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# 'Get a grip and cop on'

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## A Tipperary councillor has slammed people dumping rubbish across the county.

Cllr Michael Anglim said the scourge of littering on roads needs to be clamped down on, drawing particular attention to the rubbish being dumped on the Wood Road from Clonmel to Ardfinnan.

"A lot of people out there have to seriously cop on to themselves. People are throwing half drunk bottles out the window. People just have to bring their litter home. It's a massive problem for the country to have to face. You can throw it away for free and yet they still litter. They need to get a grip," Cllr Anglim told Clonmel Borough District's January meeting.

Cllr Marie Murphy called on the council to apply for any funding that becomes available to tackle littering. "We need to bring more awareness to people about the damage of littering. We have to get back into the schools and tell kids to reuse and recycle. We need to publicise the initiatives we are doing and one way to do that is through the schools," Cllr Murphy suggested.

Mayor Richie Molloy called on the public to play their part in fighting the

scourge. "Human beings have to sort out all the rubbish that is being dumped. The council can only do so much," Mayor Molloy added.

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose praised the workers at the Carrigeen civic amenity site for doing a "phenomenal job", while calling for a facility to be made available where people can dispose of mattresses.

"It really bodes well to see the amount of people recycling at the civic amenity site. The site can take everything bar mattresses, which are one of the big items being dumped, particularly in rural areas," Cllr Ambrose said.

She was informed that such a facility for mattresses would have to be done at re-

gional level, and it's not something that has generated considerable interest from other local authorities.

Cllr Ambrose slammed those who allow their dogs to foul on the streets, calling for an initiative where council workers go out early in the morning and remind dog owners about the importance of using pooper scooper bags.

"The town is littered with dog fouling - it's a scourge! A huge majority are using the pooper scooper bags, but unfortunately there are still some who don't see any problem with letting their dogs foul on the street. Dog fouling causes huge problems for shop owners, homeowners and wheelchair users. It's just deplorable," Cllr Ambrose con-

tinued.

Cllr Ambrose also called for a plastic free day in supermarkets across Clonmel Borough District. "We could decide on a date for a Saturday. They done it in Galway and it was very worthwhile. All the supermarkets engaged with it! When people got to the cashier, they removed all their plastic and it served in reminding them of all the plastic that comes on our products," she added.

Councillors were informed that there is one prosecution for littering in the county set for court. Going to court is costly, so cases must be "cast-iron". The council is "hopeful" that there will be prosecutions from other pending cases.



Annerville award winners with guests at the presentation ceremony in Clonmel Park Hotel. More Annerville coverage in this week's The Nationalist and on TipperaryLive.ie. Photo: John D. Kelly

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# Race is on to crown Tipperary's All Time Great

One of the stand-out duels in the Tipperary All Time Great poll is between a famed Olympian from the early days of the last century and a modern day comedy duo.

The draw was held last week to determine who will take on who in the search to find Tipperary's All Time Great.

This on-line poll is generating huge interest so log on to [www.tipperaryliver.ie](http://www.tipperaryliver.ie) to get voting.

The voting closes at 9am on Friday morning, February 1, and then we will know the final eight to go through to the next round.

Some great match-ups were revealed last week.

The 2 Johnnies are committed Tipperary hurling supporters and regularly pen new songs to cheer on the Blue and Gold but to make the last eight in our poll they must overcome the might of a legendary athlete, Tom Kiely from Ballyneale.

Kiely won the gold medal in a ten discipline multi-event at the St Louis Olympics in 1904 – will he carry too much muscle and speed for our modern day troubadours?

Fellow musician Shane McGowan faces another worthy opponent in Adi

Roche. McGowan, lead singer with the Pogues and known worldwide for Fairytale of New York, is up against humanitarian Adi Roche who has spent over thirty years helping children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear explosion.

Recently selected as Tipperary's greatest hurler over the past thirty years, Nicky English has played with and against some of the best exponents of the game from Mullinahone but now he is up against one of the village's most famous sons, patriot and author Charles J. Kickham, who would have fully appreciated the artistry and wizardry of English with the hurley and sliothar.

Jimmy Doyle is regarded as one of the greatest hurlers of all time, with six All Ireland senior medals among his collection, and the late great from Thurles goes head to head with one of Clonmel's favourite sons, Micheal O Suilleabhain, honoured with the freedom of his native town for his musical brilliance.

Another Clonmel v Thurles clash features Frank Patterson and Pat Shortt. Frank Patterson was a renowned tenor, as celebrated in the United States as in his native Clonmel for his

wonderful voice.

Pat Shortt is one of the country's top comedians who shot to fame as part of d'Unbelievables and followed up with the television series Killinascully.

Maurice Davin helped to found the GAA; Tony Ryan helped to found Ryanair. Who will get your vote?

One started the greatest sporting organisation in the country from a small room in

Hayes Hotel in Thurles; the other started the business model that made flying much more accessible for millions across Europe.

Thomas McDonagh paid with his life for the cause of Irish freedom. As one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising and a signatory to the Proclamation, he was executed for his actions.

In our poll he is paired against another whose very

name is synonymous with Tipperary, legendary jockey Mick Kinane, regarded as one of horseracing's elite sportsmen worldwide.

Music versus fashion in our poll features the renowned Clancy Brothers from Carrick on Suir and designer Louise Kennedy from Thurles.

The Clancys were one of the most influential Irish folk groups ever, whose break-

through in the United States offered them a worldwide audience.

Louise Kennedy also has an international profile in the modern era whose clients have included royalty and presidents.

So that's the eight match-ups. Now it's up to you to vote on your choice and see who makes it through to the final eight.

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## Litter enforcement officers to begin door-to-door surveying of households

Tipperary County Council litter enforcement officers are to begin conducting door-to-door surveying of households within the next month to root out those who are not using a proper waste collection service to dispose of their domestic refuse.

The council's enforcement officers will ask house-

holders to produce invoice or receipt proof of what waste disposal service they use.

Those found to be not using any waste collection or disposal service will face prosecution under new Waste Presentation By-laws adopted by the council last year.

The council plans to prioritise the house-to-house surveys in communities where

there is a lot of illegal rubbish dumping.

Marion O'Neill from the Council's Environment Section outlined the local authority's plans to carry out these door-to-door survey at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's monthly meeting. "We will be targeting areas where there is a high level of rubbish on the roads."

Ms O'Neill said the council had to use its own resources

to do this work at the moment. It currently has one enforcement officer in each of the five municipal districts. They will target areas where the council has received complaints about illegal dumping first.

Cllr Kieran Bourke responded that he wouldn't like to be an enforcement officer having to take on a whole municipal district.

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# Fear that bridge will be closed to one lane over 'major issue'

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**A Tipperary councillor has expressed concern that the Main Bridge in Cahir will be closed to one lane over a "major issue" in the town.**  
Cllr Andy Moloney called on

Tipperary County Council to carry out a survey on the Main Bridge in Cahir with regards to its safety. At the January meeting of Clonmel Borough District, he said a number of cut stones from the bridge's protectors are missing, requesting that the

river be cleared of the islands developing from silt building up.

Cllr Andy Moloney, whose motion was seconded by Cllr Martin Lonergan, said the stones are obstructing the water. The Independent councillor raised fears that

the bridge would end up being a one-way system, similar to what the people of Ardfinnan had to endure, as a result of the issue.

A visual inspection is set to be conducted by district engineer Eamon Lonergan. The meeting was also informed

that silt removal will require an Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening and approval from Inland Fisheries Ireland.

"Anyone that goes into the river and stands and looks up at the bridge will see that we need work done on it ur-

gently. This is the time to do the AA screening. If we work with the community groups, it could be sorted. It wouldn't cost a lot of money.

"The stones need to be addressed fairly fast, and I appreciate that an inspection will be carried out on it."

# Proposed new Clonmel hotel is 'problematic in scale and design'

**An Taisce has stated that the proposed new build of a hotel at the site of the former Clonmel Arms Hotel is "problematic in scale and design".**

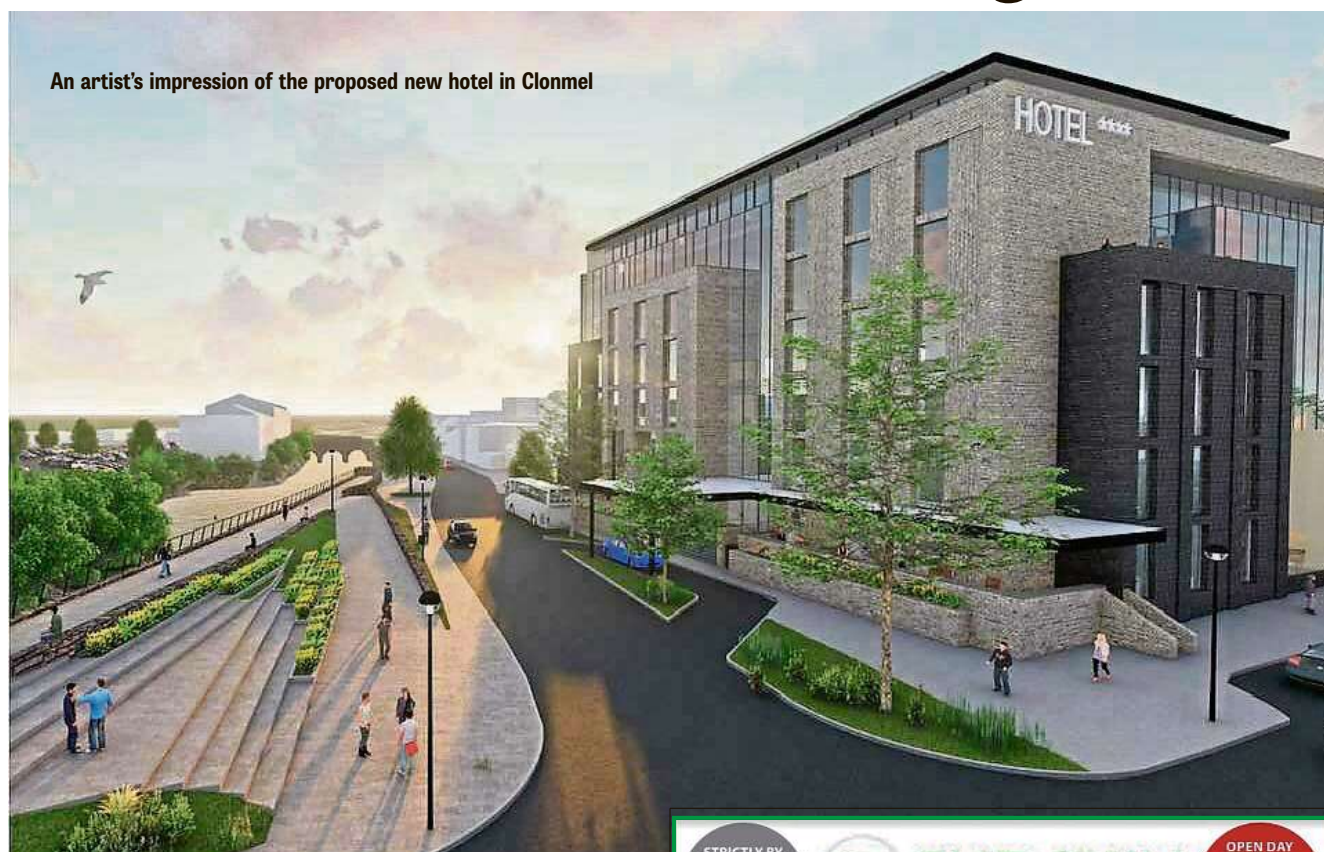
The charity, which works to preserve and protect Ireland's natural and built heritage, states that while the desirability of a rooftop bar with terraces is recognised as a feature, "the proposed projecting roof is unsatisfactory".

Requesting that "significant design modifications" would be sought in the pro-

posed new build, An Taisce claims that these modifications are necessary in order to integrate satisfactorily in scale and design with the historic townscape of Clonmel, and the Quay front in particular.

Michael Ryan and Michael Cronin have sought planning permission for a new 114-bedroom hotel on the site of the former Clonmel Arms. The new hotel will include dining, bar, conference and function facilities, as well as a basement car park and leisure centre.

Tipp County Council, the planning authority, received



An artist's impression of the proposed new hotel in Clonmel

submissions on the development from An Taisce and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Further information has now been requested from the applicants.

In his submission Ian Lumley, of the Advocacy Office of An Taisce, said that the provision of a quality hotel retaining the older buildings of architectural heritage value on the site is desirable.

However, he says that any application for this site needs to integrate satisfactorily into the historic townscape and provide for the conservation of 18th century and 19th century buildings, including interior features.

"Sarsfield Street is a streetscape of important townscape value, linking the 17th century Main Guard with the Quay. The evaluation of the design rationale of the new build elements and relationship to the existing buildings has been inadequately justified.

"The rationale for the demolition of the four-bay building adjoining the corner building to O'Connell Street has not been explained. The corner treatment of the Quayfront fails to establish a satisfactory urban design tradition from the character of Sarsfield Street.

"The proposed treatment of the Quayfront is highly complex and would benefit from a simpler design treatment, with a better solid to void relationship. The treatment of the east and west corners, which will be highly visible in views up and down, makes the proposed hotel signage and penthouse undesirably dominant.

"It is recommended that more detailed conservation specifications be sought on the treatment of number four O'Connell Street and the five-bay building. Specifications should be sought providing for the maintenance, in situ, of the early 18th century stair-

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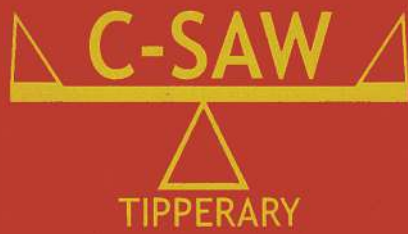
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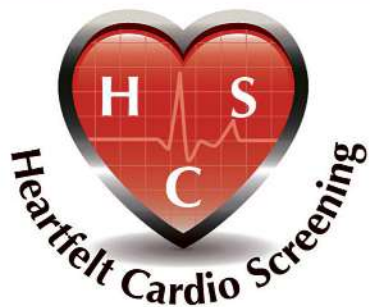


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# Councillors call for roundabout at 'pure mayhem' junction

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**A person was knocked down at a "pure mayhem" junction in Cahir this month, Clonmel Borough District's January meeting was told.**

Councillors Andy Moloney and Marie Murphy called for a roundabout to be installed at the lower Abbey Street

junction, adjacent Super-Valu, in Cahir.

Cllr Moloney said it's "pure mayhem" at the junction and an "accident waiting to happen".

He said that despite Cahir being first bypassed in 1991, the town is becoming busier and the issue "needs to be looked at badly". The Cahir councillor called for the creation of a temporary round-

about, prior to the construction of what would "probably be a fried egg in the middle of the road".

He added: "Anyone that knows the junction would agree with me. I think what you can do in the interim is put up a temporary roundabout, maybe with sandbags or barriers. Do a trial, rather than rush into doing work on it. This junction is becoming a

bigger and bigger problem because Cahir is becoming busier."

Cllr Murphy told the meeting that someone was knocked down at the junction recently. She said it's "impossible to turn right" at the junction. "A lot of traffic is coming through the town. Something needs to be done as soon as possible to make this junction safer," she

added.

District engineer Eamon Lonergan said the junction can't be addressed in "simple measures" and that "we have to be responsible" in dealing with the issue. He said the council has been looking at the junction with over six months and done traffic counts on it this month.

"We can't just put in a temporary roundabout. If an ac-

cident happens, who's responsible? We have to do it right! Putting in sandbags is not the answer," Mr Lonergan said.

The council plans "to do something in the interim", but no funding is available this year. The junction will be examined as part of the public realm improvement works in Cahir.



Clonmel's Declan McGee graduated from Griffith College Cork with a BA in Pharmaceutical Business Operations. Declan is pictured with Griffith College president Prof Diarmuid Hegarty

## 'BigBelly bins very successful across Europe'

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**An interest has been expressed in piloting 100 BigBelly bins in Clonmel, but "considerations are needed first" before they are rolled out.**

BigBelly is the world leader of smart waste recycling solutions for public spaces. Communities and facilities deploy smart, solar-powered and sensor-equipped waste and recycling stations that communicate real-time status to collection crews to enable efficiencies.

