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Tipperary woman awarded for making 'family sacrifice'

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A devoted Newcastle woman was presented with the Tipperary Carer of the Year Award 2019 at Clonmel Town Hall last Friday.

"It feels like I've won an Oscar. I was so excited coming here today and it really is an honour because I never won anything before," an emotional Mary Doran, accompanied by her mother Leishe Doran (née O'Dwyer) and family members, told

South Tipp Today at the mayoral reception.

Having spent 14 years working as a tax consultant in Dublin and more recently in Newbridge, Mary initially moved back home to Newcastle in 2015 to care for her mother Leishe, but found herself helping to look after her uncles Johnny, Peadar and Jerry O'Dwyer as well.

"There was so much going on at home and it was impossible to be in two places at once. Mam started to get very ill and I was caring for my uncle Johnny, who was

passing away at home," Mary said.

Mary's uncle Peadar then passed away in 2016, followed by the unexpected death of her father Thomas in 2018. "It's very isolating caring for a sick person all the time, especially when the prognosis isn't positive. But at the end of

the day all you have is family. If I hadn't moved home, I wouldn't have got to spend so much time with my father before he passed away. It's the small things that matter most," a thankful Mary continued.

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Minister to visit Clonmel over mental health services crisis

Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People Jim Daly will visit Clonmel on November 19 to meet with people campaigning for the reopening of acute psychiatric beds.

Hundreds of people took to the streets of Clonmel in September to protest about the under-resourced mental health services in Tipperary, and Minister Daly has been under increasing pressure since then to visit the town.

Minister Daly, on a previous visit to Clonmel, described the closure of St. Michael's psychiatric unit as a wrong that had been done

and he expressed a desire to put that right. The unit closed in 2012, despite a three-year campaign to keep it open.

Clonmel priest Fr. Michael Toomey told the march and rally in Clonmel in September that the absence of a single crisis hospital bed for mental health patients in the county was "inhumane".

On the same day, retired consultant psychiatrist Dr. Alan Moore told the minister he was being held to account to deliver on his promises to provide acute psychiatric inpatient hospital beds and other mental health services in the county.



Tipperary Carer of the Year 2019 Mary Doran with her mother Leishe and Mary O'Gorman, who nominated her for the award

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Garda Commissioner comes under fire after 'window dressing' meeting

Tipperary TDs have hit out at Garda Commissioner Drew Harris for failing to allay their fears over the amalgamation of the garda divisions of Tipperary and Clare and the location of the new headquarters in Ennis.

Garda Commissioner Harris, who was told he had belittled Tipperary, attended a fiery meeting of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee in Thurles last Friday but provided very unsatisfactory answers, say the five Tipperary TDs and other public representatives.

Following the meeting the TDs expressed their disappointment at how the meeting went and in particular what they saw as a failure of the garda commissioner to provide specific answers to questions in relation to the provision of additional garda to Tipperary towns and more resources in terms of equipment and transport he had promised under the amalgamation.

The meeting was labelled a "window dressing" exercise, a disaster of a meeting that provided no justification for the location of the Tipperary/Clare headquarters in Ennis or provided no specific

details on what the amalgamation would mean to towns throughout Tipperary regarding garda numbers and resources.

Commissioner Harris said the new model would end up recruiting more gardaí, deploy more gardaí from administrative to front line roles, and allow gardaí to be more visible, accessible and responsive.

The scourge of drugs, under-resourced garda stations and rural crime in Tipperary were outlined to the commissioner.

Following the meeting TDs made it very clear that they had no faith in the amalgamation. Some of them said Commissioner Harris ignored and refused to answer questions when asked exactly how many additional gardaí would be allocated to each Tipperary town under his plan.

Deputy Seamus Healy said the meeting amounted to "window dressing" and insisted that he would have no confidence that garda resources in Clonmel and other towns throughout Tipperary would improve under the plan. "Commissioner Harris gave a very generalised answers. He was asked repeatedly what extra garda would go to Clonmel, Carrick

and other towns but he ignored the questions," said Deputy Healy.

"The commissioner gave no justification that could stand up for the closure of Thurles divisional headquarters and the location of the amalgamated headquarters in Ennis," he said.

"Commissioner Harris said he visited Clonmel station that morning and while he said the conditions were unacceptable, he gave no specific information on when the new station in Clonmel would be built," he said.

"This all reminded me of the same promises made by Minister Lynch when St. Michael's acute beds were closed in Clonmel and we were promised a Rolls Royce service in return. Nothing happened and this sounds the same," said Deputy Healy.

Deputy Mattie McGrath said the meeting amounted to little more than a talking shop. "There was no meaningful dialogue of any substantive kind in that the Commissioner appeared not to have taken on board the very real and ongoing concerns expressed by the Tipperary Garda Representative Association."

Deputy McGrath said that the transfer of the Divisional Headquarters would further erode gardaí presence and visibility within the county and lead to a decrease in existing resources.

"How can we have any faith that a garda reorganisation on the scale being pro-



Garda Commissioner Drew Harris, who attended a meeting of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee last Friday.

posed will work for the people of Clonmel and Tipperary generally when we are still a long way off having the promised new garda station for Clonmel," he said.

Deputy Michael Lowry said had there been consultation with officers in Tipperary prior to the decisions that were taken they would have advised him of the practical and operational difficulties with the restructuring plan as it applies to Tipperary.

Deputy Lowry said Commissioner Harris had sidestepped his own criteria for making the decision to close Thurles and locate the new amalgamated divisional headquarters in Ennis and as a consequence did a disservice to Thurles and Tip-

perary.

Deputy Lowry said he wanted to know how the plans of Commissioner Harris will deliver more visible policing in Tipperary and how would it address the lack of manpower, inadequate transport and insufficient access to modern technology in Tipperary.

Deputy Lowry told Commissioner Harris that the Tipperary Garda Drug Unit was totally under resourced. The Unit consists of six gardaí in total across the five districts.

"The numerical strength of the Drug Unit to cover a radius as big as Tipperary with such a large population is totally unrealistic and alarmingly deficient," said Deputy Lowry.

Deputy Alan Kelly said he was unhappy with the meeting. "We have less answers now that we had beforehand and the Gardai and their representatives are still

very disheartened and concerned about the move of the regional headquarters to Ennis. I made it quite clear to the Commissioner that I felt that the Tipperary/Clare Division didn't make sense in the first place and what was even more nonsensical was the decision to base its headquarters in Ennis."

Deputy Kelly wanted to know how the decision was made despite Tipperary scoring higher than Clare on all the criteria set out by Commissioner Harris himself. "The idea that there will be no divisional headquarters in Tipperary given the fact that we have two of the busiest national motorways running down the spine of our county is insane. It is I believe totally the wrong one and is disheartening to gardaí in Tipperary who work so hard to protect the community," said Deputy Kelly.

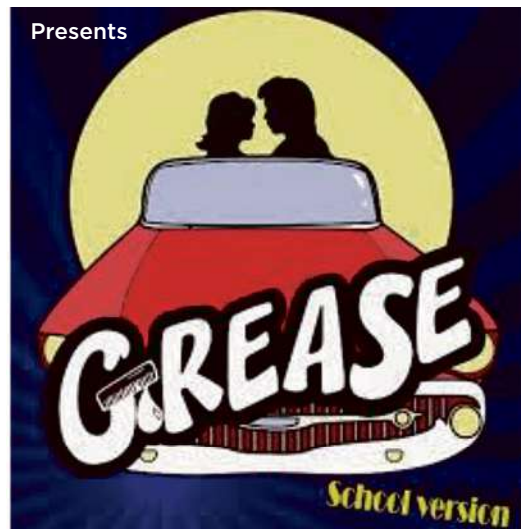
Deputy Jackie Cahill said that the visit by Commissioner Harris did nothing to allay his fears that the amalgamation will see resources stretched too far. "County Tipperary has its own unique policing requirements. Most of Tipp is rural and requires a robust and mobile police force. I believe merging with Clare will only dilute services and this should not have been permitted," he said.

"I am also concerned that the move of the divisional HQ to Ennis from Thurles further undermines Garda effectiveness in Tipperary. At the moment there are five superintendents in Tipperary and two in Clare. Under the new plan the number of superintendents will be cut from seven to four," he added.



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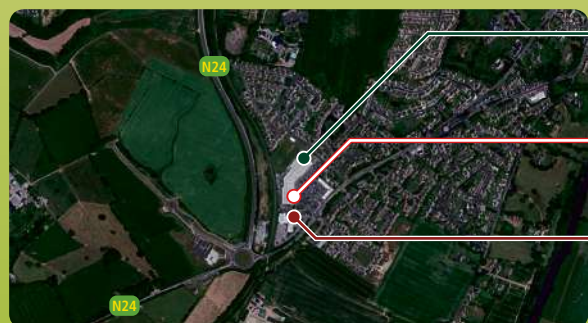
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Refreshments to Follow

Four towns to house Syrian refugee families

Four towns in County Tipperary where between 40 and 45 Syrian refugee families are to be resettled will be announced within the next few weeks by the County Council, which is in the process of hiring workers to assist them assimilate into their new communities.

County Council senior social worker Pdraig Ryan said the local authority has "more or less" identified the locations where the estimated 230 refugees will be

settled and is finalising matters before announcing where they will be.

He said the Syrian families will be resettled in about four towns around the county, two in the south and two in the north. They will be housed in a combination of Council owned social housing and in voluntary housing agency developments.

Mr Ryan, who works in the Council's housing section, said the Council is in the process of recruiting two resettlement workers and two inter-cultural workers to work with the families to assist them in settling into their

new communities.

Among their tasks will be to assist the refugee families to access health and education services in the towns they where they will be living. These support workers will be in place by the end of the year and the first of the Syrian families are expected to move into their new Co. Tipperary homes in the early months of next year.

"They won't all come together. We hope to resettle them all over a period of six months," he explained.

The Department of Justice will be footing the cost of the four support

workers the Council is hiring to assist the Syrian families settle in the county.

NOT THE FIRST SETTLEMENT

This isn't the first Syrian refugees resettlement in Co. Tipperary. Twelve families fleeing the bitter and bloody Syrian civil war were resettled in Thurles in 2015/2016. They are living in Council homes at various locations around Thurles.

Mr Ryan said the Council hasn't experienced any public negativity over the resettlement programme in Thurles. He stressed the Syrian people being resettled in Co. Tipperary all have full

refugee status and have all been vetted by the Gardai and Department of Justice.

The progress of the Syrian refugees resettlement programme comes as the residents of Borrisokane prepare for the arrival of the first four families of asylum seekers. They are being housed at a complex of refurbished apartments in the village.

Several hundred people attended a public meeting in Borrisokane a few weeks ago when the news broke about the opening of a direct provision centre for asylum seekers in their village. Mixed views on the direct provision

centre were voiced at the meeting and concerns were voiced at the lack of consultation with local people. But there was a walk out of 30 to 40 people at the meeting over views voiced by Justin Barrett of the right-wing anti-immigration National Party.

Residents in Borrisokane have decided not to set up a protest campaign over the arrival of the asylum seekers and instead have formed a liaison committee to work with local councillors and the Department of Justice on how best to integrate the new arrivals into the community.

Anger over delays in Historic Towns scheme renovations

Property owners angry over delays in Historic Towns scheme renovations

A renovation grant scheme for an historic part of Carrick-on-Suir town centre has run into trouble with property owners angry over the long delay in upgrade works being carried out on their buildings.

Fianna Fail Cllr Kieran Bourke tabled a motion at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's monthly meeting calling on the Council to investigate the 2018 Carrick-on-Suir Historic Towns Initiative as a number of property owners who participated in the scheme were very dissatisfied. He handed to Council management a list of questions and actions he wanted the Council answer and to carry out.

He said he represented seven property owners on Main Street who have tried on numerous occasions to get answers but have just been



Cllr Kieran Bourke

"completely ignored", he claimed.

The Carrick-on-Suir councillor said he was very disappointed with the Council's lack of communication with the property owners over the difficulties with the scheme.

Cllr Bourke acknowledged the Historic Towns Initiative was very much welcomed when it was announced in 2018 but the property owners

he represented were now sorry they ever participated in it.

Under the scheme, property owners on Carrick-on-Suir's Main Street and Bridge Street area were offered a total of €130,000 funding to upgrade the appearance of their buildings. It comprised €110,000 from the Heritage Council, €20,000 from Tipperary Co. Council with €28,000 invested by the property owners.

The funding was to assist them to paint and clean their buildings, maintain and repair gutters, sash windows, chimneys, signage, roof slates and other minor structural improvements.

Cllr Bourke asked the Council how much was the Historic Towns Initiative grant, how much was collected from property owners and how much was paid to the contractor?

He asked what was the value of the contract and timeframe for completion

and did the contract include the scope of work agreed with the property owners.

The FF councillor also asked why the contract hasn't been completed and why it is taking so long?

He also wanted to know was a clerk of works appointed, who administered the scheme and why were property owners ignored when they sought a meeting with the Council's district administrator?

Cllr Bourke pointed out property owners tried to contact the Council by telephone, called to the Town Hall in person and wrote directly to

the district administrator.

He requested the Council to contact the property owners immediately and inform them of the estimated timeframe for the completion of works on their properties.

And he called for the property owners to receive an apology and explanation for the "total lack of communication".

District Administrator Martin Nolan told the meeting the Council would respond to Cllr Bourke's questions and would communicate with the property owners early this week.

In a written response to Cllr Bourke's motion, the Council acknowledged the works under the Historic Towns Initiative have been delayed and stressed it was due to "circumstances outside the Co. Council's control".

"The Council is in contact with the supervising architect and the contractor will take all necessary steps to ensure the work is completed. A complete list of outstanding work has recently been received and will be communicated to the property owners in the coming days," the statement added.

Cars nearly collide at 'extremely busy' junction

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A councillor has called on Clonmel Borough District to address the speed limit on the town's bypass while works are ongoing.

Cllr Michael Murphy said the 80km/h speed limit on

the road is "too fast". He was supporting Cllr Pat English's call for the council to upgrade the Rathronan cross junction on the Fethard Road.

Cllr English said there have been a number of occasions where cars have nearly hit each other on the junction's "very narrow" bend. "It's a very busy road at the

moment and it's going to get busier," he said.

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose also supported the motion, describing the junction as "extremely busy".

Council management said the junction has been inspected and that upgrading works will be considered as part of the 2020 Roadworks Programme.

Clonmel school friends catch up



Adi Roche reunited with Richie Fennessy on her recent visit to Clonmel. She received the President's Award at this year's County Tipperary Business Awards

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Fethard Town Park is set to receive €2,600,000 under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Welcoming the news, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr Garret Ahearn said this is "very positive" for Fethard.

The Fine Gael general election candidate believes the project is a leading example of what the fund was set up to help achieve.

"Fethard Town Park will be a world-class facility providing a much-needed resource for the people of Fethard and wider region. Planning permission granted by Tipperary County Council in June of this year details a major development incorporating a suite of sport, recreation and health facil-

ities from all-weather pitches to a gym, adventure playground, walkway and community space," Mayor Ahearn says.

"Having been involved and seen first-hand the commitment and ambition of the development group, stakeholders and the local community, Fethard Town Park has the potential to be a transformative project. I want to thank the project partners who made this happen: Tipperary County Council, Coolmore Ireland, and the Cashel and Emly Diocese. But most importantly, I want to acknowledge the phenomenal community support received throughout the area with so many organisations and groups involved. Thank you to Holy Trinity National School, Patrician Presentation School, Com-

munity Playschool, Fethard GAA, Fethard RFC, Tipperary Sports Partnership, Fethard Scout Group, Fethard Community Council, Youth Work Ireland, local GPs, Fethard Day Care Centre, St. Bernard's Group Homes, Ribworld, Fethard Equine Hospital, all local small and medium businesses, CARA, Jigsaw, IWA, Sport Ireland, and Healthy Ireland."

Fethard Town Park is the result of an initiative supported by Coolmore, Tipperary County Council and the local community to build on a shared vision to create a facility which promotes physical, mental health and wellbeing. Its proximity to the local primary and secondary schools will ensure that the park will be at the very heart of the community.



ABOVE: CEO of Gaisce Yvonne McKenna with awardees Eimear Boland, Maria Hayes and Katelyn Reilly from Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, at the Gaisce awards ceremony



Pictured at the Gaisce silver awards ceremony in Cork are CEO of Gaisce Yvonne McKenna with awardees Daisy Geoghegan and Leah Greene from Scoil Mhuire in Carrick-on-Suir

South Tipperary General Hospital 'in crisis'

Nurses have labelled South Tipperary General Hospital as a hospital "in crisis".

And the nurses union has called for an end to the recruitment freeze to avoid the "inhumane" conditions in the Clonmel hospital due

to overcrowding.

On Tuesday there were 670 patients on trolleys in hospitals across the country, the worst figure this year and the second highest ever recorded since the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO) started compiling

data. Forty of those were in Clonmel, just behind Limerick, Cork and Letterkenny.

And in its report, the INMO highlighted South Tipperary General as a hospital in crisis.

Despite being one of the country's smaller hospitals,

it has more patients on trolleys than some of the largest.

"What's happening in South Tipperary General is simply inhumane. Just one patient on a trolley is unacceptable, but forty is a serious cause for alarm," a spokesperson said.

