards winners for 2019. Out of 12,772 products sent in from over 100 different countries, Hickey's Bakery was awarded a 2-star Great Taste Award, which means judges dubbed it above and beyond delicious for its Christmas cake.

"A big handsome cake, looks direct from the farmhouse table," the judges said. "Fabulous aroma, packed with fruit, moist with a hint of whiskey. Fruity, not too sweet. Excellent texture, extremely moreish. Judges could happily work their way through this cake. Would last well if only we could leave it alone. Delicious, bravo," the judges

continued.

"There is a delicious fruity richness to the cake. A good balance of spice, and the peel is very good. Such good ingredients baked well and we give the stars for flavour alone, which we love." Judged by over 500 of the most demanding palates belonging to food critics, chefs, cooks, restaurateurs, buyers, retailers and produ-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

hours and hours of blind tasting by hundreds of judges. Nuala Hickey is thrilled that her Christmas cake won the award, as it is her mother's recipe. "No doubt she would be chuffed," she added. Nuala wishes all her loyal customers and friends a happy and peaceful Christmas and thanks all for their support throughout

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MSD 4 Mile – St Stephen’s Day, 12 Noon

This very popular race takes place again on St Stephen’s Day, the 31st promotion of this event. The Club is very grateful to MSD for sponsoring this year’s event. The Club started promoting this event in 1989 to encourage people to participate in the Sport over the festive season. As such we have seen it grown in stature over the years and it is now firmly established in the Athletic calendar, as it

caters for all levels of fitness. Race Registration will be taken on the day at Colaiste Cheitinn, the Mall from 10am onwards. The entry fee is 10 Euros. The route is relatively flat and is noted for fast times. This year there will be Prizes for the following categories, Men: 1st 5 Men, 1st 2 0/40, 0/45, 0/50, 1st 0/55, 0/60, 0/65, 0/70 and 0/75 plus 1st 2 Junior Men. The list of Prizes for the Ladies is as follows: the 1st 5 Senior Ladies, 1st 2 0/35, 0/40, 0/45,

1st 0/50 0/55 and 0/60 plus 1st 2 Junior Ladies. There will also be some great Spot Prizes for down the field finishers to be won, so come along and participate in a great Sporting event. This is an ideal event to raise funds for local charities. There will also be Post Race Refreshments in the Colaiste Cheitinn, the mall afterwards as well as the Presentation of the Prize Awards. Happy Christmas to all our



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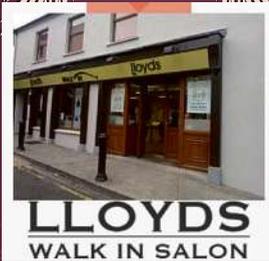



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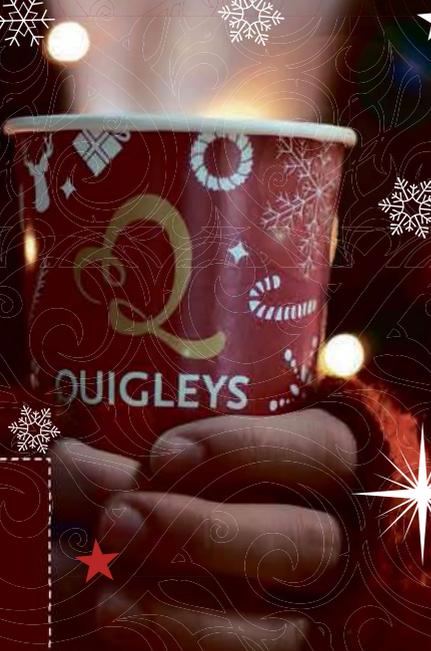
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The Michael Collins Band perform at Kilcoran Lodge Hotel on New Year's Day

The Michael Collins Band, one of the top attractions on the scene, will perform at Kilcoran Lodge Hotel, Cahir, on New Year's Day. The afternoon tea dancing

special will feature waltzes, quick steps and jiving, with an odd slosh or two thrown in for good measure. Doors open at 3pm, with dancing from 3.30pm.

Dancing fans will, of course, have many other big dancing dates to look forward to at the popular County Tipperary hotel with Checkers,

Adrian Ryan, PJ Murrphy, Stuart Moyles and Peter Burke all pencilled in for the coming months. Contact 052-7441288.



PICTURED RIGHT: The Michael Collins Band will perform at Kilcoran Lodge Hotel on New Year's Day



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Danger lies in wait for dogs and cats at home this Christmas

Many animals are drawn to the Christmas tree as if by magic.

The colourful ornaments and glittering tinsel are especially tempting to cats. As a result, many Christmas celebrations have ended at the animal hospital because the cat tried to climb the tree and it fell over as a result, or the dog jiggled an ornament off the tree and he cut him-



self on the shards. If your pet eats tinsel, it can lead to obstructed bowels, while drinking

Christmas tree water can also affect your pet's health.

Last but not least, the electrical cords for the lights can be a great source of danger. If you still wish to have a decorated Christmas tree despite having a pet, you must set up a no trespassing zone. As soon as your dog or cat approaches the Christmas tree, clap your hands and shout "No!".

You can hinder your dog further by placing protective grating in front of the tree. Unfortunately this kind of indoor fence won't work with cats. In theory, you shouldn't let any of your pets inside the Christmas room without supervision.

Remember, the Christmas tree isn't the only source of danger. Keep decorations, ribbons and wrapping paper away from your pets as well. They could hurt themselves playing with these things or even consume indigestible or poisonous components.

During this period, you should relocate small animals and birds to a safe room for any time spent outside the cage or aviary. You may need to forgo this time altogether for one or two days.

Burning candles are also dangerous for households with pets. Aside from the fact that your pet could burn himself or knock over a candle, thus causing a fire, many animals are afraid of fire. Even a gentle flame could incite additional stress.

Please avoid poinsettias as well. This plant is one of the most dangerous house plants and can lead to life-threatening poisoning.

For more tips on enjoying the festive season safely with your pet, call in to your local Maxi Zoo store today.

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Christmas party treatments at Clonmel Park Hotel's Eco Spa

This festive season is well and truly upon us, and Clonmel Park Hotel's Eco Spa has two new treatments to get you party ready.

LED GLOW FACIAL

Eco Spa's newest luxury treatment is the LED Glow Facial, aptly named 'the magic one' by its founder. "This facial does not disappoint," says the Eco Spa manager team.

"Light therapy has been clinically proven, used by dermatologists and skin care professionals the world over. Even NASA have dabbled with LED for healing and cell growth purposes, making it perfectly safe on the skin and UV free.

"The LED Glow Facial consists of a cleanse, gentle but effective, an AHA peel to remove dead skin cells, followed by a customised serum specific to client's skin needs. Next, the LED Light Therapy Face Device is applied to penetrate the lower layers."

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Blue Light: Works on acne or skin prone to breakouts, by helping to kill the bacteria that causes this.

Green Light: It aids in the reduction of pigmentation.

White Light: It promotes healing and repair. Each setting stimulates the skin's natural repair by cell regeneration.

The treatment concludes with Dermalogica's Dynamic SPF 50 moisture application. Skin is left rejuvenated, with a healthy glow post treatment.

LVL LASH LIFT

"The second new offering at Eco Spa is the LVL lash lift. A revolutionary lash phenomenon that reveals your natural lashes in all their glory. Exclusive to Nouveau Lashes, the LVL effect is about freedom and making the most of what you have with just that bit extra."

For more information on any of the above treatments or any other treatments at Eco Spa, contact any of the team on 052-6188709, email ecospa@clonmelparkhotel.com and visit www.clonmelparkhotel.com.



Locals enjoying the Clonmel and District Wheelchair Society Christmas dinner at Hillview Sports and Social Club

CHRISTMAS JOY AT THE CLONMEL WHEELCHAIR SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER AT HILLVIEW

Despite the wet weather, locals turned out in force for the annual Clonmel and District Wheelchair Society annual Christmas dinner at Hillview Sports and Social Club.