District engineer Eamon Lonergan told councillors at

Clonmel Borough District's January meeting that the BigBelly company wants to do a free pilot in the town.

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However, the company needs to demonstrate that it's cost-effective for the council.

Mr Lonergan said that there are "hefty" fees involved with using BigBelly bins long-term.

Discussions between the council and the company resumed at the start of January, with further talks imminent.

The meeting was informed that three park bins would be reduced to one bin with BigBelly, noting the success of the roll out of two BigBelly bins in Cahir.

"If we decide to go ahead with the bins, it would be in

February or March and we would want to be testing the bins over the summer period.

"There is a cost involved for us, but a bigger cost to them," Mr Lonergan added.

Cllr Michael Murphy said BigBelly bins have been "very successful across Europe".

The Fine Gael councillor added: "We had a presentation from the BigBelly bin company - I prefer to call them the smart BigBelly bin company because they use digital technology in terms of compaction within the bin and measuring volume.

"There are also revenue opportunities for the local authority in terms of advertising the BigBelly bins.

"It's a live offer and time is of the essence."

# Tipperary Town protest group plan traffic gridlock

**A Tipperary Town protest group has promised gridlock on the streets of the town as it ramps up its response to what it terms the neglect of the town.**

The March4Tipp group plan action on Friday, February 22, that will bring traffic in the town to a virtual standstill.

The disruption will involve people driving cars and other vehicles slowly in both directions through the town. Pedestrian participants will also use the various pedestrian crossings.

The group says that they have checked and that both of these activities are entirely legal. They expect that the result of both activities in combination should have the effect of creating massive congestion of the N24, possibly bringing it to a complete halt for a considerable time on that day.

The action comes following the recent announce-

ment of a three-year action plan for the town to be overseen by Tipperary County Council.

The council has commenced work on the plan to develop the economic, social and tourism potential of Tipperary Town and its surrounding area.

The council says it recognises that the improvements needed must have the support of all stakeholders, and a town forum is in place to represent all interests in the town. The forum is made up of many interest groups, and it is intended to widen the participation on the forum by inviting other relevant agencies to participate in the work of the forum in the preparation of the action plan.

A consultant is being appointed to prepare the plan and to assist in a public consultation exercise. The intention is that the actions identified should be deliverable over a three-year period.

Public consultation will be designed to seek the views of

all interests in the town towards improving the liveability and commercial life of the town.

Director of services Pat Slattery is heading up the process and said it is planned to recruit a project manager to work day-to-day on the action plan and report to the town forum.

But the march4tipp group says it is concerned that the local authority will have sole responsibility for the plan to rejuvenate the town.

### A DREADFUL RECORD IN TIPPERARY TOWN

Activist Katherina Ryan claims Tipperary County Council has a dreadful record in Tipperary Town and has foisted a number of negative developments on the town in recent years, without consultation.

"Nobody wanted the loss of two-way traffic on Kickham place. Nobody wanted the loss of a traffic lane on Bridge Street, but none of that mattered to the council, and those are only

two examples," she says.

"Davitt Street and Church Street are about to be dug up for eight months, largely for work that is completely unnecessary. The council claimed that traffic calming was necessary because of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's safety ranking for the road. This claim is entirely false, based on accident statistics provided by the RSA.

"After that work is complete, Main Street and Fr Matthew Street are then to be dug up for over a year, again largely for unnecessary work."

She claims that whenever representations have been made by affected business people or residents, the council has carried on without regard to what was said to them. "And we are now to believe that the council is going to become this genuinely consultative organisation, open to the views of everyone and willing to shape plans accordingly? It would be naïve in the extreme to be-

lieve that Tipperary County Council can turn around and suddenly become the saviour of the town".

Padraig Culbert, another March4Tipp activist, said when the group heard of Taoiseach Leo Varadkar's comments in the Dáil, they were hopeful and as a gesture of good faith, they deferred further protest action.

"We wrote to the CEO of the council Joe MacGrath on December 21 setting out what we thought were key considerations for a proper plan for the town. At the time of writing, Mr MacGrath has not replied to us. How can we possibly accept an organisation like the council taking charge of the future of our town when the CEO won't even reply to correspondence?"

"We believe that the only way this will work is if the task force process is independently led," he said.

Mr Culbert said the disruption action on February 22 should have the effect of creating massive congestion

of the N24, possibly bringing it to a complete halt for a considerable time on that day. "We feel that we have been backed into a corner. The council is dictating how the plan for the recovery of the town is going to play out.

"We say that the council are exactly the wrong people to lead this. We say that thousands of people did not march so the council could dictate how things are going to be done.

"Thousands of people marching was democracy in action and was aimed at getting the powers that be, especially the council, to listen. Dictating their version of a solution is just not acceptable. We would be letting down the thousands who marched if we allowed the council to take sole charge of the future of our town.

"The taoiseach's decision came from pressure raised by the people. We won't get this chance again and we are not entrusting it to the council," he added.



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Butchering with over 25 years, Noel took the plunge and set up his own shop five and a half years ago, establishing himself as a renowned butcher in the local community with his popular busy premises on Abbey Road, Clonmel.

A modest Noel prides his workforce - father and son duo Paul and Billy Tobin, along with Martin Keating - for epitomising the ethos of his establishment. Paul has 35 years experience in the trade and Martin has 20 years under his belt. Billy will be moving on to pastures new this year as he has been accepted to Garda training college and Noel wishes him every success in the future.

He is very grateful to his customers for supporting him in what has been a thoroughly enjoyable adventure that continues to reach new heights. "Customer feedback is always fantastic, and we continue to give back to the community with a top quality range of produce at affordable prices," Noel said. Noel would like to thank all his suppliers especially those listed below and also Tom & Theresa Drohan for the daily delivery of fresh bread.

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Coláiste Chluain Meala is renowned for the excellent results it achieves in technological subjects at Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. Ours is the only school in Clonmel where students can study all three technological subjects i.e. Engineering, Technology and Construction at Leaving Cert.

We also offer Coding and Digital Literacy as part as the new JCT programme. We hope to add to this by introducing Philosophy in September 2019.

As a school we are passionate about sports, and our basketball and football teams have been extremely successful over the last number of years.



# Brave Rhona Butler wins exam rules review

**The State Examinations Commission is reviewing exam rules for bereaved students in response to a campaign by a 19 year-old Carrick-on-Suir student, whose mother died while she was sitting the Leaving Cert last summer.**

Rhona Butler from Castle Court, Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir, welcomed the review Education Minister Joe McHugh announced last Friday after she highlighted how she felt she had no choice but to finish her exams after her mother Margaret's death from breast cancer last June.

The former student of Carrick-on-Suir's Scoil Mhuire Secondary School said the Minister rang her after her interview on RTE Radio 1's Ryan Tubridy Show last week and he was very compassionate.

"I am just happy that he is doing something about it. The main thing is that something happens," she told South Tipp Today.

Rhona finished her Leaving Cert exams despite the grief and distress she was suffering at the loss of her mother. Her experience prompted her to call on the Minister for Education to give students who lose a family member just before or during the exams a period of grace and allow them sit the exams in July.

Rhona began her campaign by sending letters by email outlining her appeal to

the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Minister for Education and the Department of Education & Skills. But she only received automated responses and decided to highlight her case on RTE Radio 1's Ryan Tubridy show.

Speaking after the radio interview, Rhona said two sets of Leaving Cert exam papers are prepared each year and one set is chosen. "I think instead of throwing the other set of papers away, they should keep them for circumstances such as this.

"The final Leaving Cert exam was on June 21 last year. Students who have suffered a bereavement could do the exams in the second week of July to give them a bit of head space. It wouldn't take that long to do and there would probably be only between five and ten students sitting the exam later. I don't think it would take a whole lot of effort," she said.

Rhona suggested the period of grace should also apply to students who suffer an accident or serious illness during the exams.

Rhona was awarded Scoil Mhuire's Student of the Year Award on May 25 last year just before she started her Leaving Cert exams.

Despite being seriously ill, her mother attended the proud occasion with Rhona's dad John. Sadly just a few weeks later, Margaret lost her six year battle with breast cancer at the age of 50.

She passed away on the night of Wednesday, June 13, while Rhona was in the

middle of her exams. She had completed her maths, English and Irish exams and was due to sit her business exam the following morning.

In the midst of her deep sorrow, Rhona went ahead and sat the business paper and her remaining exams in German, accountancy and music. "If I hadn't I would have had to wait until June the following year. I had been working towards this for six years."

She said sitting the business paper at Scoil Mhuire the morning after her mam's death was a "surreal" experience. "When you are in shock you don't really know what you are doing."

Rhona's German exam was on the morning of her mother's wake, Friday, June 15 and the Requiem Mass was the following day. She recalls she was exhausted by the end of the weekend and had two more exams still to sit.

While Rhona felt she didn't have much of a choice but to press ahead and finish her exams, she also knew it was what her mother would have wanted. "I know if I said I was going to postpone sitting the exams, she would just say 'don't do that'."

Rhona's fortitude and hard work paid off and last August she got the Leaving Cert results she required to get a place in the University of Limerick's undergraduate Business and German degree course. She needed to get 420 points and achieved 498.

She was delighted with the results but believes she prob-



Carrickbeg's Rhona Butler has secured a review of the exam rules for bereaved students

ably would have been capable of achieving over 500 points if she hadn't sat the exams during such a harrowing time. "If I was aiming for a course with higher points, I wouldn't have got it," she pointed out.

Rhona, who won student of the year awards during each of her six years in Scoil Mhuire, paid tribute to the school's principal Brendan O'Dwyer and staff for the huge support they gave her while she was sitting the Leaving Cert.

When she went into school on the morning after her mother's death, she was

offered loads of cups of tea. "If they could have gone and sat the exam for me they would have. They were so supportive," she recalled.

Students from Scoil Mhuire formed a guard of honour at her mam's funeral. Rhona's sister Lorna is a fifth year student at Scoil Mhuire and her brother Richard is in first year at Comeragh College.

A statement from the State Examinations Commission outlined that it was undertaking a reviews of its "reasonable accommodation" scheme for students who

suffer traumatic events or illnesses at exam time.

"The SEC is very alert to the difficulties which some students encounter in their lives at examinations time," said a Commission spokesperson.

A spokesman for Minister for Education Joe McHugh said the Minister rang Rhona after listening back to her radio interview. "Minister McHugh firmly believes that reviewing how we look after and support students who suffer a close family bereavement at exam time is an important step."

# David and Oisin make a mark with board game

**Two students from Clonmel have taken their love of board games to the next level and created a fun, engaging, fast-paced game that will have the whole family tongue-tied and tangled.**

Next Question is the brainchild of life-long friends David Kennedy and Oisin Dillon, who are second year students at Clonmel High School.

The pair took part in a business class module that encourages students to start their own mini-business. Their love of board games fuelled the idea to create a traditional board game that was suitable for all ages.

Taking the process seriously, the students first conducted market research to establish the demand for a traditional board game in an age of hi-tech gaming. Having established the ap-

petite was there amongst their peers, David and Oisin created a prototype which got a great reaction from their school friends.

Following some further tweaks to the game, the pair were invited to represent their school in the Student Enterprise awards and went on to represent Tipperary at the National Student Enterprise Awards, which were held in Croke Park.

"Despite not winning at the national finals, the encouragement we received spurred us on," David says.

"We also had the game play-tested at two board game conventions and the feedback was unanimously positive, so that gave us the confidence to really give it our best shot.

"Since then we have engaged a professional graphic designer and started talks with a board game manufacturer.

"We plan to go into production early in the year and would ideally like to meet with buyers from toy stores and companies with the aim of having Next Question on the shelves for the 2019 Christmas market."

The premise of Next Question is quite simple but with an unexpected twist. The answer to the first question is always "Next Question" and the answer to question two is the answer to question one and so on.

The player who moves furthest up the board with the most correct answers is declared the winner, and it's sure to guarantee hours of entertainment for all the family.

To find out more about Next Question, visit <https://nextquestion-boardg.wixsite.com/nextquestion> or find it on Twitter and Facebook.



Clonmel students David Kennedy and Oisin Dillon promoting their board game Next Questions



# 'Wellness Week will live long in the memory of students'

**Cashel Community School students and staff celebrated Wellness Week recently, enjoying a wide-range of planned activities.**

Humourfit Theatre gave excellent presentations on alcohol awareness and the value of life. As well-being becomes a compulsory area of the new Junior Cycle, there is a huge need for an emphasis on teaching coping strategies for youth mental health. One of the indicators for well-being is that of being active. The sport hall was a hive of activity as first years enjoyed the high energy zumba lessons and got outside their comfort zone, while exam students were reminded of the importance of coping skills and stress management.

First year students participated in breakfast mornings to celebrate the week. Third years took part in a walk and talk activity during SPHE classes, while transition year classes continued with their mindfulness classes and students also participated in some mindful colouring with positive affirmations. The corridors were dotted with positive and uplifting messages and displays.

Teachers well-being was also at the forefront of plan-

ning for the week, staff got involved in a lunchtime walk initiative and had a Fruity Friday compliments of SuperValu.

School assemblies reminded students of their support systems in the school and the importance of resilience and inner strength. Music students participated in an open mic activity at lunchtime.

First year class one got involved in a cross curricular initiative with woodwork and SPHE, carving the Five Ways To Well-being into a wooden display. These five ways have been used worldwide by young and old to help people take action to improve their well-being.

Breast Cancer Ireland education and awareness programme for teachers and transition year students was part of Wellness Week. The programme aimed to encourage and educate women about good breast health from a young age so that if an abnormality occurs it can be identified early and the treatment outcome will be more positive. Students and staff received a very informative talk on breast health from Juliette O'Connell.

Gratitude Day was also marked in the school where staff and students expressed thanks for the little things in life and displayed a gratitude



Cashel Community School students took part in a wide-range of planned activities for Wellness Week

board. Students very kindly made soup (a hug in a mug) for staff which was warmly received and cleaning staff received tokens of thanks also.

The staffroom got a splash of colour on the last day of the week, where staff sported their most colourful outfits to celebrate diversity and colour in life. Prizes were kindly sponsored by Bailey's restaurant, Dwyer's Phar-

macy, The Friary Chemist and Cashel Flowers.

Staff took part in a fun Battle of the Sexes game at lunchtime, with the female teachers winning the challenges which included duvet changing and sweet sorting with plenty of giggles for good measure.

"Cashel Community School would like to pay special tribute to all of the stu-

dents who participated and engaged in the Wellness Week activities with fantastic enthusiasm and great spirit. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week with a wide variety of fun activities and informative presentations from a broad spectrum of professionals specialising in the area of mental health and well-being," a school spokesperson told South Tipp

Today.

"Special thanks must be paid to the Wellness Week committee. The response from the entire student and staff body has been extremely positive. Sincere thanks also to all of the facilitators/presenters who shared their knowledge and experiences with our students. Wellness Week 2019 will live long in the memory of everyone who participated."

## Have schools over-concentrated on the academic?

By MARGARET ROSSITER

**It seems to me that our first breakfast cup of tea every morning is now accompanied by gloomy statistics. News from our national radio station invariably tells us that many hundreds of ordinary people are now lying on uncomfortable trolleys in overcrowded hospital corridors or that they have not yet arrived in the corridors because they are amongst the thousands of patients awaiting appointments on hospital waiting lists.**

While these statistics may vary over the years, a percentage increase here, a reduction of a few hundred there, the figure which never seems to show any reduction is that of the homeless. That challenges the ordinary comfort of that cup of tea. Out there, the statistics tell us there are people who do not experience that sense of belonging, of preparing their own breakfast,

of sleeping in their own beds, of unlocking their own front doors. They are without the ordinary security of living in their own homes.

The frequent analysis of those figures reveal a wide range of people described as "homeless," from the unfortunates, who because of emotional problems are unable to settle permanently anywhere, to the ordinary young couple who are hard-working, but unable to meet the astronomical costs of buying their own home. Just as we bought our first home in the long ago, we tell ourselves as we pour our second breakfast cuppa! Nowadays, these young couples are at the mercy of landlords, who can, apparently, terminate their tenancy on a whim. And so they find themselves back living in overcrowded conditions with parents and relatives, unwilling in such circumstances, to do the natural thing of starting a family.