"South Tipperary General is not a big hospital, yet we're seeing trolley numbers bigger than hospitals three or four times its size. The solution is building capacity and safe staffing.

"The INMO identified nearly forty nursing vacan-

cies in South Tipperary alone, which are empty thanks to the Government's recruitment freeze. It's time to reopen recruitment and ensure people in and around Clonmel get the standard of care they need," the spokesperson added.

Concerns over speeding on Morton Street, Clonmel

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A traffic speed survey was carried out on Morton Street, Clonmel, councillors

were told at the recent meeting of Clonmel Borough District.

Cllr Pat English had called on the council to introduce traffic calming measures to combat cars driving at high

speed. In a motion supported by Cllr Michael Murphy, he highlighted that the area is home to a very elderly population.

In response, council management said a traffic speed survey was carried out from

September 26 to October 7 last on the 50km/h road.

TWO LOCATIONS MONITORED

"Two locations were monitored - one outside number 10 at the top (west) end of the street and the other outside

Marion Court at the eastern end of the street. Outside number 10, the average speed was 18km/h and the 85 percentile was 26km/h. Outside Marion Court, the average speed was 31km/h and the 85 percentile was 39km/h."

Based on the survey results, council management deem there to be no speeding issue anywhere along Morton Street, and as such there is no necessity or requirement to introduce traffic calming measures.

Former Clonmel county councillor Catherine Carey resigns from Sinn Féin party

Former Clonmel councillor Catherine Carey has announced her resignation from Sinn Féin.

Ms Carey informed The Nationalist of her decision yesterday (Tuesday) but declined to give a reason for her departure from the party. Her decision came just days after withdrawing from Sinn Féin's general election candidate selection contest.

Ms Carey was first elected as a Sinn Féin councillor for Clonmel Borough District in 2014 and served as Mayor of Clonmel in 2017/2018. She lost her seat in the local election in May.

She contested Sinn Féin's first Tipperary general election candidate selection convention in April last year but lost out to Thurles based Ciara McCormack. The convention was criticised for excluding male

candidates.

Ms Carey said it was a difficult decision for her to resign from Sinn Féin and she reached it after consulting with family and friends. She didn't rule out running as an independent candidate in future elections.

Her resignation is the latest in a string of defections from Sinn Féin in Co. Tipperary. Nenagh Cllr Seamus Morris, who was the party's 2016 general election candidate, resigned in

2017 following a bitter dispute with other party members in the constituency. He is now an Independent councillor.

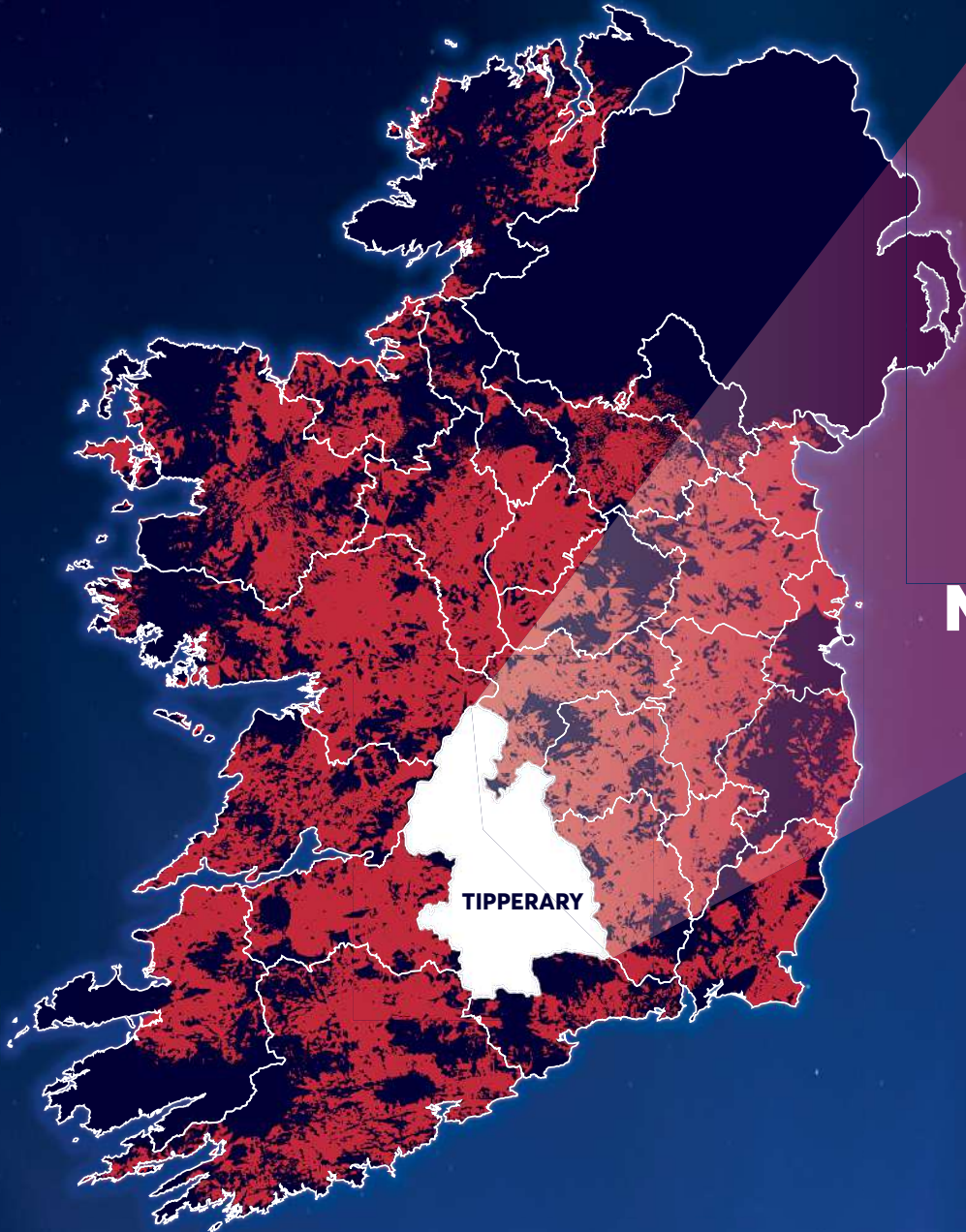
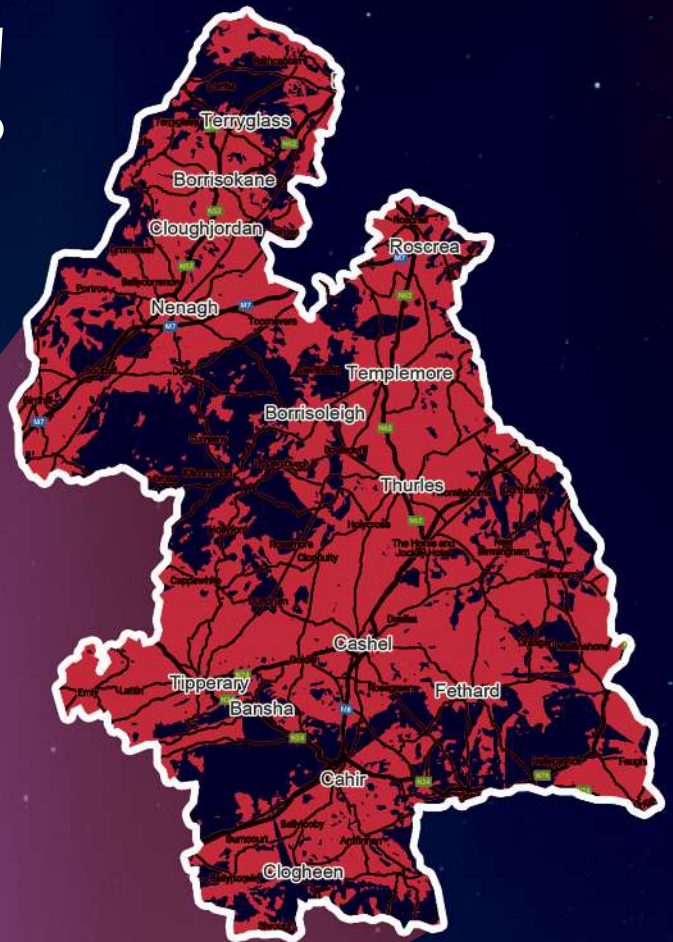
Former Thurles councillor David Doran resigned in January citing growing policy differences with the party. He was also unhappy at the party's decision to restrict its first general election candidate selection convention to women only nominees. He lost his council seat in the local election in May.



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'Caring goes unnoticed because it's in the home'

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Mary, who had to do specialised training to be a carer, is currently caring for her mother Leishe and her uncle Jerry.

Nominated by fellow Newcastle native Mary O'Gorman, of O'Gorman's Bakery in Clonmel, Mary received the award for the care she has given Leishe in particular.

She has been her mother's rock over a "challenging" past few years. "Mam's doctors at South Tipperary General Hospital say it's a miracle she's here with us today. When she gets ill, it's critical. The amount of times the doctors have told me she only has a couple of hours left and you just have to get on with it," Mary said.

"She's such a strong woman. She had cancer, many surgeries, couldn't absorb nutrients from food and was getting malnourished, was very susceptible to infections, and was on life support twice. She's only been in hospital six weeks this year, has just finished five months of antibiotics back-to-back and she's doing really well," Mary said.

Mary said being a carer is a "family sacrifice". She stressed the importance of

elderly people remaining in their homes for as long as possible. "Nobody should be turfed out of their house. From the State's point of view, it's cheaper to keep people in their homes. Older people have a lot to contribute to society and have every right to stay in their homes," she added.

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Cllr Garret Ahearn said Mary represents all the carers in Tipperary. "Family Carers Ireland is a hugely important body that creates awareness about the work being done that a lot of people don't see. It's work done by people, for the most part, who don't expect they'll ever have to do it. This award is a way of recognising the commitment people make, often for family members but not always," Mayor Ahearn said.

"About 20 years ago, my own grandmother became ill and she was cared for at home. The love and support you get is really important and very private," he added.

Cllr Pat English said very few people get a mayoral reception and that it's "a great acknowledgement" for the care Mary has shown her mother. Cllr English praised carers across Clonmel for the 24-7 work they are doing for



Seated: Mayor Garret Ahearn, Tipperary Carer of the Year 2019 Mary Doran with her mother Leishe, Cllr Richie Molloy. Back: Mattie McGrath, Cllr Máirín McGrath, Cllr Pat English and Harry Ward (sponsors Netwatch). Mary will represent Tipperary at the National Carer of the Year Awards final

"very little" money.

Cllr Richie Molloy, who is the Family Carers Ireland area support manager, said the purpose of the Tipperary Carer of the Year Award is to create awareness about the work of carers. "Most people don't realise what it's like to be a family carer until they are in the position. People might know someone who's caring for their mam, dad or a child with special needs but that's about it," Cllr Molloy said.

Cllr Molloy said carers from across the Munster region held a conference in Kilkenny last Thursday, expressing "absolute anger and disappointment" at Budget 2020. "The Government didn't listen to the demands of carers, which were outlined in our pre-Budget submission and tailored around our A Decade Lost campaign.

Things have gone backwards for carers in the last 10 years," he continued.

"Home help workers are giving 30 to 45 minutes service, running from here to there, and there's no time for the chat anymore. Traditionally a home help worker went in for an hour at least. There's a big difficulty getting home respite and there's a huge fear of a shortage of staff because home care assistants are leaving the HSE. Unless a new recruitment drive with better working conditions is introduced, it will be difficult to see how services will be improved," he underlined.

Cllr Molloy said Family Carers Ireland has 25 staff in Tipperary, who go into homes to give carers like Mary a break. "We never go in for anything less than an hour because it's of no real benefit. We need to keep reminding

the powers that be that it's tough being a carer. No one is in it for the carers allowance, which works out around 90 cents an hour," Cllr Molloy emphasised.

Cllr Molloy praised Mary for being a "great advocate" for carers. "It's hard to get carers to tell their story because it's not easy to put yourself out there. If you don't have people telling their personal stories, it doesn't have an impact on the wider community."

Mattie McGrath TD said it's "impossible" to make up the losses carers have suffered over the last 10 years and that "Ireland would be a much poorer place without them." He said "you couldn't find a more deserving person" than Mary for the award. He wished her all the best at the Family Carers Ireland National Carer of the

Year Awards final in Dublin on November 22 and said he would try to organise a visit to Dáil Éireann on the day for Mary and her family. "Mary and her family have given so much to the community on an ongoing basis," he said.

Deputy McGrath called for the "invaluable service" that carers provide to be supported by the Government. "There are children carers across Tipperary, who should be in school and enjoying activities, and it's just not right. Caring goes unnoticed because it's in the home," he added.

Cllr Máirín McGrath took "extra pride" in a fellow member of the Newcastle community winning the award. "I know how hard Mary works at home with her family in Newcastle. Carers are the heroes in our towns and villages," she added.



Donnacha Doran, Aoife and Orna Doran at the Tipperary Carer of the Year mayoral reception in Clonmel Town Hall

De Valera monument to be restored by end of year

The Eamon De Valera monument and wall plaques listing the past chairpersons of the former Carrick-on-Suir urban and town councils are to be reinstated at Carrick Town Hall by the end of the year, council management has promised.

Cllr Kieran Bourke (FF) received this assurance when he tabled a motion at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Dis-

trict's monthly meeting calling for the immediate reinstatement of the De Valera monument at the front of the building and wall plaques listing the past chairpersons of Carrick urban and town councils that hung in the Town Hall before its refurbishment.

The Carrick-on-Suir councillor said the Town Hall was reopened after it refurbishment nearly 12 months ago. It was a fabulous

building but internally its walls looked cold and blank.

"I am passionate about this. There are public representatives who represented this town over a period of 100 years and most of the time they never got a shilling as they did it as their civic duty. The least we can do is to recognise their achievement and to have them here as part of this fabulous building."

He welcomed the Council's written response to

his motion outlining its plans to reinstate the monument and memorabilia and asked the District Administrator to outline a time frame for these works to happen.

Mr Nolan said the De Valera monument is currently being sandblasted clean and will be reinstated when the work is done. He hoped the monument will be erected outside the Town Hall before the end of the year. He said the photographs

of former local authority chairpersons of Carrick-on-Suir have been reframed and rehung in the Town Hall.

Mr Nolan also said the Council was proposing to get new plaques listing the names of the former chairperson of Carrick councils to replace the old wooden notice boards that hung in the Council chamber before the refurbishment.

These plaques along with the chain of office of the

former Carrick-on-Suir Town Council, which has been cleaned, will be put on display in the Town Hall by the end of the year.

Cllr Bourke said he was glad to hear Mr Nolan's response.

Mr Nolan replied that the Council was proceeding slowly and carefully with this project. "It's such a nice building and we don't want to mess it up. We really are being careful," he added.

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FEATURE

New book on murder of 'Mr Moonlight' and the case that gripped the nation

By Niamh Dillon

On January 23, 2019, the first media reports covering the murder trial of Cashed father of two Bobby Ryan were released and immediately the nations eyes were firmly fixed on the proceedings at the Central Criminal Court. More than 180km away, the media glare also fell on the quiet surroundings of Fawnagowan, outside Tipperary town.

The case would go on to become the longest running murder trial in the history of the state, finally coming to a close nearly three months later, concluding with the conviction of 50 year old Patrick Quirke for the murder of his former love rival.

Throughout the entire 13 weeks, journalist Catherine Fegan was a constant presence in the press area, fastidiously taking notes to file copy on behalf of national newspaper the Irish Daily Mail where she works as their chief correspondent.

Fegan, a seasoned court reporter who has covered some of the country's biggest trials including the Graham Dwyer case and Jason Corbett's murder trial, was well used to holding fort in



Mary Lowry

the press area of court rooms, however few could predict the level of interest and intrigue that truly lay ahead.

In all Fegan filled upwards of 60 notebooks over the course of the trial, going on to form the basis of her first book - The Murder of Mr Moonlight - a detailed and meticulous account of a story that gripped the nation.

Limited in what she could report by the stringent rules of court reporting, Fegan says she felt from the outset there was a much bigger story.

"I've covered a lot of cases that pique the public's interest, and this was that case this year."

"Beyond the court room, I felt there was more to tell," she explains.

On her days off from the court press bench, Fegan



Patrick Quirke

headed down the country to "knock on doors" at the very places she would have heard about in detail just days earlier.

Initially she found locals were unwilling to talk but she says they were always "very nice, polite."

However as the weeks and then months gradually passed by and through a combination of her countless spins down the M7, Fegan eventually found an audience willing to listen, and later, eager to share.

"Some people were very open with me," she insists.

Despite the extraordinary elements in the case, the book goes far deeper than just recounting the various twists and turns of a murder trial. Instead the book delves into the impact the entire case had

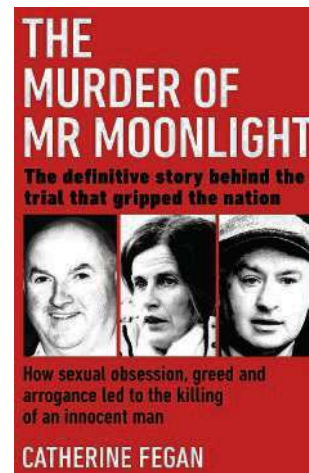
on countless families across several close knit communities in Tipperary.

