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'Party drug cocaine destroying South Tipperary families'

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South Tipperary's "huge cocaine epidemic" has resulted in beatings, death threats and suicides, according to a local councillor.

Carrick-on-Suir councillor David Dunne said the rise of "party drug" cocaine is a "serious issue", while also stating that increased heroin use is a problem locally.

"It's out of hand at the moment. Anyone living in Clonmel and the surrounding areas will know what's going on - the death threats, the beatings, the suicides, the going after people who are dead and going after their families for money that they are owed. People are paying off drug debts, getting more drugs to sell and getting in more debt," he told councillors at the December meeting of Tipperary County Council in Clonmel.

The Sinn Féin councillor said all classes in society are taking "huge amounts of cocaine", highlighting that it has become "cheaper and more available" in recent times.

"Unfortunately cocaine is starting to seep into part of our culture. You go into a pub and you can't get into a sit-down toilet in a men's toilet because there are two or three men in there and they are not in there for any other reason than to take drugs. You would want to be blind not to see what's going on."

Cllr Dunne said some

people think they can take cocaine "recreationally at the weekend, but not everyone is able to do that". He added: "It's destroying families, it's destroying lives and it's destroying children's lives because their parents are out of control on cocaine and other drugs."

"Cocaine is being mixed with different stuff to in-

crease the strength of the drug. They cut it so much from the original stuff that comes into the country and you end up with rat poison and other stuff in it. There are people dying on our streets on a daily basis because of cocaine, committing suicide or from the drug itself."

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Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir, transition year students Aoife Leahy, Katelyn Drohan, Siobhan Whelan and Ava Russell at a table quiz in aid of the Hope Foundation at The Galtee Inn last Friday

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'Bottles of whiskey for a tenner absolutely disgraceful'

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The "serious issue" of alcohol being sold at a low price in County Tipperary was raised at the December meeting of Tipperary County Council in Clonmel on Monday.

Cllr Jim Ryan said that it's "outstanding" that bottles of whiskey can be bought for €10 in supermarkets, leading to councillors voicing their concerns on the county's drink and drug culture.

Cllr Ryan said it's "absolutely disgraceful" that alcohol is being sold at a loss, with "the seller making a profit on the VAT at the expense of the taxpayer" through a loophole which allows them to recover the VAT on the difference between the sale and cost price.

Cllr David Doran said "alcohol is cheaper than sweets and soft minerals". He recalled attending a recent family event in County Tipperary, witnessing teenagers "out of their minds with drink".

Cllr Seamus Morris said pubs are being "cleaned out

and destroyed" by the sale of cheap alcohol. He said "lots of pubs" will close down in the near future, citing "pre-drinking" as a "massive problem". Cllr Morris said it's "frightening" the amount of alcohol being consumed at home, stating that there "used to be some control drinking in the pub". He added: "We have a serious problem facing us with young people with liver problems in their 20s and 30s. We can bury our heads in the sand all we want but there is a lot of drinking going on that is not controlled."

Cllr Hughie McGrath said

multinationals are "getting away with blue murder", adding: "You can buy 24 cans for €20 and then come along with your voucher and get 20% off more cans. There are cans of cider for 50c and it needs to be challenged."

Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District Cllr Richie Molloy said the sale of cheap alcohol in supermarkets is a "huge problem", calling for more alternatives for young people to steer them away from drink.

Contributing to the debate on drinking at home instead of in the pub, Cllr Roger Kennedy highlighted that it's

"impossible to get taxis from our villages". He said a proposal has been put forward where the National Transport Authority will have to insist on making sure that Tipperary's towns and villages are covered every night of the week.

Cllr Catherine Carey said it's "embarrassing" watching drink-fuelled people spill onto the streets late at night, raising concerns for young women flagging down cars that they think are taxis because of Clonmel's lack of a taxi rank.

Cllr John Crosse backed his colleague Cllr Phyll

Bulger's proposal to write to the Government about rolling out a national campaign highlighting the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

Cllr Martin Browne, who has been selected to sit on the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, also backed a proposal to write to the Government about the sale of cheap alcohol.

He called on society to change its attitude to drink, adding: "Adults are going out buying cheap drink for youngsters. We are all responsible and it starts in the home."

Rotary Remembrance Tree aids South Tipperary Hospice

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

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

The people of the county have always given the hospice great support in their efforts, particularly in raising funds to provide home-care nurses.

And it's hoped that this Christmas, there will again be

a strong response to the annual Remembrance Tree campaign, organised by the Rotary Club of Clonmel to raise funds for hospice.

This year there will be four Trees.

One will be at Dunnes Stores, Davis Road; the second will be at Dunnes Stores, Oakville; the third will be at Tesco and the fourth will be in O'Connell Street outside Dealz.

The four trees will be staffed by Rotary members, Hospice members and Volunteers between Wednesday, December 19 and Sunday, December 23.

Members of the public can come to the tree and write the names of those they want to commemorate on a ribbon, which is then attached to the tree.

They can also make a donation to the Hospice in memory of their loved one.

Joe O'Sullivan, President of the Rotary Club of Clonmel, said the Remembrance Tree project was a fantastic way for people to remember their loved ones at Christmas, and it was wonderful that the funds raised were all spent locally.

"There is no more deserving charity than hospice.

"Every family is affected by serious illness at some stage," he said.

After Christmas, the ribbons will be brought to Mass in SS Peter and Paul's Church, Clonmel, on Sunday, December 30, at 11am, where all the people whose names are written on them will be prayed for.

All the funds raised will go



Pictured at the launch of the Clonmel Rotary Club/Hospice Christmas Remembrance Tree in Mulcahy Park, Clonmel, were Verona Malone, Billy Doyle, Mary Morris, Terry Stafford, Noreen Chawke, Cllr Martin Lonergan, Phil Kehoe, Michael O'Malley, Tadhg Brown and Leslie Connolly. Picture: John D Kelly

to South Tipperary Hospice, who need to raise hundreds of thousands of euro each year for their much-needed

work.

Both the Hospice and the Rotary Club of Clonmel are deeply grateful for the kind

donations made during the Remembrance Tree campaign in the past, and are hoping for a generous response again this year.

'Huge cocaine epidemic going to get worse in South Tipperary'

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Clonmel councillor Pat English said it's "open territory for drug dealers selling on

our streets", calling for more resources including detectives to clamp down on the "epidemic".

He said families are being

"devastated" by drugs locally and that parents are being forced to evict their highly-educated kids from the family home because of drug

issues. Cllr English added: "It's going to get worse because there is big money involved."


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'It would take a minor miracle to get him home to Clonmel for Christmas but we have to hope'

A Clonmel family has issued a heartfelt plea to the Dubai rulers to allow their brother home for Christmas.

John White was released from prison in Dubai after over four years incarceration in August 2017, but is trapped in the country because his passport is being held by the authorities.

"We would love him home for Christmas. He has not seen his children for years. It

would take a minor miracle but we have to hope. It would be the most wonderful Christmas gift," his sister Eileen O'Brien told South Tipp Today.

A father of eight, the 63-year-old businessman was imprisoned for the inability to pay his debts after the collapse of his construction business.

The White family in Clonmel is hopeful that a meeting between the rulers

of Dubai with a delegation from Dáil Éireann will speed up the release of their brother from the country.

"It was the first official intervention, so we are very hopeful something will come from it," said Eileen.

A member of that trade delegation, Tipperary TD Mattie McGrath said the meeting was a very positive one.

"The mission availed of the opportunity to bring up the

case of John White. A letter from the Taoiseach was handed in relation to the case and great work is being done by the Irish ambassador over there," said Deputy McGrath.

"John is in good health now. He made a good recovery from a stroke over there and is in good spirits, but he would love to see his family again. John and all of the family are very grateful for helping him by supporting a Go Fund appeal," she added.



John White hasn't seen his children in years

Record number of people on housing list in Cashel and Tipperary

Cashel and Tipperary town face a serious housing crisis unless something is done urgently, with a record number of 691 people on the housing waiting list.

There are proposals for 28 houses in Knockanrawley, Tipperary town, said housing official Sean Lonergan at a meeting of the Cashel/Tipperary municipal authority.

The plans will be submitted to the Department and be back within a month.

A 'masterplan' for Bansha is to be completed in two or

three weeks. The plan involves 12 houses for Bansha and "once done up, we'll send them off to the Department for approval."

Cllr Martin Browne expressed concern about the number of housing applicants on the list for the area. The figure is now around 700.

"That figure is going up the whole time," he said. There were about 500 on the housing waiting list between the two major towns of Cashel and Tipperary, said Cllr Tom Wood.

"And not a single (Council) house built in Cashel for

many years. It will be a long time before we have one house built in Cashel."

The vast majority of those in social housing are in the HAP Scheme, which works with private providers and various supports.

"Because of property price increases, they (landowners) are now deciding they want to sell."

There is a fear that with houses being sold, people in HAP Scheme will have to move on but there is nowhere for them to move to. "I see people searching all over the town, at auctioneers, with the HAP Scheme. You have to source it (the property) yourself. We are in a crisis situation because so many people are deciding the price is good to sell. Where will we put all these people," asked Cllr Wood.

"I agree people don't know what the future holds," said

Cllr Michael Fitzgerald. "We badly need to start building houses and trying to improve it, but you cannot do miracles."

Cllr Denis Leahy said he had a "problem with the HAP Scheme" as it doesn't give security of tenure to tenants. Some 96 extra people had come into HAPS in the area in 2018, and the figures are getting "worse and worse." "The property market is beginning to work, particularly in Tipperary town."

However, "it does not augur well for a system looking to provide accommodation." Anti-social behaviour is also blighting people's lives. Cllr Leahy said he knew of one couple who had to listen to music blaring at 4 o'clock in the morning before getting up to work. "Who is implementing these regulations?" he asked.

Cllr Roger Kennedy said



the figure of 691 is "alarming". Just 12 months ago, that figure was around 600. "People who don't qualify - they have huge difficulties in sourcing private accommodation."

Cllr Kennedy called for a list of villages to be supplied where the Council owned land. This land could be zoned for housing, "to get housing built in those areas."

Cllr Martin Browne said the anti-social behaviour in some estates is "desperate" but there needs to be a "paper

trail" to prove it, and it's "very hard for residents stuck in that situation".

Mr Lonergan said the 691 is a "spike on the list" and only appeared in the last few months. Tipperary Co. Council has a record of success in offering social housing supports to applicants, and meeting its targets, said Mr Lonergan. In relation to anti-social behaviour, it was difficult to evict offenders as "we are dealing with people who are at most risk. If you evict them, they are back in as homeless."