It seems to me, therefore, that this type of "homelessness" presents a very complex social problem, or far

more long-term consequences, than the constitutional reforms which have been the chosen pursuit of the current government. The solution, we are told, is the building of more and more social housing. This is the function of local authorities supported by substantial government funding. Since, unlike private development, the objective is not that of profit, the rents can be affordable. It was the solution to a very serious housing problem inherited by the new Irish State, and which was very successfully tackled in the 1930s. If that was the solution then, it is the obvious solution now. So why not get on with it? Simple!

But, apparently, it is not so simple. That it cannot be done overnight is obvious. The trajectory from the architect's drawings to a roof over a head is strewn with obstacles. These range from the constitutional right to private property which influences the acquisition of sites, to layout and design, to funding, to planning and planning appeals, all of which are time-consuming.

But now it would appear that having jumped all of these hurdles, and availing of the substantial government funding, many authorities are ready to build. And that is where yet another statistic has intruded on that breakfast cup of tea. This time it was issued by the construction industry. It seems that Ireland is chronically short of the skilled workers now urgently needed to solve the problem of the homeless. The industry requires 83,000 skilled tradespeople to immediately meet the current demands. And they aren't here anymore.

The skills involved in building construction are many and they do not grow on trees. They are acquired through long training and apprenticeships. I have tried to quantify them, and although I am sure I am omitting a few, here goes: masons/bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters/joiners, roofers, plumbers, electricians, glaziers, painters/decorators.

The loss of the skilled trades, especially in the construction industry, coincided

with, and was attributable to, the crisis in banking and the allied collapse in our economy. Building ceased. Our tradesmen emigrated. They have built hospitals and schools in the Middle East, houses and factories in Germany, The Netherlands, Australia, the United States. They work all over the world, where their skills are valued and rewarded. Many have now permanently made their homes away from Ireland. Some may return here, but there appears to be no obvious popular enthusiasm to do so to meet the current urgent demands.

And in the lean years we did not make sufficient provision for the training of replacements. Apprenticeships were severely curtailed. Though training now is allied to a block-relief system, whereby apprentices spend a few months each year in third-level colleges, the old system of learning from a mentor, a master in a specific trade, still obtains.

The length in training time for most of the trades has now been reduced to

three or four years. This contrasts with the seven years which my own great-great-granduncle spent when he started in 1850 as an apprentice cabinet-maker with the Grahams in Duncan Street - now Sarsfield Street - in Clonmel, where he also paid a substantial fee, or with the six years, also plus fee, which my own father spent in his apprenticeship to carpentry in the early decades of the 20th century.

The current crisis in the practical skills (for that is what it is) also raises the issue in the career options of our young people. Does the challenge of the IT industry detract from the very hands-on skills of the crafts and trades? Have our schools over-concentrated on the academic to the detriment of the practical?

Whatever the answer, the fact appears to be that there is now an urgent need for the construction of new social houses and while, at last, the finance is available for this work, there aren't sufficient skilled tradesmen available to build them.



## WILD ABOUT SOUTH TIPP

# Tipp's budding environmentalists



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**T**ipperary Tidy Towns continued their engagement with schools in Tipperary Town, going on a nature walk with the 5th and 6th class girls from St Michael's Girls National School. I arrived to light drizzle and as I stepped out of the car I was scolded loudly by a blackbird on the wall. The male was having a stand-off with a cat or another rival, and as the days get longer bird activity is increasing.

We spent the morning learning about trees, their buds and wildlife. We started in the school grounds - discovering nature starts right on your doorstep! I had to adapt my workshop as most of the trees in the school grounds had their lower branches cut off and we could not reach any buds. Having a back-up plan is something I have learnt from teachers. We focused on the smaller trees and paid a visit to the grounds of the convent.

Our first tree was a silver birch or lady of the woods. Been curious and observing are two important qualities of the outdoor naturalist. The arrangement of buds is different on each species of tree. The birch buds are small and dark, and are stepped up

along the branch. The catkins are also quiet short and non-descript. Native birch supports around 300 species of insects throughout its life.

Next we looked at the hazel tree. The buds are bright green, with the catkins around three inches long. The teacher thought they looked like nature's earrings - this is description I will use again!

Hazel was cut on a rotational cycle near the ground. The resulting long shoots were used for making temporary fencing and other household and farming implements. The grey squirrel can eat the hazel nuts while they are still green, but the native reds have to wait until they are fully ripe.

Traditionally trees were divided up into nobles, chieftains and commoners based on their importance. The oak was a noble and if you were caught cutting down one you would be fined two and half cows. Birch was a chieftain and elderberry and bramble commoners. The first Irish alphabet was based on trees. Birch was beit and oak was dair. Many townlands across Ireland are well rooted in the language of trees.

We could not resist a few flowers. Red dead nettle growing underneath the trees is excellent for pollinators, and we also crushed a few leaves of rosemary for its heavenly scent. Lesser celandine and dandelion

were in flower, with heather a good source of pollen and nectar for early queen bumblebees.

Out the front we stopped to listen to some bird's sing. The mournful song of a mistle thrush, the warning calls of a robin and the joyous singing of starlings. We then examined the buds of the lime tree. These were in pairs or opposite along the stems and were a dark red colour. The class teacher showed us the spot in the fork of a tree where a mistle thrush nested a few years ago.

## SECRET GARDENS OF THE CONVENT

We crossed over the secret gardens of the convent. The weeping ash here with a stunning display of snowdrops is one of my favourite trees in the town. The buds are sooty black and clustered near the tips. Last year's keys of fruit were still hanging from the branches.

One of the students asked a very interesting question: if I could be a tree what would it be? I think I would be a holly, while others wanted to be a mighty oak.

The beech buds are probably the easiest to identify, being long, narrow and pointy. We found a few beech nuts - it's amazing to think that all the information needed to create a 100 foot tree is found in this tiny nut. We also found some small puff balls, and when the students and teacher stood on them, they puffed out clouds of spores.

Back in the classroom the students wrote up their nature walk in their science copies. The blind bud identification game is a bit of fun. Two girls stood at the top of the classroom with their hands behind their backs. They were given a branch and had to identify the tree by touch. If you close your eyes it heightens the sense of touch.

The teachers also got a go, and I was then asked to practice what I teach. They tried to trick me by tying two catkins together, but lucky I saw through their rouse.

Thanks to the teachers and staff for a very interesting and enjoyable nature walk.

## Comments/Questions

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# Road traffic accidents - the 'do's and don'ts' in snow and icy conditions

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Having had cause this morning to drive in the snow, I have noticed another major hazard aside from the weather - the way our fellow road users react to the dangers the weather throws at us.

There are two extremes and both equally as lethal as the other. The first is the reckless driver who carries on regardless, paying no heed to the conditions themselves or the numerous warnings. And the second is the over cautious driver, driving much too slow and creating further dangers, despite their best efforts of trying to achieve the

## FIRST THINGS FIRST - WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT?

The very first priority goes without saying - make sure that all those involved in the accident are not injured. If there are injuries, decide whether an ambulance should be called. The golden rule - if in doubt call for help!

## WHAT MUST I DO - PRACTICAL STEPS TO TAKE AT THE ACCIDENT SCENE FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT?

Stay safe! Bearing in mind the recent weather conditions - falling trees, flooding and overturning trucks - make sure that you and all of the other people involved are out of harm's way so that there will not be any further accidents.

Be nice! Showing concern for an injured party does not mean that you are admitting you are at fault. A little kindness goes a long way!

Call the gardai immediately and report the incident. If the gardai feel that it is unnecessary for them to attend at the scene, the accident should still be formally reported to the gardai and you should attend at your nearest garda station after the accident to deal with this.

Exchange contact details with not only the other drivers but anyone who witnessed the accident. You should also gather as much information as possible

as the scene, including the name and address of the driver, owner of the car, witnesses, insurance details, vehicle registration and details of the gardai in attendance

If you are a bystander or a passer-by, unless you can be of assistance you are likely to be more hindrance than help. Provide your details to the drivers at the scene or the gardai but do not hang around to see how things pan out.

If possible take photographs of the scene, the vehicles, the debris and road markings.

## WHAT ARE THE DON'TS!

Never admit liability at the scene. It is often a condition of insurance that liability is not admitted.

Do not move the vehicles unless absolutely necessary. Generally, the vehicles should stay as they stopped unless the gardai advise otherwise. If it is necessary to move them, make sure you obtain photographs of their positions on the road beforehand.

Never leave the scene of an accident. This is a criminal offence. Braving the recent elements will be necessary! Remain at the scene until the gardai have confirmed you can leave.

Do not get angry! Getting

irate at the scene can often serve to make things worse. Stay calm!

## AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK - WHAT'S NEXT?

Fess up! Inform your insurance company immediately. This should be done even if it is not your fault.

Keep a note! Write down your account of what happened and how it happened. Don't forget to include details of the road conditions that day. Make sure to keep all of your receipts for medical expenses and property damage.

Take photographs of your injuries to document them. Finally, once the storm has settled watch the time. Remember, anyone who has suffered an injury following an accident only has two years to take a claim.

If you were involved in an accident that was not your fault and you feel you might be entitled to compensation, the time to deal with it is now.

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The Rock of Cashel bathed in glorious morning light. The lovely picture was taken on Wednesday morning last by Cashel's Louise Burke





Cashel Community School's senior camogie side celebrating their Munster 'C' Colleges final success over Loreto Fermoy at Ballygiblin

# Cashel CS win Munster senior camogie title after titanic tussle

## CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2-11

### LORETO FERMOY 1-11

Cashel Community School made a long awaited return to Munster Camogie glory on Saturday last in Ballygiblin, Co. Cork when they faced down a talented side from Loreto Fermoy in the Senior C Colleges Final.

It was clear to see from the throw in that the Tipperary girls were ready to do battle, physically imposing themselves on the game immediately. Cashel got off to the perfect start when a cross-field ball from centre forward Karin Blair, aided by the breeze made its way into the back of the Fermoy net in the opening 5 minutes.

The work rate of the Cashel players was immense, half forwards Leah Baskin and Grace Moloney doubling up as half backs to support their defenders when needed.

Another fast ball from Karin Blair found full forward Sarah Delaney, who made no hesitation in driving it into the Fermoy net to score Cashel's second goal which was to prove the deciding marker between the teams come the final whistle.

Fermoy struggled to break through the Cashel defence, scoring only 2 points from play in the first half from their star, lightning fast half forward, Aoife Hurley.

Meabh Elle Ryan commanded her full back line excellently. Flanked by Leonie Farrell and Leah Kavanagh, they worked as a unit, mop-

ping up loose balls, breaking tackles and clearing their lines.

Scores didn't come easy for either side, Cashel squandering two very score able wides in succession, in a game where every score was going to be vital. However, CCS gradually built their lead with three superb points from play from Rebecca Farrell, whose enviable level of skill shone through in her touch and ball handling.

As the clock wound down into injury time, Cashel has a comfortable lead of 2-6 to 5 points but a purple patch from Fermoy saw them awarded a free, which rebounded off the post and in the scramble that followed, ended up in the Cashel net. Half time score, Cashel 2-1, Fermoy 1-5.

Fermoy got the better start to the second half, blazing a shot wide that could have quite easily been their second goal. A second attack saw them get a point but Cashel replied in the best of manners with two superbly struck frees from Karin Blair. Fermoy in turn responded with points from their mid fielder Laura Hayes. This game was far from over.

Aine O'Dwyer and Aoibhe Gayson at midfield for Cashel worked tirelessly to counteract the Fermoy attack, winning innumerable 50/50 balls and creating space for Karin Blair and Lisa O'Connor to score.

With just a goal separating the sides in the remaining few minutes, Cashel captain Sorcha Ryan steadied the ship and goalkeeper Kate

Gayson Molly pulled off a tremendous save that has been indicative of her performance between the posts all year.

At the final whistle, the scoreboard read Cashel 2-11, Fermoy 1-11 - a well-earned victory for the girls from Cashel.

**Cashel:** Kate Gayson Molloy, Leonie Farrell, Meabh Elle Ryan, Leah Kavanagh, Grace O'Dwyer,

Sorcha Ryan (captain), Aoife Linehan, Aine O'Dwyer, Aoibhe Gayson Molloy, Grace Moloney, Karin Blair(1-6), Leah Baskin (0-1), Lisa O'Connor (0-1), Sarah Delaney (1-0), Rebecca Farrell (0-3).

Subs: Ciara Gahan, Fiona McEniry, Ciara Parker, Sinead Furlong, Eve Moloney, Annika Maxwell, Eleanor Tobin.

# Provincial honours for Cashel CS junior camogie side

## CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL 1-10

### COLÁISTE MUIRE ENNIS 0-9

A gallant Cashel Community School side overcame the disappointment of last year's Munster final defeat to finally capture the title this month.

In the last number of years the school has gotten to the final on three occasions and each time fallen short. But a performance of sheer guts and determination, along with an abundance of skill ensured that the Munster Cup would be resting in Cashel for the next 12 months.

The game itself was extremely competitive with both wing backs, Lisa O'Connor and Katelyn Downey constantly driving Cashel forward. Centre field was a constant battle but the girls managed to get a hold of it midway through the second half which allowed for a stronger finish from the Cashel girls.

As the game opened up the Cashel girls managed to work some fine scores, with Lucy Fogarty, Grace Moloney, Rebecca Farrell and Leah Baskin getting onto the end of some finely worked moves. At half-time there was nothing separating the sides and it

was going to take a goal to decide this ding-dong affair.

That goal came in the early stages of the second half with Leah Baskin showing great strength to hold off a number of Ennis defenders to bundle the ball over the line. The sides exchanged points for the remainder of the half, but composed defending ensured that Cashel managed to keep that vital goal between the teams right to the end where scenes of great joy were witnessed at the final whistle.

All six backs, along with Evelyn Gayson Molloy in goal coped admirably with all that was thrown at them, with both wing backs, Lisa O'Connor and Katelyn Downey constantly driving Cashel forward. Centre field was a constant battle but the girls managed to get a hold of it midway through the second half which allowed for a stronger finish from the Cashel girls.

The impact of the subs that came in were crucial, Allesia Mazzola dictated the game when she came on along with Lily Fahie who was ferocious.

# Helping others on their weight-loss journey

Slimming experts in Tipperary are celebrating hugely successful groups since 2010 when the first group opened its doors in Clonmel with consultant Denise Gregg.

They have launched a campaign locally to recruit more people with a passion for helping others for what they are calling the "best job in the world", with a special Slimming World careers opportunity event in the Lyrath Hotel Kilkenny on Thursday, February 7, at 7pm

"We are going through a period of rapid growth. In our 48 years, millions of people in Ireland and the UK have changed their lives with Slimming World's brilliant and unique combination of a hunger-busting eating plan called food optimising, increased activity and weekly group support," team developer for the Tipperary area Siobhan O'Dwyer tells South Tipp Today.

"Now with obesity at an all-time high and weight related diseases never out of the media, the demand for our unique warm and friendly approach of care and support for our members has never been greater.

"At Slimming World, with our food

optimising plan members can and do lose weight without ever having to go hungry. We have the best understanding of the psychology of slimmer's and we choose consultants for their empathy, warmth and understanding. We have the best training in the business too. Every consultant who comes on board goes through an in depth training programme and is awarded diplomas through our Slimming World Academy in aspects of nutrition and successfully running their own slimming business."

Siobhan says no qualifications are required to be a Slimming World consultant. "All that we ask is that applicants are members or past members with the organisation and have that desire to want to help others in their own weight loss journey. Our people understand what it feels like to walk through the doors that very first time and so can share their own weight-loss success with their own members. There is never any judgement - just tonnes of warmth, understanding, care and support, through the good times and the more difficult times."

Siobhan says every Slimming World group helps members achieve long-term success through healthy lifestyle

changes. "Food optimising is a unique and healthy eating plan which satisfies the biggest of appetites. It encourages people to fill up on unlimited amounts of satisfying foods such as meat, fish, poultry, vegetables, fruit, eggs, pasta and much more, and to enjoy meals with the whole family. Meals like curry and rice, lasagne, Sunday roast, and even fish and chips. Members love the fact that they aren't restricted.

