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Tipp men planning epic Hike for Hospice weekend fundraiser

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Three County Tipperary men touched by cancer are planning an epic fundraiser in aid of South Tipperary Hospice Movement.

Organised by Alan Dwyer, John O'Heney and Michéal Peters, the Hike for Hospice fundraiser will take place over the May bank holiday weekend.

On Saturday (May 2) there will be a family-fun walk to Lough Muskry, followed by a hike of Galtymore on Sunday and a climb of Carrauntoohil on the Devil's Ladder route in County Kerry on Monday.

The trio have created a Go-FundMe with a goal of raising €10,000 for Hospice. The fundraiser will be officially launched at Porter House in Tipperary Town on February 29.

The fundraiser is the brainchild of Bansha's Michéal Peters, who lost his mother Breda to cancer last August. "The idea to raise money for Hospice came from seeing first-hand what it does for sick people and their families," the local builder-carpenter says.



Hike for Hospice organisers Alan Dwyer, John O'Heney and Michéal Peters at Lough Muskry

"My mother died from cancer after a two-year fight and a lot of treatment. Mam's time had come to say goodbye to us but by having the help of

Hospice nurses and our family, she was able to stay at home and in her own bed for the last few weeks. We got to be beside her and spend as

much time with her right until the very end," the father-of-three adds.

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'Exercise helped beat demons in my head'

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Lattin-Cullen's John O'Heney lost his uncle Eamonn to cancer, who also benefited from the help of Hospice before his passing in April 2018. "I have learned that in life you never truly know what you have until it's gone," John, who is currently a teacher at Cachel Community School, says.

"Eamonn put up a very brave fight but unfortunately he was taken from us aged just 57, which was way too young to go. When he got sick

and died it was like a part of me died with him."

John wants to remember the "truly great times" that he spent with his "second father" Eamonn, who ran O'Heney's bar in Bansha. "It took me a long time to get back to my normal self after his death. When I was elected chairman of Bansha Celtic last summer, I was so proud because it was the club he helped to found and I was able to keep a link to him through that," he says.

Bansha's Alan Dwyer more recently underwent treatment for Hydonkins

lymphoma, which followed heartbreak in the family. Alan lost his older sister Sandra to cancer after a three-year battle, followed by his parents Kay and Simon to the "cruel, relentless disease."

The 37-year-old says: "My world has been turned upside down by cancer. I never would have imagined that an excruciating pain in my back would lead me to sitting in a chemo ward 13 days later with a diagnosis of a rare type of Hodgkin's lymphoma at stage four. I endured six chemo sessions and radiation treat-

ment, but nothing made me feel more sick than reaching my head out of the toilet bowl and glancing at this pale, thin, bald person staring back at me."

Alan endured "mental torture" following treatment, fearing that cancer would return. "It was after I had gotten the all clear that demons started popping into my head, which I found harder than the treatment itself. Once I was left out of the hospital's safety net, my head took over in the wrong way. Waiting months for the next appointment to see if I was

OK was tough going," the mechanic by trade says.

With the support of his family, friends and the local community, Alan is now living a happier, fulfilled life. "Exercise really helped me beat the demons in my head," he says.

"I also turned my old work van into a campervan as a project to keep my mind occupied, which is now our mobile office for Hike for Hospice," he laughs.

Alan credits Hospice for providing "compassionate and dignified care" to patients and their families in

their "darkest days."

The trio are encouraging the public to turn out in force for the launch night and hikes, highlighting the pressing need to raise funds for the community specialist palliative care service which supports people in South Tipperary and West Waterford who have an advanced incurable disease.

Hot Ice will perform at the launch night in Porter House on February 29 at 9pm. There will be a raffle and finger food. Visit the Hike for Hospice Facebook page for the latest information.



Mullinahone's Dale Murphy, Clonmel's Stephen Kelly and Ballyneale's Lorcán Magorrian passed out with the 156th Recruit Platoon, becoming 2-Star soldiers in the Irish Defence Forces. Stephen was also awarded the prestigious Best Soldier Award at the event in Collins Barracks, Cork

Newman Julian nominated to run for Seanad seat

Defeated Fine Gael general election candidate Mary Newman Julian is to contest the Seanad elections.

For the second successive election, Fine Gael has been left without a Tipperary TD or any Oireachtas member.

Both Newman Julian and running mate Garret Ahearn failed to win a seat in the recent election.

The Cashel-based vet says she is now determined to secure a Seanad seat for the party in Tipperary following a nomination to contest the election from the Veterinary Council of Ireland.

It is likely that Ahearn, the current mayor of Clonmel, will also contest the election. It is understood that his name has been forwarded to party headquarters seeking an internal Fine Gael nomination and an announcement on the party candidates is expected

this week.

Meanwhile, Newman Julian says she was overwhelmed by the response from Veterinary Council members all over the country who offered their unequivocal support for her nomination. "I am delighted to have been nominated by the Veterinary Council of Ireland as a candidate on the Cultural and Educational panel for the upcoming Seanad elections," she says.

"It was very heartening to receive such support from my veterinary colleagues and others, who are elected members of the Veterinary Council of Ireland."

She adds that she was very grateful for the support she received from the people of Tipperary in the general election, having received nearly 5,000 first preferences across the county as a first-time general election candidate. "I would like to thank each and every voter who put their trust in me on February 8. However, it is regrettable that Tipperary is currently without a Fine Gael Oire-

achtas member and I hope, with a lively few weeks of canvassing ahead of me, that I can win a seat in Seanad Eireann."

There are five vocational panels for the Seanad elections: Cultural and Educational, Agriculture, Industrial and Commercial, Labour, and Administrative.

The electorate is comprised of councillors, current TDs and outgoing senators.

Candidates can receive a nomination from 'outside' nominating bodies or 'inside' nominations from four Oireachtas members.

"I am passionate about rural Ireland, animal health and the role agriculture can play in mitigating against climate change," she says.

"I believe we need better public representation in order to identify scientific based solutions to the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead within our sector. In addition, I believe that education is key and that science as opposed to opinion must be the bedrock of all policy formation."

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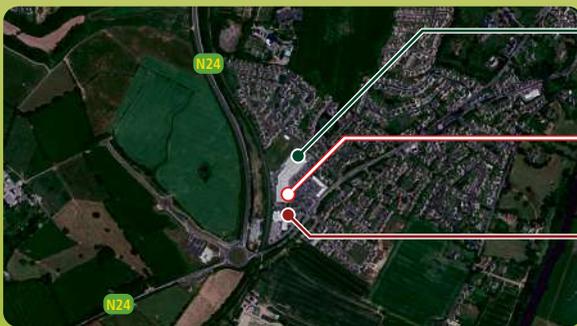
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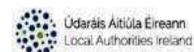
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"If you can deal patiently and consistently with behaviours that challenge, understand the needs of young people who have disrupted family situations and can be present when it becomes difficult, then fostering is the role for you."

The process to becoming a foster carer can be quite thorough and comprehensive, which could take a minimum of six months depending on individual circumstances.

If you have any questions or want to discuss fostering, contact one of the team on 061-622040, email Fostering@compasscfs.ie or visit www.compasscfs.ie.

Sinead and Janet to skydive for charity

Two young women from Carrickbeg will skydive this summer in aid of the Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland (YSPI) charity.

Superior Styles hairdressers Sinead Maher and Janet Wall both lost their partners to suicide last summer.

They are passionate about raising awareness of mental health issues and the urgent need for provision of care and services to help prevent suicide.

Janet, who is a mother of three children under three years old, and Sinead, a mother of one child, are deeply saddened that their children will now grow up without their fathers.

They are determined to do something positive that will help raise awareness to address urgent issues amongst young people.

Their chosen charity YSPI



Sinead Maher and Janet Wall

Janet emphasises the importance of picking up on and recognising any early warning signs in young people and how extra care should be provided for those at high risk.

She said it was essential to push for services and education programmes for all schools.

Sinead and Janet must each raise €500 for their skydive and sponsorship sheets can be signed at Superior Styles in Carrick beg and other retail outlets.

Anyone who wishes to donate should log onto the charity's website: www.yspi.ie for information or text, at a cost of €4 or over to: YSPI SFL 5095.

A fundraiser with barbecue, spot prizes and darts tournament is being planned for late spring.

is a national charity working to raise awareness and prevent suicide amongst young people.

It has been working for more than 10 years to provide free mental health and suicide prevention education and training services to schools and colleges around Ireland.

A schools visits programme, provided free of charge, is a core element of its outreach work.

Ann lands €58,000 on second Winning Streak appearance

A grandmother from County Tipperary landed a fortune on Winning Streak last Saturday.

Cashel's Ann Skeffington won €58,000 and became the first person to go on Winning Streak more than

once in the same series of the National Lottery TV game show.

She won €40,000 during her first outing on the show last November. This time she got off to a flier when she won €50,000 in the opening game, followed by a further €8,000

in cash.

Ann and her husband Jim have three adult children and 10 grandchildren. Most of the grandchildren joined other family members and friends in RTE studios last Saturday.



Ann Skeffington celebrating a €58,000 Winning Streak haul

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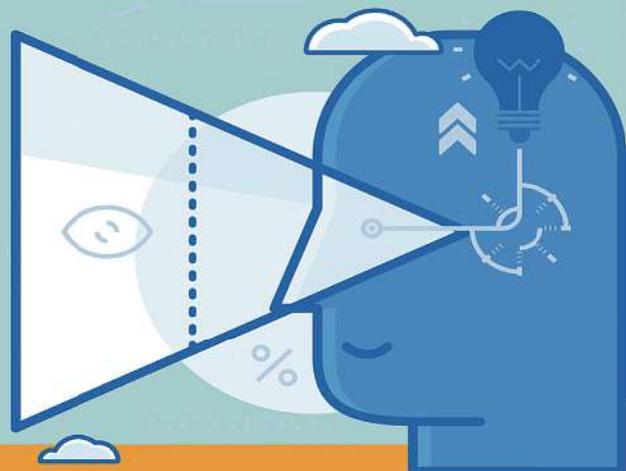
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New water signs set for St. Patrick's Well

New signs advising people that the water at St. Patrick's Well hasn't been treated for drinking purposes are to be erected at the popular Clonmel visitor attraction.

Two signs with the wording 'Danger - non-potable water, do not use for drinking, washing or cooking' were erected by Tipperary County Council two weeks ago, to the surprise of many people.

The signs were displayed after two people became ill after drinking from the well. The well "was therefore considered a potential causative factor", according to the council.

These signs will now be re-

moved and replaced with a sign at the entrance gate and another at the well itself, where generations of townspeople and visitors alike have drawn water (which flows from an underground spring) for drinking.

"The new signs will have different wording and won't take away from the religious ambience of the area or the well's sense of history," said Bernard Lennon, a member of the Marfield Village Association and the St. Patrick's Day Society, which maintains the well.

He said the committee has no issue with the new signs, which would blend into the area.

This development follows what Mr. Lennon described as a very constructive

meeting between the local committee and District Engineer Eoin Powell at the well last Thursday morning.