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Marie Boland retires from Tipperary Library Service

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"I can't remember two days in 42 years that I didn't want to go to work," fondly reflects Clonmel's Marie Boland following her recent retirement from Tipperary County Council Library Service.

A native of Ennis, Marie was handed a copy of a local newspaper that included a job advert for a librarian with Clare County Council 42 years ago. "From week one I knew it was for me. There was so much more to it than just books and reading, even back in the 1970s. I just loved it," Marie tells South Tipp Today.

"There were activities such as story time and school riddles, along with local, national and international exhibitions in the library. There

were no computers back then and it was just so enjoyable reading all sorts of books, encouraging kids to get into the habit of reading for 10 minutes a day. That was my mantra - 10 minutes a day and it becomes a habit that you will have for your whole life. I loved seeing children learn from books, and took great pleasure out of reading myself or listening to someone read in the library," Marie smiles.

Marie applied for a higher grade role at Thurles Library, where she spent six months before moving to a new library in Roscrea. She was then presented with "the chance of a lifetime", with the next chapter of her story journeying towards Clonmel.

"I enjoyed a very happy few years with warm people and had a great social life in Roscrea.

"We had a very progressive librarian, Martin Maher, who

had big plans for a state-of-the-art library in Clonmel and he asked me to open it in 1987. I spent a day crying because I loved Roscrea and was very happy there, but this was too big an opportunity to turn down.

"I arrived in Clonmel with just my bags, but from day one I felt at home because the group of us working in the library really gelled together. We were public servants and devoted to giving the people the best service. I grew to love Clonmel and it's my home now, except when it comes to GAA my heart will always be Clare," she laughs.

Married to Michael with two adult children, Marie has seen many changes in Tipperary County Council Library Service over the years, pinpointing the emergence of technology as "mind-boggling". She says: "Computers opened us up to a whole new world and a new way of



Marie Boland celebrating her retirement after 42 years as a librarian with her book club friends. Pictured are Gillian Harpur, Kathryn O'Brien, Rosemarie Purcell, Antje Hogan, Sarah O'Sullivan, Chrissie Moylan, Marian Kelly, Anne Walsh and Mary Hickey presenting Marie with a hamper

working. In the last few years, one of the greatest things with computers is that every public library in Ireland is linked. You can have a book from Donegal or West Cork

sent to the library in Clonmel within days. Ebooks are also fantastic and they are all free."

Marie is enjoying her retirement and plans on going

to history lectures, arts and crafts classes, and will travel to see the Boston Red Sox play at Fenway Park. "It will be the most exciting experience," she adds.

Take a gander at the new geese in Ardfinnan

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A "family" in Ardfinnan, whose numbers had dwindled alarmingly in recent months, have been replaced by a new gaggle of their species.

Geese have been a constant presence on the village green for more than half a century or, as well-known local musician Stefan Grace puts it, "since Adam was a boy".

In recent months Ardfinnan's geese population

stood at 12 and parish priest Fr. Pat Butler dubbed them the 12 apostles.

They were so much part of the fabric of life in Ardfinnan that there's a Geese Crossing sign at the side of the road running through the village, and traffic often came to a standstill to allow them pass.

However, they then began to mysteriously vanish without trace, until just one remained.

"The poor craythur was so lonely he nearly came into Mass with us," says Stefan.

"Everyone was broken-hearted and there was a cloud

over the village."

Local people, determined that the birds wouldn't disappear from the village landscape, went about replacing them.

Mattie Bradshaw and Desmond Cunningham sourced geese for sale in Co. Galway and local councillor Michéal Anglim, his wife Margareth and Tommy Myles set off for Glenamaddy.

They returned with 13 geese, including one gander, which has been nicknamed Big Tom after the late country singer's famous hit Four Roads to Glenamaddy.



New geese from Glenamaddy mingling with local people in Ardfinnan

"They cost €20 each and donations from local people covered the cost," says Cllr. Anglim.

Eleven are now settling

into their new home on the green and in the river while the remaining two have taken up residence on the lake at Marlhill, Ardfinnan.

"They are settling in and everyone is delighted and excited," says Stefan Grace.

With the festive season fast approaching, and people making preparations for Christmas dinner, Stefan said that locals would be keeping a close eye on the birds to make sure that they didn't come to any harm.

"People are more alert and will be looking out for them," he says.

"Geese are highly intelligent creatures and part of the fabric of the village.

"It's great that they are back," adds Stefan.

Hilda O'Neill honoured by International Coaching Federation Ireland

A workforce development lead with the HSE/South East Community Healthcare has been honoured by the International Coaching Federation (ICF) Ireland at its recent 2018 awards ceremony.

Clonmel-based Hilda O'Neill (née Ryan) took two of the 12 awards at the ICF's Irish chapter's annual event held at the Clontarf Castle Hotel in Dublin. She was named both Internal Coach of the year and adjudged by her peers in ICF Ireland to be overall Coach of the Year.

Founded in 1995, the ICF is dedicated to excellence in coaching. It serves as a non-

profit organisation for fellow coaches to support each other and plays an active role in helping members to develop their coaching through regular events, communications and networking opportunities.

Now in its fifth year, the ICF Ireland gala awards is recognised as the premier event for coaches, industry and organisations. The purpose of the awards is to promote excellence, best practice and innovation in coaching.

Coaching is described as a thought-provoking, creative process that supports clients in achieving a specific personal or professional goal. In an organisation such as the health services, this can have a positive ripple effect for the

individual, their team and the culture of the wider organisation.

Hilda is a professional certified coach, accredited with the ICF and has 15 years of experience in the area of personal and professional development and training. She has passionately incorporated coaching into her work in the health services over the past 10 years. While working in both the private and public sectors, Hilda has developed a special interest in supporting individuals and organisations in relation to managing challenging situations in the workplace.

A native of Ardee in County Louth, Hilda's involvement as a HSE internal coach in South East has de-

veloped over the past eight years and resulted in her secondment this year to the newly developed interim role of workforce development lead in the human resources department. This role has a specific remit around supporting and developing staff, managers and teams in counties South Tipperary, Waterford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford through coaching, facilitation and training. South East Community Healthcare delivers primary care (including community services), social care (including services for disabilities and older people), mental health, and health and well-being.

Welcoming news of Hilda's award, chief officer of

the South East Community Healthcare TJ Dunford said: "Achieving these awards has been a personal honour for my colleague Hilda but also a recognition for the important support and development work she is involved in with South East Community Healthcare.

"As Hilda herself has said on many occasions, everyone has the potential to change, grow and develop and is more likely to do so when supported in a practical and positive way. That certainly ties in with what we are trying to achieve within the health services in the South East and we are delighted that this national recognition has been afforded to one of our colleagues."



Clonmel's Hilda O'Neill is a professional certified coach

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Mother shares heartache of losing son to drunk driver on the road with Tipp students

A mother who lost her son to a car crash has opened up about her family's heartache.

Christina Donnelly's 26-year-old son Brendan and his friend were killed by a drunk driver on the road.

Brendan, his friend and two women were heading off on a holiday when a drunk driver ploughed into them.

Christina shared her story with over 400 Tipperary secondary school students as part of a Road Safety Matters event, which was organised by Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service with the roads section of Tipperary County Council, the Gardai, HSE and the Road Safety Authority.

The students were given a shocking insight into the life-changing consequences irre-

sponsible driving can inflict on families.

"You could just feel and see the impact Christina had on the students. It was very powerful and moving to listen to her outline how the tragedy changed all of their lives forever," said Clonmel assistant chief fire officer Carol Kennedy.

Christina was one of many guest speakers at the Clonmel Park Hotel event. Throughout the day students from four Clonmel secondary schools and the secondary school in Fethard had the opportunity to use the Road Safety Authority rollover car, the shuttle bus simulator and witnessed a simulated road traffic accident with all the emergency services taking part.



Tipperary emergency services members who participated in the Road Safety Matters event in Clonmel

Clonmel High School reflects on fantastic 2018

2018 has been a very successful year for Clonmel High School.

The school has a long tradition in recognising academic, social, cultural, sporting and professional achievements and this year was no exception.

The Leaving Cert class of 2018 obtained excellent results with a high percentage of students going on to third level. Several Junior Cert students received national awards including Eoghan O'Donnell for being a high achiever in Maths and Science (Junior Cert results) and attending the National Junior Olympiad in DCU; Luke Pyke who got a scholarship to Austria for an award in German; and Aidan Hickey who re-

ceived a rugby scholarship to Biarritz in France.

Students were honoured by WIT for excelling in Business Studies, while present Leaving Cert students Dillon English, Shane Cosgrave and Michael Cleary were placed in the top five (out of 1100 participants) at the ISTA Senior Science Quiz in Trinity College.

Over 200 students set up and ran their own businesses with many winning awards at the Young Entrepreneur's county final and representing Tipperary at the national finals in Croke Park.

Budding musicians, singers and dancers joined with the Presentation Secondary School for the very successful musical Back to the 80's. Second year student

Cian Smith picked up his third national award with the uilleann pipes, a student well known after his guest appearance on the Late Late Show.

Fifth year student David Pyke has travelled across the world to places like Monreal, New Orleans and Scotland and for his efforts was crowned World Champion Irish Dancer 2018.

Joe Fogarty and Sergiusz Wilkowski were the Pope John Paul II gold medal recipients and three students went to Calcutta with the Hope Foundation Immersion Project which was a life changing experience.

Some students got the opportunity to visit Seville, Gibraltar and Granada as well as a wonderful educational and cultural classical studies

trip to Rome, while others opted to take on the gruelling physical challenges of the Camino and experience the spiritual rewards.

Physical activity plays a huge role in the school with opportunities to get involved in a vast array of team and individual sports.

All these experiences testify that the High School's mission statement has a very real presence within the ethos of the Edmund Rice Christian Charter. It looks forward to a new year in promoting the personal, spiritual, physical, creative and academic development of all its students.



RIGHT: Eddie McIntosh was selected for the Munster under 18 rugby team



Enda Dunphy, Joey Lyons, Billy O'Connor and Billy Murphy were selected for the Tipperary minor hurling and football teams respectively



David Quinn, Cormac Lynch, David Killen and Killian Owens won bronze medals in the Munster swimming relay

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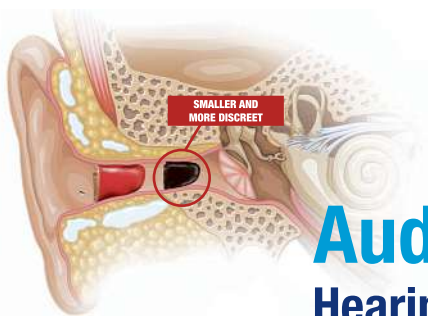
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Christmas in the Garden

Wildlife Matters

Albert Nolan

The start of December saw the kids and I standing by the large window in the kitchen.