"Just as importantly, we provide support 52 weeks of the year and our members know from the minute they first walk through the door - often when their self-esteem is at its lowest - that they will never be judged, that their details are completely confidential and that they are with people who understand them because all of our wonderful consultants are Slimming World members and have experienced their own weight loss journey themselves."

The role of a Slimming World consultant is part-time, working 10-15 flexible hours as a self-employed franchise.

For more information or more details, contact Siobhan on 086-1637240 or email siobhan.odwyer7@gmail.com or speak to one of the local Slimming World consultants.



# Tokyo Olympics hopeful honoured at civic reception

**World equestrian eventing silver medallist and Tokyo Olympics hopeful Padraig McCarthy was accorded a civic reception by Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District this month.**

The reception, the first major civic event to be staged at the newly refurbished and extended Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall, recognised the Grangemockler man's achievements at the FEI World Equestrian Games in North Carolina in the US last September.

Padraig McCarthy was a member of the Irish Eventing team that won the team silver medal at the Games and he won an individual silver medal after a particularly impressive performance in the showjumping competition.

The civic reception was attended by around 40 of Padraig McCarthy's family, friends and equestrian sports colleagues. Among them were his proud parents Theresa and Tom, who was Grangemockler's local garda for many years, his sister Yvonne and her family.

Carrick Municipal District chairperson Cllr Louise McLoughlin said she was extremely honoured to propose the motion according to the civic reception and described Padraig's double silver medal win at the world games as a "magnificent achievement" from someone who only started eventing in recent years.

She traced his involvement in equestrian sport since the 1990s and how he originally competed in showjumping and moved to eventing six years ago. She recounted his first class honours degree success in economics, finance and

German and PhD studies and how he turned down the opportunity of an academic career to pursue his passion for horses.

In 2013, she said, he began producing, selling and eventing horses at Warren Farm in Devon in England. He quickly rose through the ranks to a place on the Irish eventing team in 2015 and competed at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

"For someone who is not from a traditional so called 'horsey family' and whose first introduction to horses came at 11 years of age when his sister got her first pony, it just shows what can be achieved when you put your mind to it. Padraig you are a role model to anyone thinking of getting involved with horses," she added.

Fellow councillors Kevin O'Meara and Imelda Goldsboro joined Cllr McLoughlin in congratulating him on his success and wished him success in the future. Cllr Goldsboro said Padraig was the hero of Grangemockler and also their hero and inspiration to others.

Horse Sport Ireland chairman Joe Reynolds said the World Equestrian Games was quite intense and it was an underestimation to say the eventing team were cool under pressure. There could be no better role models than Padraig and the Irish team. "They can now hold their own in any event. They are at the top of their game and they were the first (Irish) team to qualify for Tokyo from any discipline or sport. It's a great achievement."

Irish Eventing Team performance manager Sally Corscadden, who also attended the reception with Horse Sport Ireland CEO Ronan Murphy, said Padraig had been fantastic to work



Padraig McCarthy with his parents Tom and Theresa McCarthy, sister Yvonne Kennedy with her husband Robert Kennedy and their children Ryan and Mia Kennedy, and Cllr Louise McLoughlin at the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District civic reception

with from the moment she became team manager and winning the individual silver medal was the "icing on the cake" of the team's success at the World Equestrian Games.

"His focus and attention to detail in preparation for the World Games was second to none," she said.

She highlighted how Padraig had just completed two days of training in Ireland and two more in the UK, only getting home to his stables at 11pm at night. If a rider was prepared to put in that hard work, she was prepared to

back them and she was looking forward to being with him in Tokyo.

Padraig's uncle Stephen McCarthy said the civic reception was a huge night for the McCarthy family and described Padraig as a person of integrity and praised his lack of ego and ordinariness and how he had followed his dream.

McCarthy family friend Fr Michael Kennedy, who was based in Grangemockler when Padraig was young, said it was a wonderful occasion to welcome back a hero from the locality and paid tribute to

him for the countless hours of hard work he put in to reach the top of his sport.

He knew Padraig since he was 12-years-old and said it was marvellous to watch him working with ponies when he was young. "It was like there was a language between himself and the ponies. It was just incredible," he recalled.

Cllr McLoughlin presented Padraig McCarthy with a framed scroll to mark the civic reception and also a painting of Slievenamon by artist Raymond Osborne.

## Childhood hero

While the 2020 Tokyo Olympics are Padraig McCarthy's big long term target, his main goal this year is to be among the top performers at the prestigious Badminton Horse Trials in England in May.

The Grangemockler man told South Tipp Today he is preparing himself and his eventing horse Mr Chunky for Badminton at the moment. He achieved eight place in last year's Badminton eventing competition. "Hopefully was can go a little bit better this year," he said.

Padraig is based at Warren Farm in Devon in England. He and his wife Lucy, who is also a top eventing rider, produce, train and event horses.

Speaking at the civic reception last Friday night, he said it was a great privilege and very humbling to be accorded this honour and he

was delighted to see so many friends and family at the function.

He said sport had given him great opportunities and even if he had all the money in the world, he would do the same thing. He felt very, very lucky.

He recalled that when he was growing up Carrick-on-Suir cycling legend Sean Kelly was his great sporting inspiration and hero.

"I was quite a cycling enthusiast and I remember him doing the time trial from Carrick-on-Suir to Clonmel. Watching that was very inspirational. I remember him doing the time trial from Carrick-on-Suir to Clonmel. Watching that was very inspirational."

Turning to his preparations for Tokyo, he said he had a very good horse at the moment and the team support structure in the Irish eventing team was very good.

"It's a very exciting time to be involved in the sport. For Team Ireland, it's 40 years since we last won a medal at the World Equestrian Games and it's the first time we won a team medal.

"Hopefully it has broken a barrier for younger riders. We have a great tradition in Ireland as horse people but those medals have eluded us."

The Irish team's success in North Carolina last September had inspired them to dream bigger and try harder, he added.



Mairead Day, Tom McCarthy, Liam Day, Liz Layton, Tim McCarthy and Stephen McCarthy at the civic reception



# Circle of Friends 'a beacon of light in the face of adversity'

**The people of Tipperary Town have taken one enormous stride towards ensuring future generations receive invaluable support when facing one of life's greatest challenges.**

The work of the inspirational Jones family, an incredible group of volunteers and the steadfast backing of the community and far beyond has ensured that families forced to face up to the cruelty of cancer will have somewhere to turn.

The doors of a new €1m state-of-the-art cancer support centre are now open with a welcome for all who need to avail of the comfort, support, counselling, therapy and social outlet that Circle of Friends provide.

The impressive centre, beautifully designed by architect Kenneth Hennessy and built by Marlfield Construction, will enable a dedicated team to provide cancer support services to the people of Tipperary Town, west Tipperary and east Limerick taking in a massive catchment area with a population of 50,000

"It was only a dream," said Pat Jones who was among the people who founded Circle of Friends after his daughter Jennifer was diagnosed with

cancer.

Now Jennifer, Pat and all involved can barely believe that they are planning the official opening of the centre after moving from their home in the Station House, which they occupied for the last five years.

Shortly after Circle of Friends was established, it quickly became obvious that space was going to become an issue given the huge demand for the services being offered.

"We knew the need was there, we just could not expand where we were. We needed to build from the ground up, that was the dream and now thanks to so many wonderful people that dream has come true," said Jennifer.

The Circle of Friends has received unbelievable support from the community and far beyond since it was established and that stepped up considerably when they revealed their ambition to build this project.

Tipperary County Council generously provided a site in Knockanrawley, Leader and National Lottery funding was secured, and there was an incredible response to a Buy a Brick campaign.

Up to 1,200 people purchased a brick dedicating the brick to somebody close to

them. All those names will appear on a memorial wall to be erected within the centre.

"The enormity of what has been achieved is just sinking in. Everybody involved are incredibly proud of what has been done, there were so many people involved and the support was magnificent from the community and within a wide radius of the town," said Tom O'Donoghue.

Given the capacity, the centre has the potential to significantly expand services. An experienced co-ordinator of services, Kay Hogan who is a former director of nursing in St. Johns in Limerick, has been appointed. The building was designed to put the kitchen at the heart of the centre and the two-story building has more than ample rooms to provide services in a private, confidential manner when the need arises as well as providing room for service users to meet and mix. The building has ample reception area, kitchen, administration offices, therapy rooms, counselling rooms and private rooms.

Pat Jones believes that the centre can become an essential cog in a national infrastructure and is now well placed to play a role as a regional hub for training or a network centre for cancer



Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre volunteers Nora O'Gorman, Sharon Finnan and Lelia Considine

support centres.

While in the Station House, Pat said they were very grateful but were held back as there was no room to expand and develop the services.

This building, he said, because they decided to build big to accommodate future growth, would meet the needs of the area for many

years to come and would allow them to develop the services and play a leading role in the region.

Irish Cancer Society's Dorothy Thomas paid tribute to the Circle of Friends and said they had come a long way in such a short space of time. She described the Circle of Friends as a beacon of light in the face of adversity. "It is a

beautiful building and it is the people involved who bring it to life and make the services available for the people who will come here. It was a wonderful achievement and the hard work of so many would ensure that the circle of Friends home would be a place to foster well-being and quality of life where valuable work would be carried out."

## Hedge cutting scam warning

Scam artists are approaching landowners posing as contractors for the County Council and seeking payment for cutting hedges and trees, according to Tipperary County Council's roads department.

"The council wishes to inform the public it has abso-

lutely no involvement with these persons and has not employed their services in any capacity whatsoever as it is up to each individual landowner to cut their trees/hedges."

The council advises any member of the public who comes across these people to

contact the gardai and report the matter immediately.

"If members of the public wish to receive any further clarification, please contact Tipperary County Council at 0761 06 5000 to discuss the matter further," the council statement adds.

## 'Modular unit at Clonmel hospital to be completed by July'

Fine Gael general election candidate Garret Ahearn has confirmed that the new 40-bed modular unit at South Tipperary General Hospital, which was sanctioned by Health Minister Simon

Harris last September to deal with chronic overcrowding, should be complete by July.

The hospital will also be allocated some minor capital funding in 2019 to undertake high priority infrastructure

risk projects.

Eighty jobs are expected to be created in the new unit, including nurses, healthcare assistants, cardio technicians, radiography and support staff.

## 'Use vacant sites for social housing'

A call has been made to develop vacant sites in Clonmel for social and affordable housing.

One area highlighted is the former Chadwicks site on Queen Street that has lain idle for many years.

Fine Gael general election candidate Mary Newman Julian says there is considerable demand for housing in Clonmel, especially from older people, and the vacant sites should be considered for use.

She says that following meetings with council officials, Cllr Michael Murphy and concerned residents, she

wants the council to consider purchasing more sites in Clonmel town centre for social and affordable houses.

"There is an ageing population living on the outskirts of the town and in more rural areas, who have expressed an interest in downsizing their family homes and moving to the town centre where they can be closer to amenities, public transport and healthcare," she tells South Tipp Today.

"The availability of suitable senior accommodation would release more family homes onto the market, thereby helping to alleviate

the shortage of houses for young families in the area."

She says the former Chadwick's site on Queen Street is one of a number of sites which would be suitable for senior accommodation, given its town centre location and proximity to South Tipperary General Hospital as well as the public transport system.

She said funding could come from a Serviced Site Fund of €100m announced in the budget that is to be increased to €310m over three years - money to help local authorities acquire land for social and affordable housing.



Cashel Defence Forces recruit Seán O'Connell returned to Cashel Community School for a visit after becoming a 3 Star Private at Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, recently. Seán also won the award for marksmanship in his platoon. He is pictured with deputy principal John Murray and principal John Gallagher



# Scoil Ruáin Killenaule girls win All-Ireland title

There were scenes of great joy at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght when Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule, beat St. Mary's of Ballina, Co. Mayo, by 39 points to 35 in the All-Ireland Cadets U-16 B Schools Girls Basketball Cup final.

Five busloads of supporters travelled to the match from Killenaule and they certainly made their presence felt, cheering on the team to a long-awaited victory that was achieved after Scoil Ruáin teams had bowed out of four national cup semi-finals in as many years.

After a shaky start, when they fell four points behind, the Killenaule girls took control of the game in the second quarter and held an eight-points lead all the way to the fourth quarter.

The final quarter was nerve-racking but Scoil Ruáin's aggressive defence won the day.

The Most Valuable Player Niamh Hayes, as well as Ava Heffernan and Robyn Horan, all got fouled out for Scoil

Ruáin and St. Mary's were on the free throw line on six occasions.

However, the electric atmosphere and the powerful support provided by the Killenaule's team supporters unnerved the Ballina girls and Scoil Ruáin held out bravely until the end.

While the team was outstanding defensively, Issy Hayden with 14 points, Ava Heffernan and Siobhan O'Hanlon, who scored 8 points each, kept cool heads offensively.

Point guards Jess Strappe and Anna Prendergast ran in important scores when St. Mary's pushed up their defence to full court in the final quarter.

Scoil Ruáin defeated St. Mary's of Midleton 49-44 at UL Arena in the semi-final.

The team won the South East League beating Cashel, Ballingarry and Loreto Clonmel.

In the Midlands semi-final they beat St. Mary's of Naas and lost out by two points to Sacred Heart Tullamore in the final.

In the National School-



Standing: Carlie O'Donohoe, Issy Hayden, Siobhan O'Hanlon, Katie McCormack, Rachel Butler, Clodagh Horan. Front: Jessica Strappe, Niamh Hayes, Emily Ryan, Ava Heffernan, Robyn Horan and Anna Prendergast. Photo: Joe Kenny

girls Cup they defeated Colaiste Mhuire of Ennis, Colaiste Mhuire Crosshaven and Colaiste na Toirbhirte Bandon before getting the better of the Midleton school

in the semi-final.

The 12-player panel includes eight girls from Cloneen/Drangan - Ava Heffernan (captain), Issy Hayden, Rachel Butler, Jess Strappe,

Siobhan O'Hanlon, Robyn Horan, Katie McCormack and Clodagh Horan. There are three girls from Killenaule - Emily Ryan, Niamh Hayes and Anna Prendergast, while

Carlie O'Donohoe is from Ballysloe.

The team trained hard over Christmas with coach Sean O'Regan and assistant coach Rebecca Hayden.

# Remarkable volunteer PJ O'Neill to be honoured by FAI

The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) is to posthumously honour a Carrick United AFC volunteer who was instrumental in introducing and developing schoolboys soccer at his club, it was announced at the official opening of a new €70,000 spectator stand at Tom Drohan Park named in his memory.

FAI chief John Delaney revealed at the opening of the club's new PJ O'Neill memorial stand, that the late Mr O'Neill will be honoured later this year with a John Sherlock Service to Football award.

PJ O'Neill, from O'Mahony Avenue, Carrick-on-Suir, who passed away in 2015, was the man who brought schoolboys football to Carrick United in the 1970s and kept the schoolboys teams at the club going through difficult times.

Carrick United PRO Eamon Russell said PJ was involved in Carrick United in the early days of the club and over the years served as a club officer and team manager and was involved in pitch maintenance and also ticket selling.

His biggest legacy was his work with developing the club's schoolboys soccer teams. This began in the early

1970s when PJ and Donal O'Callaghan formed a schoolboy street league in the town with the intention of putting forward a team for the Waterford Schoolboys League.

PJ's eldest son Edward said the naming of the stand after his dad was a fantastic honour for the family. "We are very humbled by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the club.

"My dad was very much associated with the junior under-age players. His dream was to get a crowd of lads off the streets to play soccer," he said

Mr O'Neill said Carrick United had made an incredible journey from the days when its members had to beg and borrow for places to play to the fabulous playing grounds it has today.

He said the FAI's decision to posthumously award his father a John Sherlock Service to Football award came as a huge surprise to his family.

It was wonderful recognition for the work his dad did with the club. "Sometimes we just see the FAI as the national soccer team but it does a huge amount of work on the ground. To recognise somebody such as my dad shows the FAI are very much in touch with their grassroots," he added.

The official opening of the



Members of the O'Neill family at the unveiling of the PJ O'Neill Memorial Stand at Tom Drohan Park in Carrickbeg

spectator stand was jointly carried out by John Delaney and Adrienne O'Neill McDonald, daughter of the late PJ O'Neill. She was among a large group of relatives of Mr O'Neill who attended the ceremony.