Thanking Mr. Powell for his courtesy, he said they were very pleased with the outcome of their discussions.

At a meeting of Clonmel Borough District the previous day, Cllr. Richie Molloy said the signs would be better at the main gate, rather than at the well itself where people often took photos at this beautiful spot.

It was a long-standing tradition to drink from the well and he wondered if the water would be tested again in a month's time.

Cllr. Molloy said that only two people had gotten sick



after drinking the water.

He said we were crying out for tourists and thousands of people visited the well each year.

If the committee didn't look after this area it would be overrun and a wonderful amenity would be lost to the town.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said if there was an issue with the quality of the water, signs were needed, but there was an issue with the location of the signs.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said he would be quite happy to leave the meeting and drink the water from St. Patrick's Well.

He said the problems were the location of the signs and their wording.

He wondered if the signs would need to be left there indefinitely, as in a week's time there could be perfect compliance with EU drinking water directives.

Tipperary County Council engineer John Fogarty said: "it's not drinking water quality, that is the bottom line."

The water was vulnerable and the council wouldn't be testing it going forward, he said.

Eamon Lonergan, council engineer, said the council had

taken its advice on this from the HSE, and wouldn't be in a position to guarantee the water.

The church at St. Patrick's Well was built in the 17th century but there are traces of an even older building.

Inside the walls is the tomb of Nicholas White of Clonmel, who died in 1622.

At the centre of the small lake is a weathered Celtic Cross, which dates from early Christian times in Ireland (possibly the fifth century).

The site was extensively restored in 1969, with the help of the generous support of the Mayor of Los Angeles Sam Yorty, American business tycoon Armand Hammer and the Irish Israeli society of South California.

Munster Vales using the internet to promote tourism

Munster Vales members officially launched the new website www.munster-vales.com at the heritage and spiritual attraction St. Patrick's Well in Clonmel.

The new website is a visually vibrant site that promotes the authentic geographical area as a consistent brand increasing the socio-economic benefits of tourism to the region whilst providing an enhanced visitor experience through a user-friendly, high-quality content driven website.

Munster Vales is a new inland tourism destination in the heart of Munster, incorporating the Comeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagles mountain ranges.

The purpose of Munster Vales is to promote the geographical area as a unique brand, linking the counties of Waterford, Tipperary, Cork



Munster Vales members launching the new website at St Patrick's Well in Clonmel. Front: Christy Roche, Mairéad Winters (acting tourism officer), Pat Slattery (chairperson) and Rose Carroll. Back: Majella O'Brien, Helen Morrissey, Tony Musiol, Isabel Cambie and Declan Mulhearn

Cork.

MunsterVales.com features immersive experiences tailored to various segments of the tourism marketing.

These experiences include family highlights in the Galtees, nature highlights in Ballyhoura and walking highlights in the Knockmeal-downs.

Each of these experiences offer a unique appeal to the potential tourist.

Munster Vales chairperson Pat Slattery described the website as part of the marketing plan to position Munster Vales as a leading holiday destination for domestic and international visitors, supporting small scale tourism providers and communities across the region.

"Munster Vales is currently developing a strategic plan to build upon its proposition as a leading holiday destination and the new website is an essential facilitation of this objective," he said.

and Limerick and everything in between.

The new website will assist in establishing Munster Vales as a serious, high-quality destination brand with a wide range of offerings establishing it as one of Ireland's top holiday experiences.

Munster Vales acting tourism officer Mairéad Winters highlighted the importance of the redevelopment of the site in contributing to tourism providers and visitors alike, describing its importance to the overall objective of Munster Vales in promoting tourism attrac-

tions and activities in the area to both the domestic and international visitors.

Currently in excess of 80% of tourists depend on the internet to research and plan their holidays. To respond to this need, Munster Vales has created a modern, user-friendly, mobile-optimised

website, to inform and inspire potential visitors to the region.

The website features an array of tourism providers from adventure tourism to heritage attractions to food and drink experiences across the four counties, Tipperary, Waterford, Limerick and

€44 million investment to 'significantly' improve Tipperary roads

Tipperary County Council chief executive officer Joe MacGrath has told members of the local authority that the roads of the county are seeing significant improvements following a 77% increase in funding over the last five years.

Speaking at the recent meeting of the council, Mr. MacGrath revealed that a €6.2 million allocation for local and rural roads, a €28.9 million allocation for regional roads, and €8mil-

lion from local authority funds represents a €44 million investment in Tipperary for the coming year - significantly more than had been predicted in the budget.

"This means that we will see a significant improvement in our roads network and that much more work can be done. Already we have seen improvements and with incremental increases over the last five years. We are seeing more and more work done. Hopefully the trend will continue as well and that

we can get our roads network into very good condition," Mr MacGrath said.

Five years ago, the total roads allocation stood at €16.3million and since then the county has been playing catch-up as the bid to restore badly damaged roads began.

Significantly adverse weather conditions including heavy snow, ice and flooding have all badly affected the roads also and has resulted in the maintenance budget being eaten into on an annual basis.

Members have been

raising issues of badly damaged roads across the county for many months and the roads issues extend to matters such as clearing junctions, opening inlets installing soak pits to get water off roads, cutting hedges and pothole repairs.

Engineer Liam Brett said the council had made a concerted effort in 2019 to get landowners to cut back hedges and remove problematic trees on the roadside.

However, the responsibility lies with the landowner and many are ignoring the

letters issued.

"We have the authority to go in there and cut down these trees, but we don't want to do that.

"It would mean then issuing invoices to get paid for the work and we could end up in a long process. It is far more convenient for everyone concerned if the landowners co-operate and get the work done themselves," he said.

A number of dangerous trees in various locations were mentioned at the meeting by members, with

Cllr Micheal Anglim (FF) stating that any trees on the roadside which are causing concern should be just taken out. "I know there is the whole environmental impact argument but in my view lives and safety are as important and there is plenty of scope for planting trees along off-roadside ditches rather than having them causing problems on the roadside," he said.

Cllr. Michael O'Meara called for a State loan to be raised to sort road problems in the county.

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Clonmel's Planet Playground to close over 'impossible to sustain' insurance costs

A well-known Clonmel children's entertainment centre will go out of business at the end of this month with the loss of 20 jobs due to rock-eting insurance costs.

Planet Playground, the popular venue used by thousands of County Tipperary families for children's parties and play excursions, will close its doors for the last time this Saturday, February 29, after 16 years in business. Gavin's Cafe, which is connected to the business, will remain open for the month of March.

The business, which was the first to open at Gurt-

naflour Business Park, is one of a large number of Irish leisure industry firms crippled by spiralling insurance premiums. In a notice posted on Planet Playground's Facebook page, the firm's owners Clonmel couple Deborah and Brian Gavin announced it was with a "heavy heart" they have decided to close the centre as the insurance costs have risen more than 990% over the past five years and were "impossible to sustain".

The couple said they fought with insurance companies for the last few years, lobbied TDs and the Government without success. "The insurance premiums are at

breaking point with the way the legal system is in Ireland," they explained before thanking their "loyal staff and amazing customers".

Deborah Gavin told South Tipp Today they are overwhelmed and touched by the public response they have received since they announced the closure. She said they looked at every angle to try and keep the business going.

"There have been a lot of sleepless nights," she confessed.

Ms Gavin pointed out that in 2015 the insurance premium for Planet Playground was €5,500 and their insurance bill for the business was similar to that for

many years prior to that. But since 2016 the cost of insuring the business has spiralled. It jumped to €21,000, then €36,000 and the current premium they are paying is €60,000 with an excess of €15,000 to pay for every insurance claim made against the business.

One insurance broker quoted them €120,000 to renew their insurance cover and insurance companies refused to even offer the business quotations. Ms Gavin said they used the same insurance firm based in the UK for years but it has pulled out of the Irish market.

Ms Gavin said Planet Playground is still doing well as a

business but they can no longer sustain the huge increase in insurance costs.

"We are at a stage where there is no point in working on when all the profit is being handed over to insurance."

She said Planet Playground has a number of outstanding personal injuries claims for accidents that has contributed to their insurance premium difficulties.

She is critical of the length of time it takes to finalise such claims in the legal system and of the level of payouts. She is also critical of how some legal firms promote the making of personal injuries claims and says there is culture of exaggerating the

extent of injuries.

Ms Gavin pointed out that even when a complainant loses a personal injury claim, the business they claim against still has to pay large legal costs.

Ms Gavin fears leisure businesses like Planet Playground will become "extinct" in Ireland if something isn't done to reform the legal system's handling of personal injuries claims and reduce insurance costs.

"I think they will be like the dinosaurs; they will become extinct. People can't do it anymore."

Flying the flag for Tipperary in Lebanon



Tipperary Defence Forces personnel serving with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon flying the blue and gold. Major General Anthony McKenna is currently serving as Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) with the Defence Forces and Brigadier General Patrick Flynn is currently serving as General Officer Commanding 1 Brigade.

They both paid a recent visit to troops in Lebanon and it was Brigadier General Flynn's last visit to Lebanon in uniform.

Pictured are: Commandant Paraic Duggan, Corporal David Hanrahan, Major General Anthony McKenna, Private Aidan McCormack, Captain Mark White, Sergeant Stephen Kiely, Brigadier General Patrick Flynn, Sergeant Dan Donnelly, Private James Collins and Sergeant Gerry O'Gorman

Council vote on opposition to 5G broadband roll-out deferred

Tipperary County Council has deferred a vote on a motion by Cllr. Pat English calling on it to oppose the testing and roll-out of 5G and calling on COMREG to deny licensing for the roll-out of 5G.

The Clonmel councillor's motion also called on the Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Environment to establish the facts about the radiation

impact of 5G on the environment and human health with references to the current global scientific knowledge available.

Cllr. English, of the Workers for the Unemployed Action Group (WUAG) who said that many counties in Ireland have already supported a similar proposal, received support for the motion with Cllr. David Dunne (SF) seconding.

However, there was much concern in the chamber

about the implications of the notice of motion. Director of Services Pat Slattery pointed out that representatives of Broadband Ireland would be attending the next meeting of the local authority to discuss the rollout of a €100 million investment in Tipperary over the next seven years.

Nine community broadband points will be identified in Tipperary with masts erected by the end of the third quarter of 2020. This will mean that there will be

free wi-fi in six of the town centres in Tipperary as well as 4G broadband in the community schemes.

There were fears that any acceptance of the motion from Cllr English could delay the rollout of 4G, but Mr. Slattery explained that these are two separate schemes altogether.

The 5G roll-out is entirely different to National Broadband Ireland, but he did point out that all experts confirm that 5G is not in any way

dangerous. There would be no problem in inviting people from COMREG and the Environmental Protection Agency to come to the local authority and explain the situation in relation to 5G, he said, and he undertook to make arrangements for them to be invited.

Cllr. John Carroll proposed deferring a decision on the notice of motion until after the EPA and COMREG have had the opportunity to address them and this was

seconded by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald who said that the provision of broadband is absolutely necessary for the sustainability of business and communities in rural Ireland.