It looks out onto a veritable jungle, by most people standards, but to us it is home to robins, wrens, butterflies and moths.

When I get bored with daytime TV, but yet don't feel the need to venture out, the view from the window keeps me in touch with nature.

I have a notebook in my hand, and this week the Birdwatch Ireland winter garden survey kicks off. This national citizen science project can be done from the comfort of your own kitchen or living room.

The survey can be done in any rural or suburban garden. I have a friend who records in the middle of a large town, and it is interesting to compare our results each year. He lives near river and sometimes gets birds that makes me a little envious. Herons, a swan and even a little egret have all graced his large lawn. In fairness I get redpolls, siskins and goldfinches - he never records these birds.

The form is very easy to fill in and it can also be done online. You answer a few basic questions about your garden.

Next comes the enjoyable piece. Each week you count the highest number of each species that visits your garden. Over the course of the winter, I find it builds up an accurate picture of numbers and species of birds found in my part of the country.

I also love watching how bird behaviour changes over the winter months. The normally territorial blackbirds

have an uneasy truce. It always looks like hostility is about to break out, as they jostle for a piece of apple or guard their female from the attentions of another male. During really hard weather, I have often counted up to 11 blackbirds in my garden.

I also see small loose groups of blackbirds in the Tipperary town hills, along the base of a native hedgerow. During the summer they are spaced out along the hedgerows and in the trees, but hunger and survival brings them together in the winter.

The weather too impacts the variety of birds I see in the garden. After the first of the frosty nights has sent a chill through the house and the garden, the bird feeders are very busy in the morning. Hungry birds contest for their share of peanuts, seeds and apples. With natural food in short supply and only a few hours of daylight, birds need all the help we can give them to survive the long winter nights.

Keep feeding stations out in the open to avoid ambushing cats. Also good hygiene. Clean feeders and bird tables at least once a week, removing any old seeds.

Fruit like apples and grapes (cut in half) can be put out for thrushes. I have a beautiful male blackbird across the road from my house. Each morning he calls from under the willow tree and I throw across a slice of apple. Apples can also be hung from strings or stuck onto branches for acrobatic blue and great tit.

Peanuts are packed full of energy, but don't use the ones you drink with a beer. They are too salty, and also avoid



putting out crisps and biscuits. White bread fill birds up with empty calories. They can run out of energy to keep themselves warm during the long cold nights.

Nyger seeds are great for attracting goldfinches, get the kids cooking during the festive season and for making fat cakes for birds.

Growing native trees and shrubs like hawthorn, mountain ash and elderberry provide berries, and you might entice in a migrant redwing or fieldfare.

Water is also essential for drinking and bathing to keep feathers clean and waterproof. A raised bird bath is a great garden feature and provides hours of entertainment observing the birds.

Give the gift of nature

The Birdwatch Ireland shop has a fantastic range of books and equipment to suit all ages and budgets. Start your kids or grandkids out on a lifetime of discovery with a book on garden birds or bugs.

For more information and updates on Tipperary birds, please check out Tipperary branch website at www.tipperarybirds.ie

Thanks for all your emails, photos and phone calls throughout the year. It has been really interesting and great fun to share in people's enjoyment of the natural world.

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

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

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Taking a medical negligence case

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The area of medical negligence deals with many sensitive and complex issues. Often people are not only facing the challenge of overcoming their ordeal, whether it be a misdiagnosis of an illness, a procedure that had complications or otherwise, they will now face a lengthy road to justice.

What is the difference between negligence and a mistake?

There are risks to every procedure. However, negligence is said to occur when the standard of care drops below what is an acceptable standard. This includes misreading of scans, a delayed or misdiagnosis among others. Negligence is also considered to be an act that another person of the same profession would not have done.

The Statute of Limitations

The first step in establishing whether there is a viable case is to look at the Statute of Limitations. Under the Statute of Limitations, a person has two years from the date the negligent event occurred to commence proceedings. However, it is quite possible that someone may not know that they have been subject to negligence, for example, they may not notice any symptoms for some time after the event. In this case, a person may rely on the Knowledge Principle. This principle states that you have two years from the date you knew or ought to have known that

negligence occurred. This provides a fair timeframe for both the plaintiff and defendant. It means that someone cannot take an action many years after it occurred but also allows enough time for the effect of a negligent event to be noticed.

Expert opinion

The next step after meeting with a solicitor, is to gather all medical records and commence a review to establish if negligence has occurred and at what point in treatment did it occur. This is a vital step as it determines whether a case should be brought or not. A solicitor is then obliged by law to obtain a medical report from a suitable expert to support a case of medical negligence. This expert must have the same qualifications as the person you are taking a case against in order to determine what a professional should have done in the same situation. Only then can a case of negligence be identified and the process can begin. It is im-

portant to remember however, that a solicitor would have good knowledge of the law and be able to identify if there is a viable case in advance of obtaining a report.

If there is a group of people with the same complaint, each case will stand on its own merit. In Ireland, no class action occurs. There is often a 'test' case which has already been decided and the court will usually refer to that but each case must be worked on individually.

The crucial point to remember in medical negligence is that a complaint must be taken within the relevant time period. Only then can a case progress.

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Animal owners spend €40 on pet's Christmas dinner

Clonmel pet owners are spending up to €40 on their pet's Christmas dinner and an average of €100 to include their pet on Santa's Christmas present list.

Scented cat litter is also the big seller this Christmas with pet owners paying €17.99 for a bag of cinnamon scented litter to provide their cat with a festive smelling place to poop.

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largest pet retailer - has just released a list of the Top 10 selling Christmas presents for pets based on the spending patterns of customers who visited its store at Poppyfields Retail Park from December 1-9 inclusive.

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"Our biggest seller this year is scented cat litter and the single biggest change in

spending patterns is a shift to buying top quality cat and dog food," she added.

"Dog and cat owners want the best when it comes to their pet's Christmas dinner and they are willing to spend that little bit extra for it," said Emma.

The Real Nature Wilderness dog food is based on the diet of a wolf and is Maxi Zoo's best-selling food product. It is made from 100% natural ingredients like French Barbary duck, pasture beef, and

North Sea Herring, providing pets with a pure, natural diet with no added colours, flavours or preservatives. The 4kg bag is no. 3 on the list at €39.99.

The equivalent best-seller for cats is Select Gold Sensitive, which has a high meat content and which is made from a grain free recipe. Consumers are spending €19.95 to buy this 3kg bag for their pet.

Fashion conscious pet owners are spending €12.99

on reindeer dog jumpers and €2.99 on Santa hats as winter warmer festive treats and €9.99 on Christmas stockings containing a toy moose, cotton chew and squeaker bone.

Cat owners are also snapping up the Stella Scratching Tree, which comes with comfortable loungers and a cosy cave for cats who like to scratch, climb and laze. The product is no. 2 on the Top 10 list and costs €19.99.

Struggling people targeted by moneylenders

Tipperary people struggling to cope are being pushed into dealing with the moneylenders, according to the president of St Vincent de Paul.

Clonmel's Kieran Stafford has slammed the Central Bank and the Government for "rolling out the red carpet" to moneylenders whose exorbitant interest rates inflict huge misery and turmoil on families.

Kieran said Christmas was one of the biggest trigger points for families to turn to moneylenders and he appealed to people considering that option to go to the Credit Union or St Vincent de Paul first.

He hit out at the Central Bank and the Government for their role in allowing moneylenders exploit so many people.

Kieran, who is frustrated by the decision of the Central Bank to allow another moneylender into the Irish market and by the failure of the Government to cap interest rates, said people all over the country who are struggling to cope and are being pushed into dealing with the moneylenders.



Clonmel students and Mayor Cllr Richie Molloy with Society of St Vincent de Paul national president Kieran Stafford and other members at the regional launch of the society's annual appeal

"The Central Bank and the Government are making it easier for moneylenders to inflict misery on families. It is scandalous," he said following the decision of the Central Bank to allow another moneylender, Amigo, into the Irish market.

"The Government is giving free rein to moneylenders unless they cap interest rates. The moneylenders are charging exorbitant interest rates to people who are in real difficulty. It costs the poor more for everything and the same applies to credit."

He said there were 330,000 people in Ireland going to one of the 39 moneylenders here. "Moneylenders are booming, and now we have another one in Ireland."

"People are going without food to enable their children

to eat and to allow them pay the rent because the biggest fear is eviction," said Kieran.

Christmas is a time when people are most vulnerable. People struggling to pay bills, he said, were sent into a crisis by the arrival of an event such as a communion, a birthday

or the need to buy a major household appliance.

"Any event outside of the normal costs sends people into great difficulty and that is when they feel they have no option but to go to the moneylender, which creates even bigger problems for the family," Kieran added.

Christmas comes early for Credit Union members

There was good news in the last week for members of Clonmel Credit Union.

The credit union's annual general meeting at the Clonmel Park Hotel approved an interest rebate of some 30% for those members who had taken out loans.

This amounted to a total payment of €2.1 million, an average of €271 per borrower.

"That's money that's going directly into the local economy and will be spent locally this Christmas," says CEO of Clonmel Credit Union Pdraig Enright.

Most credit unions pay an interest rebate of between 5-7% so this was great news for members of Clonmel Credit Union, which is one of the largest community-based credit unions in the country.

The credit union has 27,000 members who live or work in the greater Clonmel area as well as Fethard, Mullinahone, Cloneen and Drangan.

Last year Clonmel Credit Union made 8,000 loans, amounting to €7 million, available to members.

"That's an average of 35

loans a day.

"We approved 98% of all loan applications, most of which were approved within 24-36 hours, and many on the same day," he says.

These included loans for home improvements, car purchase, education costs, holidays, Christmas and seasonal events including First Holy Communion and Confirmations.

Clonmel Credit Union has €60 million outstanding in loans to members.

It has €155 million in members' shares, or savings.

Those savings grew by €10 million last year.

In another sign of the local credit union's robust good health, it made a surplus of €4 million this year.

€2.1 million was returned to members in the interest rebate, while the remainder was directed to credit union reserves to strengthen its financial base and secure its future.

Ten per cent of Clonmel Credit Union's business is now conducted online, including loan applications, with further investment

planned for online services for the convenience of members.

There are also plans to refurbish Credit Union House in Parnell Street, Clonmel to provide members with better services.

Clonmel Credit Union has late opening on Thursday evening and its offices are also open all day Saturday.

It employs 37 full-time and part-time staff, all of whom are local people; and it provides sponsorship for several local clubs and organisations.

Credit unions generally received the number one customer-experience scores in the country for the fifth year in-a-row this year.