Parish priest Fr Tom Flynn of Carrickbeg and Windgap Parish blessed the new stand, which was com-

pleted a few weeks before the official opening ceremony.

Carrick United chairman PJ Torpey gave a speech and John O'Neill addressed the official opening on behalf of the O'Neill's family. Carrick-on-Suir Cllr Kieran Bourke spoke on behalf of Tipperary County Council. Carrick United committee member Liam Wells was the master of

ceremonies.

Development committee treasurer Richard Friend said it was a proud day for the club. He outlined that the PJ O'Neill memorial stand was paid for from funds the club raised through its weekly lotto. He pointed out that Carrick United is now looking ahead to developing its third playing pitch on land it pur-

chased from Tipperary County Council. The purchase of the 1.97 acres site was finalised just before Christmas. The club is also planning to resurface its all-weather pitch. He welcomed the FAI's €5,000 grant towards the project, which the club received news of shortly before the official opening of the PJ O'Neill stand.



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# Belle Voci choir honoured at Clonmel civic reception

**Belle Voci choir received a Clonmel Borough District civic reception last week for enriching the social and cultural life of the local community and for fundraising for local charities.**

In his address, the Mayor Richie Molloy praised the choir, listing the beneficiaries of the choir's Christmas concert fundraisers, the most recent in aid of The Emma Lacey Trust.

He also complimented the choir for participating in the Advent Choral Festival in Prague in November 2017, along with winning the McCullough-Pigott trophy in the AIMS Choral competition in New Ross that May. For those achievements, great credit was extended to musical director

ector Eamon O'Malley.

Chairperson of Belle Voci Mary Hunter expressed her gratitude to the Mayor for according this honour on the choir. She thanked Tipperary County Council for the funding support from the arts office for performance events which included singing at Carrick-on-Suir Library Library for 2018 Culture Night.

Mary also thanked Fr Paddy Pierce and Fr PJ Fegan of St Joseph's Church, Ferryhouse, for allowing the use of the church for rehearsals and as a venue for their Christmas concert. The choir sings at mass there once a month.

Manager of South Tipperary Arts Centre Cliona Maher was thanked for giving the choir an opportunity to participate in workshops and performances during last year's Finding a Voice event.



Belle Voci's Sue Esplan, Carol Delany, Rita Power, Mary Hunter, Brigid O'Connor and musical director Eamon O'Malley with Mayor Richie Molloy and Cllr Andy Moloney at the civic reception in Clonmel Town Hall

Mary outlined the therapeutic benefits of singing in a choir - "the camaraderie and

the time spent singing is a welcome distraction from life's concerns".

The reception concluded

with choir performances of The Parting Glass and Siyahamba.

The choir are looking for-

ward to the Limerick Choral Competition on March 2 and their summer concert on May 17.

# Stellar line-up announced for All Shook Up musical

**Auditions were held last Sunday in The White Memorial Theatre for St. Mary's Choral Society's upcoming production of All Shook Up.**

With 37 members auditioning, director Des Henn, musical director Laura Cotter and choreographer Barbara Meany had the difficult job of picking the cast to front line the musical

comedy.

All Shook Up is a 2004 American jukebox musical with music by Elvis Presley and a book by Joe DiPietro. The story is based on William Shakespeare's 1602 play Twelfth Night.

Emmet Donlan will play Chad, a hip-swiveling, guitar-playing roustabout. Clonmel native Emma Sunderland is taking over the job of the society's leading lady this year by playing the part of Natalie,

a young mechanic who is dreaming of love and adventure. Joe Sheehan returns to the stage playing the part of Denis, an awkward yet lovable geek.

Natalie's widowed father Jim will be played by society chairperson Diarmuid Vaughan, while Michelle Smith takes on the role of Sylvia, the owner of The Honky Donk and mother to Lorraine who will be played by Sadhbh Treacy.

The sexy and sassy Miss Sandra will be brought to the stage by Fethard native Sinead O'Donovan. Olwyn Grogan is in charge in All Shook Up by portraying Mayor Matilda, a strong, domineering and unreasonable woman. Her son Dean, a good looking military school student, will be acted out by Luke Condon and her loyal yet speechless sidekick Sheriff Earl will be played by Clonmel favourite George Barry.



All shook Up director Des Henn

All Shook Up will run from April 6-13 in The White Memorial Theatre. Ticket information will be announced in the coming weeks on the society's Facebook page and also on TipperaryLive.ie.

Chorus rehearsals are already underway, but anyone that is interested in joining the society for this production are invited to come along to rehearsals on Wednesday in The White Memorial Theatre at 8pm.

**Tickets from Tipperary Musical Society's production of Jesus Christ Superstar, which runs at Tipperary Excel from February 18-23, are on sale now.**

Call Tipperary Excel at 062-80520. Tickets for Monday night cost €15 (stalls) and €10 (balcony), while Tuesday to Saturday tickets are €20 (stalls) and €15 (balcony). Discounted balcony tickets available for groups of four or more.

The cast includes Thomas Grogan (Jesus), Emmet Donlan (Judas), Deirdre Ryan (Mary Magdalene), Aidan O'Connell (Pilate), Martin Cosgrave (Herod), Jack Sharpe (Peter), Alan Kennedy (Simon), Derek Ryan (Caiaphas), James O'Donovan (Annas), and Liam Hunter and David Hughes (High Priests). the director is Bill Stafford, musical director and chorus mistress is Helen Colbert, and choreographer is Miriam Ball.

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# More funding needed for Clonmel Arts Festival 'to put town on the map'

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The ambition of Clonmel Arts Festival is "to put the town on the map", festival board member Comdt JJ Killian told councillors at Clonmel Borough District's January meeting.

Recognised by the Arts Council as "one of the eight strategic arts festivals in the country", the newly rebranded Clonmel Arts Festival - formerly the Clonmel Junction Arts Festival - aims to stage a annual high quality multi-disciplinary festival showcasing local, national and international artists.

Clonmel Arts Festival, represented by board members Comdt JJ Killian (strategy and governance) and David Kirwan (chairperson) - were afforded the opportunity to document the history of the festival to the council chamber, recollecting the 1990s when the Gallowglass Theatre Company provided theatre, comedy events and traditional music.

Comdt Killian said the future direction of Clonmel Arts Festival will involve the local community in a diversity of artistic events, reflecting the local environment and including local organisations in collaborative programmes. It aims to promote the arts through awareness, education, entertainment and collaboration. "The Clonmel Arts Festival is intrinsic to the town. The arts are appreciated, developed and encouraged here," Comdt Killian told the meeting.

Clonmel Arts Festival has put together a strong, cohesive board of directors that have a significant range of expertise and experience, putting the necessary measures in place to make the festival's mission a reality. "We have experienced some terrific events, great comedy, music and some international events that we wouldn't normally see in Clonmel thanks to the Arts Festival. Nothing stays the same forever and in the last two or three years there has been a strong feeling among the board members that it's time for change. A lot of change has happened the last couple of months," Comdt Killian continued.

The board of directors - which also includes Bess Hughes (welfare officer), Cecily Purcell (finance and development), Fiona Grassick (finance and devel-

opment), Deirdre Grogan (honorary secretary) Ricky Fitzgerald (sponsorships), Patricia Matthews (honorary treasurer) and Prof Bill O'Gorman (finance and development) - want to make the festival synonymous with artistic development, assisting as an agency in developing an inclusive environment in Clonmel. A newly-appointed artistic director will be confirmed this week, who will take up the position in a full-time capacity.

"The role of festival director is now full-time because we don't want the Clonmel Arts Festival to be one week a year and then we all forget about it. We have plans for a big spring event in March, a big autumn event and a chain of smaller artistic events throughout the year. We are tired of people saying 'there's always something on in Kilkenny'. We want them saying 'there's always something on in Clonmel!'"

Clonmel Arts Festival's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 has been accepted by the Arts Council, with a comprehensive operations plan in place for this year's festival. A new constitution and articles of association are in place, with robust governance mechanisms created to comply with all current legislation. The festival's new offices are based at Place4U.

"We have developed our relationship with the Arts Council and feel that we are in a different place now. We have evolved a lot, but we also think that we need to evolve further and be a stronger festival. We are one of the eight strategic festivals in Ireland as classified by the Arts Council, so we are in the premiership. If we drop out and down to the first division, it has massive implications for funding," Comdt Killian explained.

Comdt Killian said Clonmel Arts Festival has benefited the town in many ways and can continue to do so. The 2018 festival contributed at least €550,000 to the local economy. 320 bed-nights were taken up during the festival period, with thousands of people from all over the world visiting the festival website and related local websites. Both national and secondary schools in the area benefited from artistic projects, along with Clonmel audiences being exposed to top national and international artists and events. Clonmel and its environs received a morale booster and retained a feel-good factor, with the festival and local community receiving significant media exposure on a



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national basis. Comdt Killian underlined that the festival effort also enabled various bodies and entities in the area to engage in partnerships.

Comdt Killian said that through a combination of funding from the Arts Council, Tipperary County Council and sponsors, public support for the festival will naturally grow. The festival aims to be ambitious in attracting big international artists and events, continuously increasing the community's appreciation of all aspects of the arts. Theatre, music, visual art, community events around the town, spoken word by poets, participation and literature are among the options currently being considered for the 2019 festival programme.

## 'FUNDING A BIG ISSUE'

Clonmel Arts Festival received €90,000 in Arts Council Strategic Funding in 2018 and has been approved for the same amount this year. Comdt Killian highlighted that an increase in the festival's budget would allow for the staging of events throughout the year, building artist awareness and enhancing the reputation of Clonmel. He compared Clonmel Arts Festival's funding allocation to other festivals such as Carlow Arts Festival (€139,000), Galway Arts Festival (€537,000), Kilkenny Arts Festival (€400,000) and Wexford Opera Festival (€1,450,000).

"Our ambitions are very much tied up with the support Tipperary County Council can give us. We really

do appreciate the support we have gotten from the local authority in the past and it means so much to us.

"Funding and the arts are intrinsically entwined. The arts - promotion and staging - costs money, and we are looking for a significant sum of money from Tipperary County Council to fund the arts because it's expensive. We are a little disappointed that we received the same amount again this year because we thought we would do better. €90,000 is an awful lot of money and you could say that we can't compare ourselves to Galway or Wexford, but we can compare ourselves to Carlow who get more. There's sort of a chicken and egg situation here. We will only put pressure on the Arts Council to

give us extra money if we are producing a better show every year and we need Tipperary County Council's help in doing that.

"We have a very sound plan and know where we are going. Our ambition is for the Clonmel Arts Festival to rank with any festival.

"We are looking for up to ten sponsors who will commit for three to five years and that will allow us to plan strategically. We would also like to build a treasure chest for ourselves so if something big comes along we can go and get it, bringing something really unusual to Clonmel.

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**TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
I, Kylie Woodham, intend to apply to the above authority for retention permission to retain indefinitely the as-constructed extension to my agricultural building used to house chickens and the existing container for commercial use (packing shed) and permission for change of use from domestic store to commercial use as food preparation kitchen at Moyglass, Fethard, 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**  
Significant Further Information: Under Planning Reference Number 18/601399, We Richard Ryan and Lisa Finnegan intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to construct a new dwelling, entrance, waste water treatment system - and all associated site development works at Coolacussane, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary. Significant further information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Authority during its public opening hours. The significant further information includes for a change of application site boundaries. A submission or observation in relation to the further information may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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### TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL Significant Further Information:

Under Planning Reference Number 18601255, We Brendan and Ruth O'Connor intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission for a dwelling, entrance, waste water treatment system and all associated site development works at Farranavarra, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

Significant further information in relation to the application has been furnished to the planning authority and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Authority during its public opening hours.

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### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE CIVIC MEMORIAL POLICY FOR TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

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It is important for Tipperary County Council to establish a policy on this matter due to:

- The need to have clarity regarding the policy and procedures for the consideration of proposals from individuals and interest groups
- The increased level of demand for the naming of infrastructure and the erection of plaques, memorials and monuments
- The emotive nature of requests where people are deceased
- The need to ensure that a proliferation of memorials and plaques do not detract from the wider amenity and enjoyment of public spaces.

Civic memorials represent a significant civic acknowledgement of a subject. It is, therefore, necessary that clear criteria are used to evaluate any proposal. A monument is a lasting tribute to a person, group or event. Therefore Tipperary County Council needs to be confident that the subject of such a memorial is of sufficient importance that the decision to approve a monument will stand the test of time.

We would like to invite members of the public and interested groups to give their views on the Civic Memorial Policy for Tipperary County Council. The policy can be accessed at [www.tipperarycoco.ie](http://www.tipperarycoco.ie). Copies are available at all Tipperary County Council offices and public libraries.

Submissions should be marked 'Civic Memorial Policy' and should be sent by Email to [libraries@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:libraries@tipperarycoco.ie) or post to Tipperary County Council Library Service, Castle Avenue, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### COFFEY

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Patsy

Castlegrace, Clogheen.

Patsy's wife Patricia, Gary, Kenneth, Emma, grandchildren Pa, Norah, Oran and Cora, partners and our extended family would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us on the very sad passing of Patsy.

Sincere thank you to the Emergency Services to attended to Patsy.

To Dr. O'Reilly and Fr. Bobby Power for their help and prayers.

A special thank you to Patsy's good friend Fr. Jim Denmead for a lovely ceremony Mass. For the great support given to the family since Patsy's passing. To Fr. Bobby Power and Fr. Butler who assisted at the Funeral Mass.

Thank you to Johnny Corbett Undertaker for all his great assistance and help. A great friend of Patsy's.

To all our good friends and neighbours, to all that travelled long distances to be with us.

For those that helped in our home and those that brought endless supplies of food.

To the people that helped with traffic on the road.

To the Choir, Guard of Honour, grave diggers and Duhill Community Hall.

For flowers, Mass cards, letters of sympathy, phone calls - Thank you.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a sincere thank you to all. The Holy Sacrament of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Patsy's Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Duhill, on Sunday February 17th at 9am.

"And seven Spanish Angels,  
took another Angel home."

## 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.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### GALLAGHER

(Acknowledgement)



Cathal Gallagher

Vallymount, Blessington  
& formerly of Beechpark, Cahir,  
Co. Tipperary.

The family of the late Cathal would sincerely like to thank all those who travelled to Blessington for Cathal's removal, burial and Months Mind; those who sent sympathies and Mass cards. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated.

May Cathal Rest in Peace.

## THANKSGIVINGS

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours I ask you this very special one (Mention Favour)

Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it where your Holy Father sees it and then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour and not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer for 3 days promise publication, never known to fail. GB

### NOVENA TO ST JUDE

Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore, you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolation and help of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly, (here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever, I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us.

St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us.

Say prayer 8 times a day for nine days. Never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. CM

### THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### KENNEDY

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Margaret (Peggy) Kennedy

O'Rahilly Avenue  
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Co. Tipperary

On Peggy's First Anniversary her husband Paddy, daughter Lorraine (O'Kelly) and sons James and Robert and all their families would like to acknowledge the expressions of sympathy and kindness we received from relatives, friends and neighbours.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who called, attended the funeral, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and travelled long distances to be with us.

To the Homecare Team of South Tipperary Hospice especially Aishling, Mags and Nora who were a tremendous support and to whom we will be eternally grateful. Thank you.

To the staff of Western Road Medical Centre especially Dr. Breen and Dr. Bernie Rouse and to the staff of South Tipperary General Hospital including Dr. Horgan and to the staff at UPMC Whitfield Clinic and to everyone who helped Peggy during her illness we are extremely grateful.

Thanks to Fr. Ahearn for his support, help and guidance and for a lovely funeral Mass.

Thanks also to Sean O'Donoghue Funeral Directors for their professionalism, patience and understanding.

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

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Anniversary Mass will be held in Powerstown Church on Saturday 9th February at 6.15pm



## 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.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### MACKEY

(Acknowledgement)



Tommy Mackey

Late of Mylerstown,  
Powerstown

The family of Tommy who passed away on December 14th wish to thank all those who sympathised and paid their respects at the removal and funeral.