Organisers wish to thank Hillview for the venue, Fr. Bobby Fletcher for the lovely service, Michael Kearney for providing the

food, Ken Horne for the music, Bob Fitzgerald Hardware for donating the Christmas tree, South Tipperary Arts Group for the artwork, the Clonmel branches of the Irish Red Cross and Clonmel Civil Defence for transporting guests, volunteer bus drivers, and the many helpers who supported the event.

The Square, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

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Cian signs new Cork City contract after recovering from injury

A local soccer player has signed a new contract with Cork City FC.

Cashel's Cian Bargary is the latest Cork City player to sign a new deal ahead of the 2020 season.

The 19-year-old attacker, who joined the club at under 17 level, scored his first goal for the first team against UCD in May, before being sidelined for the rest of the season through injury.

"I got a bad injury last year and it was hard to take," Bargary said.

"I thought I was doing very well for the under 19s, and I got the goal with the first team, but then I got injured and I've been out since then. It's been tough, but I'm working hard to get back."



Cian Bargary has signed a new deal with Cork City FC

Rampant CTI Clonmel ladies football team secure Munster last four spot

CTI Clonmel's senior ladies football team beat North Presentation Cork 3-13 to 1-1 at Monroe to book a Munster semi-final place.

CTI started off at a blistering pace with Ava Collins and Ciara Nic Réamainn taking control of the midfield and Aoibhinn Chaoineáin adding a couple of early scores. Through hard work and determination, CTI kept the opposition scoreless for the first half.

There was also some superb scores by Ava Collins, Charlotte Concannon and Megan Fahey.

North Presentation enjoyed early chances in the second half, but thanks to the great defending of Saskia Cuddy, Robyn Hill and Roisín McGrath they were unable to reap any rewards.

CTI Clonmel: Kaitlyn Riagán, Roisín McGrath, Kate



The CTI Clonmel ladies football team before their game at Monroe recently in which they defeated North Presentation College of Cork in the Munster quarter-final

Breathnach, Robyn Hill, Saskia Cuddy, Holly Prút, Sophia Farrell, Ciara Nic Réamainn, Ava Collins, Aoib-

hinn Chaoineáin, Megan Fahey, Aideen Prút, Rhiannon Shé, Charlotte Concannon, Anna May Ní

Mhuireasa, Courtney Joyce, Diana Puieste, Natasha Griffin, Abbie Ní Sé, Heather Griffin.

Donnacha receives prestigious All-Ireland Scholarship

A past Cashel Community School student has been awarded full academic support for the duration of his third-level studies as part of the prestigious All-Ireland Scholarships programme.

Donnacha O'Dwyer was among 125 students from across the island to be awarded the accolade. He attended a ceremony at the University Concert Hall to mark his achievements.

Also present were outgoing Ireland rugby head coach Joe Schmidt, JP McManus, Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor and the

deputy secretary at the Department for the economy, skills and education group in Northern Ireland Heather Cousins.

Sponsored by JP McManus, the third level educational scholarship is awarded to a minimum of two high achieving students from each of the 32 counties. They must meet a further set of criteria, including attending a non-fee-paying school and being exempt from the Leaving Certificate fee. This year, seven All-Ireland Scholarship recipients scored the maximum 625 Leaving Certificate points. The most popular area of study is medicine, closely followed by engineering and science.



All-Ireland Scholarship recipient Donnacha O'Dwyer

As a result of receiving the award - worth €750 a month to each student - Donnacha will not have to work part-time, meaning he can focus entirely on his studies.

Before receiving their bursaries, video testimonies from previous students who won All-Ireland Scholarships were played.

"To the scholarship recipients of 2019, I offer my sincere congratulations. Your hard work and commitment is a testimony to your ability and ambition, and I know you will build on your success and continue to strive for excellence in your ongoing studies and future careers," said JP McManus.

Established in 2008, the

scholarships are valued at €6,750 per year in Ireland.

JOE SCHMIDT WAS GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE EVENT

Guest of honour Joe Schmidt commended the 125 students.

"Education is a hugely important part of every young person's development in life, and it's fantastic to be able to be here today to recognise first-hand the outstanding achievements of each and every student present. I encourage them all to keep working hard and to make the most of their opportunities," he said.

Congratulating this year's recipients, Minister O'Connor said: "These young

women and men deserve our warmest congratulations. Their schools, teachers and families can take great pride in their achievements. They have worked exceptionally hard to get this far. They have already shown the stamina and drive that I expect will be rewarded as they move forward through their studies and on into careers."

The programme is administered by the Department of Education and Skills and the Department for the Economy with support from the Department of Education in Northern Ireland. To date, 1,496 students have been awarded an All-Ireland Scholarship and 905 have graduated from university.

'Entrepreneurship enhances the quality of lives'

A group of Rockwell College third year students, led by their teacher Simon Kenny, visited Con Traas' The Apple Farm to examine the various processes at play in a local enterprise.

Young people are now growing up in a globalised and dynamic world. New opportunities and challenges will emerge in their lifetimes that are virtually unimaginable today.

Developing technologies, environmental and societal challenges, demographics, global competition, and

changing consumer demand will drive these changes.

Studying business helps to equip students with the understanding, skills and attitudes to participate fully in an interconnected world. In the course of their visit, they learned how the Traas family has diversified over time, moving from selling different varieties of fruit and juices for years to now include the production of apple crisps.

The visit gave them an appreciation of how lives are shaped by economic and social factors. "Our students are now learning to make informed decisions, to better

manage their personal financial resources and to be adaptable, creative and enterprising. While at the farm, they developed their knowledge and understanding of good business practice and of business as a productive activity," a Rockwell College spokesperson says.

"Entrepreneurship enhances the quality of our collective and individual lives, often changing the way we work, communicate and live. This visit will help the development of analytical and critical thinking skills, encouraging students to be



Rockwell College students enjoying a visit to Con Traas' The Apple Farm

problem solvers and working things out for themselves.

"Students nowadays are learning the interdependence of economic prosperity, societal well-being and the environment. Business

Studies encourages students to think and act as responsible and ethical citizens. They will be provided with a set of foundational skills, understandings and personal attributes, which will help

them to engage with the dynamic business environment and fulfil their potential in their personal and professional lives, now and into the future."

Eimear O'Dwyer lands top award at WIT

A Carrick-on-Suir student was presented with a prestigious award at the Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) School of Business 17th Annual Recognition of

Awards Ceremony earlier this semester.

Eimear O'Dwyer, who is studying the BA (Hons) in Accounting, was presented with the CIMA Management

Accounting Prize.

In addition, a number of Tipperary students made the Dean's List and were presented with certificates. The Dean's List comprises approximately the top 5% highest performers in the school each achieving first class honours in their continuing studies.

One of these is Piltown's Aoife Dunne, who is studying the Bachelor of Business (Hons) Economics and Finance with Chinese,

Both Eimear and Aoife are past students of Scoil Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir.

Altogether more than 60 School of Business students were recognised for their academic achievements during the 2018/2019 academic year at the event. The

ceremony acknowledged continuing students' outstanding academic achievement in the previous year.

Recognition of student effort and excellence is something the School of Business continually does. These top performing students can influence others to achieve their potential as peer role models, and the recognition represents a mark of excellence to be included in the recipient's curriculum vitae.

The awards were called by the course leaders and presented by the Head of School (Dean) of Business Dr Thomas O'Toole.

Recently released data on secondary feeder schools to universities, institutes of technology and colleges

shows WIT continuing to feature as the leading provider of higher education across the counties of the South East.

WIT ranks number one in attracting students through the CAO from across the five counties in the South East of

Ireland. Over 1,600 of the 5,000 plus new higher education-going students in the region in 2019 chose WIT. One in four South Tipperary students go to WIT.