Hailing originally from Athea in West Limerick, Pdraig Enright has worked in financial services for the past 32 years.

He served as Bank of Ireland's regional manager in the south east, when he was based in Kilkenny.

He also ran KBC Bank's regional network, and also did project work for that bank in the Belgian city of Leuven.

Fraudsters scam alert issued by Tipp gardaí

Fraudsters have conned a small business and two people from County Tipperary out of thousands of euros through email and phone scams in recent weeks.

Gardaí are investigating the scams that occurred over the past seven weeks and have appealed to businesses and people to be wary of emails and phone calls re-

questing you to give bank account details and personal information.

Garda Insp. James White said the three fraud incidents they are investigating were similar yet different in each case.

One case involves a small business that received an email purporting to be from their bank outlining changes and requesting bank account details from the firm. The information was then used by

the scammer to fraudulently take money from their bank account.

In another case, a fraudster rang up a person in County Tipperary pretending to be from the Revenue Commissioners. The caller claimed they were entitled to a tax rebate and requested their bank account details so the rebate could be paid to them. When the bank information was given, money was taken from the

person's account soon after.

The third County Tipperary fraud case also involved a phone call. This time a person received a call purporting to be from a telecommunications company contacting them about improving their slow broadband speed. The person was asked to turn on their computer so the broadband speed could be checked. The fraudster guided the unsuspecting person through a number of

steps on their computer that allowed the criminals to gain access to the computer and obtain the owner's bank account details. It resulted in money being stolen from their account.

Insp. White appealed to Tipperary businesses and people to be very wary of phone calls and emails they receive, and urged people to alert elderly relatives and friends of the scam.

And he advised that in the

event you give out details to one of these scammers and realise something is wrong, immediately alert your bank and get your accounts frozen and contact the gardai.

He said money is taken very quickly from people's bank accounts, transferred initially to an Irish based account and then transferred outside the jurisdiction. The quicker you can act the better your chances of stopping the fraud or getting your money back, he said.

Christmas craic at Clonmel Wheelchair Society dinner

The craic was mighty at the annual Christmas dinner for Clonmel Wheelchair Society members and guests.

The society extends appreciation and festive season wishes to all those who helped.

"From their feedback, our members and guests had a great time and appreciate what the society does for them throughout the year.

We wish to thank Bob Fitzgerald Hardware for donating our Christmas tree; Glenconnor Garden Centre and Ann Fitzgerald florist for

donating pot plants and wrapping for the plants; Hillview Sports Club for their continued support, permitting us the use of their premises for our Christmas dinner; Fr Bobby Power for the mass; Eileen Condon and her helpers for the fabulous dinner; Ken Horne and Billy Fitzgerald for the fantastic music; Clonmel branch of Irish Red Cross for their assistance; Clonmel Civil Defence for their help; and our volunteers and helpers who put in many hours organising and wrapping our gifts, decorating up the hall, and laying

the tables.

"This year also marked a special occasion for our esteemed treasurer Noel Meaney who is celebrating a milestone birthday. Noel has spent many years volunteering with the society both as a helper, bus driver and currently our treasurer. Happy 21st birthday Noel! Merry Christmas to everyone. May you have a peaceful and joyous festive season," a Clonmel Wheelchair Society spokesperson added.

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Tipperary to lose out in Rose of Tralee festival change-up

Tipperary will not be represented at the 2019 Rose of Tralee Festival after a re-vamp of the selection process by festival organisers.

Tipperary Rose of Tralee coordinator Ciaran O'Connell confirmed to the Tipperary Star that although a representative from the county will not grace the Dome in August 2019, the premier county rose in 2020 is guaranteed of a live televised appearance.

To ensure that every Rose enjoys the ultimate positive

experience during her year as her region's ambassador, festival organisers have revamped the selection process by removing the regional qualification process and increasing the age limit.

According to the revamped rules, each centre will select a Rose bi-annually however roses representing Kerry, Cork and Dublin will continue to be selected every year.

The executive chair of the Rose of Tralee International Festival, Anthony O'Gara, said: "Moving from the Re-

gional Festival (staged from 2004 to 2015) to bringing all our Roses directly to the Rose of Tralee International Festival for the past three years has been generally very positively received. There is one challenging aspect to the new format that does not sit well with any of us and that we want to address, the selection of 32 Roses from 66 for the TV Selection. Regardless of how sensitively we handle that, it is not in-keeping with our ethos or our tradition. Our focus is to celebrate and respect the passion and emotion, and indeed the time and

financial investment that every Rose, her family and centre invest with us."

Tipperary Rose of Tralee coordinator Mr O'Connell said: "This is change but for the good and will be an even better opportunity for any young lady to join this once in a life time experience.

"It is a big change to not have a Tipperary representative at the festival, but I believe it will better everyone's experience in general and all interested ladies will now be assured of a live TV appearance with Daithi in August 2020," he said.

"I am also delighted to announce that the festival has taken in to consideration these changes may disturb some pre-existing plans for ladies nearing the age limit to enter for 2019/ 20 or even roses that just missed out on last year's entry and have extended the age limit to 29 to aid this."

Mr O'Connell added: "We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our sponsors and supporters across Tipperary a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and a reminder to spread the word, to any inter-

ested young woman who currently lives in Tipperary or to those that have come home for the Christmas period that 2020 will be their year."

Applications are live for the 2020 selection and can be found via www.roseoftralee.ie/apply.

Interested applicants must be 18 years of age by January 1st 2019/2020 and will not have reached their 29th birthday on or prior to September 1, 2019/2020.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival will celebrate its 60th year running in August 2019.

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Joan and Jimmy O'Sullivan with Catherine Whelan. Photos: PJ English



Fr Bobby Power enjoying the party with 100-year-old Tommy Cleary and Lizzy Browne



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Christmas Greetings To All

Unrivalled shopping in Clonmel

Clonmel has an unrivalled reputation as an outstanding shopping location -and that is especially true at Christmas time.

The town boasts a huge range of shops and services that makes Clonmel Christmas Shopping such a

joy.

Shop local and spend locally in Clonmel this Christmas and support the local traders, restaurateurs, publicans and small businesses where you will be guaranteed a friendly smile and helpful assistance at all times.



Great success for Fine Cutz

Fine Cutz Barber Shop is celebrating three years in business in Clonmel and eight years in Tipperary.

Aoday Nahi, the charismatic friendly owner of Fine Cutz in Irishtown Clonmel is excited for the future.

This year he celebrated three years in business in Clonmel and has big plans to start a barber shop training academy in Clonmel in the New Year.

The barber shop is one of the best and busiest in town with a young team of enthusiastic staff creating a fun atmosphere.

A huge resurgence in men's grooming has led to an uptick in the number of barber shops around.

And as Aoday says -"You don't just look better, you feel better too".

From here until Christmas all of their shops will be open on Sundays too.

The entrepreneurial brothers Ammar and Aoday, whose family originally hail from Iraq, opened a barber shop in Cashel back in 2010 and have since added Clonmel, Carrick on Suir along with a third brother Kosai, (Aoday's twin) and they will open yet another barber shop in Thurles in the near future. Great to see these guys being successful and creating employment locally (10 people working there in total), and we wish them every success for the future.



Aoday Nahi, the owner of Fine Cutz

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 Sunday 30th Dec: Open 9am - 2pm
 Monday 31st Dec - Wednesday 2nd Jan: Closed
 Salon Reopens Thursday 3rd Jan

Stylish new look at Mahers

Mahers Pharmacy with Cormac Harte at the helm has undergone a stunning refurbishment this year.

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Just in time for Christmas we get a new addition to the restaurant scene in Clonmel. Kyoto Asian Street Food above Boyle Sports is a sister restaurant to the original one on Waterford's bustling High Street. The original opened in 2015 and is a multiaward winner and has been very successful thanks to its good location, attractive pricing - and very tasty food as attested to by Georgina Campbell.

The owner Sam Zhuang is hoping the same formula will be successful in Clonmel. Parnell Street now has a great selection of eateries, bars and nightlife now so it's a very lively part of town.

An extensive menu is offered. The wide selection will delight sushi fans, but there's plenty of choice for everyone as the second part of the menu offers an equally wide choice of broadly Asian dishes, ranging from popular noodle dishes - including Teriyaki Soba (grilled choice of meat



The interior of the new Kyoto restaurant in Parnell Street

with fried egg noodles and teriyaki sauce), ramen (traditional bowl of noodle soup, available with meat, poultry, seafood or vegetable and tofu) - to stir fries and curries, including the ever-popular Thai Green Curry. Desserts are western style - banoffee pie, chocolate fudge cake, for example - but there's good coffee as

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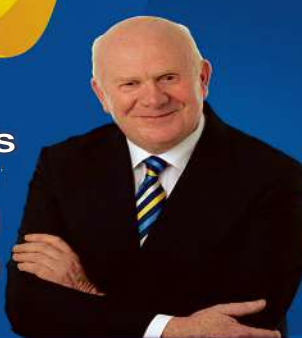
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There will be Christmas table centrepieces, wreaths, cakes, buns and lots more.

Last year's fundraiser raised €2,000 for Helping

Hand, who are a small group of Waterford volunteers that provide meals and support to those in need.

Helping Hand has also

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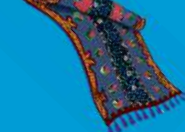
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Tipperary County Council

**INVITATION TO PROVIDE
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Tipperary County Council proposes to form a panel of suitably qualified Auctioneers on a Municipal District basis to provide auctioneering and valuation services in relation to the letting of Council Lands for 2019/2020.

Tender forms and further particulars are available on www.tipperarycoco.ie and also from Property Management, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary or by e-mail from propertymanagement@tipperarycoco.ie

Completed forms must be lodged in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Letting of Land" not later than **4.00pm on Thursday 10th January 2019** to Tender Box, Customer Service Desks of Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel and Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I, John Lynch, intend to apply to the above authority for permission to demolish existing bungalow and construct 10 no. semi-detached single-storey dwelling houses with all associated site development works to include, new site entrance, modification to existing site boundaries and entrances and connection to all underground services at Abbey Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Abercorn Developments Limited, intend to apply to Tipperary County Council for Permission for a development at Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2, Ground Floor, Block 5, Rossmore Neighbourhood Centre, Rossmore Village, Tipperary. The development will consist of the change of use from Office Use to three Residential Apartments and connection to services and all ancillary site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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BERMINGHAM

(Acknowledgement, Months Mind



& Anniversary)

Betty & Jim Bermingham

26 Kickham Park,
Clonmel.

Betty's family wish to thank most sincerely all who helped and supported us in our recent loss. To all who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and sympathised and supported us in any way, we express our sincere thanks.