Thank you to Fr. Ahearn, Dr. Gerry O'Sullivan, the doctors, nurses and staff of STGH and the Palliative care team. Also thanks to Powerstown Church Choir.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### MCNAMARA

(Acknowledgement)



Geoffrey McNamara

56 Honeyview Estate,  
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16th December 2018

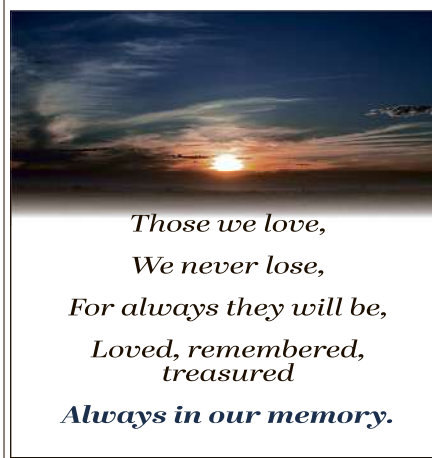
The family of the late Geoffrey wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad bereavement. Our thanks to all those who attended the removal, funeral Mass and burial and to all those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Hegarty for celebrating the funeral Mass and to Fr. Bobby Power who con-celebrated. Thanks to Sean Condon Undertakers and to Elaine.

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

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

Months Mind Mass took place on 15th January.



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Just open your  
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Close your eyes,  
and feel the warm  
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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.







# FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### MURPHY

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Bernie (Mary Bernadette) Murphy

Barnora, Cahir & Carrick-On-Suir.

Left us too soon on February 2nd 2018

Bernie's family, particularly her mother Siobhan, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

We are extremely grateful to those who attended the removal and requiem Mass, those who called to the house, travelled long distance, telephoned, sent messages, sent Mass cards and those who donated to Irish Cancer Society.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Michael Hegarty for all his help and kindness during Bernie's illness and her passing. Thank you to Walshs Funeral Directors, Carrick-on-Suir for their professionalism and excellent services throughout.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone, we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation.

Bernie's Anniversary Mass will take place on Friday, 1st of February in the Day Chapel of St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel at 7.30pm

"Angels above, watch over us with love."

## IN MEMORIAM

### CARROLL

(5th Anniversary)



5th Anniversary on 29th January.

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

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

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

Also remembering my brother Mossy Dwan whose anniversary also occurs at this time.

Missed by your sister Ann.

Mass offered.

## IN MEMORIAM

### CONRAN

(15th & 6th Anniversaries)



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

Our Parents

Our Parents lived among us, gifts from God above. They showered us with kindness and shared with us their love. They cherished every moment, with the family that was their life, walking hand and hand with us, facing life with all it's strife.

They've gone to live with Jesus, but they're here with us today, smiling down upon us, telling us we're ok.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten

- From all their family.

Mass offered.

### DENN

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Séamus RIP, late of St. Patrick's Tce., Clonmel, a dear husband, Dad and Grandad, who died on 31st January 2016.

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

Lovingly remembered by your wife and family.

Mass offered.

## IN MEMORIAM

### HAYNES

(10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear husband Bartley Haynes, late of 168 Elm Park, Clonmel, whose 10th anniversary occurs on 29th January RIP.

We shared so much happiness, in times of yesterday, and to say how much I miss you, I could never find a way.

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

I know we'll meet again, in another life elsewhere, and those very special times, we once again will share.

Loved and missed always - Mary xx

Anniversary Mass in St. Oliver's Church at 10am on 30th January.

### HAYNES

(10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my wonderful Grandfather Bartley Haynes whose 10th anniversary occurs on January 29th RIP.

Though your smile is gone forever and your hand I cannot touch, I still have so many memories of the one I loved so much. Your memory is now my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart.

Sadly missed and loved by Olivia and Liam xx

## IN MEMORIAM

### KELLEHER

(13th Anniversary)



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

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

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

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

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

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

Anniversary Mass in the Friary Church on Saturday 2nd February at 7pm.

### LAMBE

(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Richie Lambe, late of Glenegad Road, Clonmel whose 2nd anniversary occurs on 30th January. Also remembering his wife Joanie and son Johnny at this time.

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

Always remembered by their sons Jimmy, Liamie and Sam, daughter-in-law Maureen and families.

Mass offered

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## IN MEMORIAM

### MADIGAN

(15th & 27th Anniversaries)



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

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

May your gentle souls rest in peace.

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

### MAHER

(13th Anniversary)



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

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

Love as always - Angie

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3rd February at 12 noon in St. Oliver's Church, Clonmel.

### MCGRATH

(4th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Jimmy, late of 29 O'Neill Street, Clonmel who died on January 25th 2015.

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

Sadly missed by your family.

Mass in St Mary's Irishtown on Saturday 2nd February at 6.15pm.

## IN MEMORIAM

### O'BRIEN

(10th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our beloved son and brother John, late of Farnagark, Ardfinnan Road, Cahir, who died on 10th February, 2009.

John, your needs in life were simple, your love for us was true. As long as we were happy, you were happy too. You gave us all you had to give, gifts both big and small, but most of all you gave us love, the greatest gift of all. Now it is your anniversary, you wouldn't want a fuss, just to be remembered and loved by all of us.

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

Love and miss you always R.I.P - your heartbroken parents Maureen and Liam, Hugh, Michelle and family, Norman, Helen and family, Caroline, John and family, Rose, Liam and family.

### O'DWYER

(26th Anniversary)



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

Along the road to suffering, you found a little lane, that took you up to Heaven and ended all your pain. You may be out of sight Dad, we may be world's apart, but you will always be our Dad and always in our hearts.

Miss you so much.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

### WALSH

(3rd Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a loving son and brother Kieran Walsh, Kilnockin, Fethard, whose third Anniversary occurs on 12th February.

Kieran, to us you were someone special, someone set apart. Happy memories we keep forever of day when we were all together. They bring a smile, often a tear and always a wish that you were still here.

Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today. No matter how life changes, no matter what we do. A special place within our hearts is always kept for you Kieran.

Loved and missed every day by your heartbroken parents Owen and Maureen, brothers Eugene, Donal, Patrick and Michael.

Kieran's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Fethard, on Saturday 9th February at 7pm.



## 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.*

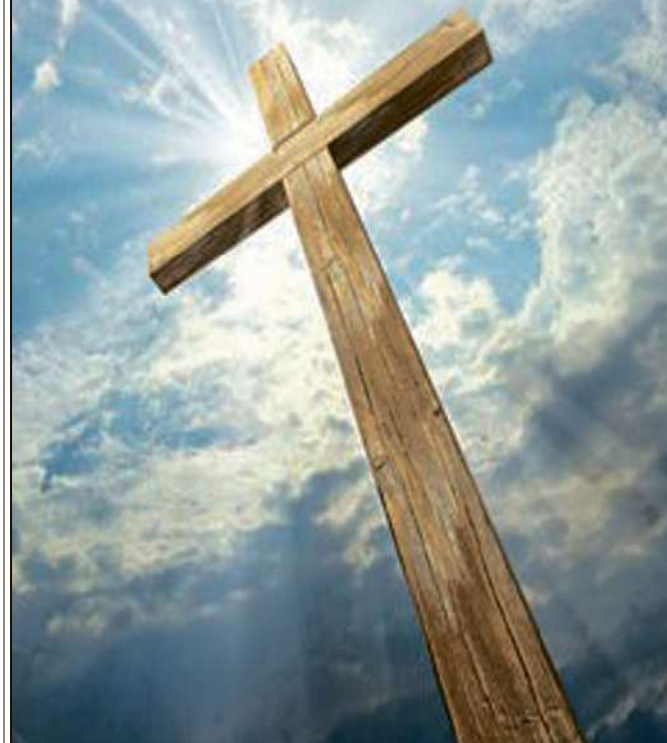
*As the angels protect them  
and sing their sweet name*

*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.*

# 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!*

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

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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



# Rockwell cruise in opening Munster Senior Rugby Cup clash

Rockwell College opened their Munster Senior Rugby Cup campaign with a comprehensive 36-5 victory over St. Munchin's (Limerick) at Musgrave Park.

Rockwell loose head Tom Dowling showed great power and pace to go over for their first try just five minutes into the game. This resulted from a great break by centre Sam Tarleton who cleverly offloaded to Harry Tobin, showing superb hand speed to send Tom in. John O'Sullivan failed to add the extras.

Shortly after, St. Munchin's were awarded a penalty just outside the Rockwell 22 but failed to convert.

St Munchin's fell further behind in the 15th minute when Rockwell hooker James O'Meara finished a beautiful backline move to dive over for Rockwell's second try just to the left of the posts. This time John O'Sullivan added the extras to leave Rockwell 12-0 ahead.

Eight minutes later St. Munchin's were unfortunate to lose their winger Conor O'Shaughnessy to a serious injury, which held up the game for ten minutes.

Rockwell winger Jack Hunt showed an excellent turn of pace to go over in the right corner for Rockwell's third unconverted try. This

came about as a result of very good line speed involving Alan Flannery, Eddie Daly and Cian Mullane.

Despite the setback, St Munchin's continued to try and claw their way back into the game, with centre Jamie Ryan and number eight Liam Neilan looking dangerous with ball in hand.

But the Rockwell defence held resolute and stemmed the St. Munchin's flow. On the stroke of half time Rockwell were presented with a penalty, but John O'Sullivan pushed the kick just to the left of the posts.

Whatever chance St. Munchin's had of coming back into the game evaporated less than two minutes into the second half when Rockwell turned over the ball from their own kick off. The ball was delivered to Cian Mullane on the 22 and he made a great incision through the centre, only to be held up five metres out. He neatly offloaded to the intruding Sam Tarleton who put the ball down for Rockwell's fourth try, with John O'Sullivan adding the extras.

Any time St. Munchin's launched an attack they were unfortunate to knock on or they found it difficult to break the resolute Rockwell defence of Alan Flannery, John O'Sullivan, Sean Cotter and Jack Hunt, ably mar-

shalled by Eddie Daly.

Rockwell added their fifth try just under the hour mark from captain and flanker Harry Tobin. He picked from the back of a ruck and went blind to touch down. At this stage the Rockwell bench was emptied and St. Munchin's persistence was finally rewarded on just under 70 minutes when they won their own line out, which followed a penalty inside the Rockwell 22. Hooker Keith Hyland went in to touch down from close range.

With less than five minutes remaining the Rockwell backline moved the ball fluently out to Sean Cotter who showed a neat turn of foot to beat three defenders on the wing and score Rockwell's sixth try. Eddie Daly duly converted to leave the final score 36-5.

Besides those mentioned, Rockwell hooker James O'Meara made great incisions with his carry on many occasions. Robert Browne made several tackles all over the pitch, Steven Grogan at number eight powered



Rockwell's John O'Sullivan clearing the ball from the base of the scrum

through the St. Munchin's pack on numerous occasions. Captain Harry Tobin presented a beautiful offload between two Munchin's defenders to Tom Dowling to allow him to score, while flanker Joe Dwan worked tirelessly throughout. The front row controlled the set pieces throughout with Tom Dowling and Killian Lane

totally dominant. Robert Browne and Kevin Grogan dominated the line outs and were excellent in defence.

The team return to action on February 13 at Independent Park.

Rockwell: Cian Mullane, Jack Hunt, Sam Tarleton, Alan Flannery, Sean Cotter, Eddie Daly, John O'Sullivan, Tom Dowling, James

O'Meara, Killian Lane, Robert Browne, Kevin Grogan, Joe Dwan, Harry Tobin, Stephen Grogan. Subs used: Peter Wall, Cathal Ryan, Dylan Foley, Dara Murphy, Luke Fogarty, Richard Anglim, Brian Flavin, Adam Maher, Josh O'Dwyer, Dylan Farrelly. Coaches: Kevin Leamy, Denis Leamy, Eamonn Connelly, Pat

## Tipp hurling captain Seamus Callanan visits Lisronagh NS



There was great excitement recently at Lisronagh National School when Tipperary senior hurling captain Seamus Callanan paid a flying visit



George Mordaunt, Elaine Graves and Jill Shanahan cheering on Rockwell College in the Munster Senior Rugby Cup at Musgrave Park

# Energy Health Screening Open Day at Clonmel Park Hotel

After hugely successful open days, medical herbalist Patrick Murphy will be hosting his energy health screening open day of the year at the Clonmel Park Hotel on Saturday, February 16, from 8am to 7pm using the Supertronic health screening device.

A energy health screening session with the Supertronic device - which is used throughout Europe in many doctors' and herbalists' practices - would usually cost €180, but at Patrick's

open day those in attendance can receive a one-on-one full energy health screening for only €50.

### What it involves

"The full energy health screening with the Supertronic involves a probe which tests the acupuncture and meridian points in the fingers of both hands. This test is non-invasive and the client feels absolutely nothing. The test takes on average 30 minutes and is available for everyone except children under the age of eight," he

tells South Tipp Today.

### Results

"The results may then reveal if there are any energy imbalances in the digestive system, cardiovascular system, the immune system or neurological system. The screening may help to detect and treat illnesses such as allergies, organ weakness, food intolerances and nutritional deficiencies. The test may also show energy imbalances the heart, lungs, digestive system, kidneys, and bowels.

The results from the screening may pinpoint where the imbalances lie and are interpreted by various scores. If I find any imbalances, I will advise the client to visit their GP for further examination".

### Contact details

Due to the huge success of the previous open days, appointments must be made in advance by calling 093-27033.

Mr Murphy trained under the tutelage of Professor Joaquin Fernandez Alcaraz and

is fully accredited in carrying out this popular energy health screening alternative medicine method.

He has been recently appointed to the board of experts by the Czech nutraceutical company Energy. Mr Murphy has cooperated with the energy company for a number of years.

Mr Murphy holds a number of qualifications in herbal medicine, botany, ethnobotany and Supertronic energy health screening.



Medical herbalist Patrick Murphy



## CAHIR CORNER

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LOCALS ENJOYING THE CAHIR GARDA DISTRICT ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY. Left: Gerry O'Looney and Donal Moloney. Middle: Tommy and Josephine Mason from Goatenbridge. Right: Friends Chi Chi Caplice and Chris Duggan. Below: Cahir ladies Joan Duggan with her grand-daughter Tanya Duggan were all smiles at the party

### Benefit night

A benefit night featuring The Rebel Hearts in aid of Stephen Ryan's Bucket List takes place at Cahir House Hotel on February 23 at 9pm. Tickets are €15. Cahir Tidy Towns

The Group were delighted to receive their new High Vis and Hats sponsored by Flannery signs and Morris Oil. On Saturday morning last Kristina from Flannery print and Pat O Dwyer representing Morris Oil presented the group with the kit. The rain came at the wrong time at the weekend and the planned Cahir to New Inn litter pick had to be cancelled at the last minute. A new date will be set and the route will be completed.

Meanwhile Liam Butler was on his duties on the bypass where he collected a staggering 20 bags of litter. This is a monthly task and every month it's just as bad.

The new woodland Walk is coming together now and the path will now be rolled and a finish layer completed. Many biodiversity plants have been planted along this new walk and it will be summer time before we see their full potential and they will mature over the years. The plan also incorporates 100 trees some of which are 5 metres tall. As the woodland has a lot of holly trees that never bear berries there will be a share of male species planted also to try to help the existing trees bear fruit next season.

We are asking anyone that are putting fairy doors in the wood to please put them on this new path onto dead tree stumps and not screwed or nailed into the trees. We will be putting timbers in the Ground for this purpose and they can be nailed onto these.

It is hoped to launch this new woodland path around Easter.

### Garda Annual Seniors Party

There was a fantastic at-

mosphere and a great crowd at Cahir Garda Districts Senior Citizens Party last Friday night in Cahir House Hotel. This year was the 19th year that the special event has taken place and as usual the initiative of members of Cahir Garda District, Bill Coffey, Pascal O'Dwyer with support from members of 7th Tipp Scouts Group, Cahir River Search & Rescue, Cahir Fire Service, Civil Defence, Coláiste Transition Year students, and entertainment by Cahir Men's Shed, McGrath School of Dancing, Cahir Comhaltas, The Sheehans, the by now famous Inspector Eddie Golden the night and others too an evening to remember was had by all who attended.