WIT Dean's List recipient Aoife Dunne with Head of the School of Business Dr Thomas O'Toole



Eimear O'Dwyer receiving the CIMA Management Accounting Prize from WIT's Dr Thomas O'Toole



Kate Murphy, Rachel Cross and Fiona Fenlon with Tipperary's Roisin Kinnane and Danielle Cullen graduating from Waterford Institute of Technology



Tipperary's James Nash, James Hindley and Francis Kevey along with Nick McCarthy and Patrick Croke at the recent Waterford Institute of Technology conferring ceremonies



ABOVE AND LEFT: Ss. Peter and Paul's Primary School, Clonmel, sixth class pupils made bowl-licking mini Christmas cakes for the festive period. Parents of pupils also took part in four weeks of baking lessons

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PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Micheal Moloney wish to apply to the above authority on behalf of Noreen O'Grady for full planning permission to construct extensions to the sides and rear of dwelling to include the demolition of existing single storey rear extension, to upgrade existing wastewater system and all other associated site works at Poulacapple East, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Application for Planning Permission at Reaskavalla, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary, for the following:
 1. Demolition of an existing agricultural livestock shed.
 2. Construction of a new agricultural livestock shed.
 3. Construction of a milking parlour, dairy and collecting yard.
 4. All associated site works.
 Signed: Tim Kilmartin

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PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL We, Cian and Mairead Power intend to apply to Tipperary County Council for Retention Planning Permission to retain a single storey extension sited to the rear of our existing dwelling house, situated at Coolnamuck Rd, Carrick Beg, Carrick On Suir, Co. Tipperary. We also wish to retain all ancillary services and associated site works associated with the extension. (The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Department, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary during its opening hours 9.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm Monday to Friday and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.)

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL We, Joe & Edel Mulcahy, intend to apply to the above authority for permission to construct a two-storey dwelling, new entrance, domestic effluent pump and all associated site development works at Longraigue, Prior Park Road / Shamrock Hill, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DOOLAN

(Acknowledgment & 1st Anniversary)



Kathleen Doolan
(nee Cronin)

West View, Glenconnor,
Clonmel.

16th December 2018

Kathleen's family wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on the occasion of our sad loss. To all those who attended the funeral and those who travelled. We want to thank all of Kathleen's friends and family for their love and care throughout her time in St. Anthony's Nursing Home.

We would like to thank all who were involved in Kathleen's care especially to all the staff of St. Anthony's Nursing Home for their unconditional love and care, we are forever grateful.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Billy Meehan for celebrating Kathleen's Mass, Sacristan Eddie Sweetman and Gillian for the beautiful singing and Condon's Undertakers and the gravediggers.

As it is impossible for us to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our love, gratitude and appreciation.

"No matter how life changes, no matter what we do, a special place within our hearts is kept aside for you Mam."

Predeceased by her husband Seamus and daughter Shirley Ann.

Loved and missed always - your loving family - sons Edward and Kenneth, daughter Stephanie, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister Joan, and brother Jim, sister-in-law Jean and family, friends, nieces and nephews.

Mass offered

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

TOOMEY

(Birthday Remembrance)



Remembering Mary Toomey (nee O'Heney), late of 20 Woodview, Cahir, whose Birthday occurs on Christmas Day. (Second Birthday away from home)

Your life was one of kindly deeds, a helping hand for others needs. Sincere and true in heart and mind, beautiful memories left behind.

Happy Birthday Mary

Sadly missed by your son Cathal, sisters Anne, Eileen and Cecilia, niece Eva, nephews James, Joseph, Liam, Anthony and Fionn, extended family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

BRENNAN

(33rd Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of our parents Patrick (33rd Anniversary on December 20th) and Margaret (Birthday Remembrance on December 21st), late of Clonmel.

Your needs were simple, your wants were few, if your family was happy so were you. Hearts of gold, lives so true, loved and respected by all you knew.

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

Happy Birthday Mam.

Remembered always, never forgotten - your sons Liam and Patrick, daughters Mary, Frances, Barbara, Marcella, Deirdre and Ruth, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Clonmel on Saturday 21st December at 1pm.

IN MEMORIAM

BERMINGHAM

(8th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Jim Bermingham, late of 26 Kickham Park, Clonmel, whose Anniversary occurs on 10th December.

Memories are precious, they don't fade away, we think of you always, not only today.

Dearly loved and sadly missed every day by his son Frank, daughter-in-law Louise, grand-daughter Lorna, her husband Sean, great-grandson Rian, his sisters and all his family.

Mass offered

BURKE

(34th & 20th Anniversaries)



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

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

Always missed and loved by Mary B, Patsy, Michael, Free, Helen and their families.

Mass offered

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE

(15th & 21st Anniversaries)

In loving memory of Dolly and Paul Byrne, late of 2 St Finnans Avenue, Ardfinnan whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We miss ye more at Christmas, than any other time of year. Our greatest Christmas gift by far, would be just to have ye here. To take a trip down memory lane, and have a laugh or two, no-one there to interrupt, only us with you.

Always loved and missed by your sons, daughters and families.

Anniversary Mass on Christmas Eve in the Church of The Holy Family, Ardfinnan at 7pm.

CARROLL

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Celia Carroll (nee Hyland), Honeyview Estate, Clonmel, who died on 24th December 2016.

For many years the family chain, was closely linked together. But O, that chain is broken now, the main link gone forever. The sunshine of our happy home, must always clouded be; but Thou O Lord has sent this cross, we will bear it all for thee.

Sadly missed by her husband Sean, sons Brian, Paul and John, daughter Orla, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Celia's Anniversary Mass is on Tuesday 24th December at 10am in St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel.

CONNOLLY

(32nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear father Danny Connolly, late of 24 Pinewood Drive, Kilmacomma, Clonmel, who died on December 11th 1987 RIP.

How green are the fields that washed the finn, how grand are the houses the peelers live in. How fresh are the crops in the valleys to see, but the heart is the home of the wild rapparee.

Rest in Peace Dad

Always remembered by your loving family.

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
If my parting has left a void;
then fill it with remembered joy.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.



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

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IN MEMORIAM

COSGRAVE
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dearest Dad on his First anniversary which occurs on 27th December.

Softly in the morning, you heard a gentle call, you took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.

The day you left us Dad, our hearts just broke in two, the smallest part is still with us and the biggest part with you.

For the rest of our lives, we will miss you Dad, our secret tears still flow, oh, how we really loved you, no one will ever know.

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

Look around your garden Lord, and when he turns and smiles, put your arms around him, and hold him for awhile.

Loved and remembered always by your daughter Laura, son-in-law Richie and gradsons Jamie, Padraic and Ronan.

Anniversary Mass in Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday 29th December at 12.30.

COSGRAVE
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Noel, Old Bridge, Clonmel who died on December 27th 2018.

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

Sadly missed by his sisters and brothers.

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

COSGRAVE
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear friend Noel (Rubber), late of St. Bernadette Tce., Old Bridge, on his First anniversary which occurs on 27th December.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do, a special place within our hearts, is always kept for you.

Always remembered by Paul and Mona.

CROKE
 (30th Anniversary)

Joe (Joseph) Croke

Heywood Road, Clonmel

Who died on 23rd December 1989

Remembering Joe at this time.

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

Fondly remembered by his loving family.

DELAHUNTY
 (11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear husband Maxi Delahunty, late of 19 Upper Irishtown, Clonmel who died on the 20th December 2008 RIP.

Maxi, I miss you in the morning of every day. I miss you in the evening as light fades away. I miss you in a thousand and one little ways, around every corner a memory stays.

You gave me years of happiness, then sorrow came with tears. You left lovely memories, I will treasure through the years.

Maxi, I love and miss you every day - your loving wife Catherine xxx

Mass offered

IN MEMORIAM

DELAHUNTY
 (11th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Maxi Delahunty, late of 19 Upper Irishtown, Clonmel whose 11th anniversary occurs on 20th of December.

Maxi, simple words but very true, we will always love and remember you.

