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Autism classroom secured for Tipp's 'most vulnerable children'

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A last-minute phone call to Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has ensured that the overcrowded CBS High School in Clonmel will receive additional autism spectrum disorder (ASD) accommodation.

The school initially received

provisional approval for a temporary prefab ASD unit last June, but the Department of Education reneged on the promise last week.

Outraged by the decision, Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn called the Taoiseach to voice his concerns over the issue, and was subsequently informed on Tuesday afternoon that approval for the unit has been reinstated.

"To put kids and their parents in a situation where they

were under the assumption that they were going to get the necessary facilities at the school, and then decisions were made by the school on the back of confirmation of that extra unit, only to then be told that they were not getting it was totally unacceptable," the Mayor of Clonmel said.

A spokesperson from the Department of Education confirmed: "The department is currently considering an application for capital

funding for additional school accommodation, including accommodation for two classes for children with special educational needs, at CBS High School, Clonmel. The assessment of the application is expected to be finalised in the coming days. In the interim, a temporary classroom for special education teaching has also been approved."

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'Withdrawal of High School ASD unit was totally unacceptable'

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There was "widespread hurt and upset" in the community after the Department of Education reversed a decision to provide an additional autism spectrum disorder (ASD) unit at the overcrowded CBS High School in Clonmel.

The school currently has 24 students with ASD being catered for in two classrooms, which combined have a capacity for 12.

There are a further 20 students with mild ASD being facilitated in one classroom outside the unit. The two-classroom ASD unit at the school was originally built in 2010, but by 2013 was overcrowded with the enrolment of six extra students with special needs. CBS High School - which has a capacity for 600 students but today has approximately 700 on its books - is in the process of getting approval from the Department of Education for a major build. In the meantime, the school sought a temporary prefab ASD unit at the front of the building, which was provisionally approved by the department on June 13 last. "The department then withdrew approval on June 26, only to

reinstate it on July 3," CBS High School principal Karen Steenson said.

After receiving provisional approval, the school took on an additional six students with ASD at the start of this academic year, and received the required teachers and special needs assistants for the new enrolments. "We began the process of getting three quotes, but nobody would quote us without planning permission. We had to hire an architect and also an engineer at a cost of around €7,000 to do a fire safety application, as well as getting a Disability Access Certificate," she said.

When Ms. Steenson contacted the Department of Education to check the status of the ASD unit application on January 21 last, she was informed that the decision had been reversed. "We are coping in the interim and we are now being punished for it," she said.

Ms. Steenson said students with ASD are the "most vulnerable children" in society. "Space is so important to these children. The ASD unit is in a different area of the school because they need respite, downtime and sensory space. They have social issues and need to get out of the hustle and bustle of school life to avoid sensory overload," she continued.

"These families have to fight for everything, from diagnostic services to speech and language therapy. Sometimes, parents' only respite is to have a school that is able to support them during the day. When the children are being pushed into corridors and rooms that are not fit for them, they don't understand and can't make allowances for it."

Ms. Steenson said the 10.5 special needs assistants and seven teachers working in the school's ASD unit are doing an "amazing job." She added: "The additional unit still won't be enough for the number of students with ASD at the school, but the extra accommodation will keep us going until we get approval for a future build to increase the school's overall capacity to 750 students."

CBS High School chaplain Rev Fr. Michael Toomey had



CBS High School principal Karen Steenson fought for the extra ASD accommodation

written a letter to the Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh over the issue. Fr Toomey told the minister that there had been "widespread hurt and upset" within the school community

after the department reneged on its commitment. Independent TD Mattie McGrath had described the department's decision to reverse approval as "absolutely outrageous." He said the current ASD unit at the school provides "excellent and professional support", ensuring students "leave school with the skills necessary to participate to the level of their capacity in an inclusive way."

Deputy Seamus Healy had also slammed the department's "cruel and totally unnecessary" decision. "ASD units are not a luxury or an add-on - they are an absolute necessity so that all the children of the nation can be cherished equally and benefit from education in the same way," he said.

On Tuesday afternoon, the school received confirmation that the additional ASD

accommodation would be reinstated. The welcomed news followed Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn phoning Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the minister after being notified about the "wrong decision" to withdraw approval for the unit. "This situation should never have happened and I regret that it did. I hope the stress that it caused can be alleviated with its reinstatement," he said.

Mayor Ahearn said ASD units are "vital for the development of young children with special needs." He added: "ASD units have a huge impact in developing the character and personality of children, which will stand to them throughout life. As a society, we always should have investments put in place for children, particularly children who need extra care."

Local residents opposed to King Street housing development

Several residents in Thomas Street and James Street, Clonmel, are objecting "in the strongest fashion" to a proposed housing development that borders their areas.

Joseph Doran has applied to Tipperary County Council for planning permission to build two bungalows, as well as removing the existing entrance gate on a site at King Street, Clonmel.

The main entrance to the houses would be from King Street.

Residents in Thomas Street say the proposed de-

velopment would eliminate the means of exit/entry to which they are entitled.

In the event of a fire, they say they would have no means of rear exit from their houses.

They state that they have enjoyed the benefit of a right of way from King Street along the rear of their houses for as long as they can remember.

If this right of way was lost, they say that services to their houses would no longer have access to their houses for building and restoration works, sewage and chimney maintenance and coal deliv-

eries.

Windows are on the outer walls of five houses bordering the site and the residents say that the proposed development would seriously interfere with if not totally eliminate their light.

They also state that the proposed entrance/exit onto King Street is located only 180 feet from traffic lights, controlling a dangerous four-way junction, and would constitute an additional traffic hazard in the area.

They say that a large secondary school (Clonmel High School) nearby means that traffic in the area is particularly heaving during morning and evening, adding to the congestion at the junction.

"We feel that the proposed

development will discriminate against the residents of Thomas Street, James Street and King Street, many of whom have lived here for over 50 years," the residents say in a statement.

"Our houses were bought with gates, access and light. We are very aware that this proposal will have huge implications for us as a community.

"We have also been advised of its very negative impact on the value of all our homes and we are objecting in the strongest fashion."

The application for planning permission was submitted on December 3 and a decision by the County Council is due on February 5.



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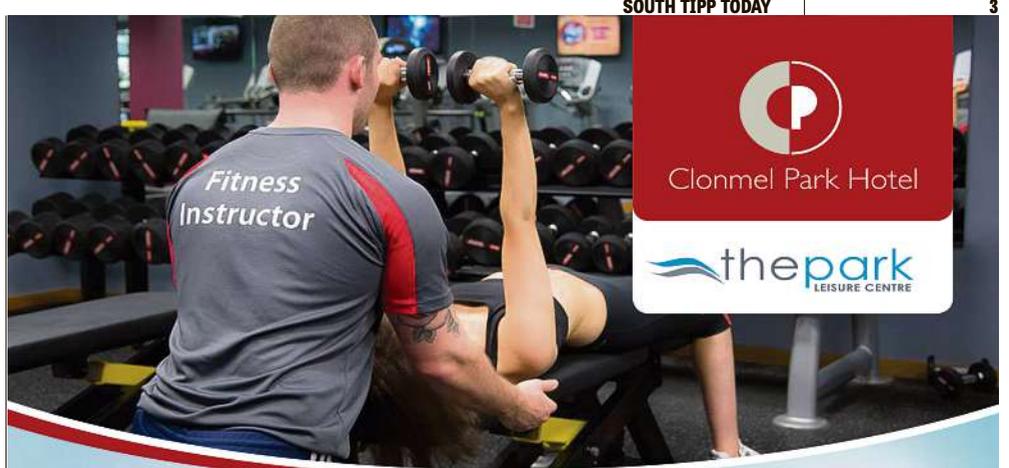


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'We need a guard in every Tipperary village'

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"Don't waste your vote," says a County Tipperary man who is passionate about addressing the prominent issues in the locality.

Newcastle's Paul O'Dwyer says constituents need to challenge general election candidates on the campaign trail about issues such as crime, emigration, health-care and housing.

Paul, who is currently doing a Masters on Institutional Racism at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT), also says better communication with rural Ireland needs to be a priority for the next Government.

"There's a real disconnect between the Government and local communities," the 25-year-old tells South Tipp Today.

"It's no good local TDs running clinics if they don't bring the information back to the Government. There's a nasty view from some young people

that there's no point voting because the same crowd are going to get in again. The Eighth Amendment and same-sex marriage referendums saw huge turnouts from all age groups, and we should get that for this election," he says.

Carrick-on-Suir's Shanley Ryan says young people aren't given a proper grounding on political issues in secondary school. "Some of my generation feel fairly undereducated about politics and some don't even know how to register to vote. This needs to be taught in schools, as it's so much more important than other subjects on the curriculum," the 19-year-old LIT Clonmel student says.

HATE CRIMES

Paul says the next Government needs to clamp down on hate crimes in Ireland. "You have people who think it's perfectly fair to abuse others from another country. Some of them have come from war-torn regions or have moved to Ireland for better opportunities," Paul explains.

With 45 new families from overseas set to be resettled across Tipperary as part of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme, Paul understands why some quarters question providing services and entitlements such as housing, medical cards and social welfare for refugees while there are locals struggling to make ends meet.

"Many Irish people don't intend to be hateful. They are querying a larger Government policy. We have people sleeping under the Main Guard in Clonmel and yet there are houses boarded up and not being used around the county. The bureaucracy of getting things done is off-putting for developers and there has been no political will to build houses," he says.

"Some people will say that migrants are coming here and using up resources, and question what they are giving back. A lot of migrants have come here and contributed, and it shouldn't matter where they are from and what their belief system is until they are contributing to so-



Paul O'Dwyer wants gardai in every County Tipperary village.

'BOOTS ON THE GROUND'

Paul says Ireland is losing "too many of our best and brightest people," who are moving abroad for better careers. He describes the HSE as a disaster, calling for less administrative staff and more medical professionals.

Paul, who completed his undergraduate in Criminal Justice Studies at WIT, shares particularly strong

views on crime and community policing. "The issue of crime is huge. I'm 15 minutes driving from Clonmel but if I ring 999 I'll get Cahir, which is 20 minutes away. We need boots on the ground. We need to stop crimes when they are small, stop people who are shoplifting before they become bank robbers," he says.

"We need a guard in every village, who are part of the communities and can deal with issues. If there are five young people about to start selling drugs in a local village, having a guard there could dissuade even two of them and that's a success. Obviously not all crimes can be dealt with at a local level and that's when the likes of CAB, the drugs squad and the armed response comes in. But unless the gardai are given the assets to deal with crime, we are going to see massive gang wars between counties. It will go from a local to a national level. In a small town, we'll see two small gangs battling for street corners. That will lead to

gangs in neighbouring towns battling for control," he adds.

Shanley calls on the next Government to address the drugs scourge in our society. "Many suicides are caused by drugs, which is really heartbreaking. I feel like Carrick-on-Suir and the schools in the town should bring in more guest speakers and generate more drug and suicide awareness. I'm petrified knowing my younger siblings still have to grow up in this environment - it's really scary," she adds.



Shanley Ryan calls for more drug and suicide awareness.

'Absolutely shocking' decision to disband community policing unit

Superintendent William Leahy has said there is no greater gardai community engagement than targeting the illegal sale and supply of drugs.

"There was €8,400 worth of drugs seized in a small town like Fethard earlier this month. That shows you the amount of drugs that are out there in our community," said Supt. Leahy.

Defending the decision to disband the Clonmel Community Policing unit from February 3, Supt. Leahy said the illegal sale and supply of drugs was doing untold

damage to the community and had a devastating effect on families all over South Tipperary.

"I made the decision because I need the resources to tackle drugs in our communities," he said.

"This drug issue affects all areas in the community now. There are people, law abiding all week, who take drugs on the weekend. It's recreational use of drugs and it is illegal.

"The people buying drugs for such use are part of the drugs crisis and they are funding the dealers and suppliers I would challenge them to question their own

behaviour.

"Do they consciously believe that they are not taking part in a criminal act? It is a criminal act and what they are doing is illegal."

Supt. Leahy said he had a very good team based in Clonmel and they would be bolstered by the addition of two new garda sergeants on February 4. He added that every garda in the district would continue to be a garda serving the community.

"The work that the community policing unit were responsible for will continue. All the work each member does is of benefit to the community," he stated.

Sgt Tom Finnan, Tipperary GRA representative, said there had been no political will over the last ten years to ensure Clonmel station was adequately staffed. "This is all a question of resources. There should be at least thirty more garda serving in the Clonmel area," said Sgt. Finnan.

"This decision had to be taken. It is aimed at attacking a very, very serious problem with drugs in the community."

Independent TD Seamus Healy said the decision to disband the Clonmel Community Policing Service was "absolutely shocking". He

said: "The disbandment of this essential preventative service in our town, the largest in all of Co. Tipperary, is a massive retrograde step. The rationale behind this move is that the gardai in the Community Policing Service will be now used to bolster the drugs squad.

"There is another term for this and it is called 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'. This measure has been taken due to the chronic understaffing of Clonmel Garda Station and for no other reason," insisted Deputy Healy.

The Clonmel TD said that with people living in fear of

their lives due to drug-dealers, drug debts and the general scourge of drugs in the community, the improvement of the drugs squad was a welcome and necessary move but not at the expense of another vital service in our town.

"The work that the Community Policing Service does on the ground building up a rapport and trust within our communities results in many crimes never being committed. Clonmel deserves both a dedicated drugs squad and a Community Policing Service. It is the County town of Tipperary," said Deputy Healy.

'We need to decriminalise and remove incentive for drug dealers'

Tipperary Green Party candidate Rob O'Donnell has called for a total change to the Irish Government's policy on drugs.

He said it's clear that the war on drugs is failing in Ireland like it has failed in so many other countries.

He said violence is escalating and becoming more and more barbaric, drugs are seeping out from our towns and into small villages, and addicts are not receiving the treatment they need to turn

their lives around.

Mr. O'Donnell noted that Green Party policy is very clear on the direction Ireland needs to go if it's to solve this escalating crisis. He said: "We need to look at other countries and how they've solved this problem. No amount of extra Garda resources is going to solve the problem alone, when one drug gang is arrested and charged another one will take its place under the current model."

He said the Green Party believes the criminalisation

of drug consumption is a counterproductive policy that perpetuates business models of organised crime and fails to address the public health impact of drugs.

The party affirms there is a more compassionate policy based on international best practice that could be introduced within existing constraints under international law.