Cllr. English was anxious to press on with voting on the motion, but decided to hold off until after a workshop has been organised with the relevant authorities and bodies to fully inform members of the pros and cons of the schemes.



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The Tipperary branch of Birdwatch Ireland held its annual trip to the stunning Dungarvan Bay recently.

This is an international important habitat for birds. Each winter the mudflats and beaches feed thousands of hungry migrants.

It was refreshing to get up close to birds that don't normally appear in my garden or the surrounding countryside.

Under the expert guidance of Kevin Collins, we had a thrilling day learning about waders, gulls and ducks, and brushing up on our field craft.

We were also joined briefly by John Power from the Waterford Birdwatch branch, who willingly shared his local knowledge of what species of birds were around and where they might be found. This information proved invaluable during the day and we were able to focus our attention on certain areas.

The tide was out, revealing a rich mud packed full of food for birds. The first species we saw were redshank. Kevin explained that this is a key species to learn about, as all others are compared to it. Beak length in relation to

head size is especially important as it is the habitat the bird is feeding in.

The next bird was new for me. Greenshank are usually seen singly and as their name suggests they have bright green legs. Light plays a major part in bird identification. Legs and plumage became brighter or darker depending on the strength of the sun, and this is where patience and experience really comes into play.

Curllew, with their long distinctive down turned bill, were probing in the mud. The female has a slightly longer beak than the male and this means they don't compete for the same food. While they are common in the bay, curlews as a breeding species have been one of the real tragedies of the modernisation of agriculture. There are fewer than a hundred breeding pairs left in the county and it is hard to comprehend this, when looking out on the abundance of the Bay.

Black headed gulls are very familiar and I regularly see them in the hundreds along the River Shannon in Limerick city. We also saw common gulls, which are a species of gulls that I am at least becoming more competent in identifying.

The next bird, which I had

only read about in books, was bar tailed godwit. The first thing I noticed was how long its legs are and the beak is a lot longer than that of the redshank. They were feeding in a small group.

A seal also made an appearance in the middle of the Bay. They come in to feed on fish that are trapped by the retreating tide and shrinking pools of water.

We then took a short trip to the Gold Coast. On our way we saw a hooded crow dropping shellfish onto the rocks to break them. These clever birds have mastered the technique by observing gulls. It takes a lot of practice to get the height right so that the shell breaks but the meal is not scattered over a wide distance.

As we scanned the sea with binoculars and a telescope there was an eye watering wind. We quickly moved on to the pier. Below us at the edge of the sea we saw oystercatchers. These are beautiful birds with black and white bodies, orange beak, and red legs. They feed on mussels and cockles found along the shoreline.

I was delighted to also see turnstones. These plump birds live up to their name and turn over stones along the beach. They are quite strong and as we watched they easily lifted large stones.

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

Rising Star Award for Maxi Zoo's Noelle Long

Some say diamonds are a woman's best friend, but for Noelle Long, director of purchasing and marketing at Maxi Zoo Ireland, pets get her vote.

Noelle was recognised for her stellar work in the pet industry at the Irish Women's Awards in the Blanchardstown Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin recently, nabbing the prestigious Rising Star Award.

Working her way up the organisation from administration in Maxi Zoo's head office based in Cork, Noelle moved into a purchasing role and now heads up the team and sits on the board of directors of Ireland's largest pet retailer.

Maxi Zoo is known for its community and animal welfare focused campaigns, and has 20 stores in Ireland employing almost 200 staff members.

In 2019 Maxi Zoo raised almost €40,000 for Dogs Trust Ireland by selling Friendship Connects bracelets in its shops. It also distributed 1.5 million poo bags to help clean up dog fouling across the country as part of its Scoop the Poop campaign.

Learn more about Maxi Zoo by visiting its digital platforms.

Noelle Long celebrating winning the Rising Star Award



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By far the most queries we get to our website www.lynchsolicitors.ie are to do with neighbour disputes and party walls in particular.

This area can often prove to be a minefield legally and can also result in animosity between neighbours which can last for generations.

That's why it's important that any dispute is handled fairly and expeditiously.

The most common disputes center around party walls and overhanging trees.

What is a party structure?

A party structure is the term used to describe the wall, hedge, fencing, or building which is on, or close to, the boundary between two properties. It is essentially the structure that creates the physical division between two properties.

A party wall/structure may be either on your neighbour's property or on the boundary which divides the two properties.

It is generally the case that the adjoining property owners jointly own the party structure and neither of them can make a unilateral decision to significantly alter or remove the party structure.

Party structures have been problematic in the past, particularly so when it came to the maintenance and the carrying out of repairs to them so the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 addressed and sought to clarify the law on party structures.

The law entitles a person to carry out work to the party structures including for example alterations, repairs and maintenance, decoration, replacement and strengthening.

If I am the person who wants the works to be carried out are there any conditions?

If you cause damage to your neighbour's property while carrying out work to the party structure, you must repair the damage or pay for the cost of the repair work carried out by your neighbour. If a property owner car-

ries out work to the party wall and fails to repair any damage to his neighbour's property the law allows the neighbour to apply to the court for an order to compel the damage to be fixed.

You must cover the costs of professional advice sought by your neighbour on the likely consequences of the works you intend to carry out and reasonable compensation for the inconvenience caused to your neighbour. Compensation might be relevant if the works to the party wall or structure cause disruption to the neighbour's business.

Do I still have to pay compensation if the works I am carrying out will benefit my adjoining neighbour/owner?

If the works you are going to carry out will be of benefit to your neighbour you may be able to claim a contribution from them or reduce the amount of compensation payable to them to reflect the benefit s/he will gain in the enjoyment of his property because of the carrying out of the works.

What happens if my neighbor refuses to allow the work to be carried out?

A neighbour might refuse to allow works to be carried out or obstruct the carrying out of works to the party structure.

Prior to the 2009 Act a situation like this might well have escalated into a long and protracted row between two neighbours but the Act has introduced a "Works Order" procedure that can be activated through the District Court which lets the judge decide upon the situation.

What is a Works Order?

If a dispute arises now between neighbours, about a party structure under the 2009 Act, the person who wants to carry out the work can apply to the District Court for what is known as a "Works Order", or in other words, permission to go ahead with the work.

In these circumstances the court can impose any terms and conditions that it sees fit when making an order authorising the work - the Court will take into account the individual circumstances of each case.

To protect the neighbour

whose property will be affected by the carrying out of the work the property owner may be required by the Court to give security for any loss or damage that might arise as a result of the work. This could take the form of a lodgment of money which will pay for any damage caused to the neighbour's property.

The Court can make an order entitling the property owner who intends to carry out the work access to his neighbour's property for the purposes of carrying out the work.

The Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 procedure paves the way for a more straightforward and streamlined mechanism for dealing with party structures.

It is still important to bear in mind that the best way to approach any changes to party walls/structures with your neighbours is to discuss the changes first and to aim to carry out any works with their understanding and consent.

Overhanging trees

If there is a tree causing a nuisance on your property it is important to remember that you do not have a right to cut down such a tree without the consent of your neighbour.

Overhanging trees or encroaching roots may be regarded as a nuisance and you are entitled to cut back the overhanging or encroaching branches or roots to the boundary line.

If cutting back branches, you cannot interfere with any growth currently in the airspace of the adjoining owner's property (at least without that owner's consent). The Neighbour's rights extend only up to the boundary line between adjacent properties.

Care should be taken not to cause damage to the adjoining owner's property or to the tree and the felled branches are not to be deposited on that adjoining owner's land.

In all cases, and where possible, it would be best to discuss with an adjoining landowner the proposed works before they take place to avoid any disputes.

If agreement cannot be reached and you need access to carry out the work you can apply for a Works Order.

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CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Public meeting

A public meeting to update the people of Carrick-on-Suir on the progress of the Heritage Centre facelift and development of Stable Lane Digital Hub takes place in the Carraig Hotel on March 2 at 8pm.

Progress on the fundraising for both projects will also be discussed at the meeting, which is taking place close to a year after the fundraising campaign was launched.

The first phase of the transformation of the Heritage Centre began last June. This phase which involves a refurbishment of the structure of the historic building is due to be completed by the end of March

A further €500,000 funding is now being sought through a mixture of grant aid and public donations to install a world class interpretation of local culture and history in the building. Tony Musiol, chairman of Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee, said they are seeking to secure €400,000 of this amount through grants and raise the remaining €100,000 through donations. He said the new look Her-

itage Centre along with other major local tourism efforts have the potential to increase visitor numbers to the town by a factor of five over five years and will worth between €0.5m and €1m to the town.

Mr Musiol said they are in the final stage of negotiations with Tipperary County Council to lease the top floor of Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall for use as the Stable Lane Digital Enterprise Hub. The Hub will provide 15 work spaces for small businesses.

COSTEDC also plans to provide workspaces for 50 more work spaces at a second digital enterprise hub in the town. The digital hubs will provide a mix of hot desks for remote working, support small business creation and growth and workspace for businesses that wish to locate part of their operations outside the major population centres. As with the Heritage Centre, COSTEDC is fundraising by seeking grants and donations for the two digital hubs.

The Heritage Centre and digital hubs are key projects of the Carrick-on-Suir Vision 2030 strategic plan.

Event

An evening of music, drama, dance, literature and art will take place at Carrick-on-Suir's Brewery Lane Theatre on March 7 to mark International Women's Day.

Through Her Eyes, directed by Breege Phelan, will feature performances and a visual arts exhibition staged by 17 creative women from Carrick-on-Suir and its environs.

This ensemble includes Breege Phelan, Caoileann O'Mahony, Marie and Holly Sweeney, Kate McDonald, Ashling and Saoirse Cummins, Carrie Eade, Annie O'Keefe, Heather Comerford, Theresa Jones, Bernie Condon, Mawie Barrett, Eileen Acheson, Mary McGrath, Joeline Lyons and Margaret O'Brien. The visual art exhibition is spearheaded by artists Mia Carney and Renée Ni Gig and will showcase creative works by women visual artists from Carrick's Tudor Artisan Hub.

The show and exhibition is being co-produced by Linda Fahy, owner of the Tudor Artisan Hub and creative writer Margaret O'Brien of Writing Changes Lives. It was initiated to raise funds for much needed renovations at the Tudor Artisan Hub.

Linda Fahy said she wished to thank all the incredibly multi-talented women volunteering their time and talents to stage this show as well as Breege Phelan and



Sharon Cagney with her daughter Elysia and Patricia Brunnick at a Cahir cake sale in aid of an unearthen wildlife conservation, community infrastructure and village education project in South Africa

Margaret O'Brien for directing and co-producing the event.

She also thanked artist Róisín Duggan for allowing the use of her beautiful artwork on the show's marketing material.

Doors open at 7.30pm on March 7. People attending the event are encouraged to pop in and browse around the art exhibition before the show commences.

Through Her Eyes will start on stage at 8.15pm. There will be a tea break with tasty refreshments and a raffle with prizes from the Hub. Tickets (€15) are now on sale in the Tudor Artisan Hub. Book early as space is limited. Tel: 051- 640921.