Sadly missed by Marie and Jim xxx

ENGLISH

(3rd & 20th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our much loved parents Teresa and Thomas English, late of 4 Marfield Road, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

To us ye were so special, what more is there to say. We only wish with all our hearts, that ye were here today.

So sadly missed by your daughters Bridget, Margaret and Teresa, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church Irishtown on Sunday 22nd December at 12 noon.

FLYNN

(29th & 12th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of James (Stitcher) and Catherine (Kitty) Flynn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our memories build a special bridge, when loved ones have to part. To help us feel we're with them still and soothe a grieving heart.

Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind. They build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.

Sadly missed by your loving sons Sean and Seamus.

IN MEMORIAM

GIBBONS
 (35th Anniversary)

In loving memory of a wonderful mother Bridget Gibbons, late of 86 Baron Park, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on December 18th. RIP.

There is a lady in Heaven who is loved beyond compare. That lady is our Mother, so precious and so rare. So fold your arms around her Lord and kiss her smiling face. For she is someone special that can never be replaced.

Lovingly remembered by your loving family.

GIBBONS

(35th Anniversary)

Treasured memories of a special grandmother Bridget Gibbons, late of 86 Baron Park, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on 18th December RIP.

No matter how life changes, no matter what I do, a special place within my heart is always kept for you.

Always loved by your grandson Derek, Sandra, great-grandchildren Lydia, Alex and Daniel xxx

GRANT

(19th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a wonderful father, granddad, great grandfather and brother Roy Grant, late of 79 Elm Park, Clonmel whose 19th anniversary occurs on the 25th of December.

December is here with sad regret. The day, the month we won't forget. Sadly came a call, without farewell you left us all.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do. A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.

Sadly missed and loved always

- your loving sons, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sister. xxx

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

"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

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IN MEMORIAM

HACKETT
 (27th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our Dad, Kevin, late of College Avenue, Clonmel, who died on 22nd December 1992.

Time may hide the sadness, like a smile can hide a tear. But memories are forever, of the one we loved so dear. Also remembering our grandmother Mary Devine, who died in December, 1986.

Remembered by your son and daughters and their families.

Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

MAHER
 (19th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Brian Maher, 60 Oliver Plunkett Park, Cashel, who died on 16th December 2000 (aged 20 years)

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

Sadly missed by Mam, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

Anniversary Mass took place on Sunday 15th December in St. John the Baptist Church, Cashel at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

MURPHY
 (12th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear Mam, Betty Murphy, late of 13 Honeyview Estate, Clonmel whose 12th anniversary occurs on the 21st December.

If we could have a simple wish, we'd never ask for another one. It would simply be to have our mother for an hour. But God could never grant us that for He surely knows that if we had our mother back we'd never let her go again.

Sadly missed by your loving daughters Yvonne and Aoife, granddaughters Ailish, Lauren and Ellie, grandsons Rian and Daniel and sons-in-law Kevin and Kieran xxx

Anniversary Mass offered in New Inn Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM

O'SULLIVAN
 (6th Christmas away from home)



Josie (nee Gayson)

3 Cathal Brugha Street
 Cashel

We never got the chance to say, how much we care, to thank you from our hearts, for always being there.

You've always been our strength, through any troubled times, with you around we knew, any mountain we could climb.

You've always been our guide, and given us direction. You have our respect, with all our love and affection.

Missing you at Christmas - your loving family xxxx



I am Still With You

If it seems that I am far away on this empty and solemn day,

Just open your heart and know it's true,

that I am still right here with you.

If during the day things are going wrong,

please don't feel sad and alone.

Just open your heart and know it's true,

that I am still right here with you.

When nighttime falls and the day is done.

If you are feeling alone and sleep won't come,

Just open your heart and know it's true,

that I am still right here with you.

Close your eyes, and feel the warm embrace.

Sleep peacefully in the wings of grace.

If sadness finds you in the morning light, if you feel alone,

don't give up trying!

Hold this feather close and know it's true,

that I am always here with you.



HAWKINS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a beloved husband and father Patrick (Sassy) Hawkins, late of Bolton Street, Clonmel, who passed away on the 17th December 2018 RIP

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife and family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm in St Oliver's Church.

MCNAMARA
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Geoffrey McNamara, 56 Honeyview Estate, Clonmel, who died on 16th December 2018 RIP

One year 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 were here". The Angels then departed and settled by his bed and asked "Geoffrey, 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 we will see you Dad, 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 - your loving daughters Mary and Angela, sons Geoffrey, Johnny, Billy and Connie, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass took place in St. Oliver's Church on Monday 16th December.

NORRIS-COHEN
 (13th Anniversary)

In loving memory of a loving daughter and sister, Margaret, late of River Street and Ormonde Court, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on 18th December.

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

Always remembered and loved by your Mam, sister Anne, brother John, brother-in-law Eddie, sister-in-law Linda, nephews and grand-nephews.

Masses offered.

POLLARD
 (25th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my mother Kit, late of King Street, Clonmel who died on 22nd December, 1994.

Beautiful memories woven in gold, that is the picture we tenderly hold.

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

Loved and remembered by your son Junior, Rita and family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 21st December evening Mass and Sunday 22nd December in St. Oliver's Church at 9am and 12 noon.

O'BRIEN
 (3rd & 29th Anniversaries)



Treasured memories of our dear mother and father, Cathy and Michael O'Brien, Mountain Road, Cahir - Mam who died on 4th January 2017 and Dad who died on 2nd January 1991.

Also remembering our sister Mary at this time.

We love and miss you so much every day

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 5th January at 11.30am in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.



Those we love,

We never lose,

For always they will be,

Loved, remembered, treasured

Always in our memory.

Rest in Peace



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IN MEMORIAM

RYAN

(9th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Patricia (Trish) Ryan, late of 126 Elm Park Clonmel, who died on 30th December 2010.

Life goes on without you, but things are not the same. It's hard to hide the heart-ache when someone speaks your name. Everyday in some small way, thoughts of you come our way.

Sadly missed by your loving family - your husband Eldon, sons, daughter, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 28th December at 7.30pm in St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel.

SHANLEY

(2nd Anniversary)



Cathal Shanley

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

Died 12th January 2018.

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

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

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

Cathal's Second Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church on New Years Day January 1st at 1pm.

WALSH

(10th Anniversary)

Treasured memories of a very special mother Maureen Walsh, late of Pearse Park, Clonmel, who died 13th December 2009 RIP

Call Mam's name out softly Lord and when she looks your way. Tell her that we love and miss her always.

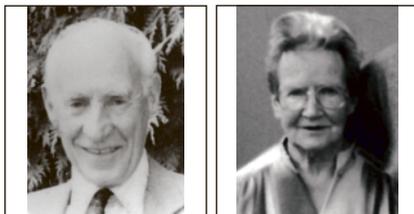
Remembered by your sons, daughter and families.

Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

WHELAN

(29th & 7th Anniversaries)



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

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

Sadly missed by all the family.

Mass offered.