Throughout the writing process, Fegan says she was also cognisant of the grief that touched countless families and the ripple effect Patrick Quirke's actions had on those around him.

Along with her detailed court notes, Fegan conducted exhaustive research and interviews with 'extremely close friends' of Bobby Ryan, Mary Lowry and Patrick Quirke. Fegan said she approached the Ryan family about the book who gave their blessing. Mary Lowry was also contacted however the author says she 'politely declined' to give any interviews. Many of those who agreed to speak with the author did so only under an agreement of anonymity.



The late Bobby Ryan



Fegan also says she feels it was important that the book was written by a woman and according to the author, she believes many people will identify with the issues it raises and the "tactics" used by Patrick Quirke "to try to control Mary Lowry."

The 292 page book is also a chronological examination of the case over a ten year period and Fegan credits the work of An Garda Síochána and their methods in building a case based on entirely circumstantial evidence.

She explains in great detail how the prosecution built the case week by week, "layer by layer" in the court room and cites the evidence given by AI technician Breda O'Dwyer who was able to disrupt Quirke's alibi as being partic-

ularly "powerful."

There are also a number of first time 'reveals' contained throughout the book including revelations that in the days after Bobby's disappearance, a psychic told Mary that Bobby had been 'struck from behind' and had been killed.

The book also reveals how Quirke turned up at a search for Bobby and asked volunteers, 'Any sign?' as well as a garda search through 'thousands of tonnes of sand' in a nearby quarry after a sniffer dog detected 'the scent of death.'

Fegan also reveals how gardai believe that secret surveillance in the farm alerted Quirke to the fact that Bobby was staying at Fawnagowan the night before he was murdered. The book also reveals how Bobby Ryan had threatened to tell Quirke's wife about his affair if he didn't leave Mary Lowry alone.

Ultimately Fegan says she hopes she did Bobby's story justice.

"Bobby Ryan really was collateral damage. He couldn't be more of an innocent victim," she says.

The Murder of Mr Moonlight: The Definitive Story Behind the Trial that Gripped the Nation by Catherine Fegan is published by Penguin Ireland.

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PASSING OF CHANGES IN DIVORCE LEGISLATION

The Family Law Bill 2019 has now passed all stages in the Oireachtas. The legislation follows the passing of the divorce referendum on May 24 to amend the Constitution. The referendum was carried by 82% of those who voted

The Family Law Bill 2019 amends the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996 to reduce the minimum living apart period specified in that Act to two

years during the previous three years (from four years during the previous five years

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY COURT WITHIN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM

It is 24 years since the Law Reform Commission proposed the establishment of a Family Court division within our court system, and the proposal has been repeated since by judges, lawyers and all those working in Family

Law.

Our current family law system is in crisis and families and lawyers are working in an under-resourced and over-stretched family law system which is not fit for purpose

The Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality has now issued a report calling for a major overhaul of the family law system and it wants urgent status for long-promised legislation for the establishment of a dedicated and integrated family court within existing court structures

SPECIALIST FAMILY LAW TRAINING IS REQUIRED

Most family Law cases including those that concern

children, are heard in the general courts system by judges who have not received specialist family law training and who generally do not specialise in family law. Many of these cases are heard in the same Courthouse that is used for both Civil and Criminal proceedings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The report on reform makes 38 recommendations in total and has been sent by the Oireachtas Joint Committee to the Minister for Justice and Equality Charlie Flanagan.

The recommendations include:

Specialist Family Law Judges

A review of the physical in-

frastructure of family law courts

Key ancillary services and agencies, such as legal aid, mediation services, courts and courts offices, should all be housed under one roof,

Establishment on a permanent basis of a dedicated reporting body, to include both public and private family law proceedings, while maintaining the anonymity of parties,

A full review of the legal aid scheme

a substantial increase in the number of judges to address the backlog of cases and relieve pressure on the judiciary.

Action is now urgently required for a delivery of previous commitments to

prioritise the modernisation of the family law courts system and to provide a family law system which will meet the needs of families who are at a very vulnerable time in their lives.

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'A positive impact on the promotion of peace'

President Michael D Higgins paid glowing tribute to the Tipperary Peace Convention and its founding members at a ceremony in Aras an Uachtarain last week.

He congratulated them on the vital role they can play in creating trust, encouraging empathy, raising awareness and inspiring tolerance around difference.

The occasion put particular emphasis on the tremendous effort of the founding committee, Noel McInerney, Joe Quinn, Tim Ryan, the late Danny Ryan (represented by his wife Hannah) and Maureen Walsh.

President Higgins made reference to having been at the first forum for peace back in the early 1980s who were "then just at the beginning of their journey, a journey which would have such a positive impact on the promotion of peace on this island and beyond."

The President stated that he has been following the work of the organisation ever since. In the year of its inception, 85 people lost their lives as a result of the conflict in Northern Ireland. "Setting up the Tipperary

Peace Forum and Award was, therefore, an act of great hope and moral courage during very difficult times," he said.

He commended the founders for the work they had done. "As you look back on the past 35 years, you have much to remember with pride. The establishment of the Forum, the Song of Peace competition, and the esteem in which the Tipperary Peace Award are held are testimony to your vision, hard work and also of course your special recognition of the transformative power of the arts, and the vital role they can play in creating trust, encouraging empathy, raising awareness and inspiring tolerance around difference."

In a reply to the President, the original chairman Noel McInerney briefly told the story of the founding of the organisation in 1982-83 and the various people that travelled to the county to talk about peace "such as then Senator M.D. Higgins, Attorney General John Rogers, Alban McGuinness of the SDLP, Unionist Frazer Agnew, Brendan O'Regan of Co-operation North and Dr. Martin Manseragh."

The chairman of debates included Gay Byrne and Michael Ryan from RTE along with all contributed to the



President Higgins making a presentation to Peace Convention founder member Joe Quinn at the ceremony in Aras an Uachtarain

peace we now have. He made particular reference to the incredible work done by the current chairman Joe Quinn who is now working towards the foundation of a museum for the town. "Great credit must be given to Joe and his team who selected George Mitchell as Peace Person of the Year in 1989."

He thanked the designer of the original trophy sculptor Jarlath Daly and the original sponsor Billy Kiely of 7Up.

The event was a year in the

making and was organised by the female entrepreneur and staunch CSR advocate Aisling Hurley of TBF Digital Marketing Agency. "When I learned about the work done by chairman Joe Quinn and the founding committee, I couldn't believe they had not been celebrated before now," she said.

"The event is worth millions to the local and national government every year, in terms of equivalent advertising spend and has been such a positive story for Tip-

perary and Ireland in diplomatic circles internationally that I felt something had to be done to recognise the founders."

Chairman Joe Quinn was delighted with the day and in particular to see the original chairman Noel McInerney address the president. "The President and his team were so gracious in their recognition of the work of the committee, it was very humbling and a very special event," he said.

Ex committee member

Colette O'Halloran also stated that it was a unique experience. "During my time on the committee, I have met some amazing people including President Bill Clinton, but this day tops them all. To be invited to the Aras in recognition of the work that you've done is just so special. I was just so honoured to be there."

The attendance included members of the diplomatic corps as well as representatives of the Taoiseach and Tanaiste.

Work starts on 'significant' Clonmel ring road scheme

Work has started on a major upgrade to the Clonmel ring road that is expected to last six months.

The contract for the project was signed recently.

Tipperary County Council announced that Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. has been awarded the contract for a Pavement Improvement Scheme on the N24, Clonmel Inner Relief Road (Frank Drohan Road) at Clonmel.

This work is required to improve the surface texture and structural strength of the road resulting in a safer facility.

Funding for the Scheme was provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The project will involve the repair and rehabilitation of approximately 6.4 km of Frank Drohan Road from the Cahir Road roundabout at Ballingarrane to the Moan-garriff roundabout on the Waterford Road.

Some changes to kerbing and concrete islands will be carried out at Heywood Road junction, Cashel Road roundabout and Fethard Road roundabout.

A new combined drainage kerb will be constructed

between the Powerstown Road and St. Patrick's Road junctions.

A traffic management plan will be implemented by the contractor to ensure the flow of traffic along the N24. Access to properties along the N24 will be maintained at all times, however there may be some disturbance as the works pass individual entrances.

The contractor will make contact with individual businesses along the N24 as the works progress and will provide updates to the public via radio and newspaper. Information updates may also be obtained by contacting the Council directly.

"I welcome the news of the commencement of the scheme. This work should bring great benefits to all using this stretch of the N24," said Mayor of Clonmel Borough District Garret Ahearn.

Cllr Michael Murphy, cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, also welcomed the signing of the contract with Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. "I wish the contractor well. Tipperary County Council will work very closely with the contractor to minimise disruption during these works."



At the signing of the N24 improvement contract - Back: Cllr Pat English, Michèle Maher (administrative officer), Eamon Lonergan (acting director of services), Cllr Richie Molloy, Cllr Siobhán Ambrose, Niall Casey (Glas Civil Engineering Ltd), Oliver Tierney (senior executive engineer). Front: John Bradfield (Glas Civil Engineering Ltd), Mayor Garret Ahearn, Joe MacGrath (chief executive), Cllr Michael Murphy, John Nolan (senior engineer)

tion during these works."

Tipperary County Council chief executive Joe MacGrath said the Council has been working closely with Trans-

port Infrastructure Ireland to advance this project and is delighted that a contractor has been appointed to complete these works. "This is a

significant scheme and will result in increased safety along this section of the N24.

Tipperary County Council would like to thank all those

affected or using this section of the N24 for their patience whilst these works are ongoing."

Museum to bring in 21,000 additional visitors and €880,000 in revenue over the next five years

The upgraded and re-modelled Tipperary Museum of Hidden History is expected to bring in 21,000 additional visitors and €880,000 in revenue over the next five years.

It is a vital cog in the town's tourist infrastructure and will eventually be part of a major triangle of attractions, Flights of Discovery, that will also include the developed West Gate and the cider museum at Dowd's Lane.

Joe MacGrath, chief executive of Tipperary County Council, said that the sustainable development of tourism products was a key objective of the county's tourism strategy. He continued: "Tourism is an important economic driver which sustains over three thousand jobs in Tipperary and we are ambitious to grow our tourism sector by actively investing in product development and continually marketing the destination to our target markets together with our partners in Tipperary Tourism and Fáilte

Ireland."

County Council chairman Michael Murphy, who opened the new museum, and Mayor of Clonmel Garret Ahearn both predicted that the museum would play a key role in developing the town's tourism appeal, and paid tribute to all those involved in the project.

Cllr Murphy said the works undertaken to the museum are a complete re-imagining of how our heritage and our history can be told. "It is designed to be a unique immersive hands on experience and will appeal to all ages and all families. In addition, our County Museum will also act as the hub from which visitors will be encouraged to move out into the centre of Clonmel and other parts of the county to explore, experience and appreciate our culture and heritage," he remarked.

Sending best wishes to all those involved in the project, Minister of State for Tourism and Sport Brendan Griffin said the Government was proud to support innovation in tourism and he commended Fáilte Ireland and

Tipperary County Council for their investment in the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, which will bring to life the county's rich heritage and culture in a way that appeals to overseas visitors.

Minister Griffin, who was unable to attend the opening because of a key Dail vote on the same day, said tourism was a highly competitive market and funding like this is critical in ensuring that Ireland stands out in the international marketplace and that the tourism sector can continue to make sustain jobs and communities throughout Ireland.

Fáilte Ireland's Sarah O'Dwyer remarked that funding provided by Fáilte Ireland was well spent when looking at the finished work and she congratulated everyone involved with the innovative project. Meanwhile, Justine Carey, Ireland's Ancient East manager at Fáilte Ireland, said: "When overseas visitors come to Ireland, they want to visit our great landmarks and attractions, but more than that they want to hear first-hand the stories about Ireland and the



Beth Phelan, Dylan Goldbach and Rose Phelan at the Death and Faith Exhibition in the new museum

people who lived and worked in the area at that time. That's what the Ireland's Ancient East sets out to achieve.

"At Fáilte Ireland, we are always looking for opportunities to stimulate the development of brilliant visitor experiences and the new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History will do this by bringing to life the region's rich local heritage. This is just one of 19 projects set to open

following funding from our Ireland's Ancient East Storytelling and Interpretation Scheme, all of which aim to boost the region's tourism appeal and drive significant growth in both visitor numbers and revenue to the local area."

A museum was first established in Clonmel in the 1940s, before the County Museum officially opened in Mick Delahunty Square in

2000. The newly refurbished museum has been funded by Tipperary County Council and Fáilte Ireland at a cost of €500,000.

The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am - 4.45pm and admission is free. Audio-guides are available in six languages. The multi-sensory experience is a must-see on your journey in Tipperary.

'Exciting look at history through eyes of the past'

Clonmel can boast one of the most imaginative and innovative museums in the country following the opening last week of the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History.

It is still based in the original building in Mick Delahunty Square but there the similarity ends.

It is no longer just a museum, nor just an interpretative centre, but a virtual Aladdin's cave encompassing the history of the town and county over the generations.

Embracing a new model of

bringing an area's history to its people, it brings that history to life in a way more traditional museums fail to deliver, detailing the county's rich hidden history through memorable historic characters and amazing stories.

It reflects the passion of curator and creative director Marie McMahon in putting a focus on people and not just 'things'.

Of course there are a lot of 'things' - in all, over 25,000 artefacts but it is how they are displayed and presented to visitors that make the Clonmel museum so different.



Joe McGrath (council CEO), Lynn Scarff (National Museum of Ireland), Mayor Garret Ahearn, Cllr Michael Murphy, Marie McMahon (creative director) and Sarah O'Dwyer (Fáilte Ireland) at the official launch of the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Visitors at the official opening were enthralled by the range and scope of the project. As a local authority museum, County Council chief executive Joe MacGrath paid glowing tribute to Marie McMahon and her staff on how the project turned out following a €500,000 investment. He thanked Fáilte Ireland for their financial support for the project and remarked that the council's own funding was aided by the increase in local property tax that he had pushed for with the councillors. He paid tribute to council chairman

Michael Murphy, who officially opened the museum, and his colleagues for their foresight in agreeing to the LPT increase that benefited such projects as the museum.

Director of the National Museum of Ireland Lynn Scarff described the new Clonmel museum as wonderful and said it reflected the way forward in bringing history and the past to people in new formats.

A visitor's first introduction to the museum is asked the question 'Who am I?'. That question can be answered by

dialing a number on the 'hotline' telephone that will direct that person to one of seven particular sections of the museum.

It could lead them to the rebellion section and listen to the thoughts of one of Cromwell's soldiers and what he thought of the Irish. It could take them to a more macabre section with coffins, bodies in suitcases and women burned as witches.

Somewhat less chilling are the sections on music, with Mick Delahunty's saxophone proudly on display as well as the uniform worn by Frank

Patterson when he sang at the papal mass.

The sporting section reflects Tipperary's proud traditions spanning a variety of sports.

A Bloody Sunday jersey goes back nearly one hundred years while Seamus Kennedy's jersey worn in this year's All Ireland hurling final brings the exhibit up the present day.

"Our vision was to create a highly interactive and exciting new look at history through the eyes of characters from our past," said Marie McMahon.



Mick Ahearn, Mary Guinan Darmody and Anthony Guinan admiring the exhibits in the completely upgraded museum

Tipperary Museum welcomes incredible gold coin hoard home

The new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History - located on an historic site itself, that of a former prison and Ireland's only Borstal from 1906 to 1956 - is a microcosm of the county's past.

With one of the largest museum collections in the country, it takes visitors through Tipperary's storied past.

The museum brings Tipperary's rich hidden history vividly to life through memorable historical characters and amazing stories.

A definite highlight is the gold coin hoard.

These incredible coins were discovered in Carrick-on-Suir and have been a prized possession of the National Museum for some time.

They are now 'back home' in Tipperary in a stunning display. Clonmel is a designated museum by the National Museum of Ireland, which allows it to retain archaeological items of local significance and to borrow items of national and international importance.

Another remarkable exhibit is the boat once owned by Maurice Davin, one of the founders of the GAA, who was a keen boatman on his be-

loved River Suir.

There is a focus on Clonmel's industrial past, with artefacts from Bulmers as well as the Ardfinnan flour company with examples of clothes made from flour bags during difficult times.

Curator Marie McMahon says the museum will give visitors the chance to learn about Tipperary's more macabre stories from the past and those so inclined can test out a coffin for size.

There is a fascinating display of weaponry from episodes of the county's troubled past and from a little farther afield, a knife belonging to a member of Hitler's youth

movement.

Many of Tipperary's favourite sons are honoured and remembered - singers and musicians such as Frank Patterson and Mick Dell, and sports stars such as Michael Hogan, Tom Kiely and Sean Kelly from just across the border in Waterford.

All the exhibits are explained in both English and Irish descriptions while many exhibits have an audio guide.

A must-see exhibit is the beautiful gold tabernacle made by the Sisters of Charity in Clonmel. In truth, there's something for everyone.



Maisy and Ellis Vignes at the new Tipperary Museum of Hidden History

Killenaule's Caroline spins the wheel on Winning Streak and wins €56,000

A County Tipperary woman who went on National Lottery TV game show Winning Streak for her aunt won €56,000 on RTÉ One last Saturday.