CASHEL

Flower Club

The next meeting will take place on March 2 at 7.30pm in the Spafield Resource Centre.

Theresa Collins will give a teaching demonstration on the basics of flower arranging to members of the club.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Service will be held on March 6 at 8pm in the Church of Ireland Cathedral. The theme of this year's Service will be Rise - Take Up Your Mat and Walk, prepared by the Christian Women of Zimb-

abwe. Men and women are invited to attend.

Toastmasters

The next meeting will take place on March 5 at 8pm in Halla na Feile.

CLONMEL

Talk

There will be a talk about Ireland's Energy Future in Clonmel Library on March 18 at 6pm.

With the environment and climate change high on the agenda, renewable energy and zero carbon emissions have become hot topics.

Ireland's Energy Future? will look at the decarbonisation of Ireland's electricity system and the economics of a cleaner energy future, while posing important questions about the feasibility of reaching zero emissions with renewable energy and whether new nuclear technology could play a part in reaching clean air targets. Colm McCarthy, economist at DCU and columnist for The Farmers Journal and The Sunday Independent, will talk about the economics of renewables, gas and nuclear power in a post coal and peat era. This will be followed by a talk by Denis Duff, chartered engineer and co-founder of Better Environment with Nuclear Energy, who will take a fresh look at the pros and cons of nuc-

lear power, how small modular reactors could work for Ireland leading to a sustainable, low or zero carbon emissions energy future. He will also cover nuclear safety, waste and cost. The talks will be followed by a question and answer question chaired by Timothy Mooney, Professor of Philosophy at UCD. Space is limited. Contact suirvalleyconference@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Rotary

Clonmel Rotary Club will hold its annual pub quiz in Carey's of Irishtown on February 27 at 8.30pm. Table of four is €20 with spot prizes galore.

Carers office

Family Carers Ireland's Clonmel office Office has relocated to Place4U Building, Gladstone Street, Clonmel. Contact the office on 052 7 447102, clonmel@familycarers.ie and visit www.familycarers.ie.

GOLDEN

Women's Group

Golden Women's Group will meet on March 2 8.15pm the Golden-Kilfeacle GAA Club for candle engraving and painting. New members of all ages are welcome to join. Contact 085-7148427.

CAHIR

Library

Storytelling with Sarah Tully will take place February 29 from 11am to 12pm as part of National Open Library Day. It should be a fun hour. Booking is essential on 052-7442075 or ann.tuohy@tipperary-coco.ie. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tidy Towns

The group would like to welcome on board some new members of the TÚS scheme. "This scheme has been very beneficial to us over the years and helps keep our town tidy when our own members are not available. We have been assisted by TÚS in the rebuilding of the walls of cemetery in Cahir Abbey and many other projects around town. The scheme operates from the offices of the South Tipp Development Company on the Clogheen road and although it's 19.5 hours a week, it also takes self referrals as well as those sent from the Department of Social Protection. We are delighted to have the new members for 12 months and we hope they enjoy their time with us," a Tidy Towns spokesperson says.

Historical Society

Local historian Liam Roche will deliver a talk on the life story of St. Cathal of Shanrahan on March 5 at 8pm in Cahir House Hotel. Admission is €3 for members and €5 for guests.

Quiz

Let the Battle Commence was the theme of Cahir Credit Union's annual table quiz was at Coláiste Dún Iascaigh recently.

After 12 rounds of challenging questions, champions emerged. Taking the top spot in our under-13 category were Ella Allen, Pádraig Hickey, Ellie O'Connor and Sarah English from St. Mary's National School, Clogheen. The under-11 category was won by Ardfinnan National School's Megan O'Brien, Rian O'Keefe, Evan Shine and Cillian O'Mahoney.



Mary Ann Hartigan, Ann O'Mahoney, Tom Clancy, Marie Keating, Ann Fitzgerald, Eileen Peters, Michael Lonergan, Ann Condon, Maura Horan, Kay Murphy and Ann Power enjoying the Active Retirement annual lunch in Cahir

Visionary students promoting better eye health in the town

A group of students from St. Ailbe's Secondary School in Tipperary Town are promoting positive eye health in their community with their project titled An Eye for An i.

The Young Social Innovators (YSI) launched Love Your Eyes on Valentine's to encourage local businesses and supermarkets to provide magnifiers for people who may have difficulty reading small print on labels.

"When talking with some older people in the com-

munity the students found a lot of people struggle to read labels with small print on food packaging or on medicine labels. Many older people do not like using iPhones or information technology to assist them so the students decided to address this by inviting local shops and supermarkets in Tipperary Town to stock large +2 prescription magnifying glasses in their stores to help people read labels on food cans and all small print when shopping," explained principal Ruaidhri Devitt.

"The students did some street surveys and found 85%

of all the people they surveyed had difficulty trying to see labels on food cans. All of the people surveyed were in favour of the student's idea to put magnifiers in the shops. They are also providing small key ring sized magnifiers, which will be very helpful when out shopping for everyone. They will sell these key rings in the coming weeks to raise funding for the project."

Anne Bradshaw with the HSE Disability Services works with groups in the community to address issues of concern in terms of access. "To the best of our knowledge,

this is the first of its kind in Ireland and we think the students might be responsible for starting a project that could easily be rolled out right around the Country. With a simple idea to support people who struggle to read small print, the magnifiers will make a big difference to people when shopping, especially to many people who have food allergies and need to be fully aware of food ingredients and contents."

Motivational speaker and ultra marathon runner Sinead Kane from Cork spoke at the launch about living with sight loss in the com-

munity and Anne Marie Walshe from the NCBI also spoke to the students about positive eye health.

The students held a bake sale at their school and also held a blind tasting event to promote the importance of your sight. From the money raised they created an information pamphlet to accompany the magnifiers launch. These pamphlets are designed to promote positive eye health highlighting how precious our sight is, how important it is to get a regular eye test and how important it is to look after your eyes. The students engaged the support

of local opticians to ensure people look after their eyesight.

"The students have learned a lot from this project and have been proactive in addressing positive eye health in Tipperary. The engagement with the local community was a huge part of the project and I would like to say thanks to all the local shops and businesses that supported the project. The pamphlets will be available to pick up in shops and supermarkets over the coming weeks," said transition year coordinator Claire Long.



Michael Hogan and Megan Morrissey (Shane Kelly Pharmacy), Leona Finn (Eyesight Opticians), Ann Bradshaw (HSE), Molly Hogan and Amy Compton (students), and Sean O'Donoghue (AIB Tipperary Town)



Anne Bradshaw (HSE), Claire Scally-Long (TY coordinator), Violeta Serrano, Destiny Bowes, Jasmine Hanrahan and Ruaidhri Devitt (principal)

Eco enthusiasts at Loreto making a difference in the community

Secondary school eco enthusiasts are changing the appearance and mindset of their Loreto Clonmel community by implementing a set of practical environmental initiatives .

The passionate group of Loreto students are quickly changing how the school operates in a climate-friendly way and are reaching out to the wider Clonmel community to spread their message.

The girls have taken on a huge challenge and are bringing their teachers and all the staff and fellow pupils on an exciting journey of exploration.

For the first time the school has entered the School Digital Champions programme. The programme is part of a national digital strategy that encourages use of technology with projects linked to climate change within the school, with local enterprise and the community.

The three dedicated teams are using websites, apps and



QR codes to encourage participation, learning and action.

The programme complements the work that has been carried out in the school by a team of about 30 students who work on global citizen projects that include a native Irish woodland project, nesting box and bug hotel projects.

That team also works on long term projects such as introducing more cost-effective and environmentally friendly systems for lighting and heating in the school.

Their work has already reaped a great dividend for the school.

The climate conscious girls have created a bug hotel, an air bee & bee for the bee population and nesting box projects inside the school and out in the community. Dotted throughout the school are learning platforms where their fellow students can actively engage and learn from the project by using their devices to scan QR codes, which provide access to video clips, worksheets on the environment that en-

courages students to change their behaviour in the climate change struggle.

On a more fundamental level the girls are also championing a rethink on energy use within the school in a major way.

All external lighting has been changed to LED and in the coming mid-term all internal lighting will be changed to LED. It provides 80% more efficiency and savings will be used to pay for equipment and costs will be covered over a six-year period.

The students are involved in exploring a similar system for changing the heating system in the main school building and in the gym to a more environmentally heating system. The original school building Roseville is changing to electric thermal radiators, which are filled with plant based oil.

Single-use plastic bottles have been banned in the school and the Loreto is a Fairtrade school.

Under the School Digital Champion programme three different teams have developed their campaigns.

The local enterprise team has established the Clothes the Books project, which encourages students to swap clothes to combat "fast fashion" and encourage each other to get more use out of purchased clothes rather than buying new ones.

Lunchtime swap shops have been set up and the team involved - Isabella, Eimear, Maryam and Katelynn - hope to generate interest in their project in other schools and in the wider community.

The school project team of

Lucy, Mia, Niamh and Holly have embarked on a Be Aware - Show We Care campaign, whose aim is to change behaviour towards plastic, recycling and sustainability within the school.

They promote the effective use of recycling bins in the school, the canteen has switched over to compostable cutlery from plastic cutlery, and plan to introduce a No Fork Friday day.

Step Up For Me for You, It's The Right Thing To Do is the campaign undertaken by Alana, Natalie, Leah and Aisling as part of their project out in the community. The group promotes upcycling and recycling out in the community. They showcase local upcycling talent and have teamed up with a local recycling workshop.

They encourage participation using their www.projectstepup.digital website.

The students' collective endeavours are aimed towards mitigating the impact of climate change, promoting awareness, biodiversity and sustainability through technology

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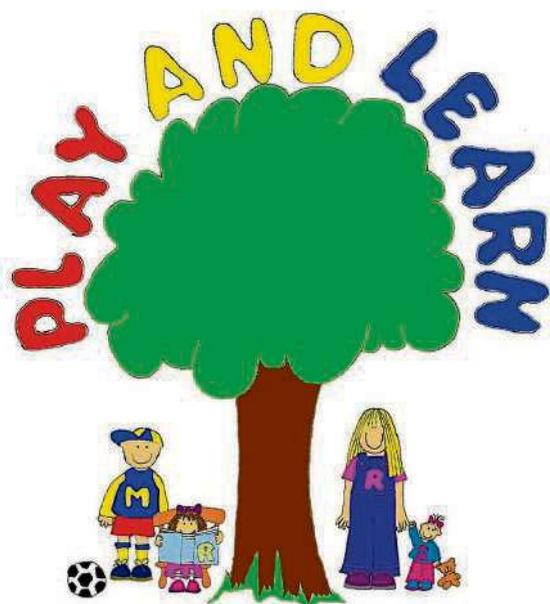
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Regulation of the sector was first introduced in 1996 and these regulations were revised and expanded in 2006 and again in 2016, when registration of services was introduced.

In 2016 any service notified to Tusla on June 30 of that year was deemed registered. As registration is on a three-year cycle, re-registration was required in 2019.

Registration requirements are quite rigorous, and a list of essential documents is required.