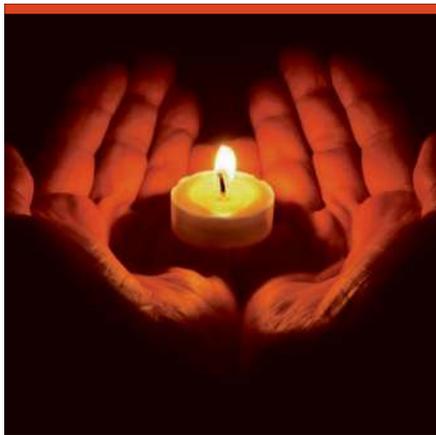
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THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one (mention favour) Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer 3 days, promise publication and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible. (Never known to fail) Many thanks for favours granted. MM

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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*

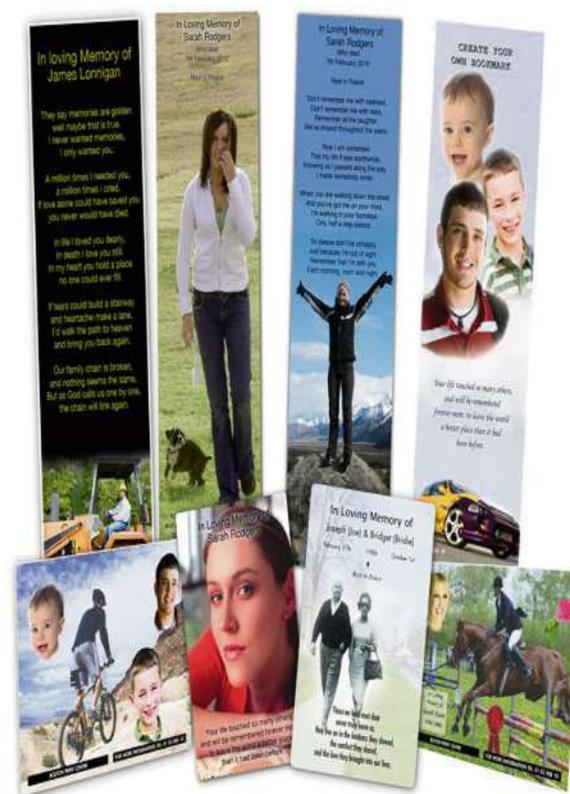
We honor their life with the glow of this flame.

So we light this candle for our loved ones tonight

As a symbol of our love and their eternal life.

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Santa gets Cahir in the Christmas spirit

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There was festive spirit in abundance as Santa Claus arrived into The Square in Cahir to turn on the Christmas lights.

Peter Forristal gave him a lift in his lovely sleigh, which was followed by a parade of push bikes, pedal tractors and go carts all decked out in lights.

The Cahir International Group carried their countries flags, followed by the Dualla Tractor Run who had travelled from Cashel in an illuminated run in aid of the

Order of Malta. This tractor run is growing every year and it was great to see them all lit up with Christmas lights.

The winner of the best tractor was Ger Gleeson, who earlier in the week welcomes baby Paige with Laura.

The evening was capped off with Christmas carols by the Tipperary and Cahir Brass Band members before Santa switched on the lights under the guidance of electrician Steven Flannery.

All contributions towards the lights can be paid to the CDA office, where receipts will be issued and the full list of subscribers will be published in the coming weeks.



Tom and Lily Halpin revealing what they want for Christmas to Mr and Mrs Santa Claus in Cahir



Mason Grant with mum Deirdre at the Cahir Santa Run



Emily Burke, Olivia Darc, Elize Petrosjane and Laura Valiute helping the Cahir Tidy Towns group at Santa's Grotto



AJ Browne enjoying a visit to Santa in Cahir



Students selling homemade decorations at the Our Lady of Mercy Primary School annual Christmas market last Friday

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Send community news/photos for the next issue of South Tipp Today to dylan.white@iconicnews.ie

CAHIR

Tidy Towns

The group has wrapped up the Grotto after a very successful couple of weekends of children visiting Santa. On Monday, there was the autism-friendly Santa and children from Ardfinnan, Clerihan, Burncourt and Cashel were able to enjoy their visit in a calm and friendly atmosphere. The Grotto will remain decorated for the Christmas season and can only add to the Christmas cheer in the town.

Meeting Christmas Eve at 11am in the Grotto for a quick chat and a coffee before everyone goes their separate ways for Christmas.

Poetry book

Copies of Margaret Galvin's poetry collection *The Finer Points* cost €10 and are available from 085-1679239.

Meet and Train

Operation Transformation will resume on January 2, with registration for the new Couch to 5km run.

Active Retirement

There will be no meeting in January. Membership renewal will take place in February. Results of the Card Game on December 13 in the McAuley Room: 1st with 12 games Paddy Holleran and Bob Condon, 2nd with nine games Pat Butler and Ann Butler. The next game is on December 20.

Coffee morning

South Tipperary Hospice Support Group wish to thank all those who supported the Cahir Country Market coffee morning on December 6, which raised €868.08.

The last Christmas Market is on December 20 from 9-11am.

Parish news

New rota for Word and Eucharist Ministers from January to April is available from the parish office or sacristy. The parish office



The Cahir Park under 12 B team won the TSSDL Division 1 Cup last Saturday on homesoil

will close on December 20 at 3pm and reopen on January 6 at 10am.

Blood clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a blood donor Clinic in Cahir House Hotel from 4-7.30pm on January 2.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Swan Club

A big crowd of Swan Club members and supporters gathered in The Old Mill last Saturday night for the final 12 Days of Christmas draw night. The club congratulates the €10,000 winner Teresa Gough from Ballynob, and all the other prize winners over the 12 days of the draw. As a thank you for the public's generous support of this year's 12 Days of Christmas Draw, the club decided to give away an extra €2,000 last Saturday night. It was divided into €500 prizes won by four people. This brings the total prize fund given away over the duration of the draw up

to €22,000.

The club invite all members to attend the annual general meeting on January 5 at 2.30pm in the old club rooms.

The club will be delighted to receive a cheque for €22,079 at the county convention this week and thanks the Munster Council for this development grant, which will go towards the work done on the new club house.

The club also thank all who helped secure the grant of €49,932 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the 2018 Sports Capital Funding programme. This grant is very welcome and will help to get the new playing pitches ready for action in 2020. This week's lotto jackpot is €9,750.

Davins GAA Club

Carrick Davins juveniles have one more academy training session before the Christmas break this Thursday, December 19. The club's lotto jackpot prize of €2,750 wasn't won last week. Numbers drawn were: 8,13,15,28. Four players matched three numbers and won €50 each.

Bridge Club

88 Bridge Club, November Christmas competition at Carraig Hotel: 1st Rosaline Dowley and Irene Purcell, 2nd Oonagh Kelly and Ann Ellis, 3rd Bernadette Cleary and Brid Coghlan. Christmas competition December: 1st Mary Arrigan and Ita Power, 2nd Bernard Flood and Pat Duggan, 3rd Biddy Skelly and Tilly O'Donnell. December Christmas competition: 1st Bernie Casey and Marie Phelan, 2nd Biddy Skelly and Tilly O'Donnell, 3rd Joan O'Sullivan and Marie Cooney, 4th Kitty Mullins and Ita Power,

5th Breda Feeney and Vera O'Donnell, 6th Gemma Houlihan and Milena Mullins, 7th Bernadette Cleary and Honora Murphy, 8th Rosaline Dowley and Kitty Lalor, 9th Martin Ellis and Martin Kiely, 10th Bernard Flood and Pat Duggan.

ETB courses

Tipperary Education and Training Board Back to Education Initiative will begin full and part-time courses again in the Further Education and Training Centre in Carrick-on-Suir in January. All details are on the Tipperary ETB website or call 051-649932 for further information.

Wheelchair users

Wheelchair users and mothers with buggies can't use a footpath on a Carrick-on-Suir town centre street because two public lights block their way, a council meeting was told. Carrick-on-Suir Cllr Kieran Bourke called for the public lights located in the middle of the footpath to be moved at the latest monthly meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's councillors. Chapel Street, which connects William Street with Main Street, underwent a €92,000 resurfacing upgrade in 2017 and Cllr Bourke said the Council was to move these two public lights.

He pointed out the ducting was in place to enable this to proceed. "Is there any way we can get this done. Even wheelchair users can use the footpath. This is going on two maybe three years," he appealed. Carrick MD engineer Willie Corby said he would review the location of the public lighting poles.

New council chief

There has been a changing

of the guard at the administrative helm of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. County Council director of services Pat Slattery, who served as director of Carrick-on-Suir MD since the district's creation in 2014, has moved to the role of director of Tipperary/Cashel/Cahir Municipal District. Karl Cashen has taken over as the new director of Carrick-on-Suir MD. He attended his first monthly meeting of councillors from the district at Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall on November 29. Carrick MC chairperson Cllr Imelda Goldsboro (FF) thanked Mr Slattery for his years of service as the district's director. Mr Slattery's association with Carrick-on-Suir's local authority goes back much further than the creation of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District in 2014. He served as manager of the former Carrick-on-Suir Town Council prior to the county councils' amalgamation.