If in Government, the Green Party would shift drugs policy from a criminal justice approach to a public

health approach. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is one of the main issues he is hearing about on the doorsteps, with all ages and classes being affected.

"We need to decriminalise and remove the incentive for drug dealers to operate in this business. We need to reallocate garda and judicial resources from minor possession offences into tackling rural crime, and ensure proper funding for rehabilitation of drug addicts.

"Currently we send ad-



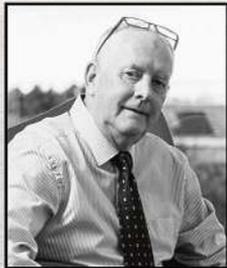
Green Party's Rob O'Donnell

dicts to prison and institu-

tionalise them, without support or looking at the bigger picture, and why these people might have turned to these substances.

"We need to educate people better with usable knowledge, both in school and in other initiatives to reach all age groups. There is a better way forward" he noted. This affects so many other problems in Tipperary including mental health, debt, crime, violence, youth unemployment and homelessness."

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Clonmel residents object to 65 feet high mast

Five hundred people have signed a petition objecting to the installation of a 20 metres-high telecommunications support structure at the GAA Centre on the Western Road, Clonmel.

Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd. has applied to Tipperary County Council for permission to erect the 65-foot high structure, carrying antennae and transmission dishes, with associated ground level equipment units and security fencing.

"Residents and others have real concerns and fears for their own health and particularly their children's health, both now and into the future, from this technology, and in particular from 5G, which Three Ireland will also roll out this year," said Billy Shoer, a member of the Albert Street Residents Association, which organised the petition against the mast and which he said has been signed by 500 people.

"We are seriously concerned about living and working under those antennae/dishes that will transmit 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," said Mr. Shoer, a former Mayor of Clonmel.

"They will continuously beam radiation into our school yards, homes and workplaces, increasing the health risks for individuals who may already be very vulnerable, both physically and mentally."

In a statement, Three Ireland said "to improve coverage for our customers in the Clonmel area, Three has a planning application for the development of a mast in the GAA grounds.

"As with all infrastructure roll out, we will adhere to guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)."

It's understood that the structure was previously located at the former Fair Oak Foods plant in Upper Irishtown, Clonmel, from where a number of buildings have been cleared and the site levelled in recent months.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for St. Mary's Hurling and Camogie Club and Clonmel Commercial Gaelic Football Club, on whose property the mast would be located, have stated that "it's a matter for the planning authority."

Mr. Shoer said that planning permission, if granted, would allow telecommunications companies to co-locate their equipment antennae and transmission dishes on this mast.

He said that planning permission was granted last July at The Poppyfields site for a mast of similar height, as well as at the fire station.

Mr. Shoer said there were no consultations with residents or people working in the area or the community either by the GAA clubs or Three Ireland for the mast proposed for the GAA Centre, alongside the handball alley.

"Clonmel town is already well served by safer fibre broadband connections. It has been in place for years underground infrastructure/ducting for fibre broadband technology.

"Each home and business premises has excellent reception from different suppliers for both mobile and broadband services without this mast being thrust upon the community, in such close proximity."

He said that four primary schools, a creche, before/after school clubs, churches, South Tipperary General Hospital, the community health centre, two medical centres, the National Learning Network, Tipperary Education and Training Board offices, Irishtown Day Care Centre, the Cottage Nursing Home, a dental surgery and surrounding residential areas were located nearby.

Mr. Shoer claimed that under the national guidelines on telecommunications structures, the government said that such masts should only be located near schools and residential areas as a last resort.

Tipperary County Council planning public lights proposal to illuminate bypass

Tipperary County Council hopes to come up with a proposal to provide public lights to illuminate the footpath and cycleway on Clonmel's bypass road "in the very near future".

District Administrator Michael Moroney also told a meeting of Clonmel Borough District that the council was researching possible funding sources and that was an ongoing process.

Cllr. Richie Molloy said people were "enraged" that so much money was being spent on resurfacing the road, yet there was no allocation for public lights between the Cahir road roundabout and the Cashel road

roundabout.

This was a really big issue and he suggested they write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting that lights would be installed as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. Molloy said they were all aware of the fatality that had occurred there recently, on the footpath and cycle lane. People cycled and walked there in the pitch dark during winter's evenings and the surface was quite slippery at times.

He said it made the council "look foolish" that so much money was being spent resurfacing the road, yet they couldn't secure public lighting.

And people still couldn't un-

derstand why the surface wasn't smooth despite the money that had been spent.

The original road surface appeared to have been perfect and it had never flooded, he said.

Cllr. Pat English said it was TII who had the say on whether public lights would be provided. The job would probably have been done by now if it had been up to the council.

It was very unsafe in the pitch dark and the sooner something was done in the short term the better. Even if they couldn't provide lighting now, they could instal ducting until such time as funding was made available for lights, he suggested.

Cllr. English said the new sur-

face on the road "wasn't fit for purpose" and he hoped the final surface would be better.

District Mayor Garret Ahearn said that the provision of lighting on this road was a priority for him and they needed to source funding. Extra funding would be available this year in the council's budget, and that was why he had voted in favour of the budget.

While they had been told they needed to wait until the job was finished, people were also commenting every day about the poor and dangerous condition of the road surface.

People had said you wouldn't get a worse surface on the top of Slievenamon, he stated.



Members of the Cahir GAA Club were presented with their under-21 South Tipperary Championship medals at a ceremony in Cahir House Hotel last Friday

An Bord Pleanála green light for new Islamic centre at Irishtown

A new Islamic Cultural Centre in Irishtown, Clonmel, has received the go-ahead from An Bord Pleanála.

A large group of local residents had opposed the building of the new centre, which will include prayer rooms for Muslims.

Planning permission had been granted by Tipperary County Council.

Locals claimed the proposed development should more correctly be described as a mosque, as it would be used between 6am and 10pm with prayers five times daily.

However an inspector with An Bord Pleanála said the building was not a traditional mosque and its description as a cultural centre was "accurate and acceptable".

The plans provide for the demolition of an existing derelict

building and the construction of a new two-storey centre, which will provide for a number of activities including prayers, mother and toddler groups, breastfeeding facilities, a library, canteen and youth club.

The board ruled that the centre, subject to a number of planning conditions, would not seriously injure residential or visual amenities of adjoining properties.

It claimed the proposed building represented "an appropriate type and scale of development at this location and would be acceptable in terms of pedestrian and traffic safety and convenience".

Residents from Irishtown, Albert Street and St. Mary's Place in Clonmel complained the centre, including the prayer rooms, would generate a lot of additional noise and disturbance, as well as traffic in an

already congested area.

More than 200 local residents had signed submissions, which also raised concern that the new building would overshadow other houses.

They claimed older people living in Irishtown would be nervous that people would be in their area late at night or in the early hours of the morning.

The objectors said the council's decision to approve the project was "outrageous" and "absolutely mind-boggling" especially as it had refused planning permission for four two-bed townhouses a short distance away because it would create a traffic hazard.

The Tipperary Islamic Cultural Centre, a registered charity, which is currently based at a smaller premises at the corner of O'Connell Street and Mary Street in Clonmel, provided reassurance to the

planning authorities that there would be no amplified call to prayer from the new centre.

It claimed the largest number attending prayers would be up to 50 on a Friday afternoon.

The centre pointed out that half the Muslim community in Clonmel consisted of doctors working in South Tipperary General Hospital, where there was also a room for prayer.

The centre said there were a number of potential misunderstandings about the sort of activities that would be carried out in the centre and concerns that there would be hoards of people accessing the building throughout the night were "incorrect and unfounded".

It also noted that the height of the cultural centre would only be slightly higher than the existing building on the site.



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Coveney joins the Tipperary FG canvas

Four days after Taoiseach Leo Varadkar visited Clonmel, another government heavyweight was in Tipperary last week when Tanaiste Simon Coveney went on a canvas in Golden, Cashel and Tipperary.

And the Tanaiste, who was joined by cabinet colleague Michael Ring, stressed that Tipperary is a priority constituency for Fine Gael.

"Tipperary is a Fine Gael county and Tipperary without a Fine Gael TD is unfinished business and we intend to correct that.

"We have two excellent candidates in Garret Ahearn and Mary Newman Julian and we intend to make sure that we have one TD in the next Dail, and hopefully two", he told journalists in Golden.

The Tanaiste used the occasion to attack Fianna Fail, and in particular party leader Micheal Martin, on their stance on the National Broadband Scheme.

"There are 1.1m people in the country, and thirty thousand businesses across Tipperary, without access to high speed broadband that suffer from all the disadvantages that lack of access



Local councillor Michael Fitzgerald with Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Garret Ahearn, Tanaiste Simon Coveney, Minister Michael Ring, Cllr Declan Burgess and Mary Newman Julian in Golden last week

bring. Micheal Martin said he doesn't support our scheme and won't sign up to it so what does he say to all these people and businesses. We will be investing €118m in Tipperary to provide high speed broadband. What will Micheal Martin's answer be to that? He doesn't have one", the Tanaiste said.

At the press briefing in the shadow of the famed Golden bridge, Minister Ring outlined the extent of the government investment in rural Tipperary and across the country.

Welcoming the two cabinet ministers to his home village, local councillor and chairman of Tipperary-Cashel-Cahir municipal

council, Michael Fitzgerald, presented both with Tipperary ties that he hoped would bring them luck in the future.

Mayo man Michael Ring said that Tipperary is well used to All-Ireland hurling success but his home county could do with some luck in its bid for All Ireland football success.

Sinn Féin focus is on health and pensions

Sinn Fein candidate Martin Browne outlined his priorities in Dail Eireann if elected.

He told his launch in Cashel on Friday night that he will work for the restoration of mental health services; for the reopening of Our Lady's Hospital Cashel as a step down facility; the reopening of the A&E services in Nenagh; and row back on the pension age to 65.

There was hardly standing room in Halla na Feila as those who attended heard encouraging words from Cllr Tony Black, Cllr David Dunne and former MEP Liadh Ni Riada.

The campaign was officially launched by Senator Fintan Warfield who thanked

Martin for asking him to launch his campaign and he praised all the work which Martin and Tipperary Sinn Fein are doing in local communities around the county.

Senator Warfield asked the huge crowd that attended the launch to drive on and continue asking people to vote for change and the only alternative to Fianna Fail and Fine Gael is Sinn Fein.

He said Martin has worked tirelessly for all sections of society and told the crowd that Martin would make a great TD who would work hard for Tipperary.

He asked that everyone go out and to convince the public that they need to vote Martin number one and let him make a difference.

Irish Freedom Party chairperson and Thurles Independent join election race

The Kilsheelan-born chairperson of a new political party and a Thurles HSE worker have added their names to the general election race in Tipperary.

The addition of Irish Freedom Party chairperson Prof. Dolores Cahill and Independent candidate Marese Skehan to the ballot paper brings the number of general election candidates in Tipperary to 14.

Dublin-based Prof. Cahill comes from a farming family in the Kilsheelan area and is a professor at UCD's School of Medicine. She served in a voluntary capacity on the Irish Government's Advisory Science Council for 10 years and also worked for the EU Commission's Research & Innovation Directorate in Brussels. She co-founded a biomedical company, Protagen AG, in Germany and sold the firm last year.

Prof. Cahill is one of 11 Irish Freedom Party general election candidates. The party has a Co. Tipperary cumann.

She said the IFP wants to open up debate on what the party regards as the EU's negative impacts on Ireland. She cites a diminution of sover-

eighty and neutrality; lack of accountability and democracy within EU governing structures; EU attempts to interfere with Ireland's right to fix taxes and the strain increased migration has put on Ireland's health, social and housing services as among the negative impacts.

Prior to the IFP's establishment last year, she contested the 2019 European Elections in the South Ireland constituency as an independent. She polled 10,585 first preference votes and was the constituency's top performing Independent. At a local level, Prof. Cahill is supporting a campaign to introduce community banks that would lend to farmers and small businesses to assist with job creation.

First time election candidate Marese Skehan worked as a home help organiser/coordinator for 36 years with Thurles Community Social Service and now works for the HSE. Her campaign issues include securing a Greenway for Thurles, the lifting of a HSE embargo on staff recruitment, securing a €10,000 cut in TDs salaries and getting subsidence on the Nenagh to Borrisoleigh Road repaired.

Goldsboro pledges Fianna Fáil to tackle crisis in home care

Fianna Fáil candidate Imelda Goldsboro has said her party will deliver five million additional home care support care hours over the next five years if elected to government.

She said the commitment comes at a time when the home care support service in Tipperary is under serious pressure. The latest figures from the HSE show that there are were 103 people waiting on home care hours in South Tipperary at the end of October last year.

Cllr. Goldsboro explained - "The crisis in home care supports has been escalating steadily over the past year. We've gone from a situation



Fianna Fáil will deliver 5,000,000 additional home care support care hours if in Government, Cllr Imelda Goldsboro claims

where there were no people waiting for home care hours last January to a point where there were 103 people on a waiting list in South Tipperary at the end of October.

"I have people coming to

me extremely distressed because their loved one needs supports and they simply aren't available. Some people are only getting half an hour a week, while others have been put on a waiting list and don't know when they will receive any supports.

"This is simply not good enough. Vulnerable people are not getting the supports that the need because of the complete mismanagement of our health service by Fine Gael".

She said that Fianna Fáil will move to address this as a matter of priority.

"We need to see a more coordinated approach to our healthcare system; by increasing the number of hours of home care supports avail-

able it will allow for more people to receive the care they need in their own homes and take pressure off the acute hospital system, thereby freeing up beds in our hospitals.

"It's a shocking situation that there are people who are forced to remain in hospital, despite the fact that they are well enough to be discharged, simply because they cannot access timely home supports.

"This proposal is just one element of a wider health package that will get our health service back on track, to ensure that the most vulnerable are cared for and that all people have timely access to care", concluded Cllr. Goldsboro.

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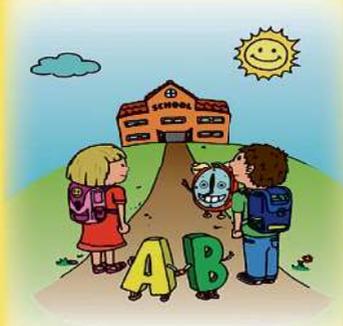
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Turning over a new leaf - enjoy nature

Wildlife Matters

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Last week I got two bird feeders as a present for helping a friend out who is developing a wildlife garden for her five year old son. I wasn't expecting anything as she has been a good friend to me over the years when the chips were down.