We would like to especially thank Fr. Brendan Crowley and the undertaker John O'Donoghue and his staff for all their help. A very special thanks also to all the staff at Acorn Lodge Nursing Home in Cashel where Betty spent her final years. The care and attention afforded Betty meant that she enjoyed her time in Acorn Lodge in comfort and peace.

Betty was a marvellous mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law and sister and will always be fondly remembered by her family – her son Frank, daughter-in-law Louise, grand-daughter Lorna and her husband Sean, great-grandson Rian, her brother Jim and sisters Joan and Kathleen.

In loving memory also of Betty's husband Jim, whose 7th Anniversary occurs on 10th December.

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

The Months Mind Mass for Betty and Anniversary Mass for Jim took place on Saturday 8th December at 7:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul's Church, Clonmel.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

DUGGAN

(Acknowledgement & 2nd Anniversary)



David Duggan

25 Beechpark,

Cahir, Co. Tipperary

19th December, 2016

David's wife Christina, sons Sean, Tony and David, daughter Caroline, grandsons Marc, Jason, Killian and Kian, granddaughters Gemma and Arwen, brothers, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, nieces and nephews and extended Duggan family would like to express our sincere thanks to all who sympathised and supported us on the sad occasion of David's passing.

We thank in a special way all who sent Mass cards and sympathy cards. Sincere thanks to Fr. Bobby and Fr. Knight for celebrating a beautiful Mass. We are especially grateful to the nurses and doctors of Clonmel Hospital for their care, support and kindness to David. Thanks to Christy Barrett Undertakers for their sensitive and professional handling of David's funeral arrangements.

We would like to express a special word of thanks to David's niece Maeve for her kindness, support and care – quietly showing compassion and kindness to David. We will always be grateful.

David's Second Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Cahir on Sunday 16th December at 11.30 a.m.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

TOOMEY

(Birthday Remembrance)



Remembering Mary Toomey, late of 20 Woodview, Cahir, whose 54th Birthday occurs on Christmas Day.

Don't think of her as gone away, her journey's just begun. Life hold so many facets, this earth is only one.

Happy Birthday Mary

Love and miss you always - your son Cathal, sisters Anne, Eileen and Cecilia, niece Eva, nephews James, Joseph, Liam, Anthony and Fionn, extended family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

BRENNAN

(32nd Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of our parents Patrick (32nd Anniversary on December 20th) and Margaret (Birthday Remembrance on December 21st), late of Clonmel.

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

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

Happy Birthday Mam.

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

Anniversary Mass in Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Clonmel on Saturday 15th December at 1pm.

IN MEMORIAM

BREEN

(1st Anniversary)



Christine Breen

Cnoc Mhuire, Davis Road,
Clonmel.

Treasured memories of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Christine (Chris) whose First Anniversary occurs on 17th December 2018.

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

Sadly missed every day by all her family and friends. xxx

First Anniversary Mass in Ss. Peter and Pauls Church on Saturday 22nd December at 1pm.

CARROLL

(2nd Anniversary)



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

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

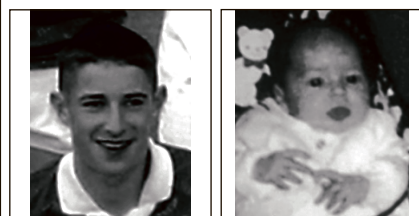
Sadly missed by her husband Sean, sons Brian, Paul and John, daughter Orla, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

GLEESON

(30th Birthday Remembrance



& 34th Anniversary)

Birthday remembrance of Shane Gleeson, whose 30th birthday occurs on 15th December and his sister Karen, whose 34th anniversary occurs on 23rd December.

God called your name softly, Shane, that only you could hear. No-one heard the footsteps of Angels drawing near. You left us all so suddenly, we could only wonder why, for the saddest part of all, we never said goodbye.

A little tribute Karen, small and tender, just to show we still remember.

Always remembered by Mam and Dad, Gemma, Laura and Conor.



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

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

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that I am still
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you.

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things are going
wrong,

please don't feel
sad and alone.

Just open your
heart and know
it's true,

that I am still
right here with
you.

When nighttime
falls and the day
is done.

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

Just open your
heart and know
it's true,

that I am still
right here with
you.

Close your eyes,
and feel the warm
embrace.

Sleep peacefully
in the wings of
grace.

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

don't give up
trying!

Hold this feather
close and know
it's true,

that I am always
here with you.



Please God

Take this cloud of
darkness away.

Shine your light upon me.

Give me the courage and

strength to start

to feel joy in

my life again.



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IN MEMORIAM

CONNOLLY
 (31st Anniversary)



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

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

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

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

CURRAN
 (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of my brother Tony, late of Elm Park, Clonmel, who died on 6th December 2015.

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

Sadly missed by your brother Jim, sister-in-law Margaret and nephews Gary, Keith and Niall.

IN MEMORIAM

DELAHUNTY
 (10th Anniversary)



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

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

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

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

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 19th December at 10am at St. Mary's Church, Irishtown.

IN MEMORIAM

ENGLISH
 (2nd & 19th Anniversaries)



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

We have so many precious memories, to last our whole life through, each one of them reminds us of how much we are missing ye xx

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

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church Irishtown on the 22nd December at 6.15pm

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*Love them,
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 relief*

*For loss
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 suffered,
 sadness felt,*

*Make this
 sorrow slowly
 melt.*

*Lord, let
 happy
 memories ease,*

*Creating
 peace like a
 gentle breeze,*

*And as you
 help them
 make it
 through.*

*Draw them
 closer, Lord,
 to you.*



COONEY
 (4th & 22nd Anniversaries)



Treasured memories of our parents Edward (Eddie) and Norah, late of 35 College Avenue, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur around this time. RIP .

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

Always remembered by their daughter Mary, sons Douglas, Christy and Bernard, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Saturday night 15th December at 7pm.

CURRAN
 (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Tony, who died on 6th December 2015, late of 275 Elm Park, Clonmel.

Tony, our minds still think of you, our hearts still ache for you. Our souls know you are at peace.

Sadly missed - Brendan, Jean, Alanah and family.

DELAHUNTY
 (10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our Dad, Maxi, who died on the 20th December, 2008. R.I.P.

It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our minds, for a day without a thought of you, is very hard to find.

Fondly remembered by Patrick, John, Maxine and families.

FENNESSY
 (12th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Bridget (Babe), late of Connolly Park, Clonmel, who died on 8th December 2006 RIP

God saw the road was getting rough, the hill was hard to climb. He gently closed your weary eyes, and whispered "peace be thine"

Your painful days are over, your restless nights have passed, God gently closed your eyes, and gave you peace at last.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Masses offered

COSGRAVE
 (7th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dad Jack, late of Old Bridge, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs on 23rd November.

Do not weep for me, for I have loved and been loved by my family, by those I love who loved me back. For I never knew a stranger, only friends.

Do not weep for me, I am not gone.

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

CYGAN
 (Christmas Remembrance)



Artur
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First Christmas away from home

Remembering our dear friend Artur at Christmas.

No special day is needed, for us to think of you. For you were someone special Artur and we thought the world of you.

Merry Christmas Artur

Liam, Lizzy, Patricia, Wojtek and Magda
 xxxxx

DELAHUNTY
 (10th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Maxi Delahunty, late of 19 Upper Irishtown, Clonmel whose 10th anniversary occurs on 20th of December.

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

Sadly missed by Marie and Jim xxx



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

Author Unknown

*Another Leaf
 Has Fallen*

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





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IN MEMORIAM

FLYNN

(28th & 11th Anniversaries)



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

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

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

Sadly missed by your loving sons Sean and Seamus.

GIBBONS

(34th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear mother Bridget Gibbons, late of 86 Baron Park, Clonmel who died on December 18th 1984 RIP.

There is a lady in Heaven who is loved beyond compare. That lady is our Mother, so precious and so rare.

So fold your arms around her Lord and kiss her smiling face. For she is someone special that can never be replaced.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

GIBBONS

(34th Anniversary)

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

Beautiful memories to treasure and hold, of a wonderful grandmother more precious than gold.

On your anniversary I send you my love and hope you are happy in Heaven above.

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

IN MEMORIAM

GRANT

(18th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father, grandad, and brother Roy Grant, late of 79 Elm Park, Clonmel whose 18th anniversary occurs on the 25th of December.

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

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

Sadly missed and loved always

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

Mass offered.

HICKEY

(Anniversaries)

In loving memory of Patrick and Bridget Hickey, late of 16 St. Patrick's Tce., Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Also remembering Peter Furniss whose anniversary also occurs at this time

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

From their son Pat, daughter Merline and their families.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 14th December at 6.15pm in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown, Clonmel.

MAHER

(18th Anniversary)



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

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

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

Anniversary Mass at 12noon on Sunday 16th December in St. John the Baptist Church, Cashel.

IN MEMORIAM

MCNAMARA

(32nd & 33rd Anniversaries)



In loving memory of my dear parents Martin Joe and Peggy, late of 42 Ard Fatima, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time RIP.

We miss you from your fireside chair, your loving face and gentle air. Your vacant place no one can fill, we miss you both, we always will.

Loved always by son Tommy, Noreen and all the family.

Masses offered.

MOLLOY

(3rd & 14th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Bridget (Bridie) and Simon Molloy, late of Upper Irishtown, Clonmel whose anniversaries occur at this time. RIP

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

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your loving family.

Mass offered

IN MEMORIAM

MURPHY

(11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear Mam, Betty Murphy, late of 13 Honeyview Estate, Clonmel whose 11th anniversary occurs on the 21st December.

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

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

Anniversary Mass offered in New Inn Sunday 16th December at 11am.

NORRIS-COHEN

(12th Anniversary)

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

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

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

Masses offered.

O'SULLIVAN

(5th Christmas away from home)



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A Mother's love is selfless, a power so strong and true. It showed in all she did for us, her goodness shining through.

Mam was so very special, thought of with love and care. Life will never be the same, because she isn't here to share.

A Mother shares a part of us, that no-one else can see. And though miles now divide us, that bond lives on inside us.

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

Missing you at Christmas -
your loving family xxxx

In Memoriam

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.*

When someone
you love becomes
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a treasure.

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RYAN

(8th Anniversary)



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

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

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

Anniversary Mass on 30th December at 12 noon in St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel.

SLATTERY

(5th Anniversary)



Helen Slattery

In loving memory of our mother, Helen, late of Giantsgrave who died on 23rd December 2013. Also her husband Gus who died on 31st July 1993 and their son Pat who died on 12th February 1963.

Mum we loved you, we say this with pride. You were always there, our tears to dry. You loved our children, each was a fan, they said you were their super gran.