Part A of this process has been completed by all services and Tusla will be writing to relevant services shortly in-

(A) Documents required by 12 th December for Re-Registration:
Garda vetting/Police vetting for the proposed Registered Provider and person in charge (if different)
Garda vetting/Police vetting for the "second person" if required (Childminders/Single Person Operations only)
Two references for the proposed Registered Provider
Certificate of Registration Number from the Companies Registration Office for services operated by a company
Proof of identity of the proposed Registered Provider
Certificate of Insurance or written confirmation of insurance cover
Statement of Purpose and Practice
Safety Statement (Not required for Childminders or Single Person Operations)
Signed Declaration

(B) Documents required to be submitted by 30 th June 2020:
Floor Plans (Indoor/Outdoor)
Policy on Managing Behaviour
Complaints Policy (Not required for Childminders)
Policy on Administration of Medication
Policy on Infection Control
Policy on Safe Sleep
Fire Certification
Planning Permission

Note: All documentation listed in Part A must be submitted on application through the portal. Providers can submit the documentation in Part B at application stage if available, otherwise they must be provided to the Registration Office by 30th June 2020.



visiting them to complete Part B of the re-registration.

Staff at Tipperary Childcare Office are available to assist services to complete the registration process.

Registration is a legal requirement and it is necessary to operate as a childcare service and to be eligible to deliver the new childcare funding programme, the National Childcare Scheme.



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- Supporting **Childminders** through the Registration & Voluntary Notification process, with funding applications and providing training events
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Roseanna Purcell stars in A Holy Show at The Source

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A Tipperary actor stars in a hilarious hit comedy about an ex-Trappist monk hijacking an Aer Lingus plane.

Roseanna Purcell, who previously starred in Fair City and Red Rock, plays numerous characters in A Holy Show, which will be staged at The Source Arts Centre in Thurles on March 7.

Based on the ill-fated Aer Lingus flight EI 164 from Dublin to London in 1981,

Roseanna says the nostalgic comedy features an ex-Trappist monk with a bottle of water as his weapon, the Pope as his nemesis and a burning desire to know the Third Secret of Fatima.

"It's based on the real-life events that happened in 1981. He hijacked the flight and demanded to be taken to Iran, but they didn't have enough fuel and ended up in Paris. His motivation was that he wanted the Pope to release the Third Secret of Fatima. It sounds completely made up," she laughs.

Roseanna plays characters including a young woman heading to London to become a nun. "It's her first time on a plane, and the ex-Trappist monk hijacking it throws her fate and religion into question. She's determined to become one thing but the circumstances that unfold lead her to question everything," she says.

She also plays a newly-married Kerry woman heading on her honeymoon, an air hostess from Limerick who is "rough around the edges" and the pilot.

"There will be three chairs on stage, and we've created very distinct characters that have very clear physical gestures, voices and movements. It's a really fun and nostalgic play that allows the audience to use its imagination," she adds.

Written and directed by Janet Moran, Roseanna stars alongside Mark Fitzgerald of Copper Face Jacks: The Musical. Supported by the Arts Council, the play received critical success at the Dublin and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.



Roseanna Purcell will star in A Holy Show at The Source on March 7

Jake Carter's special Fethard gig



LEFT: Jack Carter with local fans Sarah O'Donnell and Helena O'Shea on his visit to Fethard's Abymill Theatre. Jake Carter performs at the Abymill on Saturday night, March 7

Jake Carter visited the Abymill Theatre, Fethard, last week in preparation for his once-off intimate concert on March 7 at 8pm.

He was very impressed with the Abymill Theatre and is really looking forward to performing in Fethard for

the first time.

Carter, younger brother of country music singer Nathan Carter, is aged 21 and has already made a huge name for himself as a singer and winner of the Irish television dance competition Dancing with the Stars (2018) alongside his professional partner Karen Byrne. The rising pop

star from Liverpool, Carter has also shown a great love of animals and was very pleased to help Anne Williamson raise funds for the local Cappanagarrane Horse Rescue, which was founded by Anne in 2007.

He asks you to please come along and support this deserving cause to help fund the only registered horse rescue service in Tipperary that provides rehabilitation of so many horses who would otherwise have no chance of survival.

The rescue currently caters for 13 rescue horses and Anne says her motto for the shelter is "to never turn away an animal - no animal is ever ignored."

Concert tickets are now available at €25. Early booking is advised as tickets are limited. Book now by contacting Anne on 086-0834208.



Concert raised €10,000 for Hospice

This year's gala concert in aid of South Tipperary Hospice, which took place in November at Hotel Minella, raised over €10,000 for South Tipperary Hospice. Pictured at the presentation of the cheque were - seated from left: Phil Kehoe, (chairperson, South Tipperary Hospice Support Group), Breda Ryan (South Tipperary Hospice Support Group), Sean O'Donovan (event organiser), Sinaida Jansen (manager, South Tipperary Hospice Movement) and Danny Carroll (musical director).

Standing: Gail McGrath (sponsorship), Aine Ryan (programme advertising), Niall Carroll (concert compere), Charlotte Keane (promotion/ticket organiser), Michael Kiely (stage manager), Ruth Butler (programme editor/poster/publicity) and John Nallen (Hotel Minella). Plans are already in place for this year's event, which will take place at Hotel Minella on November 13

Rosegreen Players' Don't Tell the Wife promises a night 'plenty of laughter'

Members of Rosegreen Players are currently in the final stages of rehearsals for their forthcoming production of Sam Crea's hilarious farce Don't Tell the Wife, which will be staged at the Rosegreen Community Hall from February 27 to March 1 at 8pm nightly.

Don't Tell the Wife is set in an Irish border town and follows the many twists and turns sparked off in the lives of Edna and Bobby Willis (played by Marisa Costello and Tom Delahunty respect-

ively) when an uninhibited young French girl called Georgette (played by Maeve Moclair) comes to lodge in their home.

The unrestrained behaviour and candid views of Georgette rapidly scandalise Edna, whose obdurate Unionism sets her on a collision course with both the young French liberal and her smitten husband.

Aiding and abetting the calamitous developments is Isobel Tate, a neighbour played by Cathering Moloney, is only too happy to fan the flames of suspicion and dis-

trust, and to augment the uproarious series of misunderstandings, mistaken identities and devious plots which ensue.

Caught up in all of this are Bobby's workmate and long-time apprentice Cyril (Eamonn Freir), one of his girlfriends Hilda (Naomi Campbell), the ex-RAF officer Basil Charrington (played by Enda Brady) and a hapless corporation official Eric Tweedy (Philip Flynn).

"In Don't Tell the Wife, Sam Crea's mastery of farcical events and dialogue provides the Rosegreen

Players with a play to relish in rehearsal and performance," a spokesperson says.

"It promises to be a great evening out for the audience, with plenty of laughter and fun for all." Technical support is headed up by Pat Cummins, Ger Lonergan, Breda Delahunty, Eamonn Freir, Liam Freir, Marie Lonergan, Marie Devitt and Olive Ryan. The play is directed by Pat Cummins and Hugh O'Neill. Tickets are €15 for adults and €5 for children from Pat Cummins on 087-2204034 and O'Dwyer's Pharmacy, Main Street, Cashel.



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Sunday 8th March

THE BACKYARD BAND

Luke Kelly to fly the Irish flag at European Weightlifting Championships

Clonmel's Luke Kelly will travel to Moscow in April to represent Ireland in the European Weightlifting Championships.

The Clonmel gym owner won a national title earlier this month when he lifted over the qualifying total for the European championships in the event, which was held at WIT Arena campus in Waterford.

As a result of his achievement, the former Annerville Award winner was selected to represent Ireland in Moscow at the European championships, which start on April 5.

Luke, who set up the Elvate gym with his brother David four years ago, represented his country in a European championship in 2016 and is thrilled to get the chance to do so again.

In 2016, he won the national title for the first time in Dublin and went on to represent Ireland in the European championships held in Norway later that year.

After competing in that event, Luke's career was inter-



rupted by a serious knee injury.

"I was out for two years with the injury. There seemed to be no end to it - it just went on and on," he said.

"I thought I would never get back to the level I was at in 2016," said Luke, son of Breda and John Kelly from Ard Gaoithe Drive.

He now has eight weeks of intensive training ahead of him to prepare for Moscow. "I am delighted that I have managed to get back to such a level that I can represent Ireland again," said Luke.

At the national championships earlier this month, Luke competed in the minus 96 kilos body weight category. He won the national title and also lifted in excess of the qualifying total for the European championships, lifting a total of 303 kg (133kg in the snatch and 170 in the clean and jerk) to get him over the qualifying total of 301kg.

LEFT: Luke Kelly from Clonmel will represent Ireland at the European Weightlifting Championships in Moscow in April

Clonmel's Rob Flynn keeps them laughing

A Clonmelman is making a name for himself as a stand-up comedian on the Dublin circuit.

25 year-old Rob Flynn was in the shake-up for a place in the Best New Act Competition Final at the Bray Comedy Festival earlier this month.

He works in marketing at the price comparison and switching site Bonkers.ie in Ballsbridge, Dublin, and performs his comedy routine as a hobby.

"There's great scope in Dublin for new acts to hone their material," says Rob, son of Joan and Tom Flynn, Western Road, Clonmel.

"There are great opportunities up here."

He gigs regularly at The Comedy Gold Club, run by Emily O'Callaghan, and The International Comedy Club, run by Aidan Bishop in the International Bar.

This is held in the same room as the famous Comedy Cellar, founded by Ardal O'Hanlon, Barry Murphy and Kevin Gildea.

He also performs at open mic events in Dublin including K.O. Comedy and



Rob Flynn performs a stand-up comedy routine as a hobby at various venues in Dublin

Camden Comedy, organised by Danay Kidane.

K.O. Comedy is run by Tarik Burns, with whom Rob performed a split show at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Rob says his act includes surreal material, with stories about his childhood and growing up.

"It's storytelling comedy with surrealism and absurdism," he says.

"I take everyday scenarios and real-life situations and distort them so that they're funny and humorous. It's an attempt to try and understand real life and come to terms with adulthood".

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

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Take notice that I, David O'Gorman, intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for Retention of (i) amended location of Dwelling on the site and (ii) the Rear Extension (comprising Living Room & attached Garage) to my Dwelling and all associated site works at Cloghernagh, Bansha, Co. Tipperary. This Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to this application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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O'NEILL

(Acknowledgement)



The family of the late Breda O'Neill, 20 O'Mahoney Avenue, Carrick-on-Suir wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following the sad loss of our Mam.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our house, attended the wake, Mass and burial and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, refreshments, cards and messages of condolences, we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to the management and staff of Green Hill Nursing Home, St. Brigid's Hospital, South Tipperary General Hospital and Waterford University Hospital for their care, kindness and support shown to our Mam at all times.

To all those who participated in the Mass, especially Fr. Jimmy Browne, Fr. Paul Waldron, Sacristan, Altar servers, musicians and finally to O'Dwyer's Funeral Undertakers for their sensitive and professional handling of the arrangements.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. 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.

Mam's Months Mind Mass will be held on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm in St. Nicholas Church.