I proudly hung them at the front of the house on a tree. These are a reminder to pause for a minute, take notice of nature and settle into the day before we rush out the door each morning.

During the holidays we have been pottering around the garden and the village. On our last walk it was very windy and cold, and the tops of the surrounding hills were covered in a low cloud. I love this bracing weather as it is very refreshing to walk in.

My son and I are slowly building up our fitness, as he is keen to start hill walking. Here we will find deer in the early morning, hares feeding along the paths and hopefully a few red grouse. He is also very interested in megalithic tombs. Some of the best examples are found at the very top of the hills, involving long walks over uneven ground.

On the new feeder, a great tit was busy pecking away at a nut. He eventually got his reward and quickly flew away to cover to eat. The males have also started to sing around the nest box in the garden and I think there are two pairs interested in taking up residence.

The previous few days had been very mild, and there were lots of daisies flowering



Birds are very grateful for food this time of year

along the edge of the paths.

Living in the uplands with wet acidic soil suits certain families of plants. I have been working around increasing my knowledge of conifers and rhododendrons that thrive in the landscape around my house.

Lawson and Leyland cypress are proving tricky to separate, but patience rewards the curious naturalist when it comes to learning about the natural world. The scots pine is easier and sometimes in the little grove across the road we are lucky enough to find a tree creeper.

Further up, tussock grass dominates the edge of the marsh. A neighbour used to throw his old plants here and a few have taken to the area.

Loniceria, a small cypress tree and broom, are all growing happily and the broom is especially good for bees.

At the woodland, we leant on the fence to observe and listen. We heard harsh alarm calls of a robin. All of the available surfaces including stones and stumps of trees were covered in moss. This is a particularly challenging environment for plants, but compact skimmias

planted by the tidy towns were thriving. Dogwood that does not mind shady or damp ground was also growing very well here.

The small stream was a rustic colour and this from the iron found in the local rocks. The buds on the willows along the edge of the stream were just starting to swell, as the energy from the earth started to travel through the whole tree. As we near the rookery, two robins were in the middle of settling a boundary dispute. The rooks are becoming increasingly active. We saw two pairs on adjacent nests. Even for social birds like rooks, it must be hard getting used to living near each other again. There was lots of bickering as more rooks arrived. They all took off in slow closed loops and dived towards each other, missing by a few wingbeats.

On a good day, there was a small stretch to the evenings and we ended our walk at the football pitch. Here a pied wagtail was searching for insects and seeds on the pitch. On the way home, we counted four pairs of jackdaws in a field with horses.

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When buying or selling a property you will inevitably need to engage the services of a solicitor. The role of the solicitor is to facilitate the legal transaction between the seller and the buyer. They will investigate the title to the property to ensure that what you are buying is correct.

1. When should you engage the services of a Solicitor?

You should engage your solicitor at the very outset so that they can advise you of the process.

Some people may not address getting a loan until later in the process which can often delay the purchase significantly.

A solicitor will also help you with all documentation involved with the property such as Title deeds, maps and all associated planning documentation.

SHOULD I HAVE THE PROPERTY SURVEYED?

We always recommend to a purchaser to engage the services of an engineer to carry out a structural survey and boundary check of the property.

If the Buyer indicates that they wish to have the property surveyed we would always insist that this be done at the start of the process so that any issues that arise as a result of the survey, can be addressed with the vendors solicitor as soon as possible.

HOW LONG WILL THE PROCESS TAKE?

The process takes an average of 12 weeks but this is dependant on a number of factors and every situation is different.

The main factors that can slow up a sale are:

Loan Offer – This can take some time to issue from the Bank

Receipt of contracts and copy title from vendor's solicitor

Issues with Title Deeds or boundary Maps

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If you are going to buy a house at auction we would always advise that your solicitor has had an opportunity to review the title documents before auction. If they don't and if an issue arises, you are bound to the contract you sign.

It is very much a buyer beware scenario.

BUILDING A HOUSE

The legal process of building a house is different, particularly if you are drawing down a mortgage.

The transfer of the land takes place first, then the

construction proceeds and the mortgage is drawn down by way of staged payments.

Your engineer will be heavily involved in the process.

BUYING & SELLING AT THE SAME TIME

If you find yourself buying and selling at the same time, it can be a very stressful situation and we would always recommend that people have somewhere to stay in the interim.

When you are both buying and selling a property, there will often be a number of parties involved – your solicitor, the other party's solicitor and in most cases 2 or more vendors. It is important to remember that when a chain is involved, it can sometimes be a longer process with many variables at play.

It is always better to consult with us early and before you formally decide to put your property up for sale so as to enable the transaction to proceed as smoothly as possible.

An early consultation will help to identify any major problems that could arise. We can start to address these issues to ensure your transaction proceeds smoothly.

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Tipperary arts groups lobbying Dáil candidates for funding boost

Artistic groups throughout Tipperary have called on all general election candidates to commit to increasing art funding in the next Dáil

Artistic directors of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival, Nenagh Arts Centre, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Source Arts Centre and Tipperary Excel Arts

and Culture Centre have joined the National Campaign for the Arts in calling on all candidates to commit to at least doubling investment in culture and the arts by 2025, over the life of the next government.

Government investment in the arts and culture in Ireland is lower than any other

country in Europe, representing just 0.11% of GDP compared to a European average of 0.6%

This includes a commitment to double investment in the Arts Council and Culture Ireland over the same period, who are the agencies who directly support artists and their work.

"We are speaking on be-

half of the 23,000 people employed in the arts and culture in Ireland, figures taken from the 2016 Census. 72% of artists working in Ireland earn less than the national minimum wage, 72% of artists and arts workers in Ireland do not have a pension and 48% do not have health insurance," says Clonmel Junction Arts Festival

artistic director Cliona Maher.

However, despite this, the arts make money for Ireland.

Indecon, the independent economic research organisation, estimates that for every €1 invested in the arts and culture, almost €2 is returned in direct taxation to the Government,

with more people attending paid arts events in Ireland every year than attending GAA Championship matches.

Fáilte Ireland states that cultural tourism is worth over €5.1 billion to the economy, including both domestic and overseas tourism.

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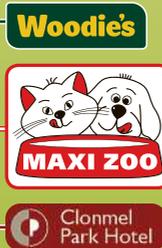


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What a fantastic way to round off 2019 in Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn!

Second Place in All-Ireland Poetry Aloud Competition

Seán Mac Curtáin, Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn, Clonmel who came second in the All-Ireland Final in the Senior Category of the prestigious Poetry Aloud Competition is pictured here in the National Library, Dublin, with múinteoir Frances O'Connor. Over 1700 students from all over Ireland took part.

Runner up in Soroptomist International Girls' Public Speaking Competition!

Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn student, Rós-Áine Nic Ghearrailt was a runner-up in the opening round of the Soroptomist International Girls' Public Speaking Competition held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan on November 21st. Rós-Áine's chosen topic was The Empowerment of Women. She spoke passionately and convincingly on this subject which is close to her heart.

University Scholarship for Gaelcholáiste Student!

Former Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn student, Mary-Kate Ní Ghaoithin, was one of 40 first year students of The University of Limerick to receive a scholarship. Mary-Kate was awarded this scholarship on the basis that she obtained the highest leaving certificate results amongst her peers studying French and Business in UL. She is pictured here with Múinteoir Elaine, Guidance Counsellor and Múinteoir Lorna.

Transition Years take part in "Gifted" Trade Show

Our Idirbhliain (TY) students are getting some lessons in the world of business! They sold their business products as part of the Foróige Entrepreneur Programme. The group had a wide variety of products on sale such as bottle-lamps, cable savers, sports products, magnets and hampers. You may have caught a glimpse of our students on the 6:01 RTÉ 1 News that evening.

Christmas Celebrations in our Pop-Up Gaeltacht

Parents, students and friends of Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn gathered in our Halla to celebrate Christmas *as Gaeilge*. Mince pies and mulled fruit punch were enjoyed over a *cómhrá beag*. Our visitors had the opportunity to buy the Christmas wares being sold by our Idirbhliain students. See our social media accounts for regular updates on future Pop-Up Gaeltacht dates.
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Sporting Successes!

Cup Win for U19
Massive congratulations due to our U19 basketball team South East Regional League champions this year! Our U16 basketball players were runners-up in the South East League Final. Both U19 and U16 teams placed 3rd in the All Ireland Cup Championship.

Senior Footballers
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Funding needed to transform Carrick into 'mini Kilkenny'

#isupportcarrickonsuir information campaign: 'Community activism at its purest' driving town's vision

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A campaign has been launched to "turn around" the town of Carrick-on-Suir.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC)'s #isupportcarrickonsuir information campaign aims to raise awareness about the need for public funding to complete works on two "uplifting" projects.

These include the upgrading of the town's Heritage Centre and the establishment of a Digital Enterprise Hub, a place where local commuters can share office costs and work remotely.

The campaign has been backed by candidates standing in the general election.

"State-of-the-art" renovation works have been ongoing at the Heritage Centre to maintain its structural integrity, following funding approval of €198,000 in 2017.

However, €750,000 is needed to see through phase two of the project, which aims to provide visitors with an interactive showcase of the town's history and people, according to COSTEDC spokesperson Maurice Power.

Mr. Power says a further €1.25 million is needed to provide the infrastructure for the town's Digital Enterprise Hub. The business community also aims to raise an additional €500,000, broken into €365,000 working capital for the Heritage Centre and €135,000 for the Digital Enterprise Hub.

Work from home

The Digital Enterprise Hub will provide 15 jobs on the top floor of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District building on New Street in the coming weeks. It will cost €56,000 to fit-out this phase with the necessary equipment, which is being raised through grant and stakeholder funding.

Funding pending, a further 50 jobs will be created at another Digital Enterprise Hub location in the town, with the Friary in Carrickbeg one of the locations being considered. "Most people in Carrick-on-Suir and the surrounding areas are

travelling to Waterford, Clonmel and Kilkenny to work. However, with cloud technology a number of them can work in the Digital Enterprise Hub, where there will be boardrooms for meetings and online conferences. It will suit people whose employers are happy for them to work using cloud technology," Mr. Power says.

Transforming the town

The Heritage Centre and the Digital Hub developments are two of the 13 projects identified following a number of public meetings in the town. The Carrick-on-Suir Strategic Vision 2030 mission strategy was subsequently developed, with other projects including developing a Gothic Medieval Quarter incorporating the lanes off Main Street, Bridge Street, Westgate, the River Suir frontage along with Carrickbeg landmarks such as the Old Bridge and St. Mollerans Church; a Latin Quarter for Kickham Street; and a long-term project of building a new bridge over a 25-year span.

Mr. Power says the projects will make the town an attractive place to visit, live, shop and work. He says more than 117 jobs will be created from the Heritage Centre and Digital Hub developments alone, which will generate up to €41 million in local revenue in the coming years. "For every job that is created, there will be a ripple effect. More people shopping means more people serving them," he says.

"Although they are two separate projects, the Heritage Centre renovations and the Digital Hub will complement each other and revolutionise the town. Funding would allow us to appoint a manager at the Heritage Centre, who will also act as the town's tourism and marketing manager. We also plan to have a manager for the Digital Enterprise Hub, who will act as the town's commercial manager."

With emphasis on business and job creation, the Digital Enterprise Hub will provide mentoring and support through the Local Enterprise Office, local business leaders, and academic institutions.

"Our estimate of 117 jobs is probably very conservative. There will be full-time jobs

created to manage the Heritage Centre and the Digital Enterprise Hub, with more spin-off jobs created. We have costed this and spent over four years planning for these two projects. We have visited thriving enterprise hubs across the country and done an in depth review on how they are operated. We have a critical path analysis and our research is as good as anywhere in the State. We want people to start recognising that and to give us the tools to see out the job. We need support from those elected in the general election and financial assistance to see the projects through," he continues.

'Carrick a mini Kilkenny'

Mr. Power describes Carrick-on-Suir as a "mini Kilkenny with a huge amount to play for." He says: "I remember a time when Kilkenny wasn't anything like it is now. But it always had a medieval footprint, and it reinvented itself with the Kilkenny Arts Festival and tourism is now thriving.

"We have a tourism product here in Carrick-on-Suir with the Ormond Castle, the mountains, the Suir Blueway. But if we don't have someone to coordinate the project, it might pass us by," he continues.

"We are looking at Carrick-on-Suir town centre as if it were a shopping centre, with the thriving enterprise that is SuperValu at one end and the Ormond Castle at the other with shops in-between. There are a number of shops on Main Street that are vacant. If we employ someone to go out and actively encourage people to operate in these buildings, we would transform the Main Street. A commercial manager talking to a tourism and marketing manager can come up with solutions for what the town is missing."

Mr. Power says the developments are being driven forward by oversight group COSTEDC, which is made up of representatives from the Carrick-on-Suir Business Association, Carrick-on-Suir Development Association and Tipperary County Council. Established in 2004, COSTEDC promote enterprise, economic and tourism matters. The forum allows collaborative



Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee members Patrick Lannen, Maurice Power, Patsy Fitzgerald, Anna Tobin, Niall J Walsh, Tony Musiol and Seamus Campbell

discussions and planning to take place on a regular basis. There are three subcommittees covering enterprise, tourism, and retail and food consisting of 24 local stakeholders.

COSTEDC's application for funding from Enterprise Ireland for the Digital Enterprise Hub was recently declined, and they are awaiting feedback on its shortcomings. Nonetheless, Mr. Power is confident that the town's community spirit will reign supreme in seeing the Carrick-on-Suir Strategic Vision 2030 over the line. "It doesn't matter the situation you find yourself in. What matters is how you handle it. We have the team in place to turn this town around," he says.

"This is community activism at its purest. We are only doing what the people of Carrick-on-Suir want done. This is the people of Carrick-on-Suir talking," he adds.

Election candidates support campaign

Independent TD Mattie McGrath says the Government has "utterly failed to tackle high levels of deprivation" in Carrick-on-Suir. "When this is combined with regional investment and health inequality across the wider South East, then the problems in Carrick-on-Suir are magnified," he says.

Deputy McGrath believes Carrick-on-Suir has "extraordinary growth potential" if tourism is properly resourced and promoted.