We hope you are at rest with Gus and Pat and we thank God for all your love and care.

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

So rest in peace dear loved one, and thanks for all you've done. We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.

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

Helen's Fifth Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Clerihan Church on Saturday 15th December at 7.30pm.



IN MEMORIAM

WALSH

(9th Anniversary)

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

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

Remembered by your sons, daughter and families.

Mass offered.

WARD

(13th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Desmond, late of Woodvale Walk, Fethard, whose anniversary occurs on 28th December.

Peacefully sleeping, resting at last, his weary trials and troubles past; in silence he suffered, in patience he bore, 'Til God called him home, to suffer no more.

Missed by his Mother and family.

Mass Offered

WARD

(13th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Desmond, our dear brother, late of 62 Woodvale Walk, Fethard, whose anniversary occurs on 28th December.

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

Take care Des - your loving sisters Michelle and Mary. xx

Always loved by your nephews Darren and Shane xx



Those we love,

We never lose,

For always they will be,

*Loved, remembered,
treasured*

Always in our memory.

IN MEMORIAM

WHELAN

(Christmas Remembrance)



In loving memory of my dear parents, Breda and Joseph Whelan, late of Heywood Road, Clonmel.

Also remembering Breda Moroney, late of Heywood Road on her 2nd anniversary.

We see the countless Christmas trees around the world below. With tiny lights like Heavens stars reflecting in the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tears. For we are spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

We hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music cannot compare with the Christmas choir up here. We have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the Angels sing.

We know how much you miss us, we see the pain inside your heart, but we are not so far away, we really are not apart. We cannot tell you of the splendour, or the peace inside this place. Can you imagine Christmas with our Saviour face to face.

We have sent you all a special gift from our Heavenly home above, we sent you a memory of our undying love. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear. Remember we are spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Always remembered - Liam, Adrian, Jacqueline, Joe, Catherine and their families xx

Mass offered



*Light a
Candle...*

A candle to remember, may it burn ever so bright

As we look to the heavens on this very night.

Beyond the stars, our dear loved ones soars

Embraced by their Savior on heaven's shores.

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

We honor their life with the glow of this flame.

So we light this candle for our loved ones tonight

As a symbol of our love and their eternal life.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

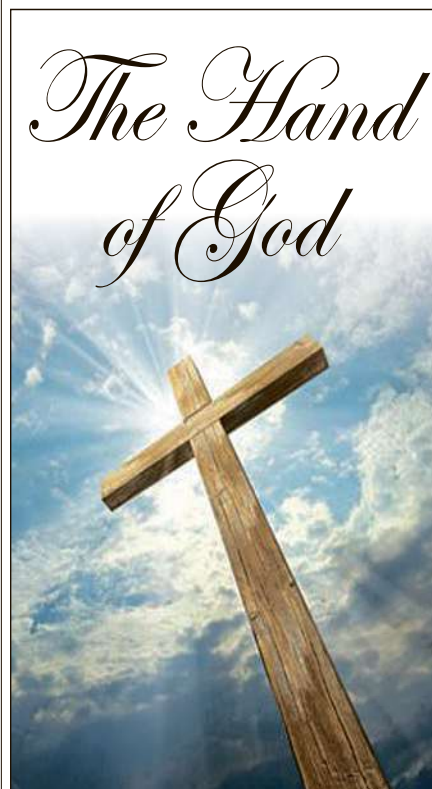
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time is ask You this very special one (mention request). Take it, Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within Your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say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

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*The Hand
of God*

*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!*

In Memoriam



LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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

CAHIR

Coffee morning

Niall and the staff at Morrison's Pharmacy, Cahir would like to invite you all to the Coffee Morning in Aid of Irish Cancer Society on Thursday, December 13 in our newly revamped shop. Come along and enjoy Tea, Coffee and Refreshments on the day. Donations if desired to Irish Cancer Society and check out our range of Christmas gifts. Morrison's Pharmacy wishes you all a very Happy Christmas.

Christmas market

A date for your diary- Our Lady of Mercy Primary Schools, Cahir, Christmas market will take place on this Friday, December 14, all welcome.

Comhaltas

It's that time of year again when all the Christmas Concerts are taking place, so Cahir Comhaltas will hold their annual Christmas concert in Cahir House Hotel this Sunday, December 16 at 3.30pm sharp.

This is a concert for parents, grandparents, locals and visitors alike. Please come out and support this wonderful show of music, song and dance showcasing our young and seasoned performers. Admission is free and we will do a raffle for the branch and we would appreciate support for this, there some wonderful prizes for this.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Nollaig Shona go léir.

Castle concert

On this Saturday, December 15, the Cahir to Sing Choir will hold a Christmas concert in Cahir Castle. There will be festive songs and music and guest appearances also. It will be an entertaining and fun night with proceeds in aid of C-Saw Suicide Awareness Clonmel. The Concert will start at 8pm. All welcome.

Kilcoran Fair

Kilcoran Lodge Hotel in conjunction with Cahir Lions Club will hold a magical Christmas Fair on this Sunday, December 16 from 12 to 5pm. With items such as home baked goods, candles, handmade soaps, flowers, fashion accessories, knitwear, Christmas wreaths and children's clothing and much more.

Come and browse the day, there are great bargains to be had. Funds raised are going to the Christmas Food Appeal and other local Charities. For more information call 052 7441288 or email info@kilcoranlodge.net



Mayor of the Clonmel Borough District Cllr Richie Molloy held a mayoral reception in Clonmel Town Hall for Courage Muay Thai following Dylan Meagher and Ian Crotty both winning professional national championships and a European championship. Pictured are the trio with coach Sean Long, club founder Walter Scott and Mattie McGrath TD

Family yoga

Help our local Cahir SVP support families at Christmas. Lara Slattery is bringing her first family Yoga Class to Cahir on December 16 in f Cahir Community Youth Centre on Church Street behind the Old Tech. Time is 11am and the class is suitable for all ages.

This is to raise funds for the local Vincent De Paul Appeal and what a wonderful way to try to give back to the local charity that has always had families' backs. All proceeds go straight to SVP and thank you to Cahir Youth Project for providing the venue. Please Contact Lara on 087 205 5213.

Farmer's market

Cahir Farmers Market has now begun counting down the days until Christmas and all stallholders have fresh produce and also products for Christmas available every Saturday from 9am - 1pm.

There is free parking in the car park for the month of December. And there is something for everyone on site with locally produced meats, vegetables, pates, preserves, fresh fish, apples & juices, cheeses, quiches, fresh pastries, fresh & potted flowers, wooden crafts and much more. The Cahir Farmers Market supports local farmers and producers.

Meet and Train

The Group held a very successful International Santa Run last Saturday with over 100 participants running through the town is full colour.

As this event tied in with the Culture Day in town it was great to see a good few non Irish participants. The proceeds of the run were going to assist in the cost of the extra Christmas Lights and

the wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of the runners. The route started at Carrigeen Castle and came through the town turning right at the Hotel down to the Swiss Cottage and finished at the Dovecote.

The race was won by Conor Ryan in under 17 minutes and local lady Áine Roche was First Lady home. There were best outfit prizes sponsored by ABP and our thanks to Barry Donovan for his presentations on the day. Thanks also to Tina Looby for her help and the Garda presence for their assistance in Traffic Management. The event was marshalled by John and Eoin from Civil Defence who saw everyone home safely. Thanks to all our own helpers on the day with tea and stewarding. We meet as normal at 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Active Retirement

Cahir Active Retirement group's outing to Cork Opera House for The Three Amigos is January 7, 2019 with dining on the way down at the Corbett Court in Fermoy. The Bus will leave Clonmel at 3pm and Cahir at 3.15pm. This will give us time to dine and continue our journey to Cork for 7.30pm.

We will collect money at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday 2nd January, 2019 which will take place in the Parish Rooms.

The total cost is €55 per person to cover the Show and Dining. Please let us know if you are not able to attend as we have a waiting list for places. We hope you will attend the meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

Book

Ann Gardiner collection of

short stories called Old Fashioned Love can be bought at Samson's Dolan's, the Craft Granary, Easons Thurles and Eason Clonmel.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Christmas draw

The annual Christmas Draw in aid of St. Nicolas Lourdes Invalid Fund, Carrick on Suir, will take place at the Cake Sale and Coffee Morning to be held in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre this Thursday, December 13 from 10am. Free door prizes on the day.

All money raised will be spent sending local people to Lourdes in June 2019. We also hope to fund some local students who will go as helpers. Committee members who travel to Lourdes pay their own costs. Prizes include a hamper worth €250 and shopping vouchers of various values. All prizes have been freely donated and we thank all who have supported our annual appeal. Tickets for the draw are still available in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre.

Christmas concert

The Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band and the Suir Valley Choir will perform in Brewery Lane Theatre on Friday, December 14 at 8.15pm. Tickets are €10 and Tel: 086-127 4736 to book.

Craft and Food Fair

A Christmas Craft & Food Fair will be held at The Tipperary Gardener Garden Centre at Dove Hill on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16 from 11am - 5pm all are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul

Events at St. Colman's Youth Conference St. Vincent de Paul Carrick-on-Suir

Toy Collection Point
A toy collection point will be

available in the Town Hall Car Park on Saturday, December 15 during the Christmas Tractor Run in Carrick-on-Suir. New toys only thanks. Face painting by the Youth Conference members will also take place in the Town Hall Car Park that evening.

Christmas Sale

A Christmas sale of cakes, homemade buns and treats will take place on Sunday, December 16 in Carrick Beg Community Centre at 11.30am after Mass. There will also be a Toy Collection Point if you cannot attend the Toy Mass 2018 on Saturday December 22nd in St. Molleran's Church, but would like to donate.

Toy Mass 2018

The Toy Mass 2018 will take place in St. Molleran's Church, Carrick Beg on Saturday, December 22 at 7.30pm. Please donate new toys only. Thank you.

Credit Union AGM

Carrick-on-Suir Credit Union will hold its 56th AGM in the Carraig Hotel on Monday, December 17 at 8pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Congratulation to Bridget Littlewood and Clodagh Blake, joint winners of our recent photography competition in the theme of 'My Locality'.

Bridget and Clodagh each received €100 in Carrick-on-Suir Business Vouchers as well as a place in the Credit Unions of Tipperary Alliance Calendar 2019. Bridget's photo is of a sunset on the River Suir and features in the calendar for the month of October. Clodagh's photo is of a Swan and Cygnet on the River Suir and features in the calendar for the month of June.

Ned launches DVD

Ned Egan will launch his musical movie 'Kilkenny Cats and Cousins' in

Brewery Lane Theatre on Sunday, December 16 at 8.15pm.