MARLFIELD

Roadworks

Roadworks are presently underway on the part of the road from Patrickswell Cross to the Cahir Road roundabout. Relaying of a section of the footpath, which had deteriorated due to ravages of time is requiring the use of traffic lights for safety. When completed it will enhance the already very popular Sli na Slainte, which daily has a constant footfall due to its unique topography. The Marlfield circuit, as its popularly known, has an uphill section, a downhill section, a nature lovers' section and anchors in the Poppyfields with an ample supply of refreshment premises. The entire route is five kilometres in length and with the added extra kilometre of St Patrick's Well, it's very much the healthy option and all for free.

Christmas Mass

Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Chapel on Christmas morning at 9am. Seating is limited.



First junior male home in the Cahir Santa Run was Darragh Boland, who accepted the trophy from Cahir Meet and Train's Elaine Doyle



Fethard's Fiadh Walsh and Clonmel's Evan Scully with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. It was Fiadh's first time meeting Santa

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

CLONMEL

Unmissable show

Clonmel World Music is proud to present a very special show in Hotel Minella on December 29.

Bird on the Wire is a 10-piece collective of outstanding musicians. Pauline Scanlon and The Whileaways along with their merry band will celebrate many of Cohen's best-loved life works. They lead a masterful collective including Will Merrigan on bass, Dave Clancy on keys, Beoga legend, Eamon Murray on drums, together with strings and brass sections.

Pauline Scanlon galvanised the Irish music scene with her stunning debut album *Red Colour Sun* over ten years ago. As a solo artist and as a member of vocal duo Lumiere, Scanlon has entranced audiences the world over with her distinctly delicate intensity. She has performed and recorded with a wide range of artists including Damien Dempsey, Sinéad O'Connor, John Spillane and is a member of several high profile groups including Dónal Lunny's Atlantic Arc Orchestra. Scanlon has presented several music-based television programmes for both the BBC and TG4 in recent years and released her latest album *Gossamer* in 2016 to critical acclaim.

The Whileaways are three powerful forces in Irish roots music. Noelle McDonnell, Noriana Kennedy and Nicola Joyce combine to create a beguiling tapestry of harmonies, tradition and beautifully crafted original songs. Their sound is simply captivating, enthralling live audiences and



The Patrician Presentation Secondary School, Fethard, volleyball team won the senior B All-Ireland final at University College Dublin

securing their firm footing in roots music both in Ireland and internationally. Bird on the Wire started out as one show. It has grown during 2019, and the show has been performed at Westport Festival, Sligo Live Festival and two sold-out shows in Dublin. The collective will return to Dublin in May 2020 to perform at the Olympia Theatre. Tickets for this very special show in Clonmel are on sale now online on www.clonmelworldmusic.com, Hotel Minella reception and in Marian's Bookshop on O'Connell.

Folk choir

The folk choir from St. Mary's Parish in Irishtown, Clonmel, will perform at the Christmas Mass that will be televised on RTE One at 11am this Sunday morning, December 22.

The Mass celebrates and explores the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which is particularly busy at this time of the year in reaching out to the marginalised members of society. The popular choir will be directed by Mairead Conway, while the Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Paschal Scallion, provincial of the Vincentians in Ireland. The Clonmel choir performs each Saturday at the Vigil Mass in St. Mary's, and will return home in good time for their annual appearance at 10.30 Mass on Christmas morning.

Masses

This Christmas, people from all around the world can tune in to their home parishes in Clonmel to celebrate Christmas. This is all thanks to Church Services TV, which is now

up and running in both Ss Peter and Paul's and St. Mary's in Clonmel, as well as many other churches across Ireland and the UK. Since its arrival last Easter in Ss Peter and Paul's, almost 40,000 people have already tuned in to see Masses and other celebrations taking place in the parish. "This service since day one has proved to be so beneficial to families," local priest Fr. Michael Toomey says. "Our first funeral broadcast allowed family from Australia to be part of the Mass by tuning in from their laptop."

By making services available on PCs, laptops, mobile devices and TV sets anywhere in the world, Church Services TV helps those confined to home or care facilities, and those living

away from home to keep in touch with their parish and continue to be part of the local community.

This Christmas, those away from home can also tune in from wherever they are in the world, and be a part of their home parish at Christmas for the annual pageant at 9pm on Christmas Eve and the annual Christmas Day Mass at 12.30pm at which Banna Chluain Meala will perform. Also available will be the carol service at 4pm on December 22 and on Christmas Day from St. Mary's.

To tune in, you simply download the Church Services TV app or go to www.churchservices.tv on any computer, laptop, tablet or smart TV. In the section Find a Church, type in Clonmel

and both St. Mary's and Ss Peter and Paul's will be available.

A list of all services and recorded events will be available on each page.

The communities of both churches wish all their viewers across the miles a Happy and Blessed Christmas, and they hope this service brings you closer to home at this special time of the year.

Treasure hunt

Car treasure hunt in aid of Family Carers Ireland's Clonmel branch will take place from the Showgrounds Shopping Centre on St. Stephen's Day from 2pm. Price per car is €20.

CASHEL

Halla na Feile

Social dancing on December 27 with Dermot Lyons and on December 30 from 9pm with Muriel and Fran.

Whist drive

It will be held in St John the Baptist school on December 19 at 7.30pm.

Toastmasters

Meeting on December 19 at 8pm in Halla na Feile.

Rugby Club

Cashel had a hard fought All-Ireland League win on Saturday last defeating UL/Bohemians by 17 points to 12. James Ryan, Conor Cashman and Niall Fitzgerald scored tries. Eamonn Connolly kicked a conversion.

Prior to the senior game, Cashel minis hosted the UL/Bohs minis and all had an enjoyable time.

U18s had a good win over Dungarvan in the East Munster Cup.

Council awarded 'phenomenal' €8.2 million for Clonmel project

Tipperary County Council will receive €8.2 million under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to build a sports hub and re-develop Kickham Barracks in Clonmel.

Council cathaoirleach Cllr Michael Murphy said the funding is a "great boost" for Clonmel, while Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Garret Ahearn described it as "phenomenal".

Breaking the news on Wednesday, Mayor Ahearn told South Tipp Today: "Following discussions with Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Eoghan Murphy, the full amount of €5.3 million to build the whole complex in one single phase has been

agreed.

"This is phenomenal news for everyone involved, including Clonmel Athletics Club, Clonmel Cycling Club, Clonmel Triathlon Club, Tipperary County Council, local businesses and many more who have worked incredibly hard to deliver a world standard project for Clonmel.

"This, combined with the €2.9 million investment for Kickham Barracks, means that Clonmel has received the full amount of €8.2 million requested under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. This is the largest government investment in Tipperary in over a decade and one of the largest funded projects in the country under this scheme," the Fine Gael general election candidate

continued.

The existing LIT campus on the Frank Drohan Road will be developed as a regional sports hub, providing shared facilities for clubs, schools and will address a deficit in the town. The regional sports hub will provide Clonmel with a competitive advantage in developing the town as a destination and venue for regional and national events, helping to grow, retain and attach families and investment to the area. "The link between the sports hub and Kickham Barracks is a key part of this vision as LIT currently occupies the site and the delivery of one is dependent upon the delivery of another," Mayor Ahearn said.

Proposals for the Kickham

Barracks site include a new pedestrian plaza, central square, new streets, public car parks and development of additional access points, which will encourage movement through and within the site and critically integration with the town centre. The regenerated Kickham Barracks will have access of 1,000 people, which will enliven the site, introduce third-level education into the town centre, offer new opportunities to business and retail, and open a former enclosed and largely inaccessible site to the public, generating an urban regeneration site of significant scale.

"The Urban Regeneration Development Fund has an overall allocation of €2 billion to 2027. It is the largest urban

regeneration initiative in Ireland for decades, established to support more compact and sustainable development through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's cities and large towns in line with the objectives of Project Ireland 2040," Mayor Ahearn said.