Everyone was treated to a seemingly endless supply of tasty sandwiches, finger food and pastries and the tea and coffee flowed freely. There were so many spot prizes that nearly everyone went home with something and there beautiful hampers were given to those in special categories. The dancing continued right up until the very end with a conga line and the Siege of Ennis finishing proceedings and wearing everyone out! It makes for a perfect evening that transportation to and from the event was also organised by anyone that needed it and all were delivered safely home. It must be said that this event is a highlight on many senior citizens calendar and praise must be given to the kind members of Cahir Garda District, Bill Coffey and Pascal O'Dwyer and any not mentioned for their dedication to this wonderful event.

### Painting workshop on Saturday

Artist Deidre Dunne's ever popular painting workshop will once again take place on this Saturday February 2nd, 2019. Times are from 10am to 1pm.

This is a Step-by-step painting workshop. Cost is



€30 and includes all materials. Take part on the day and bring home a painting. Tea/coffee will be served and booking is essential. Now is your chance to start painting. Phone Deirdre on 0857844305 or see [www.deidredunne.weebly.com](http://www.deidredunne.weebly.com)

### Cahir Library

The Library is now open after the Christmas Break. Apologies are given for the delay and any inconvenience caused. Do feel free to come in and have a browse around the fantastic selection of books and why not bring the children for a look too. Watch this space for any upcoming events and updates.

Opening Hours are Monday: 1 pm to 5 pm, Tuesday: 10 am to 1 pm & 2 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 1 pm to 5 pm, Friday: 10 am to 1 pm & 2 pm to 4 pm and Saturday: 10 am to 1 pm. Phone number is (052) 7442075 and email is [cahirlibrary@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:cahirlibrary@tipperarycoco.ie) All welcome.

### Beauty and the Beast tickets

Cahir Pantomime Society is almost ready to show us the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. It is taking place on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of February 2019. The Night Shows are at 8pm and Matinees are at 2:30pm. Thursday Nights performance is in aid of Cahir Mens Shed. There is a special performance from Cahir Boys National School on the night! Prices on the night are €8 for an adult and Children are €5.

On Friday Night all tickets are €10, Saturday Night Show all Tickets are €10, the Matinee is €8 for an adult and Children are €5 and on Sunday the Matinee is €8 for an adult and Children are €5. Tickets are now available in The Heritage, Cahir.

### Cahir Active Retirement

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 6th February in the Parish Rooms at 2.30 pm. Membership fee is due on the day. Because of increasing numbers, we will give priority to current members. Our Annual Lunch is in Cahir House Hotel on next Wednesday 13th February at 2.30 pm with music and en-

tertainment. Dancing and Bowling is back this week and we will bring more details for further classes and activities in the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you all.

Results of card game held on last Friday 25th January was as follows; 1st with 10 Games Leisha Shine, Teresa Prendergast, Agnes Hyland, Peg Reidy, Bob Condon and Paddy Holleran. 2nd with 11 Games were Bob Condon and Paddy Holleran. The next Game is on this Friday 1st February. All welcome.

### Meet and Train

Operation Transformation Cahir and Cahir Meet and Train Group move into their 4th week of the current Couch to 5km. This is an important week as the programme steps up to a 20 minute jog on this Saturday. We continue to meet at 7.30pm sharp on Tuesday and Thursday and at 9.30am on Saturday.

We continue to have groups for all levels of fitness and we will have the final National 5km on Saturday 23rd February at 11am.

### Community Lotto

There was no winner of the draw on January 23. The numbers drawn were 1, 10, 26 and 28. The 4 lucky dips winners each receiving €25 were Laura Butler, Peter Fahey, Eileen O'Neill and John Whyte.

### Croí na Gaeilge

Croí na Gaeilge is holding a Leaving Certificate 2019 Honours Irish Oral/Written 2 - day Exam Preparation Course on Sunday February 17th and Sunday March 10th given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher/exam corrector covering Sraithpic-tiúir, Gaeltacht phrases, poetry, prose, essays, comprehension and grammar. Call 085 1426903 after 6 pm only please.

St. Blaise's Day Blessing of

Throats will take place on this Sunday 3rd February after 8am, 10am & 11:30am Masses.

Notice: Free conversational English Classes for immigrants takes place every Tuesday in St. Mary's Parish Room. Time 7:30pm.

### 20-year school amalgamation wait is nearly over

Independent TD Mattie McGrath has said that the long-awaited amalgamation of Our Lady of Mercy Primary School and Cahir Boys National School is now at an advanced stage. Deputy McGrath was speaking after the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, confirmed to him the building project when complete will deliver a new 16 classroom primary school with a special needs unit:

"These Schools have been waiting almost two decades for the completion of this project. It is staggering to realise that have seen 10 Ministers for Education come and go in that time. That is extraordinary and profoundly unjust. The Minister has now confirmed to me however that the project is currently at Stage 2b of the architectural planning process - detailed design stage. The statutory consents including planning permission, disability access certificate and fire safety certificate have also all been granted.

The process of Pre-Qualification of contractors for the project in question is now actively underway. This should only take 6-8 weeks. This will end in the compilation of a shortlist of suitable candidates, after which the project will then be progressed to tender stage which normally takes between 7 and 8 months to complete. This timeline must be escalated to the greatest extent possible, because as I say, the schools have demonstrated the patience of Job in their two decade long wait," concluded Deputy McGrath.



## CAHIR CORNER

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### First Dáil Éireann re-enactment

So many attended the Cahir Social & Historical Society's re-enactment of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann in the Great Hall of Cahir Castle last Sunday that there had to be a repeat performance for those who arrived after the venue had filled to capacity! The event began with two mini-lectures. Opening, the local historian, Liam Roche, gave a succinct and highly informative overview of the Rise of Sinn Féin and the Irish Volunteers in the Cahir Area after 1916. Liam was followed by Annette Condon who spoke about the remarkable life of her grand-aunt, Marian Tobin, the first female County Councillor elected in Tipperary and the provider of refuge at Tincurry House for a number of those involved in the Solohead Ambush. Just before the re-enactment commenced, PJ O'Meara spoke about the significance of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann.

Representatives of Cahir Comhaltas played the 1916 ballad, "The Foggy Dew", as an introduction to the re-enactment which featured a cast of actors, in costume, delivering extracts based on the actual transcripts of this Debate. Great plaudits are due to Michaela Keating (Alice Butler / Dáil Clerk), Arthur O'Donnell (Count Plunkett T.D.), Kevin Farrell (Éamonn Duggan T.D.), Paul Kelly (Cathal Brugha T.D.), Paddy Walsh (Fr. Michael O'Flanagan) and David Slattery (Thomas Kelly T.D.) for the energy, commitment and skill they brought to this event. The period music played by Michael Harty, Eoin Fahy and Paddy Fitzgerald really added so much to the audience's enjoyment also. The audience played their part too through contributing to the Roll Call and reciting the Pledge to the Declaration of Independence



### Re-enactment of first-ever Dáil Éireann of 1919 at Cahir in 2019

Actors Paul Kelly (Cathal Brugha), Arthur O'Donnell (Count Plunkett), Michaela Keating (Alice Butler), Paddy Walsh (Fr. Michael O'Flanagan), Kevin Farrell (Deputy Eamon Duggan TD) and David Slattery (Deputy Thomas Kelly)

in both Irish and English, at the prompting of Count Plunkett. The event came to a suitably emotional close with Michaela Keating's beautiful rendition of "A Nation Once Again", accompanied by Cahir Comhaltas.

Thanks are due to the Office of Public Works for facilitating the use of the Great Hall. The Society is also deeply appreciative of the support given to this event by the Tipperary Commemorative Programme which is co-funded by Tipperary County Council and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

#### Cahir Park AFC

**Munster Youth's Cup Round 16**  
**Aishling Annacotty FC 1,**  
**Cahir Park AFC 4**

The Youths travelled to

Limerick District League table toppers Aisling Annacotty on Sunday afternoon in the last 16 of the Munster Youths Challenge Cup.

The game started at a frenetic pace with both teams trying to assert themselves. On 14 minutes a fierce shot from Tommy Canty saw Adam Gallagher parry the effort into the path of Paul Brennan who, with the goal gaping, somehow shot over the top. The reprieve was short. On 20 minutes the home side hit the front, a free kick was nodded into the penalty area by Caimin Ayers who found Rhys Foley who in turn gave the keeper no chance. To their credit The Park lads, they responded magnificently and took control of the game and started to force one or two half chances. Berrigan, O'Regan and Clifford were all unlucky not to find an

equaliser before the half time whistle.

Cahir Park emerged for the second half very determined. Some excellent chances were created only a series of fine saves and last gasp defending denying them. Then on 57 minutes it all changed, David Clifford was played in wide on the left and though closely marshalled unleashed a powerful drive that the Annacotty keeper could only parry into the air and Clifford, following up, was on hand to volley home for the equaliser.

Cahir continued to pour forward and forced a corner. O'Regan sent the centre to the back of the penalty area where it was met on the half volley by Rhys Byron who found the far corner of the net and the comeback was complete.

Annacotty sprung a series of subs from the bench but the Cahir Park defence and midfield stood strong and were enjoying the better of the exchanges.

On 76 minutes the tie was settled. An indirect free kick on the edge of the penalty area was touched to David Brannigan who deftly slotted the ball though a crowd of players and the helpless keeper could only watch as the ball crept in at the far post. The Park shored up midfield with a series of substitutions as Annacotty went for broke. No clear chances were created as The Park defence and midfield stood strong. With so many gaps appearing further chances were inevitable only to be spurned. At the very end the ball was passed wide for Rhys Byron who quickly swept forward into the penalty area and

finish emphatically to make the score line 4-1 on 89 minutes.

So a great win on the road for the Lads and their reward? Yet another away tie this time to Tramore AFC, winners of last year's Under 17 FAI National Cup and hot favourites for this year's competition.

The big games keep on coming, this week it is back to domestic competition with a very tough draw in the Tipperary Cup, with a semi-final, again away, to Youth League runners-up, Peake Villa in Thurles.

#### SFAI LAST 32

##### Shannon Town 2, Cahir Park AFC 1

Hard luck to our U14's who put up an unbelievable performance last Saturday against a very strong Shannon outfit. The lads were unlucky to be two down at half time but got one back with 15 minutes left. A big decision went against them late on but they fought on and can hold their heads high after a wonderful display. Well done boys and coaches. Everyone is very proud of you.

#### Cahir GAA Club

Sympathies - Sadly we would like to offer our condolences to the family and extended family of Jackie O'Sullivan RIP. (Woodview) who passed away recently, our thoughts are with all her family at this sad time, may Jackie rest in peace

Joker Draw- Excitement is all around the town over the last couple of weeks with our Jackpot growing every week, and at €10,200 why not? It

was the turn of Morrissey's Bar to hold our weekly draw last Sunday evening and as always we were warmly welcomed into this fine public house to do the draw. This week's winners: Stephen Grogan, Rose Mary Daly, Paula O'Connell, John O'Brien and James Coughlan. Next Sunday night the Draw will be held in the Shamrock Lounge when the Jackpot will be €10,400.00.

Inter-county teams - The National football and hurling leagues started last weekend. Well done to our hurlers who beat Clare on last Saturday evening and hard luck to our Camogie team who were not so lucky as they went down to Galway. Our senior footballers were also in action on Sunday with our own Liam Casey part of that squad. Sadly not the start they wanted when they came undone against Meath, to all our county teams, there is a long way to go yet for everybody, so we wish all our teams well going forward.

Juvenile news - hard luck to our U11 team that lost out to Mullinahone in the 2018 Winter League Final (played last week) on a scoreline of 1-4 to 1-1. In very cold and wet conditions both sides served up a great game of football. Thanks to Mullinahone GAA Club for providing refreshments after the game and a big thank you to the players and coaches for all their hard work over the winter. Well done to all.

Congratulations - To two Club members with honorary roles in Cahir Park Golf Club in 2019, they are Jim Cantwell President, and Conor Kirwan Junior Captain, have a good year gentlemen hope it all goes well for you both.

Camogie news - Congratulations also to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh Camogie Intermediate B team who were crowned Munster B champions last Sunday. In a tough, tight game they beat the home team and host's Newcastlewest of Limerick in the final with the help of eight players from the panel from our own Camogie club. Well done to all the players and mentors on a great win.

Recruit no more - More Congratulations go to club man Tommy Magner who had his passing out recently to become one of Ireland's newest soldiers. We wish you the best in your new life Tommy and we hope you have many happy years in the Army.

Aishling scores again: well done and congratulations to Aishling Moloney who received an Annerville Award last weekend. Super stuff Aishling, we are sure there is plenty more to come. Good luck to you for the year ahead!



Artist Michael Hale with his daughters Oonagh and Doireann and wife Eleanor at his recent exhibition launch in The Craft Granary



## LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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### MULLINAHONE

#### BAD SOCCER WEEKEND

After a number of good weekends for the local soccer club, it was a case of hitting rock bottom last weekend. The weekend began on Saturday with a shocking result for our youths who went down 1-7 to Clerihan in their league clash.

On Sunday in the Peter O'Reilly Cup semi-final our juniors travelled to Cahir, but went down to Cahir Park by the odd goal of three.

#### TWO SAD DEATHS

While nearly all deaths are somewhat sad, two such deaths took place within 24 hours of each other in the Mullinahone area during last week.

On Friday the burial of Margaret O'Meara nee Egan of Kilvemnon took place in Killaghy Cemetery following her funeral Mass in St. Michael's Church. Margaret's late husband, Richie O'Meara passed away a little more than a year ago.

On Saturday the burial of Michael Scott of Ballyrichard also took place in Killaghy following requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church. To the extended O'Meara-Egan and Scott families we extend our deepest sympathies on their sad losses.

#### PARISH NEWS

No morning Masses this week as the diocese has its general meeting in Cork. However, if Fr. Danny has to be contacted one may do so at 086-2402482.

As Fr. Danny will be away on Friday February 1, the First Friday visitations will take place on the following Friday February 8.

#### ST. BLAISE

This year the feast of St. Blaise takes place on Sunday February 3 and is not celebrated as celebration of the Lord's Day takes precedence. However, Blessing of the Throats will take place after all Masses at the weekend.

An invitation in verse form to take part in Thursday Adoration can be found in this week's Parish Newsletter.

Anniversary Masses Sunday February 3 at 11.30 am John and Eileen O'Meara, Killaghy.

#### SCHOOLS SEEK ENROLMENTS

Poulacapple NS Poulacapple NS is now accepting enrolments for September 2019. Call 052-9153436 or E-Mail [poulacapples@gmail.com](mailto:poulacapples@gmail.com) for an enrolment form or to arrange a visit.

Mullinahone NS Mullinahone NS is now accepting enrolments for September 2019. For enrolment forms please call to the school or phone 052-9153304. Office hours call to Rose from 9.30am to 1pm.

Kilvemnon NS Kilvemnon NS is also accepting enrolments for September 2019. Please phone the school at



New Inn Rosegreen under 11 girls team won a tournament in Nenagh recently, beating the hosts 18-8 in the final

052 9153542.

#### GAA

The U21 'B' football game against Clerihan did not take place on Sunday last. C.J.Kickhams received a walk over at a late stage.

Well done to our U12's who won the U12 'D' Winter League final by defeating Cahir in Mullinahone on Sunday.

C.J.Kickhams Juvenile 2019 Registration Night takes place on Tuesday February 5 at 7pm. To speed up the process registration forms will be given to the pupils in our local primary schools and can be returned fully completed on the night.

#### LOCAL LOTTO DRAW

The last local lotto draw took place on Monday January 21. Numbers drawn were 17, 19, 21 and 24. We had no jackpot winner, but four shared the Match 3 Prize of €160.

Congrats to Fran Walsh, Vicky Maher, Mary Fitzgibbon and Anna Clancy.

Next draw will be Monday February 4 when the jackpot could be worth €5,450. It only costs €2 to play.

### NEWCASTLE

#### FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH WIN FOR GAELS

Congrats to the Ardfinnan/Newcastle Gaels who win their first football match win against Killenaule on Saturday last in Clonmel.

Newcastle players were: Jamie Grant, Jason Halley, Oisín O Dwyer, Darra Condon, Matthew McGrath and Pádraig O'Loughlin.

#### SAVE NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE

Tune in to An Nuacht on TG4 on Sunday, February 3 at 7pm will feature a segment on our post office. Members of the committee are hoping to

deliver information packs on the services available in our post office to houses in the area in the coming weeks.