In Loving Memory

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

GREENE

(Birthday Remembrance)



Birthday remembrance of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather Peter Greene, Oakland Drive, Clonmel whose birthday occurs at this time.

We hope a choir of Angels are around you on this day, singing Happy Birthday in their own special way. Put your arms around him Lord and give him a great big hug. Tell him it's from Frances, Kieran, Shannon, Nicole, Brogan and Keegan and it's sent with all our love.

Miss you so much xxxxx

Your birthday is a time for gifts and to turn another sod. But the greatest gift we ever got was given back to God.

Loved and remembered always Dad - your loving daughter Catherine, Jim, Jamie and Tara xxxxx

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

Always in our thoughts, especially at this time.

Love you Dad, from your daughter Ann-Marie, grandchildren and great grandchildren xxxxxx

IN MEMORIAM

BOURKE / KERTON

(26th & 7th Anniversaries)

Edgware, London and Clonmel

Please remember in your prayers our dear brother John who died on 1st March 1994. Also our aunt Bridie Kerton, Fr. Matthew Terrace whose 7th anniversary occurs on 16th April.

Please also remember our parents Jim and Mary Ellen and our brother David, uncle Willie Kerton and other members of our family.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed and the love they brought into our lives.

Always remembered by their family and friends in Clonmel and London.

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

CONDON

(39th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our darling sister Linda Marie, who died on the 27th February 1981.

We think of you today dear Linda.

We never knew that morning, the sorrow that day would bring, a heart of gold stopped beating, we could not do a thing. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

May the winds of love blow gently, and whisper for you to hear, we'll always love and miss you, and wish that you were here. We see your face in every rose, your star shines from the sky, and as the rain keeps pouring down, your tears fall down with joy.

From your loving brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces.

Mass offered

CONNOLLY

(3rd Anniversary - 27th February 2017)



Sheila Connolly
(nee Clancy)

Marian Court, Clonmel.

Today is a day we light a candle and say a special prayer. We take a step down memory lane and know that we will find you there. We know you walk beside us and when our lives are through, we pray that God will take our hands and lead us straight to you.

Lovingly remembered - niece Kathleen, her husband Derek and their daughters Rachel, Sarah and Alice.

Also remembering Sheila's sister Betty Kennedy, 3rd Anniversary on 20th February. RIP

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

DAHILL

(4th Anniversary)



John Dahill

Marlfield Road,
Clonmel

In sad and loving memory of my loving husband John who died on 4th March 2016.

What I wouldn't give to clasp your hand, your dear sweet face to see. To hear your voice, to see your smile, that meant so much to me.

Love you always

Your loving wife Mary

DAHILL

(4th Anniversary)



John Dahill

Marlfield Road,
Clonmel

No-one knows how much we miss you. No-one knows the bitter pain we suffered since we lost you, we will never be the same.

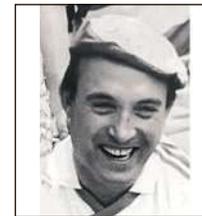
Love and miss you every day Dad...

From your daughters, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

DEVINE

(8th & 37th & 1st Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear parents William (Billy) and Catherine (Kitty) Devine, late of 74 Griffith Avenue, Clonmel, and our dear brother Bradley, whose anniversaries occur at this time, RIP Also remembering Dad's 93rd birthday which occurred on 20th February, which is also his anniversary.

It does not take a special day, to bring you to our minds, a day without a thought of you, is very hard to find.

Love from your daughter Lorraine, son-in-law John, son Leonard, daughter-in-law Marie, grandchildren and great-grandchildren also sister Frances and families. xxx

Anniversary Mass in Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 1pm on Saturday 29th February.

FARRELL

(7th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mary Farrell, 23 Slievenamon Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, whose anniversary occurs on 21st February.

Always in the hearts of those who loved you.

Always remembered and missed by your sons Noel, Danny, P.J., Michael, Francis, Thomas and Denis (Henry), your daughters Josephine, Winnie, Mary, Eileen, Ann and Rosemary, their wives, husbands and partners, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Rest in Peace

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.



Always in
our memory.



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IN MEMORIAM

FORDE
 (6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Michael (Mick) Forde, late of 123 Cherrymount, Clonmel and Cork whose sixth anniversary occurs on 24th February.

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

Sadly missed and remembered with love always by Eileen, Adrian, Valerie, Billy and extended family.

IN MEMORIAM

GRANT
 (11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear Mam, Susan Grant, late of 71 Wilderness Grove, Clonmel whose 11th anniversary occurs on 19th February.

I'm sending this message to you Mam, its filled with hugs and kisses. To let you know how much I love and miss you since you went away. There's not a second of a day, that I don't think of you. My heart broke into a million pieces the day I lost you.

Love and miss you always Mam
 From your daughter Kate and Pa xxxxx

IN MEMORIAM

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear sister Florrie Harris, late of Wilderness Grove, Clonmel, whose First anniversary occurs on March 4th.

The special times we both shared, seemed like nothing much at all, but now they bring me so much pleasure, each time that I recall.

A phone call in the morning, would brighten up my day, we'd arrange to meet up later, and I'd be on my way.

Although I'm sad without you, and wish you were still here, within my heart your lovely smile, still shines so bright and clear.

No one else could take your place, on this you can be sure, my sister and my friend has gone and I couldn't miss her more.

Love and miss you every day Florrie, from your loving brother Tommy xx

Mass will be offered at 1pm on Saturday March 7th in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear aunt Florrie Harris, late of Wilderness Grove, Clonmel, whose First anniversary occurs on March 4th.

Beautiful memories shrouded in gold, this is the picture we tenderly hold. Just as you were you will always be, treasured forever in our memory.

Sadly missed by James, Caroline and family xxx

GRANT
 (11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear wife Susan Grant, late of 71 Wilderness Grove, Clonmel whose 11th anniversary occurs on 19th February.

I wander to your graveside and flowers I place with care, but no one knows the heartache as I turn and leave you there.

I remember the day I met you and the day God made you mine, I remember the day He took you back and will till the end of time.

Love and miss you Sue
 - from Brian xxxxx

Sending you hugs and kisses Nannie.

- from your grand-daughter Mia Susan and grandson Mason xoxoxox

Love and miss you always Mam

- from Andrew and Deirdre xxxxx

HALLEY
 (41st & 11th Anniversaries)



(& Birthday Remembrance)

In loving memory of my beloved sons Adrian and Glen, whose anniversaries occur on 21st February and 2nd March, late of 70 Elm Park, Clonmel.

Also remembering Adrian's 46th Birthday which occurs on 21st February and Glen's 43rd Birthday which occurs on 13th March.

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

Always loved and remembered by Mam.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 29th February at 7.30pm in St. Oliver's Church.

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear aunt Florrie Harris, late of Wilderness Grove, Clonmel, whose First anniversary occurs on March 4th.

Only an aunt can hug you like a mother, love you like a sister and keep a secret like a friend.

Florrie you were like all of the above to me and I miss you so much, especially our daily chats.

Your loving niece Sinead, Pat and cuddle buddies Sean and Harry xxx

Mass will be offered at 1pm on Saturday March 7th in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church.

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)
 4/03/2020

In loving memory of my dear Aunt Florrie.

I wish with all my heart
 That you were here with me
 And we could share the laughter
 That there always used to be.

Love and miss you always - Philip, Trish and kids.

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear Aunt, Florrie Harris, whose First Anniversary occurs on 4th March.

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.

- your loving nephew Alan, Linda, Chelsea, Jay, Zoe and Dylan.

HARRIS
 (1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear Aunt, Florrie Harris, whose First Anniversary occurs on 4th March.

I thought about you today, Florrie, but that is nothing new; I thought about you yesterday and the day before that too. I will think about you tomorrow, as I will my whole life through, for the day I fail to think of you, God will have taken me too.

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

- your loving God-daughter Lizzie, Gabby and Daniel. xxx



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.





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IN MEMORIAM

HARRIS
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear Aunt, Florrie Harris, whose First Anniversary occurs on 4th March.

There is an open gateway to which we all will go. Leading to a radiant light where flowers bloom and grow. You have gone through this gateway to happiness and rest. To live in God's protective arms and be forever blessed.

- Mary, Aaron, Nathan, Nicole and Liam xxx

IN MEMORIAM

O'CONNOR
(14th Anniversary)

Cherished memories today and everyday of our beloved daughter, Jennifer O'Connor, late of Farrannagark, Cahir, who died on the 28th February, 2006.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name, but all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

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

Sadly missed and loved by Mam, Dad, sisters Grace and Amy, grandparents, uncles and cousins.

Mass offered

IN MEMORIAM

O'FLAHERTY
(23rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear brother, uncle and granduncle, Tom O'Flaherty, late of 23 Fr. Matthew Tce., Clonmel who died on the 6th March, 1997, RIP.

Always remembered and loved by his sister Mary and family.

Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

WHELAN
(3rd Anniversary)



In sad but loving memory of a much loved Husband and Dad Matt Whelan, Elm Park and Bolton Street, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on February 22nd RIP.

You were someone special Matt, someone set apart. Your memory will live forever, engraved within our hearts.

Always remembered with love
- Chriss, Maria and James.

Mass offered



*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.*



HUGHES & SMITH
(25th & 15th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my mother Kathleen Hughes (little Nanny) also her sister Nonie Smith (nee Hughes) whose anniversaries occur at this time RIP.

A Mass, a prayer are all we can give and these ye shall have for as long as we live. Mass offered.

Always remembered by daughter Bernadette, son-in-law Johnny, grandchildren Geraldine, Tony, Raymond, Cathy, Marie, great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren.

MAHER
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather William (Billy) Maher, late of Marian Terrace, Clonmel, on his First Anniversary which occurs on 3rd March.

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

Loved and remembered always by your loving wife Ann, daughter Marian and grandchildren Ian, Emma, Thomas and Roisin.

Mass offered.

O'DONNELL
(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of John O'Donnell, late of Link Road, Tipperary Town, who died on 27th February 2014 RIP

Time passes, memories stay, still loved and remembered everyday.

Sadly missed by his Dad, Mam and sister Lisa.

Anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church, Tipperary Town, on Saturday 29th February at 7pm and Sunday 1st March at 11am.

O'DWYER
(30th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Timothy O'Dwyer late of Cathal Brugha St, Cashel, who died on the 3rd of March 1990.

Memories are special, they don't go away. We think of you always, not just today.

Sadly missed and never forgotten by your loving son John, daughter-in-law Breeda and grandson Tadhg.

Anniversary Mass in St. Patrick's Hospital Church, Cashel at 11am on Sunday 8th March.

O'MAHONY
(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear son Brian (Brú), late of Ard Fatima, Clonmel who died on 27th February 2019 RIP.

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

Sadly missed - Mam.

Brian's Anniversary Mass will take place on Thursday 27th February in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm.

PYKE
(20th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Marie Pyke, 5 Kickham Park, Clonmel, who passed away on 22nd February 2000.