Killenaule's Caroline Graham was delighted to hear her aunt's name, Breda Bradshaw, was drawn for Winning Streak. Winning Streak luck runs in her family as almost 19 years ago (in December 2000), her grandmother's name was pulled from the drum to appear on the show. Her grandmother,

Christina Healy, didn't go on the show but asked her brother (Caroline's uncle) Denis to play in her place and he won £15,000.

True to family form, Breda decided against going on the show this time and she asked Caroline to play in her stead. Breda watched her niece on the show from the comfort of her sitting room in Killenaule.

Caroline was happy to do a good turn for her aunt and she certainly did her proud as she spun the iconic Winning

Streak wheel and won €25,000, bringing her total winnings to €51,000.

Caroline works in the finance department of the Anner Hotel in Thurles. She is mum to Conor, both of whom share a love for horses and racing. They have both been to Royal Ascot and Cheltenham as well as a number of other race meets over the years. Caroline and Conor also frequently visit Old Trafford to watch Manchester United. In her spare time, Caroline likes to travel around Ireland.



Caroline Graham won €56,000 on Winning Streak last Saturday

FORMER IRISH PRESIDENT MARY ROBINSON 'A VERY WORTHY RECIPIENT' OF THE TIPPERARY INTERNATIONAL PEACE AWARD

Former Irish president Mary Robinson will travel to Tipperary Town this Thursday to receive the 2018 Tipperary International Peace Award.

The chair of Elders and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is receiving the award in recognition of her efforts to ensuring that the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people are addressed on the global stage.

As an outspoken advocate on the effects of climate

change, Mrs. Robinson has campaigned for the need to focus the world's attention on the urgent challenges posed by extreme weather events on the poorest and the most vulnerable of communities.

Mrs. Robinson will be honoured for her work spanning 50 years from when she first entered public life as a senator.

Peace Convention Secretary Martin Quinn says it is yet another very important day for Tipperary Peace Convention. "Tipperary can be very proud of the important role played on the national

and international stage by Tipperary Peace Convention. The recipients over the 35 years since the convention was founded are all extraordinary people who have all gone that extra mile in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation," he says.

Mary Robinson is certainly no exception to the rule. Throughout her career, she has strived to ensure that all voices are heard, has been a crusader for women's rights and for those without a voice in the world. She has not only shone a light on human suffering, but illuminated a

better future for our world and is a very worthy recipient of the Tipperary International Peace Award," Mr Quinn adds.

Mrs Robinson will be accompanied by her husband Nick and will be met on arrival at the Tipperary Excel by a guard of honour drawn from members of the Irish United Nations Veterans Association Post 24.

A host of dignitaries will be in attendance including ambassadors from 20 foreign embassies accredited to Ireland, representatives of all political parties, the chief of

staff of the Defence Forces Vice Admiral Mark Mellett along with representatives of the Air Corps and the Irish Naval Service. There will also be representation from all the main churches, many community organisations, Amnesty International, and the International Institute for Environment and Development.

Messages of congratulations from President Michael D. Higgins, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and from UN Irish Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason

will be relayed at the ceremony, which will take place at 11.30am in the Tipperary Excel.

At 2pm, members of the public will be welcome to attend the Peace Forum, which will also take place in the Excel. The forum will focus on peace and climate justice, and will feature a panel of speakers including Mrs. Robinson, the Green Party's Senator Pippa Hackett, and youth climate ambassadors Valery Molay and Jack O'Neill. Those wishing to attend should email to martinquinns@eircom.net.

Rockwell Rovers GAA Club launch history book

There was an air of anticipation in New Inn as renowned author JJ Kennedy launched Rockwell Rovers GAA Club's history book in the newly renovated community centre last Friday.

The book is the culmination of nearly three years of research by the book committee under the guidance of editor Seamus J King. The committee is comprised of Kevin Barron, Sandra English, Tom O'Connor, Jimmy Looby,

Wally O'Donnell, Paddy O'Connor, John Hally and Jim Joe Dudley. It is a complete history of Rockwell Rovers GAA (1887-2018) in the parish of New Inn/Knockgraffon.

It is important that the club and the parish are so interlinked that it is impossible to write a history of the club without also writing a history of the parish. It is hoped that this history book will be a reference book for many years to come as it will preserve photographs and local lore for future generations.

The book launch became



Back l-r: Jimmy Looby (club president), Tom O'Connor, Kevin Barron, Wally O'Donnell, Jim Joe Dudley (chairman), Paddy O'Connor. Front: Michael Ryan (West Board chairman), Sandra English (PRO), Seamus J King (editor and historian), JJ Kennedy (author of West Tipp GAA book), John Hally (secretary)



John, Shari-Anne, Jimmy and Michael O'Donnell at the book launch

an evening spent reminiscing with former teammates and meeting friends from far and near over a cup of tea and the tasty treats provided. MC on the night was West Bórd na nÓg chairman Conor English. He opened proceedings by introducing club chairman Jim Joe Dudley, who thanked everyone for attending and was effusive in his praise of all the book committee. Jim Joe was delighted to welcome JJ Kennedy to launch the book as he is great Tipperary man and true Gael who really understands the

importance of GAA clubs in local communities. JJ gave a synopsis of the club's history from his time as West PRO.

Editor Seamus J King gave a great insight into the compilation of a local history and thanked all who helped in any way. Book committee chairman Kevin Barron thanked the committee for its dedication and attention to detail and indeed everyone who helped in the production of this excellent history.

The book really went down a treat with the huge attendance, who marvelled at

the fine production of 360 pages filled with historical details, stories, profiles and almost 500 photographs.

It was agreed by all that it would make a lovely Christmas present, especially for our diaspora who would really appreciate the stories and profiles contained within. The book is on sale from The Shop, New Inn. Now that our rich history is written, it is time for the club to face the future and make more history at which the next generations can marvel.

Friends gather in Fethard to remember the deceased

A gathering of 60 people assembled in the Abymill Theatre to join in the celebration of mass for all the deceased members of the Fethard Players, Musical Society and Choir Group last Friday.

It was a poignant yet memorable occasion. Fr. Iggy O'Donovan OSA of the nearby Augustinian Abbey was the celebrant, and spoke briefly on the long tradition of theatre and the love and legacy these performers gave since the Tirry Players, previously named the Sodality Players, started out in 1913.

Mia Tracy of the Fethard Players read a beautiful piece by Fr. Brendan Hoban en-

titled Remember Me, and the prayers of the faithful were individually expressed by Michael McCarthy, Gerry Fogarty and Niamh Hayes. They remembered, in particular, Anne Connolly and Percy O'Flynn, the two most recent deaths in the Fethard Players. Both, all their lives, had tirelessly and unselfishly devoted their immense talent to plays and musicals, and were truly and inspiration to all.

Marian Gilpin, who organised the evening, read a reflection after Communion taken from John O'Donohue Benedictus: A Book of Blessings, appropriately named On the Death of the Beloved.

The mass concluded with Fr. Iggy reciting that very beautiful Cardinal Newman prayer.



Fethard Players committee's Mia Treacy, Marian Gilpin, Rita Kenny, Ger McCarthy, Ann Walsh, Liam O'Connor, Mary O'Connell and Niamh Hayes at the mass for deceased members in the Abymill Theatre

The kettle was then on the boil and all gathered in the foyer, bedecked with chrysanthemums from Pat Culligan's garden, and an autumnal arrangement from

Mandy's Flowers, to enjoy a cuppa and chat along with wonderful homemade cakes and buns made by Heather Bailey, Marian Gilpin, Fionnuala O'Sullivan, Rita Kenny, Jodie Gilpin and of course Vincent Murphy of McCarthy's for supplying the crockery.

A special word of thanks to Ann Walsh, Ger McCarthy, Niamh Hayes and Margaret Lawlor for their very efficient dishwashing duties, Augustinian Abbey sacristan Michael Kenrick, Austin O'Flynn and Christy Mullins for having the theatre warm and cosy.

Simple but serene, it was an occasion of quiet reflection, and yet warm encounters between friends who were there to remember their loved ones.

New hall a huge boost for Powerstown National School

The official opening of the new sports and recreation hall at Powerstown National School was performed by local councillor and Tipperary County Council chairman Michael Murphy.

Parents, members of the local community, staff, sponsors, pupils and past pupils all gathered together for the opening.

The ceremony commenced with music by the school band followed by a prayer service led by Fr. Peter Ahearne, who expressed his deep gratitude to everyone who has helped in any way with the development.

Parents council chairperson Helen McGarry paid tribute to all who were involved in making the building possible and she commented that the benefits to our children from this hall are immeasurable. They will allow the children nurture their sporting and creative talents and will contribute in the promotion of a healthy lifestyle for all children and a habit of exercise, participation and development for a lifetime.

She eloquently concluded her speech with the words "May the laughter of children resonate throughout this hall for many years." She thanked the parents, staff, the businesses in the area and the community.

School principal Eugene Fogarty thanked all who donated and fundraised for the school hall.

Mr Fogarty, said that "years of perseverance, hard

work and generosity by many people had brought the school to this important day."

The board of management along with the parents council were tasked with raising all the funds for the project as funding by the Department of Education was not being offered.

Whilst the majority of the funding for the hall was provided by the board of management following years of prudent financial management, the sum of €100,000 was needed to complete the building through fundraising undertaken by the parents council. He also thanked the consultant engineer Michael Reilly and main contractor Clodagh Construction.

Mr. Fogarty spoke about the Register of Patrons, which will contain details of all the donors who kindly contributed to the hall. The final version will be available in June 2020 as contributions continue to come in to assist in the next phase of fitting out the hall with equipment, a stage and seating.

Cllr Michael Murphy was full of praise for the school and its role in the local community.

He said the provision of the wonderful new sports and recreation hall had been a long-term objective of the Board of Management and Parents Council and it was great to see that coming to fruition. He congratulated Eugene Fogarty, Fr. Peter Ahearne, the board of management, the parents council and the teachers on this suc-



Tipperary County Council chairman Cllr Michael Murphy cutting the ribbon to officially open the hall, with Eimer O'Keeffe, school principal Eugene Fogarty, Fr Peter Ahearne, Helen McGarry, Diarmuid Burke and PJ Stafford

cess. He extended to all the students and staff his best wishes for many years of enjoyment in their lovely new facility.

He welcomed Mayor of Clonmel Cllr Garret Ahearn and thanked both Oliver McGrath and Bulmers Ltd

through Billy Acheson for their generosity in making land available to the school over the years.

Cllr Murphy announced that he has a small budget from the municipal district, which supports projects from an economic, social, educa-

tional, sporting, cultural and environmental perspective. He has chosen Powerstown National School as his lead project and he approved a contribution of €10,000 towards the next phase of the project. He performed the official ribbon-cutting and con-

gratulated all.

The children performed a selection of song, dance and theatre for the audience, finishing off the ceremony with the school anthem Mol an Oige, a song written and composed by teacher Fergus Flynn.

Darragh heading to RTÉ Youth Assembly at Dáil Éireann

Cashel Community School fifth year student Darragh Hogan has been selected as a delegate to the RTÉ Youth Assembly on Climate, which will take place at Dáil Éireann on November 15.

This landmark event is part of the

100th anniversary celebrations of the first sitting of the Dáil.

157 delegates have been chosen from across Ireland between the ages of 10 and 17 from over 1,000 applications.

The 157 delegates reflect the current number of TDs in the Dáil at present. The delegates will be given

the chance to discuss what Ireland needs to do to take action on climate and environmental issues.

The event will be chaired by ceann comhairle Séan Ó Fearghail and will be broadcast on RTÉ News Now and Oireachtas TV, with a documentary being made by the end of the year.



Darragh Hogan is pictured with Cashel Community School's Worldwise Global Schools Programme coordinator Micheál Hassetz

Seven Spanish students arrive at Rockwell on exchange programme

Nine months of planning came to fruition when seven students from Escolinas, Valencia, visited their transition year counterparts in Rockwell College recently.

It marked the inaugural Spanish language Exchange programme

between the two schools.

On arrival, the students were greeted by their exchange partners with whom they are staying with while attending Rockwell College over the three weeks. Whilst shadowing their exchange partners, they were brought to rugby and football

matches, experienced a visit to Phoenix Strength and Conditioning Gym, and SBG with Colin Maher. They also took time out to visit Kilkenny Castle.

The Rockwell students will make the return journey to Valencia in time for the Festival of Colour in

March. Rockwell's Spanish teacher Sylvana Murphy spoke of the excellent opportunity for the local students to immerse themselves in the Spanish language, which will be afforded to them in Spain. Clonmel's Caoimhe O'Connor said: "They are all so nice and we all get on ex-

tremely well. I cannot wait to improve my Spanish when I go to Valencia in March."

This exchange will be followed by German and French exchanges, which have been running for the last 11 years at Rockwell.

'I had cancer but cancer never had me'

The work of Carrick-on-Suir's Cancer Care and Share support group is ending as its founder Mary Hickey has stepped down from her role.

Mary founded the support group four years ago and worked tirelessly to provide support services for cancer patients and their families in Carrick-on-Suir and its environs.

This was not an easy decision for Mary, whose energy powered a team of local volunteers to help everyone touched by cancer.

The cancer survivor has decided to step down from her volunteer work with the support group due to her own health issues as well as family commitments.

Mary set up Carrick-on-Suir's Cancer Care & Share group in September, 2015. Her vision was to reach out to local people suffering from cancer and she was acutely aware of the limited facilities available locally.

The support group provides counselling, therapies, prosthesis, bra and wig fitting services, and drivers to

take cancer patients to and from chemotherapy and radium sessions.

It also runs regular coffee mornings in the Nano Nagle Resource Centre for people to drop in and chat and liaised with other support groups.

Mary thanks everyone involved in Cancer Care and Share for their support of Cancer Care and Share over the last four years. They include the staff of the Nano Nagle Resource Centre, who provided rooms for therapists, one-on-one consultations, the fittings and meetings.

She thanks all the counsellors, Willie Egan from Kilkenny College for providing them, and the therapists, who gave freely of their time and never charged.

She also thanks the drivers, the volunteers who helped with fundraising events and all the businesses and people who donated prizes for raffles. Mary also thanks her committee who provided help and support over the years.

She spoke of how the response by the people using the support group's services



Mary Hickey being presented with a bouquet of flowers after a meal with some of the volunteers who worked with her over the last four years

was just overwhelming and how delighted she and her team were to see such enthusiasm in the uptake of their services.

Cancer Care and Share provided 24 hour contact seven days a week and aimed to give people as much time as possible. Mary witnessed many regain hope and a new lease of life.

Another project within

the group of extended volunteers was the crocheting of blankets for Crumlin Hospital and for local cancer patients to use on their travels for treatment. Mary also paid tribute to Annette Gregg from Wexford, who sourced sponsors for Chemo Kits, a little bag containing socks, sweets, lip salve, deodorant and wipes that were given to people travelling and under-

going treatment.

As Mary continues with her own commitments and reflects on life, she says: "I had cancer but cancer never had me. Energy kept me going and caring for your own health is vital. I wish all the best to everyone on their path to recovery and to their families."

Mary has organised for the people using the services of Cancer Care and Share to

transfer to the services of Cancer Care in Clonmel and Solás in Waterford. Her big regret was not being able to find a permanent base for Cancer Care & Share.

Cancer Care and Share Group's closing balance of money fundraised by the people of Carrick-on-Suir is €2,826.83. This money will go to the palliative care section of St. Brigid's District Hos-

Tractors parade

The annual Crop Cruisers Christmas Tractors Parade in Carrick-on-Suir takes place on December 14 from 5pm-8pm. This free and charitable event, founded by local farmer Stuart Downie, is now in its 6th year.

Blood donations

Two hundred and five people donated blood to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service's Blood Donor Clinic in Carrick-on-Suir last week. The two-day clinic took place at the Carraig Hotel on October 29 and 30. The IBTS thanked the donors for their generosity and commitment.

"The precious gift of blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities," said an IBTS spokesperson.

Brewery Lane

Brewery Lane Drama Group will stage Patrick Hamilton's psychological thriller Gaslight at Carrick-on-Suir's Brewery Lane Theatre from November 23-30. The play's director is Roseanne Glascott and the cast includes Suzanne Dunne, Neil Bourke, Barry Comerford, Maria Clancy, Jacque Ahern-Slater. Tickets go on sale next Wednesday, November 13, in Carrick-on-Suir Town Hall, which is open Monday to Friday from 9.30pm to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Call into the booking office or phone 086-274736. Tickets cost €15 and refreshments will be served at the interval.



Paddy Moore celebrated his 90th birthday in Carrickbeg Community Hall with Paddy Finucane, Pakie Wells, John 'Toddler' Maher, Johnny Brannigan, Robbie Dunne, Patsy Murphy and Dermot Moore (Paddy's son). Paddy was presented with an engraved trophy by St. Mollerans GAA Club

Davins GAA Club

Carrick Davins GAA Club wishes club volunteer Gerry Organ a very happy 60th birthday.

Gerry is a member of the club's bingo and lotto committee. He never misses a Tuesday night. The club appreciates all the work he does in organising the bingo.

Davins Junior hurling team's county final match against Arravale Rover was postponed last Saturday as the pitch conditions were unsuitable. The final is rescheduled to take place on Saturday in Golden at 1pm. The club wishes the

junior team the best of luck in the match.