#### MUINTIR NA TIRE

Monthly Draw Results – 1st. Prize €300 – Sean Byrne, Kilnacarriga, Newcastle – 2nd. Prize €200 – Anthony Murphy, Middlequarter, Newcastle – 3rd. Prize – Mary Walsh, Ballyvera, Ardfinnan.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to the members off the draw for their continued support. The last draw in the present series will be held on Wednesday, February 20 with membership up for renewal for the March draw.

Work has commenced with the upgrade and extension to the hall car park and all proceeds from the draw will go towards this project.

### BALLYLOOBY/ DUHILL

#### THE LATE TOMMY CLEARY

The death of Tommy Cleary Graigue was received with much sadness throughout the local and surrounding areas. He was five weeks from his 100th birthday. What a great pity he hadn't achieved this special number!

Tommy enjoyed good health up to a short time before Christmas and was able to drive around, go to the shop, visit a few friends and enjoyed the Day Care Centre.

Tommy commenced training to be electrician in Limerick when he was about 25 and was ready for the New Rural Electrification Program that commenced in our area in 1950.

He wired many a house throughout the Galtee Vee Valley. Tommy continued to have a keen interest in electricity and could sort a problem up to recently. In his spare

time he enjoyed gardening and reading.

Tommy's wife Josie died three and half years ago.

He is survived by his sons Seamus and John, daughters Mary, Margaret and Joan, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

Tommy was laid to rest in Duhill Cemetery on Tuesday last January 30 after his requiem Mass. RIP

#### CASTLEGRACE FIANNA Fáil CUMANN

Sympathy is extended to the Cleary family on the death of their father Tommy who was President of the local cumann. A guard of honour took place by members of the local cumann's, as a mark of respect.

#### 45 DRIVE

Duhill 45 Drive continues every Sunday night at 8.15pm sharp.

#### 25 DRIVE

Ballylooby/Castlegrace Juvenile GAA Club 25 Drive every Monday night in Ballylooby Hall at 8.30pm.

#### BALLYLOOBY/CASTLEGRACE GAA DEVELOPMENT LOTTO

Results for Tuesday 22/01/2019. Numbers drawn 2, 7, 8, & 20. No jackpot winner, two match three Alice Ryan and Maggie Moloney Next week's jackpot €2,400.

The club extends their thanks for your continued support.

#### BRIAN BORUS CAMOGIE

Our Registration night will be held on Thursday, February 21 from 7-8.30pm in Ballylooby clubhouse.

Training for U6, U8 & U10's will start back on Saturday March 23 & March 30 at 10am in Ballylooby pitch and then resumes on Monday night April 8 from 7-8pm.

#### SOUTH TIPP CYCLING CLUB

South Tipp Cycling Club

will hold their AGM in Duhill Hall, Monday February 11.

#### DUHILL DRAMATIC SOCIETY NEWS

Congrats to all the members of Duhill Dramatic Society on their recent performance of "Nobody is talking to me" by Tommy Marron produced and directed by Will Nugent. Proceeds of the show went to Tyrrell family in aid of their son Conor, a local teenager show suffered serious injuries.

Thanks to everybody who came along to support the play and to all who gave prizes for the raffle.

### Kilsheelan/ Kilcass

#### ENROLMENT

We are now taking enrolments for September 2019. Please contact the school to enrol your child either by calling in person or ringing the office on 052-6133317 (9am - 2pm).

#### PARISH DRAW

The first draw for the New Year will take place on February 10. Promoters are presently on their rounds and it is hoped that you will renew your membership and new contributors are welcome. The cost remains at €36 per annum.

#### SEAN GAEL AWARD

Congratulations to Peter Moore who was recently presented with a Sean Gael Award by Wexford County Board. Peter started his hurling career with Rathnure and then he transferred to a small Club called Raheenduff where he won Junior and Intermediate County championships. The Award was in recognition of his prowess as an outstanding goalkeeper. Well done Peter.

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE

KPLAN Facility available for bookings, we have new email set up. Kilsheelan Community Centre [@gmail.com](mailto:@gmail.com). We encourage everyone to adapt to using the email to enquire about bookings, as it is not always possible to answer a phone during the working day, the email will be addressed each day, we thank you for your co-operation.

#### FITNESS CLASS

On Monday nights, a Beginners Fitness Class will take place after the existing class at 8.15pm, kindly contact Graham on 087 4324058.

#### YOGA

Yoga is back again on Wednesday evenings, please contact Muireann on 083 4371710 to book your place or for further information.

#### 10 MILE RUN

Date for our 10 Mile Run is Sunday March 10. Booking online for the 10 miler is at [Kilsheelan10Mile.Itsyourrace.com/register](http://Kilsheelan10Mile.Itsyourrace.com/register). Entry fee is €20 and plenty of prizes spread throughout the field. Finish for the race this year is in Kilsheelan village.

#### STRICTLY DANCING

Kilsheelan Hall is available when not in use to all dancers for keeping up the difficult challenge of practice. We wish all of you the very best of luck. Sincere thanks to Pat O'Sullivan who has most kindly agreed to let the dancers use the lounge for practice, gratefully appreciated. It is all in a very good cause.

#### DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

The course will be run during the month of February open to all members of the public will take three nights, approx 1.5 to 2 hours per night. It is a skill that one will never regret having and if required ever to use it, imagine what would happen if you did not possess the required knowledge. The course has to be booked so if you are interested, kindly email Joanne at [JoLarkin67@gmail.com](mailto:JoLarkin67@gmail.com) for further information.

#### GAA

It was a great weekend for Kilsheelan Kilcass GAA players with a number of county and divisional calls.

Firstly, we had Mark Kehoe involved with Tipp hurlers in their win in the National Hurling league vs Clare in Thurles on Saturday night.

This is followed up on Sunday morning when we had five players lining out against the Waterford County Football team at the WIT Arena for the South Tipperary U14 Squad. These included Paddy Ormonde, Billy O'Gorman, Oisín O'Donoghue, Senan Butler, Ruairi Kelly and Thomas O'Connor.

We also had Paul Maher and Darragh Brennan joining with Bill Maher and Evan Comerford.



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### CLONMEL

#### Cardio screening

Heartfelt Cardio Screening is coming to Clonmel Park Hotel on February 7 and 28 with the revolutionary BPro pulse wave analysis device, providing affordable and accurate heart and artery screenings. The BPro device is a completely mobile test kit, comprising a wrist sensor and a laptop. It can be brought to any location, including your workplace or organisation, which makes it ideal for sports clubs, health centres etc.

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The cost of an individual BPro test is €50 per adult with a 10% discount (€90) for a couple. There is also a 20% discount for groups of 12 or more people. Appointments are essential and are available from 11am until late. Contact Anna on 086-4135555 or Jimmy on 086-2566422. Email: [heartfelt-cardio-screening@gmail.com](mailto:heartfelt-cardio-screening@gmail.com). Website: [www.bproheartfeltcardioscreening.com](http://www.bproheartfeltcardioscreening.com).

#### Theatre Guild

Readings for 50th anniversary production One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest will be held on February 5 and 6 in the Coachman pub at 7.30pm. The production will take place in the White Memorial Theatre from May 15 -18.

#### Flower Club

Meeting take place on February 12 at 8pm in Hotel Minella.

#### Horticultural

Meeting will be held in Hotel Minella on February 6 at 8pm with speaker Kevin Collins.

#### Probus

The following officers were elected at the club's recent AGM: Jim Trehy (president), Vera Hewitt (vice president), Jon Hannon (secretary) and Patricia D'Arcy (treasurer).

During the proceedings, the club's centenarian John Walsh, a member for some 38 years, was accorded a life membership. Next meeting in Raheen House Hotel on February 7 at 10.30am where Prof John Ryan will incorporate a slide presentation along with his talk titled Soils Mismanagement. Contact Jim Trehy on 087-9608713.

### ARDFINNAN

#### THANK YOU

Ardfinnan Community Council wishes to acknowledge the following grants received: 1) Age Opportunity and Sport €260 2) Tipperary County Council €600 for Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and 350 for Christmas lights. These contributions are very much appreciated and enable us to continue to host our Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Ardfinnan Community Council congratulates the Tidy Towns Committee for the wonderful display of lights at Christmas. The village was very festive and goes from strength to strength each year. We also wish to acknowledge the respect shown to the efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee by the public.

#### CARDIAC PULMONARY RESUSCITATION DEMO

Ardfinnan Community Council is organising a demonstration in CPR and the use of a defibrillator. It will be held in Ardfinnan Community Centre on Friday, March 1 at 8pm. Facilitator is T.J. White of South Tipperary General Hospital. Admission is €5.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of both an outdoor heated defibrillator cabinet and a second defibrillator for Ardfinnan. Please support this very important training for the public which is vital for the saving of lives.

Donation boxes are available throughout the village. Please give generously to this important fundraiser.

#### WE ARE PROUD OF PA

The Tipperary Hurling Club of New York held their annual dinner dance on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester, New York. The guest of honour for the occasion was Pa Ryan of Ardfinnan.

Many congratulations from Ardfinnan Community Council to Pa, who is the son of Ann and Pakie Ryan.

Pa gave many years playing football and hurling for his beloved Ardfinnan and Ballybacon/Grange until he boarded a plane to New York. Our loss was certainly New York's gain.

Pa adds to the already fantastic group of people who represent our rural community abroad.

The community is very proud of his achievements.

### CLOGHEEN

#### TOMMY CLEARY 1919-2019

There was deep sadness with the news that our beloved Tommy Cleary, Graigue Clogheen, had passed to his heavenly home on Saturday



New Inn Rosegreen under 11 boys team took part in a tournament in Nenagh recently

morning last after a short illness.

Tommy was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday in early March 2019.

Tommy was a remarkable person and would drive into Clogheen every morning for the paper and some messages and on Thursdays would drive into the Day Care Centre and would deliver the free South Tipp Today papers to the Centre for all to read. Tommy did this up to a week before Christmas.

Tommy always spoke about growing up in Graigue and would chat about the way nature was the biggest guide to our weather pattern and he told me that watching which of the trees, ash or the oak tree would be first to show a bud would determine the weather for the year.

Tommy was a brilliant electrician and wired houses all over South Tipp and beyond.

Tommy enjoyed amazing health and could read without glasses up to his recent illness.

Tommy was predeceased by his wife Josie a short number of years ago who also lived into her late 90s.

Tommy's remains were removed to Duhill Church on Tuesday morning for midday mass, and following requiem mass he was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

A guard of honour was formed by Fianna Fail on his arrival to Duhill Church. Tommy you will be sorely missed by your family and by your many many friends.

Tommy is survived by his sons Seamus and John, daughters Mary, Margaret and Joan, and all his extended family and many friends.

Rest in peace.

#### 80th YEARS YOUNG

Congratulations to Ellen Costelloe Clogheen who celebrated her 80th birthday last Saturday night in Cahir House Hotel joined by her family, neighbours and friends. A great night was had by all.

#### FR SHEEHY'S GAA CLUB

Tickets for our Lanzarote

holiday draw kindly sponsored by Morrissey Motors, Kilkenny are now on sale for €5 in local shops or from players and committee. The draw takes place in Allens, Clogheen on Saturday February, 23.

Your support is appreciated and in addition to this great prize there are also five runners up prizes.

Ben Hyland was on the Tipperary football panel who travelled to Navan for the League fixture against Meath. We wish Ben all the best for training and the rest of the League campaign.

Our juveniles had a great evening out in Semple Stadium on Saturday for the Tipperary v Clare Hurling League fixture. Thanks to the coaches and parents who supervised and a special thanks to Declan English who planned and organised the outing.

#### LOTTO

Numbers drawn in our most recent lotto were 16, 20 21, 22.

No winner, Two players had match 3's (€75 each): Tom Gorman Ballymac; Magella Morrissey Ballylooby

Next weeks jackpot is €4,800 in Nedeens, Clogheen. Thanks for playing.

Brian Borus ladies football club, 5K Run

There was a great turnout at the Brian Borus LGFC 5k held in Clogheen on Sunday last January 27. Gavin English Burncourt and Clonmel AC was the overall winner in 17.31 and was closely followed home by Danny Smith Burncourt in 17.34. The race wasn't decided until the final strides as the 2 Burncourt men had a great battle with Gavins youth prevailing in the end. Pat McCormack Ballynonty was 3rd in 19.45.

The ladies race was won by Claire Walsh, Castlegrace in 22.54. Norrie Moloney, Clogheen was 2nd and Amy Coffey Castlegrace was 3rd.

The men's masters winners were Fergal Clifford Cahir, Eamon English Clogheen and Clonmel AC and Myles McHugh Clogheen

and Clonmel AC.

The ladies masters winners were Grainne O'Shea, Cahir M&T and Breda O'Connor Clogheen.

Juvenile girls winners were Rachel Coffey, Lucy O'Connor and Rona O'Connor. Ben Frazer and Micheal Egan were the boys winners.

A big thank you again to our sponsors on the day.

Vee Valley Fruit and Veg, John Carey Pharmacy's and Moroney's Shop, Clogheen, Lidl, Corbett hardware and Tipperary Water.

Thank you to you all for supporting the race, we hope you enjoyed the run and hope to see you back again next year.

Thank you to all our players, parents and club members for organising the event and helping out on the day.

### Powertown/Lisronagh RATHKEEVIN CARDS

Winners of the weekly card game held on Thursday, January 24: Dick Lonergan & Rose Anne Carew on 9 games; Michael Prendergast and Margaret Quinlan on 10 games.

Table Prizes on 19th and 20th games Phil. Hackett and Mary Moloney with Paddy Franey and David Blissett.

Cards again on Thursday January 31.

Beginners or seasoned card players are welcome to our well run card game.

#### FIRST FRIDAY

Friday is first Friday of month. Mass on Thursday in Lisronagh at 7.30pm. Mass in Powerstown on Friday at 10am.

#### ST. BLAISE

Sunday February 3 is Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats on Saturday and Sunday after mass in Powerstown and Lisronagh.

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Pastoral council meeting on Monday February 4 at 7.30 in Powerstown

### NEW INN

### ROCKWELL ROVERS SENIORS

Adjourned meeting will take place on Friday, February 1 at 8pm. All welcome!

#### NEW INN TIDY TOWNS

Unfortunately due to inclement weather last Saturday our New Inn Tidy Towns and Cahir Tidy Towns Litter pick was cancelled. Weather permitting we are back to normal this Saturday, February 2.

If you have an hour to spare, we are meeting at the Grotto at our usual time of 11.30am.

#### KNOCKGRAFFON CARDS

Joint Winners with 10 games each were Mary Healy and Tony Keating and Val O'Neill and Chris Noonan. Cards start at 8.30pm every Wednesday evening at the Old School, Knockgraffon. Tea and refreshments, all are welcome!

#### NEW INN LIGHTS UP/ OT

We had great numbers again last Thursday, January 24, over 150 walkers, young & old. Great warm up with Denis Leamy.

This week is our County Camogie Star Cait Devane.

Eddie Golden and colleagues were great on Thursday evening ensuring the walkers were safe. Everyone is welcome for tea and coffee with the healthy refreshments post walk.

Hoping to see everyone this Thursday, January 31.

### ROCKWELL ROVERS JUVENILE

The Juvenile AGM was held on January 21 in the clubhouse. This was a well-attended meeting.

The following officers were either returned or elected. Chairman: Gerry Heenan, Secretary: Elaine Cummins, Assistant secretary: TBC, Treasurer: Damian O'Dwyer. PRO: Sandra English, School Liaison Officer: Gerry Heenan, Children's Officer: TBC, Health and Wellbeing Officers: Martina Durkin and Cathy Fitzgerald. Manager/selectors of various teams: TBC. Adjourned meeting to take place Monday, February 4 at 7.30pm in the clubhouse

#### WOMANS GROUP

Dates for your diary: Operation Transformation on Thursday evenings up at the GAA field. "Sister Act" in Limerick on Thursday, March 21. Names now being taken - €50 (bus & show) contact Mary Frances on 052 7462252 ASAP.

#### LOTTO

Next week's jackpot is €6,400 and the draw will take place in Barron's pub on Saturday, February 2. Best of Luck everyone!

#### SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs Anne Lovett and family, Knockgraffon, on the passing of her sister Bridget Lane, New York.





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