The evening will feature live performances from some of the singers who participated in the film and following that his film will be screened.

Ned Egan who hails from Co. Kilkenny but has many Tipperary connections, has been a poet and songwriter from an early age and toured America with the "Wolfe Tones" in the 1890's.

He fought in the Middle East and Cyprus where he was stationed in the mid 20th century.

He then emigrated to Australia and worked with a mining company. In the 1980s he returned to Co. Kilkenny and started up a copper etching business in Callan and created some wonderful work depicting Irish life and culture that are now displayed in pubs and hotels worldwide.

Ned's launch of his film 'Kilkenny Cats and Cousins' at Brewery Lane Theatre will feature many of his best songs.

Winter Solstice

Celebrate the Winter Solstice at Knockroe Passage Tomb, 12km from Carrick on Suir on December 21.

Faugheen ICA

Cake sale and raffle in aid of the senior citizens summer outing and Newtown National School will take place in Faugheen Hall on December 16 after 10am mass. There will be an array of cakes, puddings, buns and jams on sale, along with cash prizes and a Christmas hamper to raffle.

FUNDING WELCOMED

€96,770 in Dormant Accounts Funding will benefit a wide range of sport and physical activity measures in Tipperary.

The projects receiving funding are Community Sport and Activity Hubs, Clonmel (€10,000), Youth Leadership Training (€10,000), Volunteer Training and Support Programme (€15,000), Sports Inclusion Disability Programme Capital Supports (€10,000) and Urban Outdoor Adventure Hubs (€41,770).

The investment will be administered by Sport Ireland and will aim to engage with communities across Tipperary, targeting people with disabilities, people who are educationally disadvantaged and from disadvantaged communities.

News of this funding has been welcomed by Tipperary Fine Gael general election candidates Garret Ahearn and Mary Newman Julian.

CAHIR CORNER

Send Cahir news/photos to Maria Taylor at caplicetaylor@hotmail.com



Eileen Fitzpatrick, Áine Roche, Keely Tideswell, Clement Bozzi, Conor Ryan and Alan Carter were first across the finish line at Cahir Meet and Train's International 5k Santa Run



Cahir Youth Choir really enjoyed performing in Cahir House Hotel

Cahir Meet and Train members took part in their International 5k Santa Run last Saturday



Our Lady of Mercy Primary School pupils celebrating receiving recycling certificates

Karol DeFalco, Breeda Ryan, Josephine O'Neill, Alice Maher and Mary O'Donnell at the Daughters of Dún Iascaigh book launch in Cahir House Hotel



Cashel's Lydia Ryan and Orleigh O'Grady with Santa in Cahir

Katie Sweeney with Santa and Mrs Claus in Cahir

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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CLOGHEEN

Choir

Practise in Clogheen Church on December 19.

Coffee morning

The amount raised from the recent coffee morning in Colm Brownes XL is €1,305.

Healing mass

A healing mass will be officiated in Burncourt Church by Fr Bobby Power on December 16 at 10am.

Vee Rovers

The Juniors were away to Cashel Town in the first round of the Tipperary Cup at Palmers Hill. Rovers were slow to start and the early pressure came from the home side. Vee were presented with the chance to go ahead after ten minutes with the award of a rather harsh penalty. Shane McGrath stepped up and converted confidently to put the visitors ahead. Cashel continued to press but the Rovers defence held firm and Thomas Vaughan was unlucky not to increase their lead on the counter attack.

The second half continued in a similar vein and some outstanding saves from Thomas Quirke in the Rovers goal preserved the lead. Chances for the attacking line were at a premium, but Brian Sweeney worked tirelessly in what was sometimes a lonely role.

The defence, boosted by some excellent goalkeeping, stood firm.

Fr Sheehy's

Hard luck to the under 13s who lost out in the Winter League final. The score was Ballylooby/Castlegrace 3-5 Fr Sheehy's 3-4. Team: Liam Carroll, Dylan Keating, Ben Frazer, Rian Riardon, John English, Cathal English, Oisín Ryan, Daire English,

Dara Walsh, PJ Smith, Conor English, John Burke, Dan Bourke.

P'TOWN/LISRONAGH

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Jimmy Forristal, especially to his mother Mary; brothers Gabriel, John, Peter, Brian, P.J. and Timmy; sisters Betty, Mary, Eileen, Bridget, Martha, Vera, Pauline, Rose and Bernie; relatives; and friends.

Baptism

Congratulations to David and Sinead Fanning whose children, Michael Luke and Saoirse Melinda, were baptised in Lisronagh on Sunday.

Carol service

Takes place on December 16 in Powerstown Church at 5pm.

Penitential service

Takes place in the Friary on December 19 at 7.30pm.

Rathkeevin cards

Winners of the weekly card game held on December 6 were Paddy Kennedy and Kate Hallinan, along with John Phelan and Brian Purcell on 10 games. Table prizes on 19th and 20th games went to Joe Aherne and Chris Maher, with Dick Lonergan and John O'Connor. Cards again on December 13.

TIPP GOLF CLUB

The club will be running a first responder course on January 15. Club lotto stands at €16,400. Presentation of prizes in the clubhouse on December 19 at 7pm.

CLONMEL

Probos

Annual Christmas lunch takes place in Raheen House Hotel on December 13 at 12.30pm. Contact Jim Trehy on 087-9608713.

Treasure hunt

A car treasure hunt in aid of Family Carers Ireland takes place on St Stephen's Day at 2pm from the Showground Shopping Centre. Price per car is €20. Contact 052-6170455 for more information.

Fundraiser

Ceili in aid of specialised playground equipment for the ADS Unit at St Ailbe's National School, Emly, takes place in Hillview Sports Complex on December 29. Music by Shandrum/Five Counties and ceili band. Admission €10 with refreshments served. Contact 087-7703475 or 087-2027789.

Lost purse

A small brown purse of sentimental value was lost on December 7 between the Westgate and Clinton's. Contact 086-8291004.

Monday Club

Husband and wife Americana-roots duo The Remedy Club play The 19th Hole in Irishtown on December 17. Tickets on sale now from the venue and Gerry Lawless on 086-338 9619.

Arts Group

South Tipperary Art Group is 50-years-old and has up to 42 adult artists. The junior branch caters for aspiring artists from nine up to Leaving Cert. Junior STAG closes for the Christmas holidays on December 15. Contact Maureen on 086-8096823.

Golf Club

Men's four ball betterball stableford on December 15 and singles from December 17-23. Hampers and turkey vouchers will be presented

on December 15, where a lotto jackpot of €9,300 will also be up for grabs at 5pm. Final senior outing on December, followed by Christmas dinner at 7pm. Officer elected at recent AGM: president Michael Mullane, hon secretary Sean Callaghan hon treasurer Con Hogan, hon marketing and recruitment officer Sinead Healy, men's captain Andrew Gartlan, men's vice captain Pat Quinlan, lady captain Deirdre Ronan, and lady's vice captain Maud Shee Ladies Fun Monday Scramble will recommence in January. The Winter League will run until mid-March. Captain's drive-in takes place on January 1.

NEW INN

Fr Matthew Players

Winterfest, an evening of music and drama, takes place from December 14-16 in New Inn Community Centre. Tickets are €15 and are on sale from Michael Purcell, The Shop New Inn, Friary Pharmacy Cashel and Eileen Halley on 087-6334381.

Congratulations

To the New Inn Voices who put on a magnificent choral Christmas concert at Rockwell College.

Knockgraffon cards

Winners on December 5 were Mary Gleeson and Tommy Guilfoyle with 13 games and in joint second place with 12 games each were Ann Dowling and Paddy Kennedy, along with PJ Boland and Joe Murphy.

Santa

Santa will be in Ollie's, New Inn, on December 16 at 3.30pm. DJ Damo will be playing at this family event.

Rockwell Rovers

Camogie and ladies football club strength and conditioning for under 10s to 16s starts December 13 at 7.45pm in the Rockwell College gym. €2 per player per night.

Lotto

Jackpot is €5,000 and the draw will take place in The Rovers Inn on December 16.

Sympathy

Condolences to Pat and Lisa Marnane and family, Woodenstown, on the death of Lisa's father Thomas (Tommy) McGrath, Prior Park Green, Clonmel.

MARLFIELD

Safety first

The long-sought for tie-in of the footpath by the famine walls to the Cahir Road roundabout footpath system has commenced. The Walsh groundworks team have

been busy removing the hedge, levelling and consolidating the base and once fencing and services are finished the footpath will be laid. This will also include some public lighting columns and will be a great safety benefit to all who walk the sli na slainte circuits, which have been developed around Clonmel. A full circuit of the town including the scenic environmental gem which is Marlfield will be on the New Year's resolution list as part of the healthy options, including hilly sections, picnic areas and wildlife watching.

Credit due

The outdoor staff or the Clonmel Borough District Council removed the trapped wheelie bin from under the concrete bridge leading to the River field at Sandybanks. The recent flooding had started to tear the road and deposited large amounts of river weed and other debris across the entrance. This is the final remains of the mill races of the great Abbey Flour Mills, which once stood there and was the scene of riots in the Famine times. There are accounts of the use of the cavalry with sabers being used to disperse hungry peasants during the Gorta Mor. Today, all is peaceful and access to the river field restored.

FELLOWSHIP

Tipperary Town Christian Fellowship Christmas meeting takes place on December 16 at 11.30am in the Community Centre.

KILSHEELAN KILCASH

Event

Annual Christmas floral demonstration takes place in Killurney Sports and Social Club on December 21. Santa has promised to come along for the Children's Party earlier in the day.

Penitential service:

In Kilsheelan on December 18 at 7.30pm.

DRANGAN

Progressive 25

Winners on December 6 were Tony Kelly, Kitty Brett and Tess Maher, along with Kitty Hanley and Marie Cuddihy. Jackpot winners for November were Chas Keane and Seamus Moloney.

St Patrick's GAA

Juvenile teams

Well done to Daithi Hogan who helped the South Tipperary under 13 hurlers to victory over Mid Tipperary in the final of the Peadar Cummins Under 13 Inter Di-

visional Competition. On Saturday last, Aidan Fitzgerald and Luke Fox helped South Tipperary under 15 hurlers to win the Roger Ryan Interdivisional Shield with victories over Mid and West Tipperary. North Tipperary were the only team to beat the South. St Patricks under 11 team played Clonmel Óg in the final of the Winter League in Anner Park Cloneen. After a great game played in terrible conditions, Clonmel Óg won by 2 points. Team: Cormac Duggan, Eoin Morrissey, Charlie Noonan, Tom Ryan, Dane Outram, Seán Fitzgerald, Mike O'Dwyer, Tom Lee, Michael Cuddihy, Oran Gahan, Nathan Gleeson. Presentation Secondary School Ballingarry won the Under 15 C County Football final beating Borrisoleigh on a score line of 6-10 to 1-2. St Patrick's players involved were Seán Nash, Pat Moroney, Bill Cuddihy, James Ryan, Jack Cleere, Daithi Hogan, Danny Broderick, William Cleere, Adam O'Connell, Evan Lawson, Brian O'Halloran, James Hogan and Joe Traynor.