The club lotto jackpot wasn't won last week. Numbers drawn were: 2,3,11,24. Seven players matched three numbers and won €30 each.

Musical Society

Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society has announced its leading cast members for its next annual show - the classic musical Oklahoma. The Rodgers and Hammerstein hit show will be staged at the Strand Theatre from February 29 to March 7.

Michael Raggett will play the role of Curley while Sandra Power is cast as Laurey. Derek Ryan will play Jud Fry while Irene Malone takes on the role of Aunt Eller. Ruthie Raggett will play Ado Annie, Neil Bourke is cast as Ali Hakim and James O'Donovan will play Will Parker.

Other key cast members include Seamus Power as Andrew Carnes, Siobhan Grace-Regan as Gertie Cummings, Chris Hanlon as Ike Skidmore, Jim Kennedy as Cord Elan and Declan Smith-Robinson as Slim.

Meanwhile, Carrick-on-Suir

Musical Society members Irene Malone, Katie O'Shea and John Power took part the South Eastern Theatre Group's production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash hit show Cats, staged at the Theatre Royal in Waterford from October 29 to November 2.

Swan Club

Cassidy Lonergan won Carrick Swan Club's Camogie Player of the Year Award at a club awards ceremony. The club congratulates Cassidy Lonergan on her well-deserved award after some superb performances this year.

It also congratulates joint Young Players Of The Year Kelly Ryan and Maeve McGuigan. The club also congratulates Lee Grace who helped Shamrock Rovers defeat Dundalk in the FAI Cup final at the Aviva Stadium on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the game against St Mary's was postponed at the weekend due to an unplayable pitch.

Last week's Swan Lotto numbers were 03, 09, 17, 23. The €8,000 jackpot wasn't won. Eleven players matched three numbers and won €20. This week's jackpot is €8,250.

There's still time to buy 12 Days of Christmas fundraising draw tickets. The first draw takes place on December 3. The draw boasts €20,000 and tickets cost €50. Contact any committee member or ticket seller for tickets.

The club extends condolences to the Murphy family, Piltown, and Doherty family, St. Mollerans, on their recent bereavements.

October Sports Award to be announced on Friday

The following sixteen nominations were received for the Butler's Bar Fethard Sports Achievement Award for October:

1. **Patrician Presentation 1st Year Ladies Gaelic Football Team** – Winners of a six-team football blitz which was held in Rockwell College.

2. **Patrician Presentation 1st Year Girls Futsal Team** – Acquitted themselves well at this new improvised sport which took place at Canon Hayes Center in Tipperary town and organised by the F.A.I.

3. **Patrician Presentation 1st Year boys Futsal**. Runners up in this new sport run by the F.A.I. The sport is based on Soccer but has very specific and different rules.

4. **St. Rita's Junior B Camogie Team** – County champions by beating Lorragee in the final played in the Ragg.

5. **St. Rita's U16 B Camogie Team** – County league winners beating Ballina in the final.

6. **St. Rita's U14 B Camogie Team** – County league winners



St Rita's Camogie Club members Kerri Doyle, Isobel Corbett and Jessica Moloney were members of the 2019 under 14 Tipperary camogie team

beating Cashel King Cormacks in the final.

7. **Jayden Setters Coffey** – Galteemor kickboxing clubs Irish U8 champion at the Irish Championships held in Galway.

8. **Dylan Costin** – Silver kick-

boxing medal 70kg division at the Irish championships.

9. **Tommy Delaney** – Irish silver medallist at 80kg junior kickboxing championships.

10. **Daniel Coffey** – Junior Irish silver medallist at 70kg Junior kick-

boxing championships.

11. **Caia Crowley** – Irish silver medallist at 55kg junior kickboxing championships and will fight an Irish title fight in Derry on November 9.

12. **Reiltin Kenny** – Silver U10 medallist at Irish kickboxing championships and will also fight for an Irish Title in Derry on November 9.

13. **Dylan Corbett** – U10 bronze medallist at the Irish junior kickboxing championships held in Galway.

14. **Hayley Farrell** – Silver U10 medallist at the Irish junior kickboxing championships held in Galway.

15. **Killian Setters** – Silver U8 medallist at the Irish junior kickboxing championships held in Galway.

16. **Hugh O'Connor** – A horse bred by Hugh, 'Langer Dan', was a two-time winner recently in Ludlow and in Wetherby.

The winner will be announced at a function in Butler's Bar on Friday night, November 8. All are welcome.

CASHEL News in Brief

CASHEL BRIDGE CLUB

Results for Wednesday, October 23.
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First: Mary Kennedy and Helen McCarthy.

Second: Pauline Feehan and Maureen Casey.

Third: Una Allison and Beatrice Leahy.

Fourth: Catherine O'Dowd and Josephine Maher.

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First: Mary Kennedy and Helen McCarthy.

Second: Pauline Feehan and Maureen Casey.

Third: Una Allison and Beatrice Leahy

Fourth: Wally Ryan and Breeda Hickey.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOLS PRESENT RECYCLE YOUR STYLE

On Saturday, November 16, in Cashel Community School from 12 noon to 6pm, a fundraising committee formed by St John the Baptist BNS will host something new and interesting for Cashel and further afield.

They are encouraging you to purchase a space for €50 and sell your good quality, preloved clothes and occasion wear. They will provide a table and all you need to do is bring a rail and fill it with your preloved clothing, bags and shoes. You keep all the money that you make on the day from sales. It's the perfect time of year to have some extra cash with Christmas just around the corner.

All proceeds from the spaces sold go directly to St John the Baptist Schools building fund. If you and your friends would prefer to come and buy then you'll be very welcome.

There is a free draw on the door when you pay your €3 entry fee. There are three 'limited number' luxury raffles to run on the day.

These include two separate nights away in gorgeous hotels and a pair of Manchester United tickets for a match of your choice. They also have some amazing spot prizes to be won.

The parents association of both schools will be there to keep everyone topped up with light refreshments.

Recycle Your Style is a fundraising event taking place in aid of the extension of both schools to accommodate new classrooms and a new ASD facility within the schools.

Department of Education funding is in place to complete the structures, however there is a significant shortfall in funding to fit out classrooms and make them work for the pupils into the future.

HALLA NA FEILE

Social tea dance in Halla na Feile on this Friday, November 8, with dancing from 9pm to midnight.

Music is by Brian McDermott who makes a welcome return to the halla.

Refreshments served and admission is €10. Social dancing classes in Halla na Feile on Tuesday evenings from 8.30pm to 1am.

CASHEL TOASTMASTERS

Next meeting for Cashel Toastmasters will be on Thursday, November 7 at 8pm in Halla na Feile. Tel: 086-8219210.

HOME SHARE - Providing family-based respite in the south east

WHAT IS HOME SHARE?

Home Share is when families in the community open their homes to provide respite breaks to adults or children with a disability. This fantastic new initiative in the region and is a very valuable and unique type of respite service, which mirrors similar very successful services throughout Ireland.

In a recent media interview, Damien Tiernan of WLR FM summed it up beautifully when he commented 'the amazing amalgamation of experience & expertise of Home Share with members incl HSE Ireland, The Cairdeas Centre, BEAM, Central Remedial Clinic Waterford, Waterford Intellectual Disability Association, Brothers of Charity Services Ireland - South East Region, Ard Aoibhinn, SOS Kilkenny and Tusla (Child and Family Agency), The Muiriosa Foundation and Camphill Communities Of Ireland.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

It is a long held view that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and it is evident that families in a position to offer respite, provide so

much more than a roof overhead.

In the case of our clients, having respite offers them an opportunity to experience something new, to further develop their social skills and to step outside of their normal routines – experiencing something that can aid their development and wellbeing.

For their families it provides invaluable support and a break. How incredible it would be if these families had someone to turn to – for example, you. Someone who is delighted to care for their loved one in the safety of your own home. The impact of this support and respite is vital for the carers and their loved ones.

We asked a range of people who benefit from Home Share what it does for them:

Jane and Mike welcome Dan aged 6

Jane and Mike are hosts for Dan aged 6. They are involved with the Muiriosa Foundation Home Share Service in the Midlands.

Dan has an intellectual disability and is the youngest of 4 siblings. One weekend a month he stays with Jane and Mike where he has his own bedroom and is an important part of their family. Dan

loves to go swimming with Jane and Mike, walks their dogs and especially loves to visit the local playground.

BECOMING A HOME SHARE HOST:

To become a Home Share host, you don't need experience, you just need time, commitment, patience, flexibility and plenty of enthusiasm. You need to be over 18 and have suitable accommodation. It doesn't matter if you rent, live alone, your gender or your background.

Potential host families engage in training, vetting and social work assessment prior to being eligible. Medical checks and references are also required. Home Share are hosting their first training sessions for interested families or individuals in Kilkenny on November 16th & 23rd and would be delighted to welcome you.

The initiative is funded with thanks to the Service Reform Fund in conjunction with Genio and with support from the National Home Share and Short Breaks Network (NHSN). If you are interested in becoming a host, more information can be obtained by phoning 086 014 8212.

Cork author Conal Creedon to visit Cashel Library

Conal Creedon, the noted Corkonian playwright, novelist and documentary filmmaker and brother of RTE's John Creedon, will visit Cashel Library this Saturday, November 9, at 2pm.

Conal has an enormous capacity to entertain and make you laugh, while all of the while being insightful and observant. He is an established wordsmith on the Cork and national and international stages.

Conal will read from his latest novel, *Begotten Not Made*, which he describes as a 21st century fairy tale.

This book weaves a very poignant story of a cleric's unrequited love for a nun – although they only met once, in 1970, on the night that Dana won the Eurovision.

His prose is frequently hilarious and never, ever dull. Conal will gladly take questions from the floor and sign copies of his book on that afternoon.

This is a unique to meet a noted Irish author up close and personal and he promises not to disappoint.

Booking essential for this FREE event to 062 63825. More information on Conal Creedon's work can be found on his website Conal-Creedon.com

'I NEVER SET OUT TO BECOME AN INFLUENCER'

By **DYLAN WHITE**
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A Clonmel online personal trainer and nutritionist is celebrating after landing another top award.

Peter O'Halloran of PPT Fitness and Nutrition won the Best Fitness Influencer Award the recent Irish Beauty Blog Awards.

Peter tells South Tipp Today that he never set out to become a fitness influencer.

"I still don't see myself as one," he admits.

He says social media has helped him massively. "The amount of people you can reach online is crazy. I get messages from people all over the globe, which shows the power of social media."

Peter advises aspiring fitness and nutrition influencers to become educated in the field before putting content online. "It's a great way of promoting yourself, but you need to be able to walk the walk. Become qualified, be-

cause there's nothing worse than someone giving advice who has no credentials to back it up. People want to hear the truth on what will benefit them. If you don't know what you're talking about, your credibility will take a nosedive. Gain experience in the industry. Education is key," he says.

Peter says the public appreciate honesty and influencers who are authentic. "Instagram is a crazy platform. People trying to por-

tray their best life, as they say. When it comes to fitness and nutrition, it's even worse. Lies and misinformation are rife," he says.

"I focus on showing the truth, the real me and not sugar coating the truth either. People prefer someone being real with them, someone who is one of them and someone they can connect with," Peter, who is a non-commissioned officer in the Defence Forces at Stephen's Barracks, adds.



Peter O'Halloran with his friend and Big Brother star Cian Carrigan at the Irish Beauty Blog Awards

Experience **The Full Monty** at White Memorial Theatre

St. Mary's Choral Society will "Bare all" next April for its 80th anniversary show - **The Full Monty**.

This musical-comedy stage version adapted from the 1997 British film

of the same name follows six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers, low on both cash and prospects who decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring

company of Chippendales.

With auditions being held on November 30, the production team will be hosting an information night this Thursday, November 7, in The White Memorial Theatre at 8pm.

This will be a great chance for a meet and greet opportunity for present members, and for new members that wish to join for the 2019/20 season and also to get an insight into the characters of the

show.

The age limit to be considered for casting for this show is strictly over 18s but everyone is welcome to come along to the information night. For enquiries, call 087-3324372.

Joanne Ryan 'thrilled' to bring hit show to Tipperary

Limerick born writer and performer Joanne Ryan brings her multi award-winning funny, tender and moving play **Eggsistentialism** to The Source Arts Centre,

Thurles, County Tipperary, this Friday (November 8).

Fresh from critically-acclaimed runs in Dublin, London, Edinburgh, Malaysia, Cyprus and an

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ductive health history.

Mixing animation with stand-up, monologue and hilarious recorded interjections from her mother, **Eggsistentialism** takes a light-hearted but unflinching look at one of life's most compelling dilemmas: should making a life for oneself involve making another?

With a playful, inventive

approach to both text and form, the show tackles serious subjects like the social and personal implications of procreation, overpopulation along with the endemic gender inequalities in parenting and childcare with a compelling personal anchor and light, comedic touch.

"The response to the

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Gala concert to support 'incredible work' of South Tipperary Hospice

An important fundraiser to support the invaluable South Tipperary Hospice Movement will take place in Hotel Minella on November 15.

It is the sixth gala concert to be held at Hotel Minella by the organisers, who hold the event to assist the community specialist palliative care service that is provided seven days a week.

The Emerald Tenors featuring Derek Ryan and the Clonmel Concert Band and guest vocalists will provide the entertainment at the event, which will be hosted by Niall Carroll of Lyric FM.

"The concert has received fantastic support over the years and that is greatly appreciated by all involved. It is an enjoyable night out for a good cause. Most families have been affected by cancer, which is why the Hospice service is so valued and appreciated. People welcome the opportunity to support the incredible work being done by the hospice team," says organiser Sean O' Donovan.

Sean thanks musical director Danny Carroll, stage manager Michael Kiely and all involved in the organising committee. He also thanks John and Liz Nallen for their continued support of the Hospice and of the annual concert.

Phil Kehoe, chairperson of the fundraising committee of

the Hospice Support Group, says the concert was one of the main fundraising events during the year, one that has thankfully received huge support from the people of Clonmel and surrounding towns.

"The Hospice service is going 29 years now in Clonmel, meeting the huge demand that is there for the service. It provides loved ones end of life care in their own homes, offering comfort and support for them and their families at a very difficult time in all their lives," says Phil.

Phil says everybody recognised how important it is to ensure that end of life care can be given in a home environment so that patients can be among loved ones. She says the service is greatly appreciated by the public of South Tipperary and West Waterford, and that was reflected in the numbers that attended the concert on an annual basis.

Musical director Danny Carroll says the members of the concert band were delighted to be part of such a wonderful occasion. "They took part last year for the first time for the Cara O' Sullivan concert and are looking forward to taking part this year," he says.

Danny says the concert band was formed eight years ago on the 40th anniversary of Banna Chluain Meala and



Pictured at the launch of the South Tipperary Hospice Annual Gala Concert in Hotel Minella are Charlotte Keane, Sean O' Donovan, Phil Kehoe, Majella O Donoghue, Ruth Butler, Gail O' Dwyer, John Nallen, Noreen Chawke, Olive Wrixon and Aine Ryan

comprises mainly of former members of Banna. "We thought it would be for just one night, but we are still going and really enjoy it," says Danny.

The Hospice provides specialist palliative care service for people with an advanced incurable disease under a multidisciplinary team, including a team of nursing specialists and an occupational therapist.



Cahir Meet and Train members Nicola and Donal Ryan, Antony Russell, Marion O'Mahoney, Francis Murray, Gloria Boles, Jess Ahern, Ann Marie Halpin, and Susan Moore participated in the recent Dublin City Marathon



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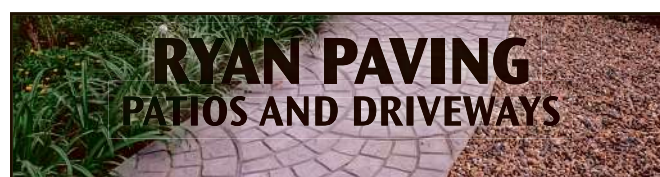
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The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Patrick O' Meara Architects Ltd. on behalf of our clients Herbert and Rebecca Williamson, wish to apply to Tipperary County Council for full planning permission for a development at Ballytarsna Castle (a protected structure), Cashel, Co. Tipperary, E25TX39.

The proposal consists of the following;

1. The construction of a two-storey extension to the rear and side of Ballytarsna Castle.
2. The reconstruction of the ruined bawn wall to include a drystone wall, earth mound and hedging. Improvement works to the restored section of bawn wall.
3. Upgrade works to the current wastewater treatment system and a percolation area, to appropriate standards.
4. The construction of parking areas, footpaths, courtyard, patio and hard landscaping areas.
5. Landscaping of the site (in the vicinity of the extension) consisting of planting beds, trees, grass areas, shrubbery and all associated site works.

We note that Ballytarsna Castle is listed as a National Monument (ID: TS00470) on the Record of Monuments and Places. The Bawn at Ballytarsna Castle is listed as a National Monument (ID: TS04092) on the Record of Monuments and Places. Also, Ballytarsna Castle and Bawn is listed as a Protected Structure (RPS Ref: S637) on the Record of Protected Structures.