Deputy Seamus Healy says successive Governments

have "absolutely let down" the people of Carrick-on-Suir. He says the lack of jobs in the town is a "major challenge", forcing educated and skilled professionals to relocate elsewhere. "A town which thrived on traditional industries has been neglected, like many other small towns, through concentrating development and services in cities and a few larger towns in an effort to force people to move there," Deputy Healy says.

Deputy Healy calls for the "full weight of Government power" to rally behind the #isupportcarrickonsuir campaign. "Ultimately if the strategy is going to prove successful, we must get the Dublin bus service back and a properly functioning train service to and from Waterford. The poor public transport links are isolating Carrick-on-Suir," he says.

Sinn Féin general election candidate Martin Browne calls for Carrick-on-Suir to be made a "digital centre" for start-up businesses. "Due to the lack of investment and job creation, Carrick-on-Suir has lost its best and brightest to Dublin and abroad over the years. This needs to be reversed as a matter of urgency and if elected as a TD I will make sure this happens," he adds.

Mr. Browne also says a third bridge would take large goods vehicles off the Main Street and a second hotel would increase visitor numbers.

Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn, who is the current Mayor of Clonmel Borough District, says Carrick-on-Suir features

"very high" on his list of priorities. Acknowledging the challenges facing the town, Mayor Ahearn promises Carrick-on-Suir the required Government funding to reach its potential.

"The Suir Blueway has given the region a great tourism boost. I believe we should build on this by investing even more in the Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel areas," he adds.

Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District cathaoirleach, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, says the town's people feel "very angry, disillusioned and forgotten." She says: "The people of Carrick-on-Suir have lost their sense of place, forgetting what a great place it is."

Cllr Goldsboro describes Carrick-on-Suir as a "hidden gem with great tourism potential." She adds: "From meeting so many of the town's people on the doorstep, who are the salt of the earth, I know they deserve to get the same support and acknowledgement as any other tourism town. It needs significant investment to be committed over a five-year period and a guarantee of support from public representatives to ensure everything that can be done will be done. This will create employment and attract investment into Carrick-on-Suir."

"Setting up the Digital Enterprise Hub will provide direct and indirect job creation in business and tourism sectors, and it will also promote and link the many attractions in the area."

'Ireland remains one of the best places to live and work in world'

General election 2020: The younger generation have their say on the issues dominating Irish society

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Young people are calling on the next Government to address the colossal cost of renting across Ireland and to invest in South Tipperary.

There are approximately 696,543 18 to 29-year-olds entitled to vote in the general election on February 8, with 22,114 of those in County Tipperary alone.

'Housing horror stories'

Cahir's Kenneth Conlon says there is a pressing need to address the high cost of accommodation and car insurance for younger drivers. "We need an increased housing supply for students and young single people in general. Increasing the income threshold for the SUSI grant would help students with the cost of accommodation," says the University of Limerick Irish and Spanish student.

Knockgraffon's Cormac English says that many students from rural Ireland, who move away for college or work, are living in "very constrained circumstances". The University College Dublin Computer Science student explains: "It's not easy for a rural household to suddenly support one, two or three additional living expenses as young people start leaving for college, and this is often reflected in very low free income for those young people.

"The housing crisis in Dublin especially makes it a prohibitively expensive place to live, and anyone who has interacted with that particular market will have their own horror stories. Poor quality, high prices and general disdain for certain groups of people, such as students, are the norm when renting across the city. This is magnified for those coming 'up from the country', who are often reliant on having some contacts in the city beforehand. Moving up on your own with limited means is a very straining experience.

"Transport is a huge issue, with both Dublin and rural areas woefully underserved in different respects. Within the city, one of the cheapest methods of getting around is to use a Leap Card and rely on fare capping. Doing this, and limiting yourself solely to Dublin Bus, can still cost €80 per month, which is a significant chunk of a student's disposable income. The issue of transport in South Tipperary is part of a wider rural infrastructure issue, and I am still very conscious of my dependence on my parents for transportation when I am home," he says.

Kilsheelan's Niall Murphy also



Knockgraffon's Cormac English is studying Computer Science at UCD



Cahir and University of Limerick student Kenneth Conlon

slams the cost of renting in Dublin. "The outgoing administration has three major failings, which really affect the youth of Ireland today. These include having access to affordable housing, healthcare logjams and meaningful action on climate change," says Niall, who is training to be an accountant in Dublin.

"Supports need to be given to help solve the rental crisis in our urban areas. Rent takes up 40 per cent of my paycheck for a small room, whereas mortgage payments on two-bed homes in Dublin would result in the same monthly outflows," Niall continues.

'Invest in South Tipperary'

Cahir's Mairéad O'Donnell says rural communities have been "left behind." The LIT Thurles Environmental and Geographical Sciences student says: "The focus seems to be on Dublin when finding work after college. Classmates from the farming community are also feeling the problems facing that sector. The next Government needs



LIT Thurles' Mairéad O'Donnell is studying Environmental and Geographical Sciences



Cahir GAA and Cashel RFC's Conor Cashman works at Rockwell College

to put more focus on younger people and the issues they will have to face in the future. Global climate change with adverse weather conditions already being seen in Ireland need to be addressed."

Cormac English is calling on the next Government to invest in South Tipperary. "South Tipperary is full of great people and great places that are 'making do' with less hospital infrastructure, negligible public transportation and delayed infrastructure, notably broadband. In the year 2020, the internet remains patchy, unreliable and slow for many people in rural areas. I would like to see some constructive and potent solutions in any future Government," Cormac says.

Cahir's Conor Cashman says youth unemployment is an issue in South Tipperary for those who can't go on to third-level education or aren't suited to an apprenticeship. "The Government needs to focus on this somewhat forgotten group," says the 22-year-old, who plays for Cahir GAA Club and Cashel RFC.

'Youth vote huge'

Kenneth Conlon, 22, feels young people tend to only exercise the power to vote "for referendums to change outdated constitution laws," adding that there are "no quick fixes" to the issues that currently plague Irish society.

Agreeing with Kenneth, Mairéad O'Donnell feels younger people aren't thinking about the upcoming election.

Conor Cashman, who works at Rockwell College, says the younger generation could have a "huge impact" in the formation of the next Government. "Referendums on the Eighth Amendment and same-sex marriage showed the potential of the 18-24 electorate," he says.

Niall Murphy emphasises the importance of young people turning out to vote on February 8. "Following recent events in the United States and the United Kingdom, which have resulted in Donal Trump's election as president and Boris Johnson as prime minister respectively, more people are taking a view of the importance of the youth vote," Niall says.

'Ireland numero uno'

Mairéad O'Donnell is optimistic about the future, but acknowledges young people could seek careers abroad. "I am hopeful for the future in Ireland and plan to stay, but I can see the attraction of moving abroad where there are more opportunities available. Work is the biggest issue

facing me when I leave college. My ideal general election candidate needs to be ready to tackle issues on a local level, as well as addressing the national issues facing young people and the world today," Mairéad adds.

Similar to Mairéad, Conor Cashman is optimistic about the future, underlining that the next Government needs a clear focus on sustaining rural Ireland while balancing the need for climate action. "They will also need to focus on social issues such as homelessness, education and health," he says.

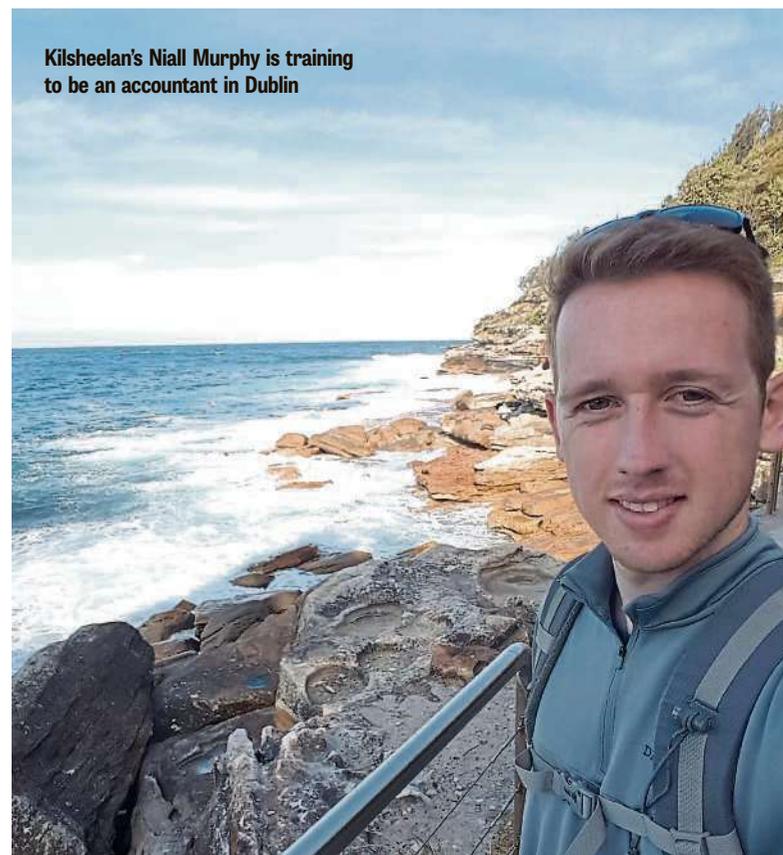
Niall Murphy also retains confidence that Ireland is the place to be.

"I am somewhat optimistic for the future of South Tipperary. There are strong schools and steady employment in the region," he says.

"I fear that a lot of talent will be lost to the cities given the rapid urbanisation of Ireland and with the majority of new job creation being focused in Cork and Dublin. However, South Tipperary provides a good quality of life over the cities and hopefully the IDA will be able to attract further companies to the area.

"The move abroad championed by so many young adults over the last decade is an attractive one and one to give thought to, though it is one you need to go into with a clear path. Ireland, for all that people say, remains one of the best places to live and work in the world and with good reason," he adds.

Kilsheelan's Niall Murphy is training to be an accountant in Dublin



Outstanding Moya Whelan lands Business Achievement Award

A past Rockwell College student was one of four young people recognised by the Business Studies Teachers' Association Ireland at the annual Business Achievement Awards.

The awards are presented each year to the examination candidate who achieves the highest grade nationally in Leaving Certificate Accounting, Business and Economics and in Junior Certificate Business Studies.

The event, hosted and sponsored by the Banking and Payments Federation Ireland (BPF), welcomed the winners and their families, teachers and principals for the presentation of gold medals and certificates of achievement.

Clonmel's Moya Whelan, who completed her Leaving Certificate at Rockwell College last year, received an award in recognition of her outstanding result of 99% in the 2019 Leaving Certificate examination.

The guest speaker at the event was former Ireland rugby player Jamie Heaslip, who has engaged in a number of successful business ventures since his retirement from rugby. He spoke on the need for commitment to a task, reminding those attending that "talent is nothing without discipline".

President of BPF Gavin Kelly noted the important contribution of parents and schools to the candidates' success and in particular the contribution of their teachers. He noted that Moya's teacher, Michael Doyle Jr., had also taught the 2018 Business Award winner Ben McDonald and congratulated him on this extraordinary achievement of back-to-back winners.

Moya is currently studying Management Science and Information Systems Studies at Trinity College Dublin. She was accompanied at the awards ceremony by her parents John and Carmel Whelan and her two sisters.

Moya Whelan (centre) with teacher Michael Doyle (left) and former Ireland and Leinster rugby star Jamie Heaslip (right)



Thirty Cashel Community School students recently registered to vote in the upcoming general election. Dáil candidates Mary Newman, Julian, Martin Browne, Mattie McGrath, Jackie Cahill and Rob O'Donnell along with county councillors Roger Kennedy and Declan Burgess were in attendance, answering questions raised by the students

Cashel Community School show bravery to set up Limerick decider

CASHEL CCS 4-16 ST AUGUSTINE'S 3-16

Honesty, bravery, skill and a never say die attitude are becoming hallmarks of this year's senior hurling team from Cashel Community School.

The school's under-19 team have now reached their second Thomas Mhic Cholim (Munster B) final in three years.

On January 25, they faced off against a very well drilled St Augustine's team from Dungarvan, who put the Tipperary men to the pin of their collar especially in an exhilarating second-half.

Sean Tracey Park was the venue for the semi-final with conditions cool but dry. If the conditions were on the chilly side, the large crowd in attendance were not short of entertainment as both teams played out a dramatic game with 39 scores which included seven goals.

The first-half was a tight, tense affair with both sides finding space and time on the ball hard to come by, such was

the effort without the ball put in by both sets of players. The Dungarvan school opened the scoring with points from the lively Willie Beresford and Johnny Bourke. Cashel responded with a free but the Waterford men extended the lead back out to two with a fantastic score from Sam Fitzgerald.

Cashel then hit the front with a flurry, hitting 1-2 in a three-minute blitz - the goal coming from Ben Ryan who reacted quickest when a point effort came down off the upright. These scores settled Cashel, but a pair of Niall Buckley frees saw Augustine's tie the game up at 1-2 to 5 points with 22 minutes on the clock.

Both teams exchanged points from then until half-time, before Stephen Browne slotted a good point following a mix-up in the Dungarvan back line, with the other scores all from dead balls. The teams headed for the dressing rooms all square 1-6 to 9 points.

Augustine's had formed a

reputation for big second-half performances coming from behind in many of their games, especially in their quarter final win over Castle Troy College. This must have been noted by the Cashel team however as it was them who opened the second half full of purpose and intent. The Tipperary men hit an uninterrupted 2-3 in a 12-minute blitz with goals from Kevin Cleary and Conor O'Dwyer as well as a fine point from the dynamic Euan Ryan. After a quiet first-half, Daniel Moloney and O'Dwyer were now to the fore in Cashel's forward line and were helped by the movement of Cathal Quinn, leaving the score 3-9 to 11 points after 44 minutes.

The men from the south coast did not roll over however and crept back into the game through points from Buckley and Burke raising green flags, the second coming from a 21 yard free which saw Buckley take his tally to 1-8 and the sides level 3-11 to 2-14.

Just as in their quarter-

final win, however, this Cashel team knew how to respond. A long range free was batted out and the lightning fast reactions of Stephen Browne saw him rattle the net to reassert his sides lead. O'Dwyer dissected the posts with a free, won by the energetic James Murphy who had been introduced, to give Cashel a much needed cushion going into the last 10 minutes. The drama did not end there though with Johnny Burke firing the games seventh goal to claw his team back into the game 4-13 to 3-15 with five minutes of normal time remaining.