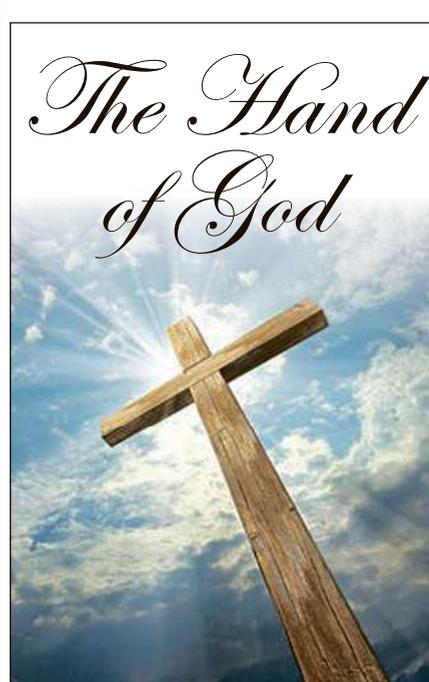
May the winds of love blow gently and whisper for you to hear, how much we love and miss you and wish that we had you here.

Always remembered by your loving sons Leslie and family, Frankie and Adrian.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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



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

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

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

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

Rest in Peace



Success for local rising stars at swimming finals

The Community Games county swimming finals took place in Thurles this month.

There was a great turn out at these finals with 165 individual competitors and eight relay squads.

The winners of all events will represent Tipperary at the national finals in the University of Limerick on the weekend of May 29-31.

Results were as follows:

FREESTYLE GIRLS

Under 8: 1st Aoife Timmons (Moycarkey Borris), 2nd Ella Tierney (Mullinahone).

Under 10: 1st Roisin Ryan (Hollycross Ballycahill), 2nd Roisin Browne (Powerstown Lisronagh), 3rd Anna Gleeson (Templederry).

Under 12: 1st Amy O'Keeffe (St Peter and Paul's, Clonmel), 2nd Sarah McGinley (Thurles), 3rd Aoife Browne (Powerstown Lisronagh).

Under 14: 1st Kayla Whelan Klonowski (Ballylooby), 2nd Grace Kirby (Portroe), 3rd Eimear Duggan (Hollycross Ballycahill).

Under 16: 1st Anna Moychan (Cashel Rosegreen), 2nd Libbi Smith (Carrick-on-Suir), 3rd Muireann Duffy (Powerstown Lisronagh).

Freestyle Boys Under 8: 1st Dylan Delahunty (Moyné Templetuohy), 2nd Eoin Reddy (Newport) 3rd Cian

Trehy (Powerstown Lisronagh).

Under 10: 1st Toby Hayes (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Oscar Corbett (Upperchurch Drombane), 3rd Ronan Bourke (Hollycross Ballycahill).

Under 12: 1st Tom Kirby Portroe, 2nd Kevin Reddy (Newport), 3rd Liam Klonowski (Ballylooby).

Under 14: 1st Gerard Duggan (Hollycross Ballycahill), 2nd Mohab Youssef (Powerstown Lisronagh), 3rd Finn Magnier (Killenaule Moyglass).

BACKSTROKE GIRLS

Under 10: 1st Lauren Trehy (Powerstown), 2nd Erin Delahunty, 3rd Ella McGinley (Thurles).

Under 12: 1st Kiera Davitt (Tipperary Town), 2nd Leah Delahunty (Moyné Templetuohy), 3rd Rosie O'Brien (Drangan Cloneen).

Under 14: 1st Jenna Hayes (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Eibhlis Bartley (Kilsheelan Kilcash), 3rd Eliza Gleeson (Tipperary Town).

Under 16: 1st Sophie Harris



Powerstown's Yenna and Toby Hayes



Under-14 boys backstroke silver medal winner Mark O'Meara (Fethard Killusty), gold Lucas Kinnane (Powerstown Lisronagh) and bronze Alex Wade (Boherlahan Dualla)

(Thurles), 2nd Uljana Cariova (Cashel Rosegreen), 3rd Mary Keogh (Thurles).

Under 16: 1st Tadhg Quinn (Powerstown Lisronagh).

(Ballinahinch), 3rd Kate Ryan (Ballinahinch).

BACKSTROKE BOYS

Under 10: 1st Connor O'Mahony (Thurles), 2nd Rian McLoughlin (Clerihan), 3rd Sean O'Bioraga (Newport)

Under 12: 1st Jamie Browne (Killenaule Moyglass), 2nd Jan Kaczynski (Powerstown Lisronagh), 3rd Charlie Lynch (Boherlahan Dualla).

Under 14: 1st Lucas Kinnane (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Mark O'Meara (Fethard Killusty), 3rd Alex Wade (Boherlahan Dualla).

BREASTROKE GIRLS

Under 12: 1st Kate O'Donnell (Ballylooby), Joint 2nd Emma Day (Thurles) and Suzy Murphy (Fethard Killusty), 3rd Sarah Whelan (Powerstown Lisronagh).

Under 14: 1st Sarah Byrne (Ballingarry), 2nd Molly Fitzgerald (Carrick-on-Suir), 3rd Anna Hickman (Thurles).

Under 16: 1st Aimee Corbett (Powerstown Lisronagh), Joint 2nd Ali O'Donnell (Ballylooby) and Ella Hayde

BREASTROKE BOYS

Under 12: 1st Sean Carrig (Newport), 2nd Sean Trehy (Powerstown Lisronagh), 3rd Ronan O'Meara (Fethard Killusty).

Under 14: 1st Killian Whelan (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Gerard Adler (Cahir), 3rd Oisín O'Driscoll (Portroe).

Under 16: 1st Jack Carrig (Newport).

BUTTERFLY GIRLS

Under 14: 1st Ava Kinnane (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Eavan Duffy (Powerstown), 3rd Evelyn Fahey (Hollycross Ballycahill).

Under 16: 1st Marguerite Buckley (Powerstown Lisronagh), 2nd Isobel Maher (Fethard Killusty).

BUTTERFLY BOYS

Under 16: 1st Donal Quinn (Powerstown Lisronagh).

RELAYS

Under 13 girls: 1st Powerstown Lisronagh, 2nd Hollycross Ballycahill, 3rd Thurles.

Under 13 boys: 1st Powerstown Lisronagh.

Under 16 girls: 1st Powerstown Lisronagh, 2nd Thurles, 3rd Cashel Rosegreen.

Under 16 boys: 1st Powerstown Lisronagh.



Jan Kaczynski, Jamie Browne and Charlie Lynch



Kate O'Donnell and Sarah Whelan



Carrick's Mollie Fitzgerald and Libby Smith

Epic Monster Loco Quiz at Clonmel Park Hotel

Not only is February 29 a unique date in the 2020 calendar, it is also the date of Clonmel's first-ever Monster Loco Quiz, hosted by Clonmel Park Hotel in association with Clonmel

Scouting Group at 8pm.

If you are looking for a fun night out with friends or work colleagues, or just interested in something different for a bit of craic, then this unique game show styled

quiz is for you.

The quiz has something for everyone - trivia questions, an interactive phone round, loco bingo, Deal or No Deal and a Catchphrase-type round.

Entry is €40 per team of four, which includes four tickets for the monster raffle with some incredible prizes such as a 32-inch Smart LED TV, a laptop, a €200 voucher for Panda Carpets, a €160

voucher for a Barlo's gold car service, a €100 voucher for a Barlo's motor valet, golf for two at Mount Juliet, a De'longhi coffee machine, a €70 voucher for Chez Hans, family passes to Dublin Zoo,

three pairs of IMC Cinema tickets and two Google Nest Mini Home Smart speakers.

At the interval there will be another raffle, with all the proceeds going to Clonmel Scouting Group initiatives.

Thirty local teams compete in Irish League of Credit Unions National Schools Quiz event



The Gaelscoil Chluain Meala under-13 team



The St. Marys CBS, Clonmel, under-11 team



The St. Marys CBS, Clonmel, under-13 team



Success for St. Mary's CBS teams in Stage 1

Clonmel Credit Union hosted stage one of the Irish League of Credit Unions National Schools Quiz at Clonmel Park Hotel.

Thirty teams from 15 schools in the area participated in the quiz, which was a very closely contested competition with St Mary's C.B.S Irishtown winning both the under 11 and 13 contests.

The St. Mary's teams will now represent Clonmel Credit Union at stage two of the competition in The Carrig Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir, on March 1.

They will compete against the winning schools from credit unions in Waterford city, Carrick -on- Suir, Cahir and Dungarvan.

The successful teams at stage two will compete in the national finals in the RDS on April 5.



The Ballymacarbry under-11 team



The St Michael's National School, Mullinahone, under-13 team



The Kilsheelan National School under-13 team

Tipperary schools are set for the Junk Kouture Southern Regional Final catwalk in the University Concert Hall, Limerick, on March 6.

The fashion competition using recycled materials challenged the students to design, create and model high end couture from everyday junk.

The local students are dreaming of making the grand final, which will take place at the Three Arena, Dublin, on April 30.

St. Ailbe's School

The Beauty Trap was created by Violeta Serrano, Jasmine Hanrahan and Destiny Bowe. "Don't get caught up by the unrealistic and unattainable perfection seen on social media. Be yourself makeup is a camouflage don't hide behind the mask. Our design is inspired by the multi-million euro beauty industry and the idea of creating unrealistic beauty through make-up products and the expense this unattainable beauty has on young people, their confidence, self-esteem and their pocket. This beauty industry promotes excess - too many products and too many hidden natural faces. Don't get caught in The Beauty Trap," the girls say.

"The belted cage was created using an old leather belt that was wired with fencing wire, which we enhanced by covering in colourful fabrics from old clothes and many used makeup products such as mascaras, lipsticks, lip glosses, nail polishes, foundation bottles, powders and palettes of eyeshadows. We collected old and broken costume jewellery, along with used make-up brushes to further decorate our outfit and created the top from the packaging. For the head dress we created a shoulder piece in the metalwork room and decorated it with our collected materials and old plastic flower heads."

2Kw14Skwl (too cool for school) was created by Gabriela Blajek and Alanna Murphy O' Keeffe using old school equipment collected in the school. "Our design was created to highlight the pressure of school exams on students. The weighted appearance of the design is to symbolise the overwhelming pressure on students that can consume them and that weighs heavily. All materials used in the design are old school equipment. Our design not only represents the pressure of school but also shows the amount of used school materials that are leftover every school year and

wasted. We are promoting sustainability by re using all these items in our design," Gabriela and Alanna say.

"For our top we used pens, pencils, rulers, cds, pencil shavings and copy pages. The skirt is made completely of exam papers and copies with a line of cds on top and ink splattered all over the pages. Our headpiece is made from a pencil case with markers, pens, pencils shooting out and little notes stuck on, and is surrounded by random stationary pieces. Our shoes are made from poly pockets, ink reservoirs and pencils. We made three bracelets out of elastics, pen tops and springs."

Patrician Presentation

Patrician Presentation Secondary School in Fethard has four outfits through to the Southern Regional Final. "Students focused on the environment and wellbeing by looking at nature, recycling, gaming and wishes. Materials used were drinks cans, card and newspaper, recycled clothes, plastics, and discarded game pieces," says teacher Patricia Looby.