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I Tom Kennedy intend to apply to the above Authority for Planning Permission to (i) change the use of an existing retail shop to a restaurant and (ii) to change the interior layout of the unit - and all associated site works at 16 Mitchell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I Mary Stapleton intend to apply to the above Authority for Retention Planning Permission for (i) an existing garage (ii) Existing extension to existing dwelling as well as Planning Permission to (iii) extend an existing dwelling & (iv) install a new waste water treatment system - and all associated site works at Darcy's Cross, Clerihan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

I Eric Martin intend to apply to the above Authority for Retention Planning Permission for certain changes to an as constructed mixed user building granted under planning application reference number PA892 at Joyce's Lane, Irishtown, Clonmel. The items to be retained are as follows: (i) a stair core linking all apartments (ii) an existing third storey apartment & (iii) some window & door arrangements - and all associated site works.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

We, Fortress Planning, wish to apply on behalf of our client, Jennifer Ryan/Rossmore Preschool, for retention permission for a change of portacabin type from previously granted portacabin (ref in register 18600280) and all associated works on the grounds of Rossmore National School, Coolanga Upper, Rossmore, Co. Tipperary. This application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours, and a submission or observation may be made to the Authority in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within 5 weeks on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application and such submission of observation will be considered by the authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STRAPPE

(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Patricia Strappe (nee Maher), Clarke Villas, Clonmel whose Second Anniversary occurs on 10th November.

The day God called you, Mam, and beckoned you to His side, great pains were felt and many tears were cried. Behind, you left us so sad, with memories of good times that once we had. We feel you are still around us; you are always on our mind and when we talk about you, it is always of happy times.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her daughters Mary and Alison, sons Thomas and John Paul, her grandchildren, sons-in-law and her parents, sisters and brothers.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

RYAN

(Birthday Remembrance)



7th birthday away from home

Birthday remembrance of PJ, late of Wellington Street, Clonmel whose birthday occurs on the 6th November.

A birthday wish for you today PJ, I miss you more than words can say. The pain and tears I try to hide, though my heart is broken deep inside. I send a dove to Heaven PJ with a parcel on its wings. You'll love it when you open it - it's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs. Wishing you a happy birthday PJ. and sending you all our love.

Love always Gina, Patrick and Jack xxxx

IN MEMORIAM

BOURKE EDGWARE, LONDON

(42nd, 31st and 27th Anniversaries)

Please remember in your prayers our beloved parents Jim and Mary Ellen and our dear brother David who died on 4th November 1977. Dad 12th, (1988), Mam 19th, (1992) and our brother John who died March 1st 1994.

Also our uncle Willie Kerton, Fr. Matthew Tce, who died October 6th 1992 and his wife Auntie Bridie who died 16th April 2013, Nanny (Annie) Lonergan who died November 9th 1950. Our cousin Ann Sweeney who died 26th November 2013 and her husband Robert whose anniversary occurs in December.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Always remembered by Pat, Mary Frances and Ciaran, Geraldine, Jimmy, Bridget and family, Tony, Valerie and family, Kevin, Deirdre and family, Anthony and family and the Lonergan family.

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

BURKE

(4th Anniversary)



Treasured memories of a loving husband, father and grandfather Michael Burke, late of Bianconi Drive, Clonmel whose Fourth Anniversary occurs on November 8th.

Of all the gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as a husband, was the greatest gift of all.

A special time, a special place, a special man we can't replace. With aching hearts we whisper low, we miss you Michael and love you so.

Forever in our hearts - Breda, Carol, Valerie and Bridget, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 8th November at 10am in St. Oliver's Church.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

KENNEDY

(Birthday Remembrance)



Lena Kennedy

96 Barron Park,
Clonmel and London.

Birthday occurs on November 7th

Another birthday, another year, with precious memories of one so dear. Thoughts today of our lives together, hold a love that will live forever.

Happy birthday Lena

Love always - Mam and family xxx

Mass offered

IN MEMORIAM

AHEARNE FITZSIMONS

(2nd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Lee, late of 31 Heywood Close, Clonmel, who passed away on 29th October 2017 RIP

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

Gone but never forgotten Lee

- your brother Ely and friends Jackie, Danny, Patsy and Warren.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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

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BURKE

(Remembrance)



Treasured memories of a dear father and mother, Johnny and Bridget (Sis) and my brothers John and Mark Burke of 26 Elm Park, Clonmel.

What we would give if we could say, "Hello Dad and Mam" in the same old way. To hear your voices, to see your smiles, to sit and chat with you a while. So if you have a Mam and Dad, cherish them with care, for you'll never know the heartache, 'til you see their vacant chair.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Derek, Geraldine, grandchildren Donna, Charlene, Toyah and Daniel, great-grandchildren Kacie, Chantelle, Mason and Brooke xxxx

Mass offered

BURKE

(4th, 5th & 28th Anniversaries)



Treasured memories of our dear Mother and brothers Michael and Johnny, whose anniversaries occur at this time. RIP

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

Forever in our hearts xxxxxx

- May, Donal and family, Ellen, John and family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Love ye always xx

Masses offered.

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.

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



"The person who allows love to conquer hate is not weak. He or she is very strong and is a beacon of hope for all of us."

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IN MEMORIAM

BURKE
 (10th Anniversary)



& Birthday Remembrance)

In loving memory of Peter (John) Burke late of Irishtown, Clonmel whose anniversary and birthday occur at this time.

Deep are the memories, precious they stay, no passing of time will take them away.

Always remembered by your loving wife Yvonne, sons Ciarán and Ian and daughter-in-law Nisha xxxxx

BURKE
 (20th Anniversary)



Ray Burke

74 Bianconi Drive
 Clonmel

Treasured memories of a dear husband, father and grandfather whose anniversary on 9th November RIP.

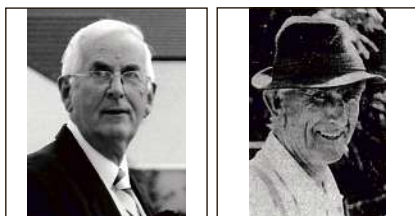
How can we put on paper, the feelings we have inside. Of a broken hearted family, who have missed you since you died.

Our lives go on without you, but things are not the same. It's hard to hide the heartache, when someone speaks your name.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Maura, your sons, daughters and grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

CLEARY
 (7th & 20th Anniversaries)



Late of Croan,
 Coleville Road, Clonmel.

In loving memory of our brother Jim, who died on 5th November 2012 and our dad Danny, who died on 14th November 1999 RIP

Of all the gifts in life, however great or small. To have both of you as family, was the greatest gift of all.

Always loved and remembered by Ann, Mary, Kate, Pat, Lucy and family and extended family.

CONDON
 (1st Anniversary)



Caroline Condon

57 Mountain View,
 Elm Park,
 Clonmel.

1st Anniversary - 9th November

The heartache and the sadness might not always show, people say it lessens - how little do they know? They say I have my memories but they just don't understand, I cannot kiss a memories face or hold a memories hand. On the outside it seems I'm healing but God if they could see inside, the pain and the sadness of losing you hasn't changed since the day you died. But when I'm sad and lonely and everything goes wrong, I seem to hear you whisper, cheer up and carry on. Caroline, you were so special - what more can I say Except I wish with all my heart that you were here today.

Sadly missed by your husband Matt, daughter Nicola, son Eoin, daughter-in-law Audrey, son-in-law James, grandsons Aaron and Brandon. xxxxxxxx

Anniversary Mass on Friday 8th November in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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

IN MEMORIAM

COSGRAVE
 (11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our mother Chrissie, late of Old Bridge, Clonmel, who died on 29th October, 2008. Beloved mother of Noel, Sean, Anthony, Paul, Kathleen, Breda, Anne, Marie and Geraldine.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us.

Mam, you live on in the kindness you showed, the comfort you shared and the love you brought into our lives.

Always remembered by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ENGLISH
 (21st & 46th Anniversaries)



Nancy & Paddy English

Late of 14 Mountain View
 Marfield.

Just a prayer from a family that loved you, just a memory fond and true. In our hearts you will live forever, because we thought the world of you.

- Frances, Kathleen and Ber.

Family Mass in St. Oliver's Church on Saturday 9th November 11.30am

GALVIN
 (8th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Robert Galvin, late of 187 Elm Park, Clonmel, whose 8th anniversary occurs on 9th November RIP

Those we love can never be more than a thought away. As long as there's a memory, you'll live forever in our heart.

Love and missed always - Ger, Natasha and Keith. x

Anniversary Mass in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th November.

IN MEMORIAM

GREENE
 (24th Anniversary)



In loving memory of my dear brother Edward Greene, 42 Marian Ave, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Time passes, memories stay, still loved and remembered every day.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sister Tina, nephews Darren and Billy xxxxxx

GREENE
 (24th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Edward Greene, 42 Marian Ave, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary, whose anniversary occurs on 8th November.

Precious people are very few, that is why there was only one of you. Treasure him Lord, in your Garden of Rest, because on earth he was one of the best.

Sadly missed by Frances, Kieran, Shannon, Nicole, Brogan and Keegan. xxx

Of all the things in life, however great or small. To have you as a brother was the greatest gift of all.

Always loved - Catherine, Jim, Jamie and Tara xxx

Mass offered.

Sympathy Prayer

Dear Lord, please comfort those in grief,

Love them, lift them, give relief

For loss they've suffered, sadness felt,

Make this sorrow slowly melt.

Lord, let happy memories ease,

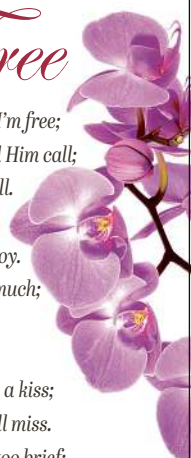
Creating peace like a gentle breeze,

And as you help them make it through.

Draw them closer, Lord, to you.

I'm Free

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



Light A Candle...

**A candle to remember, may it burn ever so bright
 As we look to the heavens on this very night.**

**Beyond the stars, our dear loved ones soars
 Embraced by their Savior on heaven's shores.**

As the angels protect them and sing their sweet name

We honor their life with the glow of this flame.

So we light this candle for our loved ones tonight

As a symbol of our love and their eternal life.



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IN MEMORIAM

HARRIS

(33rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Michael Harris, late of 33, St. Oliver Plunkett Tce., Clonmel, who died on 8th November, 1986. RIP.

Fold your arms around him Lord, and kiss his smiling face, for he is someone special, that can never be replaced.

Always loved and remembered by his loving wife Rosie, daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 9th November at 7pm in The Friary Church.

MURPHY

(8th Anniversary)



In loving memory of our dear mother Maureen Murphy, late of 31 Elm Park, Clonmel whose anniversary occurs on 7th November.

Mam, your memory is our greatest treasure, to have, to love and to keep forever.

We will always miss and love you Mam.

Always loved and remembered by your sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren xxx

NORRIS

(30th Anniversary)

In sad and loving memory of a dear husband, dad, grandad and great-grandad Thomas, late of River Street, and Lawlesstown, Clonmel who died 7th November, 1989.

Everyday we miss you more.

Always in our thoughts - your loving wife Mary, daughter Anne, son John, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

THANKSGIVINGS

THE MIRACULOUS PRAYER

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IN MEMORIAM

O'NEILL

(21st Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother, Kitty (nee Gallagher), 67 Baron Park, Clonmel who died on the 13th November 1998. (re-united with her husband Tom who passed away in July)

We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore, we did our duty to the end, 'til we could do no more.

In tears we watched you sinking, we watched you fade away, and though our hearts were breaking we know you could not stay.

You left behind some aching hearts, that loved you most sincere, we never shall, and never will, forget you Mother dear.

Always loved and remembered by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 1st December at 12.30pm in Ss Peter and Pauls.

PRENDERGAST

(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear wife and mother Helen, 26 Pinewood Drive, Kilmacomma whose anniversary occurs on 1st November.

Your face is ever before us, your voice we cannot forget. Your smile will linger forever, in memory we see you yet.

Thinking of you always - Da, Shell, Din, Kate, all your family, other children and friends. xxx

IN MEMORIAM

PYKE

(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Tom Pyke, 5 Kickham Park, Clonmel who passed away on 31st October 2013.

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

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

RYAN

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret Ryan, late of 24 Heywood Heights, Clonmel who died on 11th November 2016 RIP

Your name is often spoken, we talk about you still; you haven't been forgotten, you know you never will. No words or verse could ever say, how much we miss you every day. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, we love you too dearly to ever forget.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Jimmy, daughters Ruth, Sinéad and Aisling, son James, son-in-law Paul and grandchildren Cian, Gavin, Tadhg, Charlie and Grace and extended family

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 10th November at 12.00 in St. Oliver's Church.



Miss Me

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

Why cry for a soul set free!

Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.

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

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

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

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

and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.

Miss me, but let me go.



LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

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MARLFIELD

Condolences

The residents of Marfield extend their condolences to the Shirran family on the unexpected death of Oliver Shirran. "Oliver was a familiar figure in our village who had a friendly word and witty comment on the affairs of the day. A lover of nature and all things that flew, grew or crawled and with an observant and enquiring mind, Oliver was the first to spot the first of the summer swallows or the strange visitor to Marfield Lake. His passing will be sorely missed by his village friends Paddy, J J and Bernie who solved the problems of the nation and village at his gate. To Oliver's sons Cahil and Neal, sister Brid, brother Nicholas and his family in Blessington, County Wicklow, where Oliver was laid to rest, we extend our sympathies," a community spokesperson said.

Grant

Marfield has received a €1,000 grant to assist in its activities in the Tidy Towns competition for 2020. "There is a schedule of actions and activities which qualify, and we are presently completing the form for submission under the tagline Caring for our Environment. In our village meetings, we have already discussed several actions which would be beneficial in our efforts to attain a county placing next year in the adjudications," a spokesperson said. The village committee will discuss and return the form before November 30. If you have an idea which could be actioned, contact 086-2937220.

CLONMEL

Vintage tea

At Place4U Café in aid of Daffodil Day from 10am to 12.30 pm on November 22.

Whist

Takes place in the Bridge Centre at 2.30pm on November 10.

Choir

Belle Voci choir will hold a fundraising table quiz and raffle in Liam Daly's Pub at 8.30pm on November 7. Table of four €20.

Flower Club

Flower arranging with Anne Slattery from Ennis Flower Club will take place in Hotel Minella at 8pm on November 11. The event is in aid of Pieta House and local charities. Admission is €10 euro and includes light refreshments.

Arts Group

South Tipperary Arts Group



CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL RECENT FIRST YEAR MASS CELEBRATED 'GROWTH'.

Celebrated by Fr. Enda Brady, all first year groups took part in various parts of the liturgy. During the presentation of gifts at the beginning of the liturgy, students brought forward plants, class photos, extracurricular activity posters and a candle - each representing growth, talents and abilities, friendship and character, along with the mind, body and spirit. In his homily, Fr. Brady reminded all present that everybody is unique, each blessed with a special gift or talent. It was against this backdrop that he blessed symbols representing gifts and talents of the first year students

(STAG) adult members were delighted with the great comments about the Halloween Roundabout at Tesco. They were also involved with decorating the arts and crafts marquee and the walls of Gordon Place car park for the Zombie walk. The group meets on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Junior STAG will start a new six week arts and crafts course this Saturday. Names are being taken for the primary and senior sections. Portfolio course students are welcome to join also. Contact Maureen on 086-8096823.

91 Bridge Club

Meeting on November 14, 21 and 28 at 7.30pm in Hotel Minella.

Dolphin Swimming

AGM in the Clonmel Park Hotel on November 25 at 8pm. Annual Christmas fundraising dance will be held in Clonmel Óg November 29 from 9.30pm with music by Paul Lafford. The club finishes up for Christmas on November 22.

ARDFINNAN

Coffee morning

This Friday from 9am to 12 noon in Ardfinnan Community Centre. Proceeds will go towards the senior citizens Christmas party.

Public lecture

The Community Council will host a public lecture by chairperson of Cahir Social and Historical Society P.J O'Meara on 'Ardfinnan Goes All-Electric: 1948-1953' this Friday at 8 pm in the Community Centre. Admission is free. Light refreshments.

AGM

The Knockmealdown Active AGM will take place on November 12 in The Sallovs, Clogheen.

KILLENAULE

One-to-one computer training

Why not avail of some one-to-one computer training every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm - book an hour that suits you. In Slieveardagh Centre, Kille-naule. Learn the area of the computer that suits you. €10.00 per hour. Booking essential. Time Slots fill very quickly. Call 052-9156165.

Sale of Work

There will be a Sale of Work in Moyglass Hall on Sunday, November 17 at 1.30pm. If you need to do a long awaited clean out of your garage or attic, now is the time. We can collect but only saleable items. Call 087 6125917. All proceeds to Senior Citizens Party on Sunday, December 8.

Parish Journal Launch

Kille-naule / Moyglass Parish Journal Committee will launch the Killenaule/Moyglass Parish Journal 2019 at Scoil Ruain, Killenaule on Sunday, December 1st 3pm sharp. The Journal will be launched by Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell. Refreshments will be served, all are welcome to attend.

Senior Citizens Party

Senior Citizens Party on Wednesday, November 13 at 2.30pm in St. Marys Hall.

Bingo, chat, tea and meet the neighbours.

Womens Retreat

Women Wellness Retreat Days in Clonacody House, Fethard. The next retreat dates are Saturday, November 16 and Saturday, December 7. Call Rebecca on (087)7427035 for more information or queries.