It was from here on the large crowd that really saw the true character of this Cashel team as their never-say-die attitude came to the fore again. It was indiscipline in Augustine's own backline who had to succumb to the pressure now being exerted as Cashel kicked for home. Murphy won another crucial free and sub Reuben Bourke made a powerful run to set up the final score, sealing his

team's passage to a Munster final.

Cashel had leaders all over the park not least with defenders Ben Loughman, Tomas Bourke, Brian Og O'Dwyer, Conor Farrell and Callum Lawrence all contributing hugely. The athleticism and energy of Jamie Duncan was admired by all, while Jack Currihan in goal worked many of his puckouts to build attacks for his team. Captain Lorcan Carr and Euan Ryan linked play between defence and attack while also working tirelessly. All six starting forwards finished up on the scoresheet which shows the variety of threat this team contains. They now face Doon CBS in a final on February 15. They have received fantastic support from the schools feeder clubs, which was evident on Saturday with the large crowd who shared in their joy at the sound of the final whistle.

Final score: Cashel 4-16 to St Augustine's 3-16.

Cashel team: Jack Currihan (Golden), Conor Farrell

(Kickhams), Tomás Bourke (Boherlahan), Jamie Duncan (Kickhams), Lorcan Carr (Kickhams), Ben Loughman (Kickhams), Brian Og O'Dwyer (Rockwell-Rosegreen), Euan Ryan (Boherlahan), Callum Lawrence (Cashel), Ben Ryan (Kickhams), Daniel Moloney (Cashel), Stephen Browne (Kickhams), Cathal Quinn (Cashel), Conor O'Dwyer (Cashel), Kevin Cleary (Rockwell-Rosegreen).

Subs: James Murphy (Boherlahan), Adam Ryan (Rockwell-Rosegreen), Reuben Bourke, Ned Ryan (Boherlahan), Ciarán Moroney (Fethard) Jack Breen (Kickhams), Micháel O'Connor (Boherlahan), Ben Currihan (Golden), David Sinclair (Golden), Páirc Brosnan (Cashel), Darragh Lacey (Boherlahan), John Marnane (Rockwell-Rosegreen), Séan Ryan (Rockwell-Rosegreen), Eoghan Murphy (Cashel), Christopher Geraghty (Rockwell-Rosegreen), Ross Whelan (Cashel), Micháel Quinlan (Fethard).

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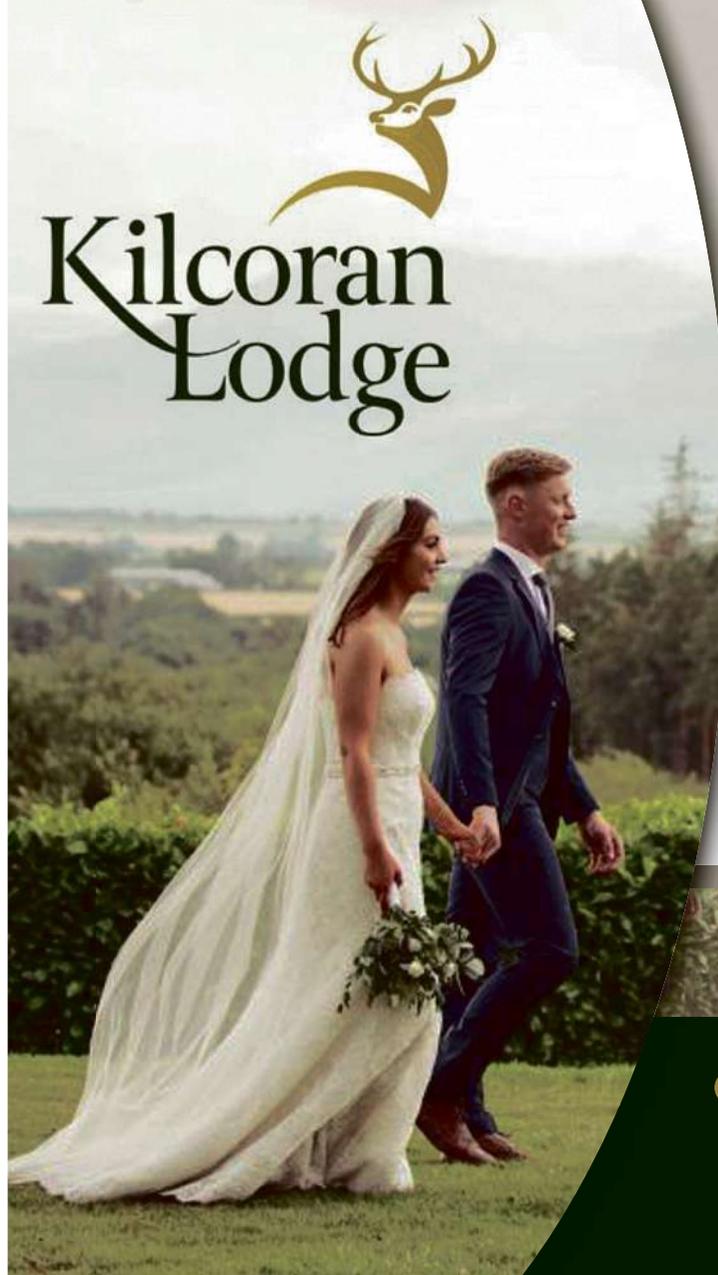
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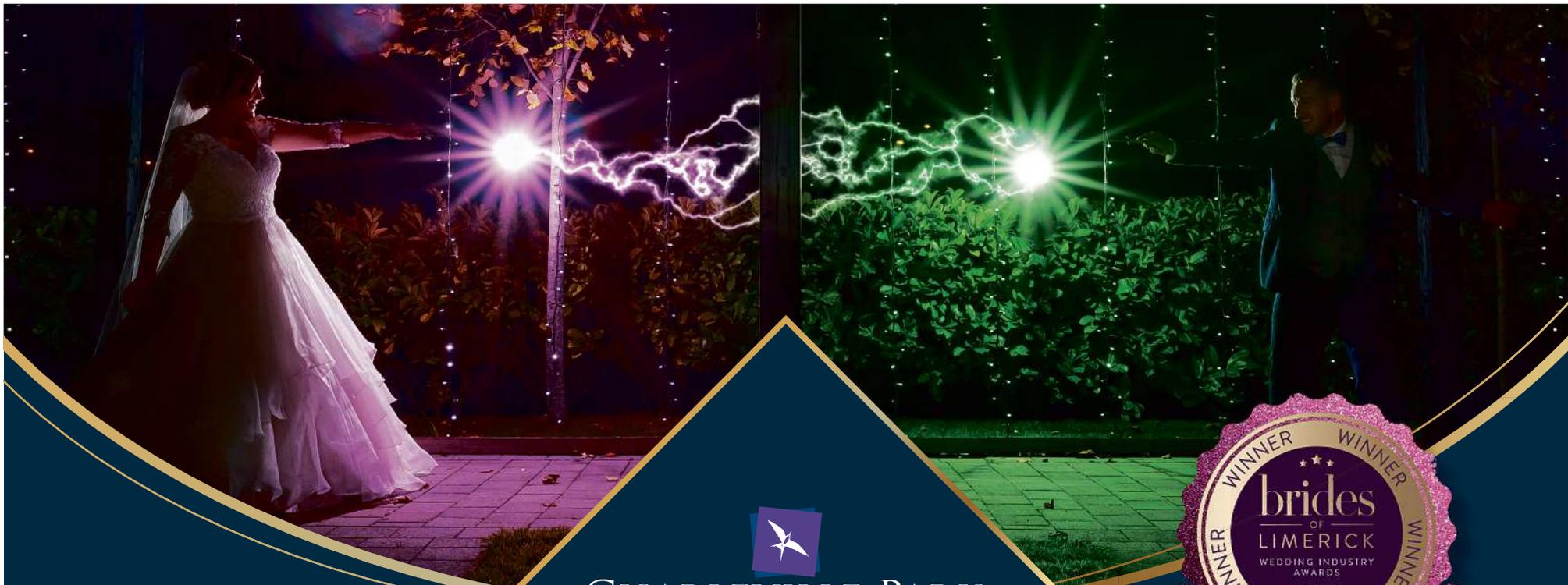


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Fethard newsletter 'the memory of the people'

The organisers of the upcoming Tipperarian Book Fair in Fethard, which will take place on February 9, have awarded the 18th Tipperarian Book of the Year to the 60th anniversary edition of the Fethard and Killusty Newsletter.

Better known as the Emigrants Newsletter, the 250-page 2019 edition is continuing a tradition started by the Fethard branch of the Legion of Mary back in 1959. The whole Irish economy - and society in fact - were in a state of near collapse during the 1950s era, with nearly half a million people emigrating in a dozen years, from a country of only three million people.

The concept of the Emigrants Newsletter was a national project by the Legion of Mary to try and get parishes all over Ireland to produce an annual parish newsletter, which would then be sent to the huge Irish diaspora overseas so as to keep them in

touch with the 'old country'.

The award of Tipperarian Book of the Year 2019 was presented to Joe Kenny, editor of the winning Newsletter since 1988, at a ceremony in the ICA Hall, Fethard, last Friday night.

Mary Guinan-Darmody of the County Library's Local Studies section in Thurles was the guest speaker on the night, and she outlined that many parishes in Tipperary initiated the newsletter idea over the years, but that Fethard was unique in continuing the tradition uninterrupted for 60 years, from 1959 to the present.

In praising the longevity and exceptionally high standard and content of the Fethard newsletter, she also drew attention to the many other present day parish newsletters and historical journals in the county, saying that they will also be a huge resource for future historians, and of course will act as "the memory of the people" in this fluid and somewhat fractured age.



Back from left: Sandra McInerney, Rachel Murphy, Gwen Cooke, Jorg Mille, Tim Robinson, Jack Healy (guest speaker), Terry Cunningham, John Cooney, Michael Mallon, Catherine O'Flynn, Mary Healy. Front: Marie Murphy, Mary Hanrahan (chairperson), Joe Kenny (Fethard and Killusty Newsletter) and Mary Darmody (guest speaker, Thurles Library Local Studies), Gerry Long and Pat Looby. This year's Tipperarian Book Fair will be held in Fethard Ballroom on February 9

Another, quite incredible, feature of the Fethard and Killusty Newsletter saga is that it is posted free of charge to over 600 emigrants worldwide, a fact which really demonstrates that Fethard

and Tipperary remember their own.

Members of the Fethard Emigrant Newsletter committee will be present at the upcoming 25th annual Tipperarian Book Fair, which

will take place from 2-6pm in the Fethard Ballroom on February 9, with current and some back copies of the famous Newsletter.

Anyone who wishes to make contact with the Book

Fair organisers can email bookfair@fethard.com or contact 087-930 52 32 or 087-9009722. See also www.tipperarian.com.

St. Mary's Choral Society going **The Full Monty**

St. Mary's Choral Society, Clonmel, is ready to Let it Go with the raucous yet heart-warming musical **The Full Monty**.

Based on the cult hit film of the same name, **The Full Monty**, a 10-time Tony Award nominee, is filled with honest affection, engaging melodies and the most highly anticipated closing number of any show.

The powerhouse team of Terrence McNally (Ragtime) and David Yazbek (Dirty Rotten Scoundrels) cooks up an aggressive crowd-pleaser that both entertains and grabs your heart.

While spying on their wives at a Girls' Night Out, a group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo see how much they enjoy watching male strippers. Jealous, out of work and feeling emasculated, the men come up with a bold and unclothed way to make some quick cash. In preparing, they find themselves extremely exposed, not merely physically but emotionally. As they conquer their fears, self-consciousness and prejudices, the men come to discover that they're stronger as a group, and the strength that they find in each other gives them the individual courage to Let it Go.

A complex, emotional character with plenty of cha-

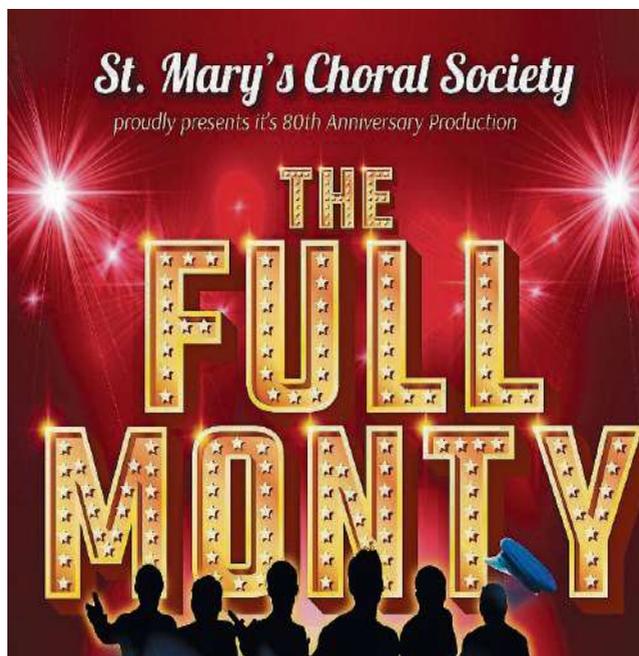
risma, Jerry Lukowski (Diarmaid Vaughan) needs cash fast so that he can pay his pragmatic, estranged wife Pam child support for their son.

"12-years-old going on forty", Jerry's son Nathan (Keenan Scully) can be rational, sincere and charming, but ultimately real as he deals with his parents' custody battle.

Jerry's self-conscious, overweight best friend Dave Bukatinsky (James O'Donovan) is sceptical at first of this seemingly outlandish idea to form a group of male strippers, but he soon comes on board. Sincere and awkward Malcolm McGregor (Emmet Donlan) is fighting a battle of his own when recruited by Jerry and Dave for their new venture. In an emotional yet humorous scene, we gain insight into Malcolm's current mental state and are shown the real value of friendship (Big Ass Rock).

Anxious to earn some money fast, Jerry holds auditions to find the remaining men for his newly found group Hot Metal. In this humorous scene, we encounter Ethan Girard (Ian Purcell) as he energetically attempts wall-walking and Donald O'Connor 'Singing In The Rain' acrobatics.

In contrast to this, we meet unemployed mill super-



visor Harold Nichols (Kevin Fahey), who is determined to keep his wife Vicki in the upper-class lifestyle that she is accustomed to. Noah T. Simmons (Lekan Akinyemi) will joyfully rile up the audience as Horse, far too old to be stripping but notably the first auditionee for Jerry's show to have a real sense of rhythm, making him a contender.