AGM

The following positions were filled: chairman Jimmy O' Brien, vice chairman: Eugene McCormack, secretary Catherine Mockler, assistant secretary Mark Fitzgerald, treasurer Colm Duggan, assistant treasurer Eamon Murphy, PRO Patrick Moroney, registrar Michael Broderick, junior manager Michael O'Mahoney, under 21 management Michael Broderick, Colm Duggan and James Ryan, along with minor management Jimmy O' Brien and Eamon Hall

Lotto

€10,400 jackpot up for grabs at Anner Park on December 18 at 9pm.

Whist Drive

Takes place on January 7.

CASHEL

Community School

To mark its 25th anniversary, the school is looking for stories, photographs and anecdotes from over the last 25 years. Send to CCS25years@cashelcommunityschool.ie by mid-January.

Toastmasters

Next meeting takes place in Halla na Feile on December 20 at 8pm.

BIG BREAKFAST

Takes place on December 16 after 9am mass in Duhill Community Hall.

Munster Home Improvements groundbreaking technology

Munster Home Improvements has brought the latest gutter cleaning technology to County Tipperary.

Cahir-based Munster Home Improvements has invested in a groundbreaking product that makes high level cleaning safe, efficient and economical.

The bespoke and specially modified system is the world's most powerful free standing gutter cleaning machine.

The product allows all gutters and roofs to be thoroughly cleaned from ground level without the use of ladders or scaffolding. The high

reach technology is supported by cameras and viewing screens to give peace of mind that each job is carried out to the highest standard.

Managing director of Munster Home Improvements Gerry Heenan explained that staff and customer safety was a major factor when considering investing in the latest technology as it completely removes the risk of working from ladders and also the expense of erecting scaffolding.

Contact on 052 7447111 or 087 7604012 for more information.



Stars honoured at Canon Hayes National Sports Awards

Over 200 guests and stars of track and field attended the 23rd annual Canon Hayes National Sports Awards banquet on Saturday evening, hosted by Ballykisteen House Hotel near Tipperary town.

The Limerick senior hurling team, world rowing champion Sanita Puspure, European boxing champion Ellie Mai Gartland, Tipperary under 21 hurler Ger Browne and the Irish women's hockey team were the big winners at the awards gala hosted by Canon Hayes Centre chairman Martin Quinn.

Mr Quinn paid tribute to all who had supported them over that period. He said that they were a great celebration of sport on a local, county and national basis and that they were unique and the only one of their kind in the country.

"The awards were inaugurated in 1996 and over the years they have grown in importance and significance and are now rightfully regarded as being the most prestigious of their kind in the country," said Mr Quinn.

There was a great air of celebration on the night with the presence of many of the country's top sportspeople, representatives from the Defence Forces, Gardai, local authorities, Olympic Council of Ireland, FAI Junior Council, Athletics Ireland, Army School of Equitation, and HSI Eventing.

The TASK National Award on the night went to the Limerick senior hurling team, who received their award from Billy Kennedy of the Olympic Council of Ireland. Midfielder Darragh



Canon Hayes Sports Awards winners - seated: Debbie Torpey (Volunteer in Sport Award), Ellie Mai Gartland (County Award), Sanita Puspure (Outstanding Achievement Award), Aoibheann O'Byrne (Mick Doyle Golden Sporting Memory Award). Back: Martin Quinn (chairman, Canon Hayes Sports Awards), Darragh O'Donovan and Pat Ryan (National Award), Ger Browne (Local Award), Billy Kennedy (Olympic Council)

O'Donovan and half forward Pat Ryan accepted the award on behalf of the Limerick team. The other category nominees were the Irish Eventing world silver medal winning team who were represented by high performance chairman Don Hannigan and the Irish under age female track and field athletes who were medalists in the World and European.

Ciara Neville silver medalist in the under 20 4x100m relay and under 18 European gold medalist Rhasidat Adeleke were present to accept awards on the night.

The IPB County Award went to European boxing champion Ellie Mai Gartland from Clonmel Boxing Club, ahead of the Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, and the Tipperary under 21 hurling team.

The SIS Pitches Local Award went to under 21 player of the year Ger Browne from Knockavilla Donaskeigh GAA Club. Also in contention for this award was Junior International Shane Ryan from St. Michael's AFC and Tipperary minor hurling captain Johnny Ryan (Doe).

The GN Ballykisteen Hotel Outstanding Achievement

Award went to world rowing champion Sanita Puspure. Sanita spoke of her delight at winning the World Championships and her aim to win an Olympic Medal in Tokyo 2020.

The Mick Doyle Golden Memory Award went to the Irish women's hockey team world silver medalists. Dynamic defender Yvonne O'Byrne from the Cork Harlequins Club was present to accept the award on behalf of the team and spoke of aspirations for the future to include Olympic success.

Debbie Torpey from Carrick Utd FC was the very pop-

ular winner of the Canon Hayes/Tipperary Sports Partnership Volunteer in Sport Award, receiving her award from Isabel Cambie of the Tipperary Sports Partnership and Billy Kennedy representing Olympic Council of Ireland. Debbie's work in the club and community and her pivotal role in the club's United Against Suicide awareness campaign was highlighted by Sports Centre chairman Martin Quinn.

Other nominees in this category included Carmel Bradshaw, Ballina Camogie Club; Owen Doody, Cap-pawwhite GAA Club; Daniel

Coffey, Galtee Mor Kick-boxing Club; Noel O'Brien, Galtee Rovers Ladies Football Club; Aisling Hoey, Moy-carkey Coolcroo Athletic Club; Mary Moroney, Silvermines Community Games; Liam Fleming, Siúl Eile Walking Group Clogheen; Eleanor McCahill, Tipperary Town Athletics Club; Joanne Duggan Tipperary Hockey Club; Martin Hehir, Tipperary Knights Basketball Club; and Tom O'Donnell, West Tipperary Bord na nÓg.

It was a hugely successful 23rd annual awards which brought a full house to the GN Ballykisteen Golf Hotel.

Cashel seniors beat Ennis to book quarter final place

Cashel Community School ensured their passage into the quarter finals of the Thomais Mhic Choilm cup with a six point win over Rice College Ennis.

In a game that was played in very suitable conditions for the time of year Cashel hit the ground running.

Immediately from the throw-in, Cashel sought to assert their dominance and raced into a three point lead with Stephen Browne, Aaron Moloney and inside forward Aaron Browne raising white flags.

Rice College got off the mark with a score from their centre forward, but it was the Tipperary men who were firmly on top in the opening

quarter. The Cashel inside forward line were finding space and causing problems for the Ennis backs, resulting in two more points from a Browne free and another from Riain Quigley.

Despite this period of dominance, however, Cashel were guilty of spurning at least two clear cut goal chances. They did eventually make the breakthrough when Quigley goaled after some good work from full forward Jack McGrath.

As the game entered the second quarter, the Clare side began to rally and hit 1-2 in a five minute blitz, bringing the score to 1-5 to 1-3. The Cashel men might at this stage have wondered would they rue those missed opportunities.

The Cashel response did

come courtesy of their dangerous inside line this time Browne with two and McGrath firing over points. They continued to finish the half well and goaled though energetic midfielder Aaron Moloney. The accurate Browne managed to raise one more white flag just before the ref's whistle to leave the scores 2-9 to 1-3 at half time.

The Tipperary team started the second as they had the first, even down to the same opening scorer in Stephen Browne. The men from the Banner were not going to lie down however and again had 1-2 scored in a frenetic period of play which saw their own full forward line bear fruit leaving four between the sides.

The lead was once again

extended thanks to the brilliance of Browne slotting three vital points, two from play. The see-saw pattern did not end there however as Rice College once again raised a green flag.

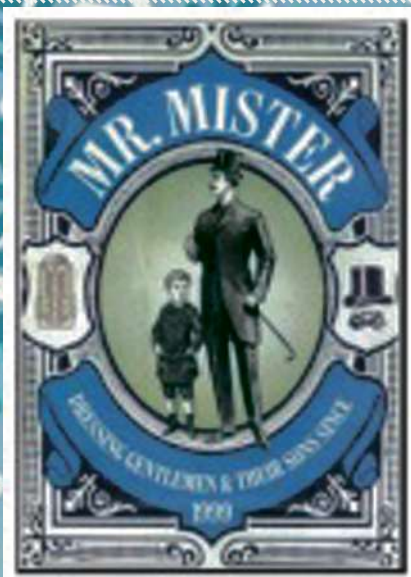
The Cashel men would be really put to the pin of their collar when their lead was cut to two through two further points, leaving the score 2-13 to 3-8.

One thing this Cashel side has shown so far in the campaign however is they have tremendous character. This came to the fore again as their back-line thundered out with ball after ball in the closing stages and their forwards did the job at the other end, accounting for the last four points to see them run out six point winners.

This win was born out of the Tipperary team's greater consistency of work-rate throughout the game. The Ennis defenders were chased and put under consistent pressure in possession, which denied their forwards quality deliveries. Stephen Browne and the selfless Fearghail O'Donoghue led the charge in this regard. Their other half-line was equally impressive, giving Cashel a strong foothold in the opening period and shoring up to see them over the line. Some lung-busting runs from Lorcan Carr and some tenacious defending from Conor O'Dwyer standing out. Overall they were value for their win and will now face either St. Joseph's Tulla or Colaiste Christ Ri in a

quarter final on the second Wednesday in January.

Cashel team: Christopher Geraghty, Ben Loughman, Tomás Bourke, Jamie Duncan, Conor O'Dwyer, John Ryan, Lorcan Carr, Aaron Moloney (1-1), Liam McGrath (0-1), Jack O'Rourke, Stephen Browne (0-2), Fearghail O'Donoghue, Riain Quigley (1-1), Jack McGrath (0-2), Aaron Browne (0-9, 3 frees). Subs: Euan Ryan for Bourke, Ben Ryan for O'Rourke, John Marnane (0-1) for O'Donoghue and David Sinclair for Moloney. Also; Jack Currvan, Páirc Brosnan, Reuben Bourke, Brian Og O'Dwyer, Ciarán Moroney, Mark Casey and Conor Farrell.



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