"This project has the potential to develop Clonmel's existing assets to their full potential, making Clonmel a more attractive place to live and visit, and will promote population and economic growth required in order for it to achieve its full potential. It would not be possible without the support of the local community and in particular the local businesses and sports organisations that came on board. A lot of credit



Mayor Garret Ahearn described the news as 'phenomenal'

must also go to my Clonmel colleague Cllr Michael Murphy; the executive of Tipperary County Council led by CEO Joe MacGrath, director of services Sinead Carr, district administrator Michael Moroney; and all the staff in the Clonmel Borough District. Now let's move forward together to the next exciting stage of this process," he added.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

NEW INN

Date for your diary

This Saturday, December 21 at Our Lady Queen Church, New Inn. At 7 pm - Choral Prelude by New Inn Voices and at 7.30pm. Candlelight mass.

Party night

New Inn District & Classic Club's Christmas party night is on this Saturday, December 21 in Barron's Pub at 9:30pm. So, come along and enjoy music, food & craic. Raffle on the night.

Thank you

The Woman's Group would like to thank all who helped and supported the Hospice coffee morning held on Sunday December 8 in Barron's Pub, New Inn. Approx. €1015 was raised.

Afternoon tea

Date for your diary is Sunday, January 26 2020. After the success of their last Tea party, the woman's group are organising another afternoon tea party in the NICC from 3pm to 6pm. It is in aid of the Community Centre. If any group/individuals are interested in hosting a table, please contact MF Barron ASAP on 052 7462252 or mbl no 087 7595512. Your support would be much appreciated! All are welcome!

Book for sale

The history book of Rockwell Rovers GAA in the parish of New Inn & Knockgraffon is now on sale from "The Shop", New Inn. Books are €25. Limited number, once they are gone, they are gone!

Lotto results

Saturday December 14 results from Ollie's Bar the numbers are 2, 6, 16 & 22. NO WINNER (s). Lucky Dips x 4: Mary Cummins, Alma Quinn, Pat & Celine Burke, John Heaney be entered into a monthly draw for €500 on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Sellers x 4: Ollie's bar, Willie Flynn, Colm Heaney, Colm Heaney to be entered into a monthly draw for €100 on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Next week's Jackpot is €15,600 and the draw will take place in Barron's pub on Saturday December 21. Three extra lucky dips: Sean Cummins, Siobhan Hennessey & Anne Marie Morley.

Knockgraffon Cards

Joint winners last Wednesday, December 11 were Joe Ahearn & Teresa McGarry and John Oliver Looby & William Burke



Ss. Peter and Paul's Primary School, Clonmel, sixth class boys collected toys for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas

with 11 games each. Well done all. Please note there will no cards on Wednesday 25 December i.e. Christmas Day and we are back the following Wednesday, January 1.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the players a Happy & Holy Christmas.

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE in New Inn church at 6pm and 8pm in Knockgraffon church. CHRISTMAS DAY in Knockgraffon church at 9.30 am and 11am in New Inn.

Parish Links

Date for your diary: The Christmas party will be held this year in New Inn Community Centre on Sunday January 5 starting with Mass at 12 noon. The invitations will be in the post soon! If there are any newcomers to the parish or if anyone knows anyone who would be interested in going to the Christmas party contact Esther on 086 3583719 or any of the committee members.

Clothes collection

New Inn Boys School Parents Association are holding a clothes collection as a fund raiser. Drop any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, soft toys, bed linen or towels to the school. We cannot accept duvets or pillows. Donations appreciated.

Rockwell Rovers Juvenile Club

The Juvenile AGM was held on Monday, December 6 in the clubhouse. This was a well-attended meeting. The Chairman Gerry Heenan welcomed everyone. The following officers were either elected or returned: chairman Gerry Heenan, secretary Elaine Cummins, assistant secretary TBC, treasurer Damian O'Dwyer, school liaison officer Gerry Heenan, children's officer Anita O'Dwyer (new), health

Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn students exhibit at Gifted Trade Fair in RDS

Students from Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn in Clonmel attended the Gifted Trade Fair at the RDS, Dublin, this month.

The annual event is a mecca for entrepreneurs where thousands of crafted items are exhibited and sold by hundreds of businesses to customers from all over Ireland and internationally also.

Through business studies and the Foróige Young Entrepreneurship Programme, Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn was given the opportunity to exhibit its own products and to rub shoulders with many successful and vastly experienced entrepreneurs from all over Ireland.

Twenty students attended and sold their business products, which included lamps, Christmas hampers, magnets, sports gear and phone charger accessories.

The Gifted Trade Fair gave the students the opportunity to showcase their hard work and to make some sales as well as gaining invaluable first-hand experience of the real market. The young entrepreneurs even managed to catch the eye of RTE's Nationwide and were included in their broadcast about the show. "It was a priceless experience and everyone at Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn is very proud of the students' efforts in preparing their business projects and in the presentation of the same on the day," a school spokesperson says



Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn, Clonmel, student Gavin Fionnán exhibiting at the annual Gifted Trade Fair in the RDS, Dublin

and wellbeing officers Martina Durkin and Cathy Fitzgerald, manager/selectors of various teams still to be confirmed.

Votes of sympathy were extended to families of members who passed away during the year. Date for Adjourned meeting will be confirmed in the New Year.

'Turkey Run'

Rockwell Rover's GAA club are organising their annual 5K fun run/jog/walk in aid of New Inn's two primary schools on Thursday December 26. Everyone is being asked to come and support this festive event. Registration is at 12 noon in the club house.

CLOGHEEN

Late Mary Jo Condon

There was sadness with the news that Mary Jo had passed to her eternal reward after a life lived to the full. Mary Jo was in her mid nineties and was driving up to recently. She was predeceased by her husband Jerry Condon.

Mary Jo was a great card player and was a regular visitor to Clogheen Card games as well as other venues.

She is survived by her sons, Pat, JJ and Maurice, daughters Mary and Bridget, grandchildren and all her extended family and friends.

Following removal from St Therasas Hospital Clogheen last Saturday to Duhill Church for requiem mass she was laid to rest in Shanrahan. May her kind and gentle soul rest in peace. R.I.P.

Late Beryl Sweeney

The death occurred recently of Beryl Sweeney (nee Johnstone) Fr Sheehy's Terrace, Clogheen, after a short illness.

Beryl is survived by her husband John, daughters Laura and Joanne, brother

Graham and all her extended family and friends. She reposed at Costigans Funeral Home Cahir last Thursday and a private cremation took place in Cork. May she rest in peace.

Fr Sheehy's GAA

Fr Sheehy's GAA wish all our members and everybody from the parish at home and abroad a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lotto numbers 6, 12, 16, 22. No winner, no match 3's Five lucky dips (€30 each): Mary Kenneally (Graigue), Susan Morrissey (Clonmel), Robbie O'Brien (Gortacullen), Michael Kenneally (Cahir) and Jimmy McHugh (Flemingstown). Next week's jackpot is €2,700 and we will also have the Christmas hamper draw in Ryan's, Burncourt.

Community Party

St Pauls Community Hall was the place to be last Sunday with the community party on and almost 120 people enjoyed a beautiful meal and music by the brilliant Just Two all the way from Kildare. A big thanks to the committee of St Pauls and to Eily Condon and her staff for the very professional way they prepared and served the meal. The Chairman Mattie Maher made a presentation to Martin Moroney who retired recently and thanked him for all the years of service. Thanks to everyone who attended the party.

Christmas Masses

The mass times for Christmas in Burncourt/Clogheen parish are as follows, Burncourt Vigil mass 24th December is at 6pm and Christmas day is 10am. Clogheen vigil mass is at 8pm and Christmas day is at 11.30am. There is a Carol Service in Clogheen Church at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th performed by Clogheen NS,

FETHARD

Augustinian Abbey

The Christmas season will be formally launched on December 19 at 10.30am mass. The annual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the Augustinian Abbey on December 21 at 7.30pm during the vigil mass.