His dance skills are what finally bring Hot Metal to life. Newly formed Hot Metal is managed by retired showbiz veteran Jeanette Burmeister (Deirdre Ryan), who has had a colourful past and is not

afraid to speak her mind. Her unreserved and candid nature is apparent in Jeanette's Showbiz Number.

This musical is not solely focused on a group of men getting their kit off, it is much more than that. It is a tale of wounded male pride and uncertainty in a changing world. There are no heroes, just people muddling through and trying to survive as they are stripped of pride and their livelihoods. Real life struggles are prevalent throughout and as we journey with the characters through their marriage difficulties,

sexual preferences, mental health issues and self-image concerns, we grow to love them and connect with them.

The women's roles in this show are powerful, pivotal and memorable. Through these characters, we gain insight into the struggles faced by the men in their daily lives. The show opens with Dave's wife, Georgie Bukatinsky (Nicole Butler), a warm, down-to-earth soul that isn't afraid to kick up her heels. Her reality comes in dealing with her husband's struggles and trying to hold her marriage together. Her best friend, Pam Lukowski (Michelle Smith), is dealing with issues of her own. She earnestly wants Jerry to be an active parent for Nathan, but wrestles with strong reservations about his character and her own lingering feelings for him. Harold's wife, the charming Vicki Nichols (Grace Hogan), is flamboyant on the surface but her love and understanding are real, and this is evident in her powerful duet with Georgie (You Rule My World Reprise).

Other female roles include Estelle Genovese (Tara Gearon), Jerry's younger, provocative girlfriend. Georgie's friends Susan Hershey (Jennifer Lynch) and Joanie Lish (Rachel Browne). Other male roles include con-

ventional Teddy Slaughter (James Sweeney), Pam's finacé, handsome and self-assured male stripper Buddy 'Keno' Walsh (Ruairi Doyle), union leader Reg Willoughby (Caolán Deehy-Power) and club owner Tony Giordano (Kevin Twohig).

The musical will be directed by Des Henn, with musical direction by Siobhan Alley. Barbara Meany returns once again as Choreographer and Chorus Mistress is Mary-Rose McNally. The Full Monty is a story full of heart. Right to the end, audiences will be wondering if these lovable misfits will really pull it off. We are titillated with the big question of whether they'll have the courage to go the Full Monty in order to sell enough tickets, but this only adds to the humour and poignancy.

St. Mary's Choral Society is looking for members to join the chorus for what promises to be an impressive production. You can contact the society via its Facebook page for more information.

The Full Monty will be staged in the White Memorial Theatre from April 25 to May 2. Tickets will go on sale online on February 29 via www.ticketsource.eu/whitememorialtheatre. Tickets will also be on sale in Marian's on O'Connell Street, Clonmel, at the end of March.

Fabulous night at Macra na Feirme reunion dinner

More than 160 former members of Carrick-on-Suir Macra na Feirme branch and their guests gathered in the Carraig Hotel last Saturday night for a reunion dinner.

It was a night of nostalgia as well as fun for the past members of the now defunct Macra branch that was an important social outlet for young people in the town and district for 50 years between 1947 and 1997.

The reunion function included an exhibition of photographs and scrapbooks chronicling the history of the branch and its members and their participation in many Macra social activities and competitions.

The celebration of Carrick Macra's 50 year history kicked off with a Mass for deceased former Macra branch members in St Nicholas Church. The celebrant was Fr. Jimmy Browne.

At the dinner afterwards, Wattie Walsh, who served as chairperson of Iverk Show for 20 years and joined Macra in 1956, congratulated the organising committee on their great research and work in preparation for the re-union.

He praised Macra na Feirme's founding members in 1945 for their vision of a brighter future in rural Ireland when life was hard and farming was poor.

He spoke of the great men

who worked to improve standards and build up skills and confidence in young farmers and people living in rural areas while offering them a social outlet where they were represented in sports, debating, drama and many other social activities all bound up under the guidance and advocacy of the Macra Na Feirme organisation.

Former Waterford Co-op chairman Johnny Dowley from Carrickbeg, who attended the first Carrick Macra branch meeting in 1947, regaled the guests about the great humour and camaraderie among the branch's members.

Johnny recalled many great days of social gatherings and the wonderful Macra field evenings, which he loved. He also remembered the great friends and Macra members who have passed

away.

Johnny was presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation by Tom O'Neill, honouring him as a founding member of Carrick-on-Suir Macra na Feirme in 1947 and for giving 50 years of dedicated service to the organisation.

Other guests at the dinner were Tom Nealon and Walter Dunphy of Brewery Lane Drama Group, who used to coach Carrick Macra members in drama. Tom Nealon spoke about how the great knowledge shared and discussed among the young farmers and their friends, empowered them and how they all enjoyed the fun of being involved in social events.

He recalled Macra members' input into Brewery Lane Theatre's drama and said his involvement in Macra gave him some of the "finest



Annette Crowley, Maeve Flynn, Cecily O'Hanlon and Ellen Kirby at the Macra na Feirme reunion night

memories of his life".

Former Macra na Feirme CEO Edmond Connolly spoke about his and his family's involvement in Macra and the positive impact of the organisation down through generations to the present day and its role in providing a wide range of skills and training to its members.

Others who spoke with fondness about their experiences in Macra were Richard Walsh, Anna Tobin, Wattie Dunphy, who gave a hilarious recitation; Kevin Murphy and Michael Walsh. They praised the wide variety of sports, drama, outings, debating, artistry, travel and local, regional and national Macra

events open to all members and their families.

Johnny Dowley and Anna Tobin had the honour of cutting an exquisitely designed and decorated cake made by Angela O'Halloran-Comerford. Local musicians Breege Phelan and Will McClelland 'The Wood of O' were also welcome guests on the night.



Wattie Dunphy, Liam Kennedy, Niamh Parle, Edmond Connolly, Declan Hahessy, Pat Parle, Ber Hahessy and Ciara Power enjoying the Carrick-on-Suir Macra na Feirme reunion night

'Rare to get live jazz in Clonmel'

Clonmel Swing Dancing, which has organised regular Monday night swing dancing classes in the town for the past four years, is hosting a special event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Roaring 20s.

Deise Brass, a 10-piece jazz band from Dungarvan, will perform at The Cabaret Room in The Coachman on Parnell Street, Clonmel, on February 1.

"It's expected that this year will be huge for jazz and swing dancing, which are all associated with the era of The Roaring 20s", says organiser Catherine Corbett. "It's rare to get live jazz in Clonmel so I'm thrilled to have the band with us."

The event is also open to all those who just want to come and listen to jazz, as well as dance.

The group's regular swing dancing classes are also held at The Coachman.

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PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Revised Plans or Significant Further information We, Ruth Ryan & Richard McCarthy intend to apply to the above Authority for planning permission for revised site boundaries, revised site layout plan and site area from that as granted planning permission under Planning Reference No. 19/600443 at Clashdrumsmith, Emly, Co. Tipperary. Planning Ref. No. 19/601277. That significant further information or revised plans, as appropriate, in relation to the application has or have been furnished to the planning authority and is or are available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. The significant further information includes further revisions to site boundaries, site layout plan and site area. A submission or observation in relation to the further information or revised plans may be made in writing to the planning authority within the statutory time limit. A submission or observation must be accompanied by the prescribed fee of €20, except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation.

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PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Application for both Planning Permission and Retention 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, milking parlour, dairy, collecting yard & meal bin
3. Retention Planning for an existing livestock shed.
4. All associated site works
Signed: Tim Kilmartin
This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20euros, within the period of five 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 Significant Further Information Take notice that I, Paul Flanagan, intend to submit Significant Further Information in connection with Planning Application Ref. No. 19/600223 (Permission for Dwelling, Garage and Entrance utilising the Septic Tank & Percolation Area already constructed to serve the Dwelling granted on foot of planning permission Ref. No. 04/1531 and to construct a new Septic Tank & Percolation area to service that existing Dwelling along with all associated site works - all at Woodinstown, Cahir, Co. Tipperary). The Significant Further Information relates to the upgrading of the existing Septic Tank system which is to serve the new Dwelling. This Significant Further Information will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this Significant Further Information & Revised Plans may be made in writing to the planning authority not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the planning authority. A submission or observation must be accompanied by the prescribed Fee of €20.00 except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Take notice that I, Gillian Davis, intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for a Dwelling, Garage, Effluent Treatment System and Entrance (The proposed Entrance to be located where an Entrance was previously permitted under Planning Ref 08/159) and all associated site works at Outeragh, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. This Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

TURNER
(nee Lonergan)



(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)

Amy Turner
(nee Lonergan)

Late of Masterton, New Zealand
& Bianconi Drive, Clonmel.

6th February 2019 aged 39 years.

(Pre-deceased by her Dad Christy RIP)

As we fondly remember our beloved Amy on the First Anniversary of her passing, Amy's husband Mike, her cherished children Oonagh, Aoife and Donnacha, her mother Phyllis, her siblings Gavin, Loretta and Lisa, their families and extended family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, their love and support during the sad time of their loss.

As Amy's home was in New Zealand for many years, we would like to thank the wonderful people of Masterton, NZ, for their support and outpouring of love.

To Amy's wonderful mother-in-law Vicki, father-in-law Ronnie and his mother Maureen, brothers-in-law Scott and Gavin, sister-in-law Lisa, their families and extended family, thank you for your love and support.

A heartfelt thanks to the Condon and Lonergan families who provided help, love and support to us and continue to do so today.

To everyone who sent Mass cards, floral tributes, letters and to neighbours and friends who called to our house, thank you very much. To everyone who donated to charity in lieu of flowers, thank you.

Thank you to Amy's close friends, classmates and work colleagues and all who shared fond memories with us.

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Hegarty for his prayers, guidance and lovely Memorial Mass. Thanks to Elaine Johnson for all the help in the Community Hall. To Andrea Ruth-Houlihan for her beautiful and thought-provoking music. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Amy's Memorial Mass a beautiful service. To all our family members who helped with the refreshments in the Community Hall, we are truly grateful.

To Amy's colleagues in the Warehouse NZ, her friends in the Cubbyhouse Creche and Mike's colleagues in ASB Bank, thank you for your support.

Thank you to Fr. Eddie Condra and to the doctors, nurses and paramedics who helped Amy in any way.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

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

Amy touched the lives of many people and a light has gone out in all our lives.

"Amy, may the winds of love blow gently and whisper for you to hear, we will always love and miss you and wish that you were here."

Peace, Perfect Peace.

Amy's First Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday 7th February in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm.



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SHEEHAN

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Lexie Sheehan

3 Church Street, Cahir,
Co. Tipperary
& late of Doneraile, Co. Cork.

12th February 2019.

On this, the First Anniversary of Lexie's death, his wife Annette and family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Thank you to all who attended the Removal and Funeral Mass, especially those who travelled long distances to be with us.

Thanks to those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and donated to The Crohns and Colitis Society of Ireland.

A special word of thanks to Lexie's care team, the doctors and nurses in South Tipperary General Hospital, Clonmel and especially the nursing staff in CCU for their utmost care and support. Also a special word of thanks to Dr. John Farrell, Cahir, for his time, care and support for Lexie over many years.

Thank you to Fr. Tommy Coffey for visiting Lexie every day and blessing him, many, many times.

Thanks to Fr. Peter Cullen for celebrating the Requiem Mass and for making the Mass so personal and special. Thank you to the musicians.

Thank you to Costigan Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. Many thanks Wallie and Pattie for your kindness.

We would like to express our thanks to the members of An Garda Siochana, Cahir for their presence and mark of respect shown towards Lexie, both at the Removal and Requiem Mass.

We would like to extend a most sincere thanks to neighbours, friends and relatives for assisting with the funeral organisation and for the continued support shown to us.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Lexie's First Anniversary Mass will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th February 2020 in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

IN MEMORIAM

BLANCHFIELD

(10th Anniversary)



Eddie

Treasured memories of a wonderful husband, dad and grandad, Eddie Blanchfield, late of Poulakerry, Kilsheelan, whose 10th anniversary occurs on 24th January.

Today we light a candle and say a special prayer. We take a trip down memory lane and know that you'll be there. Today is your anniversary, you would not want a fuss. Just to be remembered and loved by all of us.

Today, tomorrow, our whole life through, we will always love and remember you. A Mass, a prayer are all we can give and these you shall have for as long as we live.

Thinking about you today and always.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Mass offered

CAMPBELL

(32nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Breda Campbell, late of 45 Bianconi Drive, Clonmel, who died on 11th February 1988.

Our thoughts are ever with you, though you have passed away, and those who loved you dearly, are thinking of you today.

Always in the thoughts of her loving family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 8th February at 7.30pm in St. Oliver's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

CARROLL

(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear son Kevin, late of 52 Elm Park, Clonmel, who died on 29th January, 2014, aged 29 years. RIP.

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

Love you always - Mam and Dad, sisters Amanda, Ann-Marie and Sandra, brother-in-law Derek, nephew Darragh and Kelly.

Also remembering my brother Mossy Dwan, late of 20 William Street whose anniversary also occurs at this time.

Missed by your sister Ann.

Mass offered.

CONRAN

(16th & 7th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our parents John and Mary Conran, Morton Place, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Loving you is easy, we do it everyday. Missing you is heartache, that never goes away.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten

- From all their family.

Mass offered.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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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.



Rest in Peace

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IN MEMORIAM

CUNNINGHAM
 (7th & 41st Anniversaries)



In loving memory of a dear mother Elizabeth (Bessie) and father Jimmy Cunningham, late of 46 Bianconi Drive, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time RIP.

Will those who think of Bessie and Jimmy today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by your son Michael, Meta and family.

Mass offered

DWAN
 (22nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Thomas (Mossy) Dwan late of 20 William Street, Clonmel who died on 7th February 1998.

As each day dawns we think of you. As each night falls we pray for you. Throughout our lives, no matter where, in our hearts you are always there.

Sadly missed by Joan and Frankie Kelly and family, Paul and Sinead and family, Pearse Park.

Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

KELLEHER
 (14th Anniversary)



Eddie

Treasured and precious memories of a wonderful father, grandfather and father-in-law, Edward (Eddie) Kelleher, late of 12 College Avenue, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on 1st February. R.I.P.

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

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

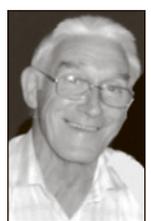
To know, to love and then to part, is the saddest fate of the human heart.