Active Retirement

Active Retirement Meeting monthly meeting Thursday, November 7 at 2pm Ardagh House.

Coffee Morning

Active Retirement Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's Friday, November 8 from 9.30 to 12.30. Please support and remember those who can't remember.

Cemetery Rosaries

Cemetery Rosaries for November - every Sunday in - Moyglass after 10 am Mass, Cooleagh at 2 pm, Garden of Remembrance at 2 pm, St. Johnstown at 2.30 pm, Lanespark at 3 pm, Ballinure at 3.15 pm, Magorban at 3.15 pm, Cross-cannon at 3 pm, St. Mary's at 3.30pm, River Street at 4 pm
Thanks to the Legion of Mary for organising the Cemetery Rosaries.

Killenaule Bridge Club

Halloween Prizewinners: 1st David O'Meara & Denis Looby, 2nd Noreen Loughman & Joan Hayes, 3rd Mary Quinn & Lena Slattery, 4th Rita Holoan & Rosemary Lawlor.

DUNDRUM

Strictly Dancing

On behalf of everyone involved in the organisation of Strictly Black and Amber, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the fantastic support we have received.

Not only was Strictly Black and Amber in Halla na Feile a successful fundraiser for the Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams club, equally important it was a memorable community night, with all age groups of our community gathered to enjoy a fun filled, foot tapping night of entertainment. Our final thanks goes to our wonderful dancers and to congratulate our winners Annette and Tom on their fantastic performance. Kickhams Abú.

Share the Spoils

Congratulations to Margie O'Dwyer of Donaskeigh, who was last week's winner of the Knockavilla & Community Council's 'Share the Spoils', winning €322. This week's draw takes place in Bertie's Bar. Envelopes are available in all businesses in Dundrum and from the dispenser boxes outside Knockavilla hall and in Donaskeigh village beside the post box.

Drama Time

The newly formed local drama group, "the Multeen players", are busy being put through their paces by producer Jim Keane, in preparation for their first performance of their play, "The Mating Season," by Sam Cree, a two act comedy. This play will be performed in Knockavilla Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night December 6th, 7th and 8th. Tickets, priced at €10, are now available for sale. As seating capacity for each night is limited, please book your tickets in time to guarantee your seat. Tickets can be purchased from Margaret O'Carroll, Ballintemple.

Christmas Party

Plans are also underway for our senior citizens Christmas party, being organised by Knockavilla and Donaskeigh community councils. This party takes place on Sunday December 15 at 1pm in Knockavilla Hall. There will be a full 3 course festive dinner followed by Pat and Fran Marnane providing the music, and afternoon refreshments will be available also. Tickets, which are subsidised by our share the spoils

fundraiser, priced €15 are now available from Helen Ryan Knockavilla, and from Darren O'Neill Donaskeigh. Tickets must be purchased beforehand as numbers will be limited.

Road Hurling

Knockavilla and Donaskeigh Community Council's annual road hurling tournament takes place on New Year's Day in Donaskeigh village at 1pm.

Powerstown/Lisronagh

Baptisms

Congratulations to Michael and Genevieve Lehane whose child, Cecily Noreen Joan was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday. Congratulations also to Christopher and Sarah Dolan whose child, Cooper Matthew was baptised in Powerstown on Saturday.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Hartigan family on the death of Tommy, especially to his wife Ann, son, Thomas, daughter, Nicola, brothers, John and Patsy, sister, Maureen, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Holy Souls

Mass for the Holy Souls in Lisronagh on this Thursday at 7.30pm
Mass for the Holy Souls in Powerstown on Friday at 10am
Rosary and Benediction for all buried in the cemeteries of Powerstown and Kilgrant next Sunday, November 10 at 3pm.

Rathkeevin Cards

Winners of the weekly card game held on Thursday October 31 Jerry Kelly & Paddy McMeel on 10 games. Michael Ormond & Joe Aherne on 9 games. Table prizes on 19th & 20th games: Jim & Mary Garrett with Michael Prendergast & Margaret Quinlan. Next game on Thursday November 7 at 8.30 pm.

Rathkeevin School History

For the past year Rathkeevin National School has been celebrating its 150th Anniversary (1868-2018.) Many memorable events have taken place in that time. The culmination of this memorable year will conclude with the publication of a book celebrating 150 years of Rathkeevin School. This publication will be quite expensive to produce and we are inviting all past pupils and all those associated with the school down through the years to help with this production costs.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

NEWCASTLE

Craft exhibition

Clonmel Craft Circle annual Christmas Exhibition featuring Hands Together for Alzheimer's a collection of Blankets and Muffs will be held in Clonmel Library from Tuesday, 19th November to Saturday, 30th November. Open during Library hours.

First Responders

Newcastle First Responder Group went live under the National Ambulance Service on November 1. From now on all 999 calls involving chest pain, cardiac arrest, and stroke within a five mile Radius of the village will be responded to by the group. All defibs in the Village can be accessed by Dialling 999 or 112 and an emergency operator will provide the code.

The group will also be carrying out regular training scenarios in the area. Any questions please contact Sean Byrne on 087-6618373. Marian O Dwyer on 087-1254882 or Ciara Lonergan on 086-3176953.

Carer of the year

Congratulations to Mary Doran, Newcastle, who has been awarded the Tipperary Carer of the Year. Mary now goes forward to the National awards to be held on November 22.

Table Quiz

Newcastle Historical society. Will hold a table quiz on November 21 in Nugent's Pub, Newcastle, starting at 9 pm sharp. Table of 4 €20. Spot prizes and raffle on the night. Your support would be appreciated.

BALLYLOOBY/ DUHILL

Local lotto

Results of recent lotto as follows: Lucky numbers drawn: 1, 4, 11, and 22. No jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot €3,400.

Seven player had 'Match 3's': Sarah Ryan, O & D Savage, Bernie O'Donnell, David Fox, Eimear O'Loughlin, John F Whelan and Marie C McCarthy.

25 Drive

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

Two-act-play

Ballylooby Community Hall's "A Living Will." A two act play by Jim Keane is back by popular request, in Ballylooby Community Hall on Saturday November 16. Tickets are available from



Patrician Presentation Secondary School Fethard's deputy principal Billy Walsh presenting mentor badges to Rachel Prout, Alison Connolly, Nell Spillane, Mr Billy Walsh, Keenan Ahearne, Michelle Cronin, Samantha Buckley and Phoebe Duggan

Al on 087-9853040, Larry 052-7441713 or form from any member of Ballylooby Hall Committee.

Art and Craft Class

Art and Craft class the next three Tuesdays from 7 to 9pm in Ballylooby Hall. Further details on 087-9853040.

Duhill Dramatic Society

The Drama Group are rehearsing all the hours they can find, preparing their forthcoming production, Jim Kearny's hilarious comedy "Fish Out of Water" directed by Catherine McVicker will be staged 28th 29th and 30th of

November in Duhill Hall.

Thanks

Duhill Community Council extend a big Thank You to all those who contributed to their Church Gate Collection taken up at all masses in Ballylooby and Duhill last weekend. €722.10 was raised.

Duhill Card Drive

45 Drive every Sunday night at the earlier time of 8.15pm sharp. There was a minutes silence at last Sunday night's drive as a mark of respect to Liam and Kathleen Roche and family on the death of their daughter Catherine, who passed away last week-end. (May she rest

in peace).

Foulke Fitzgerald 10th Annual 45 Drive in Kilbehenny on Sunday November 10 at 3pm. Proceeds in aid of Special Friends Mitchelstown.

Cookery Demo

Christmas Cookery Demonstration with Eileen Condon in St. Paul's Community Centre Friday, November 15 at 8pm sharp.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are now on sale including the 2019 All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions and 2019 All Ireland U-20 Champions on front and back of cards. A lovely card, for family and friends overseas or at home, each pack cost €5 and all proceeds go towards South Tipperary Hospice. Cards available from Bridget on 086-8787251.

Holy Souls Novena

Holy Souls Novena will conclude in Duhill on November 13 at 7.30pm.

Choir Practice

The next Choir practice in Duhill Church will take place immediately after 7.30pm mass on Wednesday, November 13. New members are very welcome.

Brian Borus

Brian Borus Camogie Club will hold its AGM on Monday, November 11 at 8pm in Ballylooby/ Castlegrace GAA club rooms. A good attendance is important. The Club is accepting nominations for roles on the executive committee including: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, and Child Welfare Office to Sec-

retary Amy Coffey.

CLOGHEEN

Mattie is the new FF chairman

Congratulations to Martin Maher, Clogheen, who was recently elected chairperson of the Cahir Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fáil. Best of luck for your term of office Mattie!

Charity 45 Card Drive

Margaret Hickey would like to thank most sincerely all the card players who turn up every year to make this charity event such a great success. A cheque for €2,250 has been given to Autumn Lodge St Vincents Centre Lisnagry.

A sincere thanks to the Community Council Clogheen for the use of the hall, their contribution, to Marie for running the cards and Alan for getting the tables in place and preparing the hall.

Recent death

The death occurred recently of Esther Parker (nee Lambert) Convent Road, Clogheen. Esther was a true lady and always had a smile and chat for everyone she met on a daily basis. She worked for many years in Clogheen Convent. Esthers removal took place from St Theresa's mortuary to Clogheen church and following requiem mass she was laid to rest in Shanrahan Cemetery. Esther is survived by her many relatives and friends.

40 Years Married

Congratulations to Pauline and Patrick Kenneally, Graigue, Clogheen who celebrated their ruby anniversary last Saturday with a family meal and a get together in Halleys Bar. We wish the happy couple many more happy, healthy years together.

Vee Rovers F.C.

Shanbally United Youths were away to Clonmel Town at a wind swept Ferryhouse on Saturday in the second round of the Munster Youths Cup. The home team took the lead on 27 minutes but Dean Sullivan got us back on level terms on 39 minutes after some excellent work by Vinny Fitzgibbon. However we conceded a penalty almost immediately and reached the interval a goal down. Liam O'Neill was unlucky to see his header come off the bar at the beginning of the second half and from the resulting clearance Clonmel Town broke and scored at the other end. This left us with a mountain to climb,

but Dean Sullivan put us back in the game with another goal on 51 minutes. The equaliser evaded us however and Town sealed the issue with three minutes to go by scoring a fourth goal.

Fr Sheehy's GAA

U16 C County Hurling Final Lattin/Aherlow 2-12, Fr Sheehys/Ballylooby 1-13 We lost out narrowly last Thursday night in Clonoulty in the County U16C Hurling final. There was nothing between the teams and they exchanged leads several times throughout the game. We lost Chris O'Donnell to injury after 20 minutes but the team rallied brilliantly and went in at half time 1-7 each.

The rain made it difficult for both teams and as the game entered injury time, hard as we tried we couldn't bridge the gap. We had a goal chance in the last minute which was whipped over the bar and the game was over. The boys and management can be very proud of their achievement in making the final.

Team: Paul Murphy (B.C.), Conor Morrissey (B.C.), Jack Morrissey (B.C), John English (Fr.S), Cian O'Brien (Fr.S), Nathan Coffey (Fr.S), Dylan Morrissey (B.C.), Cathal English (Fr.S) 0-1, Chris O'Donnell (B.C) 0-4f, Oisín Ryan (Fr.S) 1-4(3f), Jack Langton (B.C) 0-1, Darragh Maher (Fr.S), Evin Hyland (Fr.S), Alex Spense (Fr.S) 0-1, Cathal O'Gorman (B.C) capt 0-2.

Subs on Joe O'Brien (Fr.S) and Ben Carey (B.C). David Murphy (Fr.S), Odhran Flannery (B.C), Liam Ryan (B.C), Rian Reardon (Fr.S), Ben Frazier (Fr.S), Liam Carroll (Fr.S), Conor Flynn (Fr.S).

U11 Winter Football League. Fr Sheehy's 1-3, Clonmel Óg 1-3. We drew with Clonmel Óg in a very entertaining game of football last Sunday morning in Clogheen. Well done to both teams who gave it everything in bad conditions.

U11 Winter Hurling League Fr Sheehy's 4-1, Clonmel Óg 1-1. The same teams played hurling on the October bank holiday and we played very well to get the win.

FR SHEEHY'S LOTTO
Lotto draw: 6, 17, 20, 24. No winner, 3 match 3's (€50 each): Ronan, Caoimhe & Niamh O'Brien Kildanogue. Ann O'Connor Scart, Sean Fitzgerald Cuillenagh. Next week's jackpot draw is for €1,800 in Nedeen's.

Annual Mass

Our annual mass for deceased members takes place in the clubhouse in Clogheen at 8 pm on Friday, November 8.



Kilsheelan's Brendan Ahearne with his granddaughter Baylee and the Liam MacCarthy Cup

GOATENBRIDGE

Ladies Football

Ardfinnan Ladies Football Club will have a clothing recycle drive on Friday 8 November. Bags can be dropped to Ardfinnan GAA Field on Saturday 2 November from 10am to 11am and on Wednesday 6 November from 7pm to 8pm.

Tidy Towns

Ardfinnan Tidy Towns will hold a car boot sale on 17 November from 12 noon. Book a table by contacting Kitty on 0877562742.

Winter Wonderland

The much anticipated Ardfinnan/Ballybacon/Grange and Newcastle Gun Club's Winter Wonderland 2019 Christmas event is taking place at the beautifully decorated Kildanogue Duck Ponds in Goatenbridge (between Clogheen and Newcastle) from Friday December 7 to Sunday 9. (More details in coming weeks).

Kilsheelan/Kilcash

Kilcash ladies club

On this Thursday November 7 Kilcash Ladies Club are being honoured with a Mayoral Reception in Clonmel Town Hall. Having celebrated 45 years of Club activities earlier this year, this fantastic achievement is being recognised because of the significant impact our Club has made during those years in the community. All members are invited to attend and can bring a guest. Please contact Margaret 087 3811723 to confirm attendance.

Kilcash Community Centre Much has been achieved by past and present committees in making our hall a suitable and welcoming hub for many activities in our local community. But to preserve and ensure the future of this important local community amenity, new and extra people are needed at committee level.

So, if you feel you can make a contribution do come along to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 12 at 8pm. It does not demand a lot of your time, mainly administrative, but a sharing of the load makes it light for all.

Cards

Eleven tables played at our Progressive "25" game last week with two pairs sharing in the prize money. The Accumulator for the Christmas Hampers begins on November 20th and continues for four weeks with presentation of prizes at



Patrician Presentation Secondary School Fethard's principal Pat Coffey presented student council certificates to Anna Quigley, Curth Cortez, Daragh Fenlon, Patrick Kennedy, Carrie Davey, Kieran O'Donnell, Alison Connolly, Chyanne McDonald Creed, Jack Davey and Mary Ann Fitzgerald

our Party Night on Wednesday December 18. Weekly starting time is 8.30pm and all are welcome.

Killurney Sports & Social Club

Next committee meeting on Monday next where final arrangements will be made for our Guitar Ensemble Evening on Friday November 15 and our Bring and Buy Sale on Sunday November 17. More details next week and we hope you will join us. Novena for the Holy Souls: Continues as follows: Kilsheelan: November 10 at 11.30am, November 28 at 10am and 7.30pm. In Kilcash: November 24 at 10am, November 25 at 7.30pm, November 26 at 7.30pm and November 27 at 6pm.

ARDFINNAN

Coffee morning

The Community Council is organising a coffee morning which will be held on Friday, November 8 from 9am to 12 noon in Ardfinnan Community Centre. Proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

Public Lecture

Ardfinnan Community Council is delighted to host a public lecture by P.J O' Meara the Chairperson of Cahir Social and Historical Society titled Ardfinnan Goes All-Electric: 1948 - 1953 on Friday, November 8 at 8 pm in Ardfinnan Community Centre. Admission is free.

AGM

The AGM of Knockmeal-down Active will take place

on Tuesday, November 12 in The Sallows, Clogheen

NEW INN

Women's Group

Line dancing on for 6 weeks each Monday evening starting at 7.30pm in the NICC. Art day on this Saturday, November 9 from 10am, €30 (includes meal). For more info contact Mary Francis on 052 7462252.

Camogie Club AGM

The Camogie Club AGM will take place on Tuesday, November 12 in the GAA club house, at 8pm. We would like as many as possible to attend. Congratulations and Best wishes to our U13 girls who are through to a county final. Date to be confirmed. Best of luck to coaches, mentors and all the girls.

Anniversary Masses

On Saturday, November 9 - Paddy & Kathleen Clifford, Woodenstown at 7.30pm mass in New Inn Church. On Sunday, November 10 - John Hally, Hymenstown, Paddy Hally, Marlhill and Phil & Mary Hickey, Our Lady's Road at 11am Mass in New Inn Church.

Book for Sale

The history book of Rockwell Rovers GAA in the parish of New Inn and Knockgraffon is now on sale from The Shop, New Inn. It is important to say that the club and the parish are so interlinked that it is impossible to write a history of the club without writing a history of the Parish. We hope that this history book will be a reference book for many years to come. Also, with Christmas around the corner, it would make an

ideal present. Books are €25.

Month of November

A time to remember and pray for our dead. Masses in Knockgraffon church on the following Monday nights: November 11, 18 and 25 at 7.30pm. Cemetery Prayers will be in New Inn church on Sunday, November 10 at 3pm and in Knockgraffon church on Sunday November 17 at 3pm. Please note Special Mass for all who died over the last 12 months on Friday, November 15 at 7.30pm in New Inn Church. Daily mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week at 9.30am in New Inn Church.