Carol service

At the Holy Trinity Church of Ireland on December 22 at 7.30pm.

Social dancing

At Fethard Ballroom on December 22 from 9pm to the music of Teddy and Cathal Barry. Admission is €10.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

GRANGE

Seasonal celebrations

Christmas trees and lights are in place at the church, hall and village as part of the preparations for celebrating Christmas and the crib has been erected in the church. The School Parents' Association are having their annual carol sing-along on December 19 at Grange Church starting at 7.30. All welcome.

Our dedicated and much-appreciated church choir will be singing at masses on Sunday 22 and on Christmas Day. New members are always welcome and practice this week is on Thursday 19 at 8 pm in the church. The choir will also be singing for 20 minutes before each mass so come along a little earlier if you can to enjoy the carols. A special word of thanks is due to the loyal volunteers from the Community Council, Development Association, Grange Choir, Tidy Village Group, School staff and Parent's Association and the flower arrangers and church sacristan for their voluntary efforts and commitment with these seasonal preparations.

Road Hurling Tournament

Preparations are underway for the annual Grange Road Hurling Tournament which takes place on St. Stephen's Day starting at 11 am at Grange Community Hall. The cost is €20 per team and the teams of three will start the 2 km route at Loughryan and finish at Grange village. Bring your own hurley. Sliothars will be provided. Light refreshments at the hall and the prize giving afterwards. All funds raised will go to the Tidy Village Project. John Doheny is the co-ordinator and can be contacted at 086 3200303 for further info and to book times for participating teams.

Kilsheelan/Kilcash

Parish Diary

A Penitential Service will be held on Thursday December 19 at 7.30pm in Kilsheelan church and will be conducted by Fr Michael Twomey. Mass Times for Christmas: In Kilsheelan Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 7pm preceded by Carol singing and on Christmas Day at 11.30am. Vigil Mass in Kilcash on December 24 will be at 7.30pm also preceded by Carol singing while Mass on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 10am. St Stephens Day: Mass in



Jenny Heffernan and Jane Lloyd Jones with Pat and Tom Whelan at the Clogheen Christmas party

Kilsheelan at 12noon.

Christmas Collection

Please use the special envelope provided in your pack for the Collection for the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese. Please check your Christmas Card for times of all church services and other useful information.

Christmas greetings

Members of the Pastoral Council, the Parish team and Fr Carey wish all our parishioners a truly Christian Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Killurney Sports & Social Club

This week we were all saddened at the death of Kitty Commins at Rathkeevan Nursing Home. Kitty was one of the Club's founder members and indeed a wonderful supporter. She was every present at all events including the Sale of Work and Christmas Party until her failing health in recent years. We extend our sympathy to her family and ask God to grant her gentle soul eternal rest.

Children's party

As the school holidays begin, the Children's Party will take place on Friday and hopefully Santa will deliver on his promise to have a gift for all the boys and girls. The Christmas Floral demonstration will also be held on Friday night at 8pm when the ladies will create some masterpieces for the festive season. We take this

opportunity to wish all our supporters and their families a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Goal Mile

The annual Goal Mile will start at Robinson's tree at 10am on Christmas Day. All are welcome to participate.

Powerstown/Lisronagh

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Burke, Donoughmore to her sons John, Joe, Paddy and Michael, her daughters Anne and Sharon, sister Kathleen, brothers Paddy and Johnny, relatives and friends

Baptism

Congratulations to Patrick and Jacinta Whelan whose child Samuel Thomas was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday.

Carol service

The annual Christmas Carol service takes place next Sunday at 5pm in Powerstown. All welcome.

Powerstown ceremonies

Christmas Eve mass on Tuesday at 6.30pm. Carol singing by choir starts at 6.10pm Christmas Day Mass at 10.45am. Confessions Saturday from 11 to 11.30am. Confession after 6.15pm mass on Saturday.

Lisronagh Ceremonies

Christmas Eve Mass on

Tuesday at 8 pm Carol singing by choir starts at 7.40pm Christmas Day at 12 Noon. Confessions Saturday from 12 to 12.30. Confessions on Sunday after 12 noon mass.

Rathkeevin Cards

Winners of card game held on Thursday December 12. Helen Aherne & B. Egan; Paddy Franey & David Bissett; All on 9 games. Table prizes on 19th & 20th. games: Anne Dowling & Mary Ann Healy with Joe Aherne & Chris. Maher. Next game on Thursday December 19 at 8.30 pm.

NEWCASTLE

Exchange weekend

On December 7, Caisleán Nua Comhaltas held an Exchange Weekend and hosted groups from Ballycommon Comhaltas, North Tipperary, Lackagh Comhaltas, Co. Galway and Droimore Comhaltas, Co. Tyrone.

We welcomed the groups to Ballymacarbry Community Centre on Friday night for an informal session.

On Saturday, we spent the morning on a tour of Mitchelstown Caves followed by lunch and then another tour Cahir Castle before heading back to prepare for our Christmas Gala Concert!

It truly was an amazing night of Irish Music, Song and Dance! Each and every teenager who took to the stage was outstanding and put on their best performance to entertain our packed hall! You all have done us, your respective branches and teachers

proud! We would like to especially mention the McGrath Schools dancers and local musician Orliath Dalton who performed with the In Tune For Life Orchestra on the night and we are very proud to have you all as Newcastle branch members.

This weekend wouldn't have happened without our very hardworking committee and parents, and we are so so grateful for your help and support last weekend and in the past few weeks!

The aim of our weekend was to give our branch members an opportunity to mix and make friendships with other teenagers across the country who have a mutual love for our traditional music and dance, and we think it's safe to say that we accomplished that aim!

MULLINAHONE

House visits

Visits to the household for Christmas will take place on Friday December 20. If for some reason this is not possible then they will take place on Monday (23).

Christmas Eve Mass

A big thank you to all the schools who are preparing the children to take part in the Christmas Eve celebrations. It is hoped that as many Primary School children from the parish will be able to attend Christmas Eve Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Prayer Service with the

Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in St. Michael's Church on Sunday afternoon next December 22 at 5.30pm.

Food Appeal

Continued thanks for the generosity shown towards our Food Appeal for the homeless. All food items are gratefully received and are used to help those most in need.

St. Vincent De Paul

A branch of the Vincent De Paul (VDP) Society has been set up recently in the parish. If you wish to apply, please leave your name and contact details in the DVP box at the back of the Church and members of the Society will get in touch. The National collection for St. Vincent De Paul was taken up at all Masses last weekend. All money received will be spent locally.

GAA dinner dance

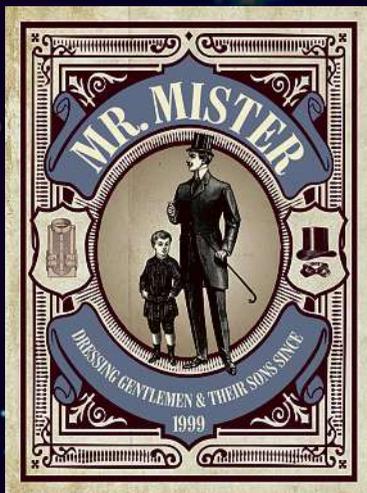
Tickets for GAA Club Dinner Dance December 29 at 7pm return bus included tickets €50. Tickets are selling fast. If you wish to purchase one, please contact Jack Shelly (087-9519454).

Local lotto

Jackpot Draw December 9 The numbers drawn were 3, 12, 25 and 30. We had no jackpot winner, nor indeed a Match 3 Winner, so we had to draw 5 Lucky Dips. The Lucky Dippers were Christy Donovan, Oisín Egan, Eddie Hickey, Michael Cahill, Paul & Daire O'Brien. Next Draw on December 23/30 when the jackpot could be worth €12,350.



Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn's Kaitlyn Riagán, Óisín De Paor and Óisín Fuireastal at the Gifted Fair in the RDS, Dublin



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