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

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

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Church on Saturday 15th February at 7pm.

LANDERS
 (3rd Anniversary)



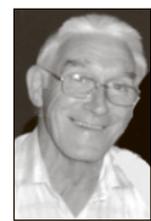
In sad and loving memory of my dear husband John Landers, Queen Street, Clonmel and formerly of Glenconnor who died on 28th January 2017 RIP.

Someday I hope to see again the face I loved so well. Someday I will clasp those loving hands and never say farewell.

Always loved and remembered by your wife Joan and family.

IN MEMORIAM

LANDERS
 (3rd Anniversary)



In sad and loving memory of our dear father John Landers, who died on 28th January 2017 RIP.

Dad

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. So rest in peace dear Dad and thanks for all you've done. We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.

Always missed by sons Anthony and Philip, daughters Marian and Joanne and families.

IN MEMORIAM

MCCLOUGHLIN
 (4th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



Joe (Joseph) McLoughlin

Gillinham, Kent, UK
 & formerly of 7 Mountain View Drive, Cahir.

In loving memory of a brother, father, grandfather who sadly passed away on 13th February 2016 RIP

A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here.

Always remembered, loved and never forgotten by your sons, grand-daughter, brothers, sisters and their families.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church Cahir at 10am on Sunday 9th February.

MADIGAN
 (16th & 28th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear parents Dotie and John Madigan, 1 St. Oliver Plunkett Terrace, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time RIP.

Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.

May your gentle souls rest in peace.

Always remembered by your sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MULLALLY
 (28th & 25th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear Dad and Mum Jerry and Alice Mullally late of 5 O'Duffy Terrace, Tipperary who died 28th January 1992 and 28th February 1995 RIP.

Our hearts will always mourn you Dad and Mum. Our tears will always flow, what it meant to lose you both, few will ever know.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sons John, James, Gerard, John-John, and Brian, daughters Tina, Patricia, Alice and Breda, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, brothers and sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass offered.

MAHER
 (14th Anniversary)



Remembering Jimmy, late of 3 Clarke Villas, Clonmel, who died on February 4th, 2006.

A whisper that February night, you heard a gentle call, you took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all.

Love as always - Angie

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 2nd February at 12 noon in St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER
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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.



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

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



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IN MEMORIAM

MURPHY
(2nd Anniversary)



Bernie

February 2nd

Memories of a much loved daughter, sister, aunt and friend, Bernie (Mary Bernadette) Late of Barnora Cahir and Carrick-on-Suir.

Sunshine passes, shadows fall, but loves remembrance outlasts all. Yes, sadly we miss her and try not to grieve. In a little while longer we too must leave, to meet on that beautiful shore, where parting is unknown and life is evermore.

Sadly missed by mother Siobhan and family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the day chapel of St. Oliver's parish Church at 7.30pm on Friday February 28th.

Angels above watch over us with love.

IN MEMORIAM

O'DWYER
(27th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a loving Dad and Grandad, Willie O'Dwyer, late of 10 Heywood Tce, Clonmel who died on 1st February 1993.

Was the sky a deeper blue, or was our world just a better place, when we shared our lives with you. There's a face we always remember, a voice we will always love, those happy days we knew, are lived again so often with loving memories of you Dad.

Loved and missed so much.

Love always - your daughters Maria and Kitty, sons Jackie and Timmy and families xxxxx

Anniversary Mass at 9am in St. Olivers Church, on Sunday 2nd February.

IN MEMORIAM

TURNER
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Amy Turner (nee Lonergan) 16/10/79 - 06/02/19.

Amy, we think of you in silence, we talk about you too. We have some lovely memories, but we wish we still had you. RIP

Always loved and missed

- Noreen, Tommy and David.



Miss Me

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.

Why cry for a soul set free! Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared, miss me but let me go.

For this journey we all must take, and each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master plan, a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know

and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.

Miss me, but let me go.

O'DWYER
(10th & 12th Anniversaries)

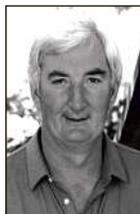


In loving memory of our parents John and Catherine O'Dwyer, late of 78 Ard na Greine, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Always in our thoughts and prayers.

- Timmy, Mary, Andy, Michael and their families.

O'MAHONY
(21st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Johnny, late of Highfield Grove, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sadly missed and remembered always by Breda and family.

TURNER
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Amy Turner (nee Lonergan) 16/10/79 - 06/02/19.

I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought of you yesterday, and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part. God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Thinking of you always as the sister I never had.

Missed and loved deeply by Nicola, Paddy, Rachel and Alex.

Gone but never forgotten.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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SCOTT
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Michael Scott, late Ballyrichard, Mullinahone, who died on 23rd January 2019 RIP

A whisper on that January morning, you heard a gentle call; you took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all.

Always remembered by your loving mother, her partner and your loving brothers and sisters.

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In aid of St. Vincent de Paul this Thursday, January 30, at 8.30pm in Moynihans. Table of four is €20.

Arts Group

Junior STAG names are now being taken for the new session, which will commence on February 29 for six weeks. STAG Adult Art Group is accepting new members for 2020. Meetings on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Art Room behind Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School and on Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Arts Centre, Nelson Street. Contact 086-8096823.

Fundraiser

Place4U Café, Morton Street, will host a vintage tea event on February 1 from 10am to 12.30pm in aid of the Hope Foundation.

KILSHEELAN

Community Field

In line with communities all over the country, Ireland Lights up in the Ballypatrick Sportsfield each Wednesday night at 7pm. Come long and join your neighbours for some sociable exercise and fun. All are welcome.

NEW INN

'New Inn Lights Up'

'New Inn Lights Up' continues every Wednesday January 29 (Week 3). Rockwell Rovers clubhouse will be open and lit up for you, your family and friends can come and register from 7pm, warm-up at 7.20pm and walk from 7.30pm. Just bring your hi-vis vest!

Grandparents Mass

We are extending an invitation for all Grandparents to attend a Grandparents Day Mass this Friday, January 31 in New Inn Church at 10am.

School Enrolments

Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, New Inn is now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2020. Closing date for receipt of application forms, together with a copy of your child's birth certificate, is Tuesday, February 18.

Basketball Club

On Saturday, February 15 at 8.30pm. The New Inn/Rosegreen Basketball Club will be having their annual Table Quiz in Barron's pub New Inn. Table of 4 is €30. This is the clubs only fundraising night of the year. You can help us in any of the following ways - Organise a table of 4 people to attend the quiz -Donate prizes, funds or hamper items or Purchase raffle tickets on the night.



Cllr. Richie Molloy with his wife Sangeeta Molloy (third and fourth from left) at the Republic of India Day in Cork. Also pictured are Anna Roszkowska (Indian Embassy) Kuldeep Joshi (Amneal) and Sandeep Kumar (Indian Ambassador to Ireland)

Rockwell Rovers

Our new Child Welfare Officer is Anita O'Dwyer. Anita's new email address is childrensofficer.rockwellrovers.tipperary@gaa.ie.

Lotto Results

Saturday January 25 results from Ollies Bar, the no's are 1, 4, 7 19. No winner(s). Lucky Dips x 4: Cathal & Siobhan O'Donnell, Martin & Eilish, Bridget McGrath & Michael Fahey to be entered in a monthly draw for €500 on Saturday, February 1. Sellers x 4: Phil Ryan, Phil Ryan, Geraldine Cleary, PJ Moloney, to be entered into a monthly draw for €100 on Saturday, February 1. This week's Jackpot is €16,800 and the draw will take place in Barron's Pub on Saturday, February 1.

Celebrate Spring

Celebrate Spring in Cashel Library on Saturday February 1 at 11am. Librarian Maura Barrett will host a talk about Brigid, her links to the Celtic Calendar and the many traditions and customs that surround her. After the talk patrons will get the opportunity to take part in a craft workshop to learn how to make a St Brigid's Day Cross. Her feast day falls on February 1. This talk and craft workshop which is aimed at an inter-generational audience is an ideal place for grandparents and children to interact. Booking essential to this FREE event to 062 63825

Cahir Pantomime

Cahir Pantomime are delighted to present 'Little Red Riding Hood' performing on Thursday February 6 to Sunday February 9 inclusively. Night Shows: 8pm Matinees: 2:30pm. Thursday Night: Adult €8, Child €5. Friday Night: All tickets €10. Saturday: Night Show All Tickets €10. Matinee Adult €8 Child €5. Sunday: Matinee Adult €8, Child €5. Tickets available in The Heritage, Cahir. Best

Wishes to John Hally, Marlhill who is taking part.

Fr Mathew Players

Rehearsals for the Play "The Cripple of Inishmaan" are now in full swing. Date for your diary: Wednesday, February 19 to Sunday February 23 in the NICC.

Knockgraffon Cards

Winners on Wednesday, January 22 with 13 games were Tony Kennedy & Dennis Hickey and in second place with 11 games were Tim & Pat Fitzgerald. Well done all! Cards start at 8.30pm. Tea & refreshments. All are welcome!

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Helen Scannell (nee O'Connor) Skehenerin, Lis-towel, daughter of the late Ned and Betty O'Connor, Marlhill, New Inn. Our thought and prayers are with the family at this sad time. Ar dheis de go raibh an h-anam.

POWERSTOWN

Lisronagh NS Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted from parents intending to enrol their child in Junior Infants in Lisronagh N.S. in September 2020.

Application to enrol forms are available from the school. Please contact the school secretary on (052) 6122167.

An Open Morning for prospective pupils and their parents will take place on Saturday February 1 at 11am.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Dylan James Myall-Hally who was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday and congratulate his parents Stephanie and Nathan.

Feast of St Blaise

Feast of St. Blaise takes

place on Monday, February 3. Mass and blessing of throats in Powerstown at 10am. Mass and blessing of throats in Lisronagh at 7.30pm

Powerstown NS

Powerstown N.S. are now open for enrolments for the 2020/2021 school year. For further information please contact us on 052-6123178 or email powerstownns@gmail.com

Rathkeevin Cards

Winners of the weekly card game held on Thursday January 16: Jim & Mary Garrett on 12 games; Helen Aherne & B Eganr on 11 games
Table prizes on 19th & 20th games: Paddy Franey & Michael Power with James & Thomas Kennedy.
Winners of the card game held on Thursday January 23: Pat & Ann Butler on 13 games; Mick Keane & Rose Ann Carew on 12 games.
Table prizes on 19th. & 20th games: Michael Ormond & Eileen Howley with Phil. Hackett & Mary Moloney.
Beginners or seasoned card players are welcome to our well run card game.
Next game on Thursday January 30 at 8.30 pm.

CLOGHEEN

Social Dancing

All roads lead to Clogheen on Saturday, February 1 for the wonderful Glen Flynn plays in St Paul's, Clogheen. Dancing from 9pm to 12 Midnight, free raffle and beautiful refreshments served, all for €10.

Drama Group

Unfortunately, the Playboy of the Western World that we intended to be our production for 2020 was the play also picked by a neighbouring Drama Group. So we had to head back to the grindstone and our director has chosen the wonderful play The Beauty Queen of Lennane, this is a

hilarious play and lovely story line.

The production will be on stage in Clogheen on the last weekend of March.

Vee Rovers F.C.

The Juniors were away to Cahir Park in the League on Sunday. Played in excellent conditions both sides had periods of dominance in the first half without creating an clear-cut chances and so it was no surprise when we reached the interval scoreless.

The home team began to exert their authority on proceedings in the second half and were wasteful on a number of occasions. Despite this the Rovers defence held firm and it was eventually a very harsh penalty decision for handball that presented the Park with the opportunity to open their account in the 73rd minute. Rovers now found themselves chasing the game in an attempt to find an equaliser and did this with honest endeavour, without finding any reward. As is often the case they were caught on the break deep into injury time when the Park scored a second goal to put the game to bed on a 2-0 scoreline.

Sympathies

Deepest sympathies are extended to Tony Crosse Lower Main Street, Clogheen on the death of his brother Charlie of Windmill, Cashel. Removal took place from Lonergans Funeral home Cashel on Friday last to Cashel church and following requiem mass on Saturday, Charlie was laid to rest in Kilfeacle cemetery.
He is survived by his mother Monica, twin brother Jimmy, brothers John and Tony, sisters Una and Siobhan and all his extended family. May he rest in peace.

Flower & Garden Club

Flower and Garden Club. Due to great interest, we are in the process of setting up a local Flower and Garden Club. Would you be interested in joining the group? There will be ten get-togethers throughout the year, which will include such events as demonstrations, workshops, discussion group (growing vegetables & herbs), visit to designer gardens, gala event at Christmas, etc.
It is proposed that we will hold an informal get together on Thursday, February 6 in Burncourt Community Centre at 8pm. For more information contact :Trish 0879313136.Lynn 0866086638, Cath 0868410402, Margaret 0872887615.

ARDFINNAN

Community Playschool AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held this Thursday, January 30 at 7.30 pm in the Playschool. All are welcome! If you like to enrol your child in the Playschool for September 2020 for the first of their two free playschool years there are a limited number of places still available. Please contact us on 052-7464488 or e mail ardfinnanchildcare@eircom.net. Alternatively call to the Playschool for further information.

Community Council

The next committee meeting will take place on this Thursday, January 30 at 8pm in the Community Centre. All meetings are open to the public.

GOATENBRIDGE

Ballybacon/Grange GAA Club

A reminder that February 22 will see our club fundraiser 'THE CHASER' come to Cahir House Hotel. It's not to be missed. This show is for one night only and tickets are now on sale. We would like to thank all our exhibitors thus far and all our advertisers for coming on board and we are actively seeking more. If your business or any business you may know want to be involved contact any club member or private message the Ballybacon/Grange GAA page or Ballybacon /Grange Camogie Club page. All businesses and their details can be found on our Local Service Directory pinned to our social media feeds for the coming year. We would ask you to support these local businesses.

'Play' on Saturday

Duhill Dramatic Society presents 'A Fish out of Water' a play written by Jimmy Keary in aid of Positive Steps Together on Saturday 1 February at 8pm in Newcastle Community Hall. Tickets €10 are available in local shops or on the door.

Alarms

Newcastle, Ardfinnan, Grange and Ballybacon Community Alert Groups are in a position to provide eligible householders i.e. persons of limited means, with Socially Monitored Pendent Alarms. Simply complete the application form and return same to the FAS Office in Newcastle. The forms are available in the Church Porch and if you have any query regarding same please contact 052 6136699 from 10 am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

GRANGE

25 Card Drive

Results – January 8:

1st Pat O'Dwyer & Brian Purcell; 2nd Kitty Slattery & PJ Rea.