Eufhora looked at environmental pollution and its effects on nature. Sadhbh Morrissey (model) and Ella Mai Hackett focused on the butterfly in their research.

Reach Out has a social message. The team took the shape of students' hands and constructed a hat, and then had positive wishes written on unwanted plastics. Its message is that 'a helping hand is always there - just reach out.' Modelled by Emma Lyons, it was also constructed by Chyanne McDonald Creed and Ana Paloma with contributions from the students in the school.

Titanium focused on wellbeing. The all male team of students looked at the positives and negatives of gaming through online research. It can teach students key life skills, can improve hand-eye coordination as well as raising awareness of the negative impact it can also have. The team who worked on this outfit were Micheal Cuddihy, Michael O'Meara and Patrick Kennedy (model).

Extra Extra Read All About It used recycled Farmers Journal newspapers that came from the agricultural department in the school. A sustainable way of recycling and reusing everyday things found in our environment and ready to go to the bin, which is a prime focus of the Junk Kouture competition. Abby White models this outfit.

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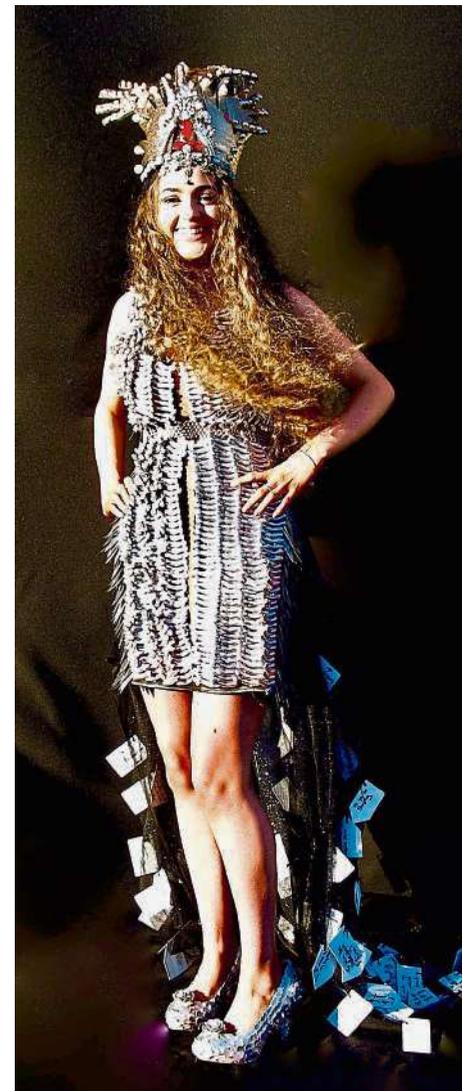
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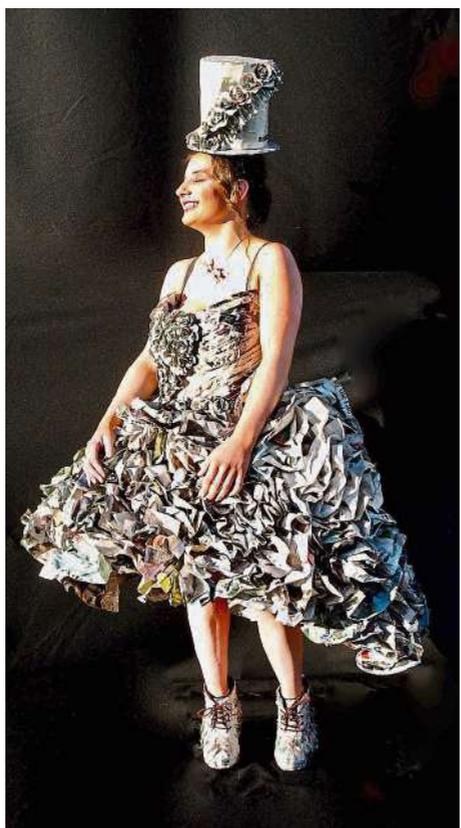
Patrick Kennedy rocking Titanium



Sadhb Morrissey modelling Eufhora



Emma Lyons modelling Reach Out



Patrician Presentation's Abby White wearing Extra Extra Read All About It



Violeta Serrano modelling St. Ailbe's The Beauty Trap



Gabriela Blajek wearing St. Ailbe's 2Kw14Skwl



Dochas being modelled by Presentation Clonmel's Caoimhe Nolan



Rockwell's Caoimhe O'Connor wearing Clockwork Orange



Presentation's Socketta is modelled by Gabrielle Pranskeviciute

Rockwell College

The team of Caoimhe O'Connor (model), Shauna Walshe and Sara Finnane created Clockwork Orange from sacks, nets, shoe soles, tights, dried oranges and old florist ribbon.

Presentation Clonmel

Five outstanding designs from Presentation Secondary School in Clonmel are ready from the Limerick stage.

Modelled by Victoria Canty, Imperium was designed by Victoria and Ellen O'Gorman along with Saoirse McCarra. It was inspired by the Birds of Paradise dress by Thierry Mugler. The girls decided to look at recycling as a powerful positive, choosing a medium that is the most recyclable material, a metal in the form of aluminium cans, to create a stunning red carpet gold dress. "The aluminium can is recycled an infinite number of times to create many things, including wearable art couture. The leaf design represents the power of seasons rejuvenation, and turned to gold represents the monetary value," the girls say.

Socketta was made entirely from odd socks. Modelled by Gabrielle Pranskeviciute, the outfit was designed by Gabrielle and Aurora Moore along with Yasmin Woodlock.

"Like the socks, each person is unique and individual, coming in varied

sizes, shapes and colours, which represent all the different nationalities, races religions and sexes coming together to make something beautiful and positive," the girls say.

Modelled by Caoimhe Nolan, Dochas was designed by Caoimhe and Aine Ryan along with Megan Morris. "It is inspired by Daffodil Day, which is a symbol for the Irish Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser, raising money to sup-

port cancer patients and to fund life-saving cancer research," the girls say.

"Cancer is a serious issue. However, the daffodil is a bright, colourful and an iconic symbol of hope rather than despair. It shows us that if we work together in a positive way, we can all be stronger. Dochas means hope in Irish. Cancer has affected nearly every family, including ours, and we need to continue to fight it through research,

support and kindness."

Since making this costume, Caoimhe has donated her long hair to the Rapunzel Foundation.

Bó is a Brexit-inspired outfit. Made from farm materials, it was designed by Sadhbh and Elanna Walsh along with Leah Pyke. Modelled by Sadhbh O'Loughlin, the dress reflects the hard work and care that farmers put into their livestock rearing them. "We used feed

bags in their many colours and manipulating them in a plate unified solution. The ropes and twine are a symbol of the push and pull to reach a positive solution for the best for all," the girls say.

Modelled by Lorraine Canty, Arcoiris was designed by Rachel Lambe with make-up by Sophie Pyke. "The inspiration for Arcoiris is to spread awareness to the LGBT+ community with in-

spiration from RuPaul's Drag and Lady Gaga to make this stunning powerful jumpsuit. We collected over 500 Pringle cans, experimenting and finding many ways to manipulate this material. Using all the colours of the Pringle cans, we created a powerful and meaningful outfit," the girls add.

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Imperium, modelled by Victoria Canty and designed by Victoria, Ellen O'Gorman and Saoirse McCarra



Arcoiris is modelled by Lorraine Canty, designed by Rachel Lambe with make-up by Sophie Pyke



Bó, modelled by Sadhbh O'Loughlin and designed by Sadhbh, Elanna Walsh and Leah Pyke, was made from farm materials

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Kerri Tarleton rocking Loreto's Message in a Bottle

Loreto Clonmel

Message in a Bottle was created by Kerri Tarleton, Triona Ryan and Tara McGrath. It takes inspiration from the school's campaign against single-use plastic bottles.

Comeragh College, Carrick-on-Suir

Created by Mya Dam Walsh (model), Merit Murawski and Ellen Barry, Parasite was inspired by climate change. "Our focus has been the rising temperature of the ocean and how mankind acts as a parasite on nature. The rising temperature is af-

fecting sea life. For example, the Coral Reef in Australia," the students say.

"The Coral Reef is being bleached by the rising temperatures. Satellite images show us how it has been drained of its vibrant colour, hence our white costume. This costume is a wedding dress, where we see ourselves married to a future that is negative, not productive, and devoured by plastic and its many toxic components.

"We have used plastic bottles, wire, tissue paper, an unwanted dress, belts, shoes, plastic straws, plastic string, polystyrene, fabric laptop covers, marbles, under floor insulation, milk cartons, shredded charity bags, knitted plastic bags, white paper folded, fishing line, blister packets from medication, mesh and transparent acetate. We have spent zero on its creation. Everything has been repurposed or donated."



Mya Dam Walsh wearing Comeragh College's Parasite creation

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LEFT: Cillian Flavin and Cian Mahadevaiah play the Butler and the Baker



BELOW: Peter Carroll, Luke Morrison and Keenan Scully play Joseph and the Narrators

Clonmel St. Mary's CBS kids planning a 'real treat' musical

Preparations are well underway at St. Mary's CBS in Clonmel, County Tipperary, for the musical production of Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

The unmissable production will take place at St. Mary's Church on March 5 and 6 at 8pm nightly. It promises to be a very enjoyable show and is suitable for all ages. It follows on from previous successful productions of The Lion King and Godspell.

"The boys have been very busy in rehearsals since Christmas and are now putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a real treat," a school spokesperson says.

"Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a well-known tale that follows the journey of a dreamer. Set in biblical times, the story is about Joseph, his father Jacob, his 11 brothers and his coat of many colours. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd-Webber, this all singing and all dancing Bible story with classic hits Any Dream Will Do and Close Every Door is one of the

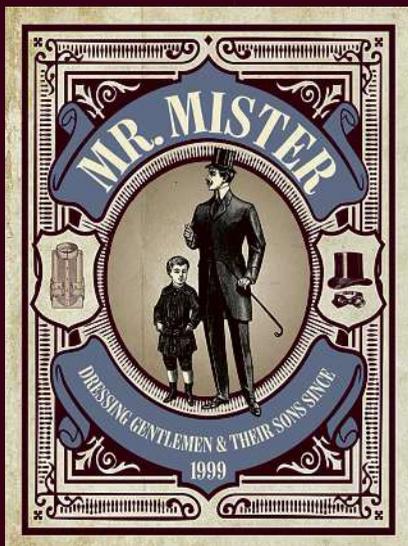


Archie O'Sullivan, Isaac Cheung, Cailean Morrison, Cillian Britton, Danny Morris, Aaron Cagney, Josh Kelly, Freddie Baker, Nikita Novacsinov and Ryan Guthrie play the Brothers

most enduring shows of all time. This irresistible family musical about the trials and triumphs of Israel's favourite

son should not be missed." Tickets at €10 for adults and €5 for children are available from the school office on

052-6121594 or on the door each night. Early booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.



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