Raffle: Michael Lonergan, Donal Keating, Liam Shinnock, Ben Culligan, Pat O'Connor.

Results January 15:

1st Peig Fitzgerald & Ben Culligan; 2nd Brian Purcell & Pat O'Dwyer

Raffle: Peig Fitzgerald, Pat O'Connor, Michael Lonergan, Pat O'Connor.

Results January 22:

1st Donal Keating & Michael Lonergan; 2nd Pat O'Connor & Dick Tarrant

Raffle: Liam Shinnock, Kitty Slattery, Donal Keating, Leise Shine, Dick Tarrant.

Grange Bridge Club

Grange Bridge Club will recommence on Monday February 10. Wishing all our members a very happy new year and looking forward to seeing you all then.

Notes

Community notes can be placed in the notices box in Grange Hall or please contact Sophia Doheny on 087 193 8823 or doheny18@gmail.com

NEWCASTLE

Positive Steps Together

Duhill Dramatic Society will present A Fish out of Water, a play written by Jimmy Keary, in the Community Hall Newcastle on Saturday night February 1. Curtains up at 8pm. Tickets €10. Tickets available from McCarras and O'Dwyer's Foodstores and from the Hairden. Proceeds from the night to Positive Steps Together.

Muintir na Tire

Muintir na Tire monthly draw results for January - €300 - Nicky Walsh, Aughavolimane, Ballinamult €200 - Rose Fitzpatrick, Clashganny, Newcastle - €100 - Kathleen O'Keeffe, Burgessland, Newcastle.

Lourdes 2020

To encourage and facilitate persons interested in travelling to Lourdes on the 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage, the Savings Fund is open.

The Pilgrimage will be from Wednesday 3rd. to 8th. June. Unfortunately, at this early date, we cannot advise on the precise cost of the Pilgrimage for 2020 (but for 2019 it was €785) which included coach to and from Cork, Airfare, Bed & Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

You may save any amount you wish when you wish towards the cost of the pilgrimage.

For applications forms and further information, please



All set for The Chaser on Saturday, February 22

Rosaleen O'Leary, Anthony Dillon and Brendan Cummins at the launch of Ballybacon/Grange GAA Club fundraiser The Chaser in the Glenview Lounge, Goatensbridge. The event will take place in Cahir House Hotel on February 22 at 8pm

contact any of the following: Marian O' Dwyer 087 1254882, Nellie O' Keeffe 087 9177226 or Majella Carrigan 087 2854511.

Pioneer Collection

The Annual Pioneer Association Collection will be taken up next Sunday. Your support would be appreciated.

Newcastle GAA

The first round of the Minor Football combination championships was held on January 26 in Ballylooby. Newcastle / Ardfinnan combination played against Clonmel Og/ Ballyporeen. Newcastle players were. Ciaran O Loughlin who scored two points. Cormac BulterTierian Cremmins and Jack Rice. Congratulations to the Newcastle/Ardfinnan team on winning scoring 6-12 to 0-10. Well done.

MULLINAHONE

IHF Mobile

The Irish Heart Foundation is delighted to be able to bring their Mobile Health Unit to Mullinahone. Their visit will take place on Tuesday, February 11 between 11am and 3pm. On the day nurses will be available to provide blood pressure and pulse checks. The one to one advice

offered by the nurse is a vital part of the check-up. Each person receives a personal record card with their results and in the event of any abnormal results is advised to follow up with their GP.

Community Games

Community Games are holding a Swimming Event on Sunday, February 16 in Thurles Swimming Pool. The event is open to all age categories. However, children who wish to take part must be able to swim lengths of the Pool. Further information can be got on www.communitygames.ie Any child interested in taking part should contact Monica Barrett on 087-7834667 for entry forms. All entry forms must be returned by Friday, February 7.

Kickham Weekend

A meeting of the Kickham Weekend Committee will take place in the Community Centre on Thursday, January 30 at 8.30pm. Planning for this year's Kickham Weekend from April 30 to May 3 (May Bank Holiday Weekend) are well underway and we are delighted to have David McWilliams, Economist, Broadcaster, Journalist and best-selling author to officially open the weekend on

Friday May 1.

Men's Shed

Just a note to thank the people of Mullinahone for supporting the publication of the Mullinahone Magazine 2019 through supplying articles, photos, School and Club reports and of course by sponsoring or buying the magazine. It is likely that Men's Shed Mullinahone will go ahead with a 2020 edition of the Magazine.

Ladies Football

Just one more night Friday next January 31 to avail of half price registration. The committee will be in the GAA Hall from 6pm to 8pm to take registrations. New members are always welcome. This is your last chance to avail of a great New Year offer.

Registration costs U6-10 €13, U12-18 €18, Adult Players €25, Coach/Mentor €13.

Community Council

Chairman Dick Egan presented an extensive agenda to our recent well attended meeting and an excellent discussion was had on the future of the Knocknagow Community Centre and possible projects that could benefit our parish. Following the recent up-

grading of the heating and lighting systems our attention now turns to painting the interior of the Centre. Approval was given to set up a Development Committee to plan and proceed with a carpark and accessible ramps to enable everyone to gain access to the building. This project is expected to require a lot of funding.

To help raise these funds a new 400 Club draw will be launched. This will start with two draws on St. Patrick's Day and the draw will be completed in the calendar year 2020. Sellers will be in your area soon and for €20 you will be entered into 12 draws. If you wish to contact the Community Council please E-Mail me at jackiebolger62@gmail.com or if you would like any information about any of the above contact Chairman Dick Egan or Secretary Jackie Bolger who will be delighted to help. It is also important to take note that all bookings for the Knocknagow Community Centre and payment for those bookings should be made to Kevin Keating, Clonagoose.

Split the Pot Result

The last "Split the Pot" draw took place in the Stack of Barley was won by Declan Egan who now lives in Kilmoganny. Last week Declan won €185. Congrats Declan.

Mullinahone Lotto

The Mullinahone Lotto Draw which took place on Monday Jan 20 through up the following numbers 9,11,18 and 30. There was no jackpot winner, but two people shared the Match 3 Prize winning €75 each. Congrats to Margaret Scott and Alan Walsh. Next draw on Monday February 3 when the jackpot could be worth €13,100.

Mullinahone FC

The last few weeks have seen good results from the local junior soccer team. However on Sunday last the lads hit a bump in the road when they travelled to take on Suirside in a game that they were expected to win. However they went down by the odd goal in three.

DRANGAN

Whist Drive

A special Whist Drive will be held in Drangan Hall on Monday February 3 with the proceeds going to Bishop Paul Horan's Diocese in Zimbabwe. Following our Christmas Whist Drive Bishop Paul sent a letter of thanks and also told us how badly his people need the money so once again we appeal to your generosity.

Parish Lotto

There was no jackpot winner on January 21 when the numbers were 2, 17, 18 and 25.

The only match 3 winner was Moira O'Halloran Kyle-nagranagh who won €100. Jackpot will be €2,100 for our next draw on Tuesday February 4 if not won on Tuesday January 28.

Minor Football

Our Minor Footballers began their campaign last Sunday when they took on Knockmealdown Gaels in Ned Hall Park. We started brightly and were 1-2 to no score inside 5 minutes with Jack Cuddihy getting the goal. However Knockmealdown came back into the game strongly and they went into half-time leading by two points on a score of 2-4 to 1-5.

Knockmealdown had the upper hand for most of the second half and were 6 points up with a couple of minutes to go but 2 late goals from Matt McCormack and Tommy O'Brien meant we managed a draw from a seemingly impossible position.

Team: Brian O'Halloran, Luke Fox, Jack Cleere, Evan White, Tommy O'Brien, Keith Morrissey, Bill Cuddihy, Aidan Fitzgerald, Cian Crannitch, Cathal Foley, Matt McCormack, Jamie Brett, Eoin Fitzgerald, Jack Cuddihy, James Lawless, Robbie Noonan, Daithi Hogan.

St. Patrick's Ladies GAA Club

Under 16's: Our under 16 girls have resumed training in Drangan Hall Sunday mornings at 11.30am. Great to see so many girls back out training.

Minor / Junior Ladies: Our minor and junior ladies resumed training last Friday night & were put through their paces with Rebecca Hayden Fitness. Indoor training sessions will continue for next three Friday nights at 7.30pm in Cloneen Hall. All current, as well as former and new players are welcome to come along.

Fundraiser: St. Patrick's Ladies GAA Club will host an afternoon tea fundraiser next Sunday February 2 at 4.30pm in Drangan Hall.

The Liam McCarthy Cup will be in attendance. This promises to be a lovely afternoon and we look forward to seeing a big crowd! Condolences: We extend sincere sympathies to the family of the late John Burke Cloran Cloneen, May he Rest In Peace. We express our sympathies to his daughters Katie and Tess our G40 players and his granddaughter Aoife O'Brien our u16 player.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Swan GAA Club

Carrick Swan Club's minor footballers got their year off to a winning start by defeating Killenaule last Sunday. A strong second-half showing by the Swan Club's players meant they won the match easily. The minor team is expected to play its next match against Ballingarry on the weekend of February 16. It has been a very busy few weeks at the club's new playing grounds at Ballyrichard. Decisions have been made on storage sheds, ball stop netting, dugouts, lawnmowers, spectator fences and goalposts. All will be installed in the coming weeks and work will also start on the new car park works.

The club hopes to finalise its juvenile mentors this week. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is asked to contact a mentor or committee member or make contact through the Swan Club Facebook page.

Last week's jackpot prize was €11,000 and it wasn't won. Three people were just one number off winning or sharing the jackpot. Those three matched 3 and won €70 each. Numbers drawn were 08, 16, 22, 23. This week's jackpot is a whopping €11,250.

All in the Swan Club are saddened to hear of the passing of Mattie Healy. Mattie was a loyal Swan man and an outstanding hurler. He played mainly in the half forward line and was a member of a brilliant Swan minor team in 1956, which won the South Championship.

Mattie had done enough at minor level to stake his claim for senior hurling and he went on to win back-to-back senior hurling medals with the Swan in 1958 and 1959. In 1960, Mattie scored 5-2 in a game against Grange/Clogheen when the Swan team scored a total of 13-12 to 0-2.

Unfortunately at a time of deep recession in Ireland, the boat to England was taken by a lot of young men and Mattie was no exception. He went to live and work in England but he never lost his love for Carrick-on-Suir or the Swan. When he retired, he returned to live in Carrick-on-Suir with his late wife. He was gifted hurler with great skill and was rightly honoured with a player of the past award in 2017. Mattie was a real gentleman and he will be missed by many, especially his son Paul and brother William, sister Madeline and all his extended family and friends. Carrick Swan Club would

also like to pass on their condolences to the Foyle family, Piltown; Duggan family John St and Waterford and the Foley family, Mill Street on their recent bereavements.

Women's Shed

Carrick-on-Suir Women's Shed is now up and running and based at 27 Comeragh View, Ballylynch.

Women of all ages are welcome to join the group on Mondays from 10am-12 noon where there will be a variety of activities to enjoy every week.

The Women's Shed meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet up, have a chat and a cup of tea and learn and share new skills. For further information contact 083-8338939.

Brass Bands

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band is looking for new members.

The organisers wish to hear from anyone who can play any instrument or is interested in learning to play a brass instrument and play with the band. Contact Paul O'Dwyer on 085-2155120.

Bridge Club results

92 Bridge Club, The Old Mill, January 6: 1st Breda Feeney and Martin Kiely. January 20: 1st Maureen Nolan and Vera O'Donnell. Tuesday Bridge Club, Carraig Hotel, January 7: 1st Mary Arrigan and Tilly O'Donnell, 2nd Marie O'Connor and Biddy Skelly, 3rd Kitty Lalor and Joan O'Sullivan.

88 Bridge Club, Carraig Hotel, January 9: 1st Joan O'Sullivan and Honora Murphy, 2nd Mary Arrigan and Milena Mullins, 3rd Joan Shannon and Oonagh Kelly. January 16: 1st Mary Arrigan and Bernie Casey, 2nd Kitty Lalor and Rosaline Dowley, 3rd Pat Duggan and Bernard Flood.

CAHIR

Operation Transformation

The national Operation 5km will take place in Cahir on February 22 at 11am. Training each night and weighing in is free of charge so please come along and avail of the opportunity to get fit.

Historical society

The society will unveil a memorial plaque on the bridge between the Mill and Barrack Street in Cahir on February 2 at 12.30pm. The event will mark the 60th anniversary of the tragic loss of Mary Sunderland and Paddy Kelly.

Prize for Karen Congratulations to Karen Sourial from fifth class in Our Lady of Mercy Primary School in Cahir on winning



Locals working on the unique women's tapestry at Carrick-on-Suir Library. The official launch will take place in the library on February 19 at 7pm



Cahir Meet and Train ladies enjoying the Operation Transformation 5k last week



PJ O'Meara, Breda Ryan, UCC's Dr. Kieran Hickey and Joe Walsh at a recent climate change lecture in Cahir

a UK and Ireland poetry competition recently. Karen wrote a poem about a Mid-night Feast.

Active Retirement

Meeting in Cahir House Hotel on February 5 at 2.30pm and the annual spring lunch on February 18 at 2.30 pm with mass in the

hotel at 1.30pm. The cost for lunch, entertainment and raffle is €30 per person and this will be collected at the meeting on February 5.

Country market

Resumes on February 7 from 9am-11.15am.

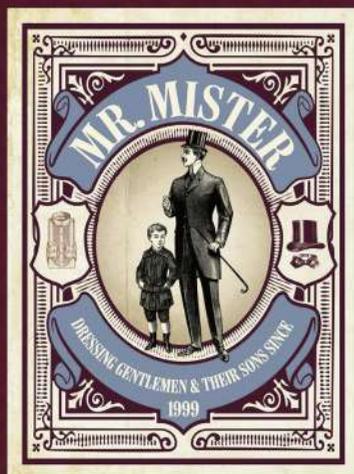
Panto

Cahir Pantomime Society presents Little Red Riding Hood from February 6-9. Tickets are available now in The Heritage.

International Social Club

The club would like to thank departing chairperson Barry O'Donovan for

all the work he has put in over the last 12 months, most especially with the Taste of Cahir event last August. We would like to wish him all the best in his new position in the Midlands with ABP.



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