Cake Sale

Annual Cake sale on Sunday 17 November in Main Hall of St Patrick's Hospital after 11 o'clock mass. All proceeds from cake sale goes towards St Patrick's Diversional Therapy and Activities. Donations gratefully appreciated!

25 Card Drive

Joint winners on October 30 at the Old School, Knockgraffon were Paddy Holleran & Eileen White with 11 games each and Marie McGrath & Anne Burke with 10 games each. Well done all. Tea & refreshments provided. Cards start at 8.30pm sharp.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Sr Annette Tobin, formerly New Inn, and Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, Daytona Beach, Florida, USA. Predeceased by her parents

Michael and Bridget, brother Billy, sisters Joan and Mary. Deeply regretted by her Mercy Sisters, her brother Michael, sisters-in-law Josephine and Una, relatives and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh an hanam.

Come Dancing

Jive, Line, Waltz, Quick Step in the New Inn Community Centre starting this Thursday, November 7 at 8.30pm. All are welcome!

Parish Links

Committee would like to thank all who donated generously to the annual church gate collection recently. Your support is very much appreciated as it helps to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party which will take place on Sunday January 5, 2020 in the Community Hall.

GAA Lotto

Saturday, November 2, results from Ollie's Bar, the no's are 1, 3, 23 & 27. No winner(s). Lucky Dips x 4: Mike Murphy, Ger Hogan (Cashel), Ann Marie Halley & Kevin Barron to be entered into a monthly draw for €500 on Saturday, December 7. Sellers x 4: Michael Purcell x 2, Paul Halley & Kevin Barron to be entered into a monthly draw for €100 on Sat, December 7. Next week's Jackpot is €14,400 and the draw will take place in Barron's on Saturday, November 9. Congratulations to October Monthly Draw winners: Gerry Bell and seller: Fergus Bell.

West IFC Final

Best of luck to our Intermediate footballers who play Golden/Kilfeacle in the Shane Hennessy Agri Advisor West Tipp IFC Final this Sunday, November 10 at 2.30pm in Annacarty.

GAA Club AGM

The Annual Convention of Rockwell Roves GAA Club will be held on Sunday, December 15 in the club house at 7pm. Nomination papers will be available from November 15.

Fashion Show

Cahir and District Lions Club in association with Cahir House Hotel are presenting a Fashion Show and Dinner on Friday, November 8. Doors open at 7.30pm (Dinner 8pm sharp). An evening for both the Ladies and Gentlemen. Enjoy a Night of Fashion, Hair & Beauty. There will be exhibitors present on the night. Tickets are on sale in Cahir

House Hotel, Lions Club Bookshop (Behind the Lazy Bean Café), Mr Mister, Sorrento, Saint Vincent de Paul and Klassy Lady. Also available from Maurice (087 7760766), Patsy (086 8465764) and Jacqueline Mullen. Tickets €30 (including meal).

MULLINAHONE

Credit Union

Office is open on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Of course, business may be transacted also in Fethard or Clonmel. Hours of opening in Mullinahone are Thursday 4pm to 6pm and on Saturday morning 10am to 12 noon.

Repairs to be carried out

The following repairs need to be carried out in the village area.
1. Solar Speed sign opposite Kickham Place needs to be put working again
2. Water leak at entrance to Kelly's Lane needs to be fixed
3. Roadside electric light on Ballydonnell road past Killylaghy Graveyard needs repair. Perhaps there are other repairs that need to be carried out. The local authority needs to know about these repairs if they are to be done. It is up to you to let them know or even to inform the local Parish Newsletter

Evening Tea Party

A fundraising evening tea party will be held in the local GAA Hall on this Saturday November 9 between 7pm and 9.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from any committee member. "Come for the Cha and stay for the Chat". If you would like to bake for this event, kindly let us know. Tickets for the Tea Party cost €10.

Bingo

The November monthly Bingo will take place on Thursday night next November 7 at 8.15pm. A good win would be helpful as Christmas is just over the horizon.

Mullinahone Local Lotto Draw

The last local lotto jackpot draw took place on Tuesday October 29. The numbers drawn were 1,8,17 and 28. Three punters shared the Match 3 Prize of €150, but the jackpot was not won. Congratulations to Kathleen Gardiner, Eimear & Conon and Maura and Eimear who shared the €150. Next draw will be on Monday November 11.

CAHIR CORNER

CAHIR LAP REVIEW, HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Cahir LAP (Local Area plan) 2011-2020 is coming to an end. A new plan will have to be drawn up to cover us for the foreseeable future. It's frightening to have to think that far ahead but thought needs to be put into it. The people of Cahir will decide on what best for Cahir and your submissions will be required.

Councillor Andy Moloney is asking the people of Cahir to get involved with issues such as planning and the direction you want to see your town develop will depend on the people of the area.

Moloney says that he has a vision and has been working to make improvements over the past few years within the current plan but this is an opportunity for everyone to have a say on our future locally. Once the people decide, he will work to fulfil their vision. The Cahir LAP looks at a vision for the town on planning and zoning and how our town looks. While the local councillor says it's not about any individual but what's good for the town and with that in mind he is welcoming ideas and interaction with the planners.

It is planned to start the process that a meeting that will be held in Cahir House Hotel on next Wednesday 13 November. You can have a say on the future of your area, don't let others decide, so get involved. The planners want to hear your views and they are important. Save the date.

CAHIR & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Club will hold a Dinner & Fashion Show in Cahir House Hotel on this Friday 8 November at 7.30pm sharp to raise much needed funds for the local Charity. Tickets are €30.00 and can be bought from Cahir House Hotel, the Book Shop, Sorrento, St. Vincent de Paul, Klassy Lady, Mr. Mister or Maurice on 087-7760766. There will be exhibitors on the night and a great night's entertainment is guaranteed. Please come and support



Surrounded by her friends, Olivia Darcy was presented with the Best Girls Outfit trophy by Cahir Ladies Football Club secretary Mary Shinnick at its Halloween disco

your local Charity where all proceeds go to Cahir & District Lions Club.

For more information on Cahir & District Lions Club please call Jackie on 087 2236583. Cahir & District Lions Club serves the local community and all support is greatly appreciated.

CAHIR TIDY TOWNS AWARDS THIS WEEKEND

The Annual Cahir Tidy Towns Awards night will be held in the Shamrock Lounge this Saturday night after Mass around 8.30pm. There are several prizes in many categories and lots of certificates will be awarded in 'Highly Commended' and 'Commended' too. The judging was completed over a number of weeks by judges from out of town and members of Tidy Towns that opted out of the competition.

We would like to thank Dolan's Super Valu for their sponsorship once again this year and the commitment of Super Valu both nationally and locally is very much appreciated.

Plans are advancing for Santa's Grotto and we have a lot of bookings for Monday 16 December for the special needs and ASD units. Prior booking is required for this event but the 7 & 8 and 14 & 15

December dates are open to all and once again this year the cost is €5 with selection box provided as usual.

Litter picking and maintenance is hindered at the moment with the poor weather and we thank those who get the chance for picking between the showers and the council workers who are taking up the slack.

So please come along this Saturday night for our local awards and hear the winners and certificate recipients announced. All welcome.

WAR MEMORIAL GATHERING

There will be a gathering at the War Memorial on Castle Street in Cahir on this Sunday 10 November at 10.45am. A minutes silence will be kept at 11am. A Poppy wreath will be laid on the monument by PJ O'Meara of the Cahir Social & Historical Society. The last post will be played by Mr Paddy Roche and poppies will be available to all those who attend. All are welcome to come along and join in this remembrance.

MOCK WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS CONTINUE

The mock engagement of Aisling Moloney and James Walsh took place the weekend before last in our lovely town. James proposed with the back drop to the castle to the lovely Aisling, who of course said yes and then the happy couple went on to John Quirke Jewellers to buy the rings. This is the first stage leading up to the big day on November 30 2019.

Last weekend members of Cahir GAA Club and Ladies Football Club as well as the 'Bride & Groom' met with the management of the beautiful wedding venue of Cahir House Hotel to continue to make arrangements for the exciting mock wedding event of the year.

All sorts of important details were discussed with

keep an eye on these pages for updates too.

LEANNE THROUGH TO WORLD NATURAL BODYBUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Leanne Barrett, a native of Cahir, would be more familiar to some people wearing green and white during her years with Cahir Ladies Football. She is now preparing to compete in the States next week where she has been invited to represent Ireland in the World Natural Bodybuilding Championships that is set to take place in New York.

When she moved to Dublin for work, she took up Bodybuilding and has been very fortunate to find great success. After a few months of training, she decided to take up the sport competitively and won the overall Female Body fitness title at the Irish National Championships in October 2018. Following this success, she competed on the European stage in Santa Susanna earlier this year with a Top 10 finish and in the UK International Championships three weeks ago where she was absolutely thrilled to take home bronze.

The preparation that is involved in preparing for a show like this involves rigorous training seven days a week and a very strict nutritional diet for the months leading up to a show. Leanne's day begins her day at 4.30am where she fits in her training regime around her busy work schedule, often completing cardio sessions after work or during her lunch breaks.

In speaking to Leanne, you can sense her love and commitment for the sport. The best thing, Leanne says, is the discipline that's involved. "I thrive on structure and routine, I set a goal and once that's achieved, it's on to the next challenge - there's no time to waste when you're up against some great athletes. I have an incredible coach who looks after my nutrition & training and I have a very strong support network around me, I'm lucky that my family and friends support



Best wishes to Leanne Barrett in the upcoming World Natural Bodybuilding Championships in New York

bridesmaids and groomsmen, floor plans and top table seating, wording of the ceremony and table arrangements among the many items up for discussion. The Bride and Groom show no sign of nerves and are definitely up for a laugh, fair play to them. This is an event not to be missed judging by the plans being made on the night!

With just over 3 weeks to the Mock Wedding, everyone involved is in full swing understanding and perfecting their roles for the night. Tickets will go on sale this week and you can get yours from most members of the Ladies football and senior clubs, please see the poster for more information and



The mock engagement of James Walsh and Aisling Moloney took place last Saturday, ahead of the mock wedding fundraiser on November 30

me every step of the way. I've met some great people through competing".

Leanne is hugely excited to take to the world stage and hopes to do Ireland proud. We wish Leanne the very best of luck and safe travels to her loyal supporters travelling over for the event.

Cahir Councillor Andy Moloney said of Leanne "it is important to recognize the achievements of our own whether they are home or abroad or in National or International events. We often take their achievements for granted and Leanne has always been competitive from an early age and we wish her well. I know that the people of the area as well as her family are all firmly behind her and wish her well on the world stage.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Dr Maria Ryan O'Brien of Keylong, Cahir on her recent graduation with a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from the University of Limerick, who was conferred by the President of UL Prof. Des Fitzgerald recently. Maria's research explored mathematics anxiety among mature students. Maria is a past pupil of Tankerstown N.S. and Scoil Chriost Ri, Cahir, and is a lecturer in Business at Mary Immaculate College, Thurles.

CAHIR DAY CARE CENTRE

The Centre had a visit from Aisling McCarthy with the Mary Quinn Cup following the team's recent All Ireland win. It was wonderful to have Aisling and of course her proud grandmother Josephine was here to enjoy the celebrations. Well done to all the girls involved. The Day Centre is holding their annual Tea & Coffee morning, brick/ brack & cake sale on November 17 in the Centre. Please come along to support us for a fun morning.

CAHIR MEET & TRAIN

The members who participated in the Dublin city Marathon arrived back from home with their medals in hand to last Tuesday night's Training. Some were talking about next year's event while others have now ticked it off their bucket list. This was a great achievement for the group who have trained hard over the year to build up their mileage and do the long miles in training. Some of this group started off with a simple Operation Transformation, Couch to 5km training programme and have progressed over the years.

We continue to meet over the winter months at 7.30pm and a reminder to all that high vis vests must be worn at all times.

A provisional date of Sat-



Our Lady of Mercy Primary School girls dressed up for Halloween

Have you got news/photos for Cahir Corner?
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urday 7 December has been set for the popular Santa Run. This year we encourage as many as possible to get dressed up and get involved. The smaller kids need only come through the town while we will have a longer route for the older ones.

CAHIR COMMUNITY LOTTO

There was no winner of the Draw that took place on Wednesday October 30, 2019 in the Social Welfare Office. The Draw was witnessed by Martina O'Connell. The numbers drawn were 10, 12, 21 and 24. The 4 lucky dips winners each receiving €25 were The Hyland Family, Husseystown, Cahir, Eileen O'Neill, Ard-finnan, John Whyte, C/o Moloney's, Poulmucka and John McGill, C/o Cahir Day Care Centre. Congratulations to all.

The next Draw takes place on today Wednesday November 6 in the Social Welfare Office at 12 noon with results next week. The Jackpot is now €6,300 and tickets are available in the Enterprise Centre and in local shops too.

CAHIR ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Our monthly meeting will take place on today, Wednesday November 6 in Cahir House Hotel at 2.30pm. Our guest speaker is Sgt Tom O'Dwyer who will speak on Crime Prevention and Home Security for the elderly, topics of great interest to all of us. Cookery will commence on Tuesday 12 with Carmel and names will be taken at meeting. Please notes numbers are limited for this class. The December meeting will be AGM and Christmas Party too. We look forward to meeting you.

Results of the Card Game held on last Friday 1 November were, winners John Whelan, Mary Moloney, Leisha Shine and Teresa Prendergast. The next Game is on this Friday 8 November. All are welcome.

CUPS AGAINST BREAST CANCER COFFEE MORNING

On last Thursday Cahir Co op held their annual Cups against Breast Cancer coffee morning Fundraiser. The Management and staff all dressed in fantastic Halloween costumes on the day. Many of the customers were wondering who was who and all that through the doors were treated to tasty treats as well as a constant flow of coffees and teas, plenty of chat and all for a great cause with a spooky twist.

Manager Marie Fitzgerald said on the day "We like to give back just a little to the community. Cancer affects nearly every household; this coffee morning is for a great cause that is close to our hearts and our customers too".



Best friends Paige Ferris and Emily Cummins at the Halloween art tutorial in Cahir Castle

HALLOWEEN WALK

Large numbers turned out in the pouring rain for the holding of the first 'Scare in Cahir' on Halloween night. The event promoted by the 'Friends of Cahir Playground' had worked with many local groups to create a spook-tacular atmosphere along the Fairy trail Walk and the rain didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. A huge effort was made with some of the costumes and face painting and as a result the committee intend to make it bigger and better next year. Some of the witches, ghosts and spooky characters that were set up for the Halloween walk were left on site till the following day and people were still popping down for a look.

BUS TO RDS KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW

A bus is being organised to travel from Cahir to the Knitting and Stitching Show taking place in Dublin at the RDS on this Friday 8 November. Contact Mary on 0868298224 for more details and to book a place

PARISH NEWS

For Mass/Anniversary List please contact Parish Office on 744 3447 before Thursday at 3pm for inclusion in that weekends Newsletter. Any details received after this will be included in the following weekend's Newsletter.

Free English Classes for Adults: Classes are every Tuesday evenings in the Parish Rooms from 7:30 - 9:00pm. Call 087-6998346 or contact failteisteach-cahir@gmail.com.

Please note that on today, Wednesday 6 November Bishop Cullinan will attend an open meeting of parishioners to hear opinions on 2 topics: 1) The gifting of parish land to the Department of Education to provide a playground for the New National School and 2) The founding of a religious community of 4 sisters who are members of

the Servants of the Home of The Mother. They would reside in the Parochial House. Mass will be held at 7pm in St. Mary's Church followed by the meeting in the Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Pioneer T.A.A. - The Annual Sunday Dinner and Dance will be held in The Gold Coast Hotel, Dungarvan on Sunday 10 November from 2 to 6pm. Tickets are €30. Call 052-7441929 for further information.

CAHIR PARK AFC

Juniors- Both junior teams were off last weekend with no TSDL games taking place due to the FAI Cup Final. Next Sunday Cahir Park A team are away to Rearcross from the North Tipp League in Round 3 of the FAI Junior Cup. The B team are at home to Peake Villa in the Paddy Purtill Cup 1st Round. Kick off at 11:30am at Cahir Park.

Schoolboys- the Schoolboys & Girls are nearing the end of the calendar year season. The Under 12s play Tipperary Cup this Saturday morning at Cahir Park All Weather. Cahir Park Under 14 Girls are away to Gortnahue on next Sunday. Both the Under 10 & 11 League Blitzes fell foul of the weather last weekend.

Good Luck - We wish the best of luck to all our Cahir



Margaret Keating and her daughter Kate at the Halloween art tutorial in Cahir Castle

Park Players currently playing on ETP squads and attending trials.

Academy - continues every Saturday morning at 9am for Under 8s, 9s & 10s while the Under 6s & 7s train on Friday evenings at 6pm.

Coerver Performance Academy takes place every Monday at 7:30pm.

Halloween Camp - A great few days fun was had last week at our Halloween Mid Term Camp. Well done to all the boys & girls who attended.

All Weather Slots- We currently have limited availability on the all weather pitch mid week. Contact David on 7443850 for further details.

CAHIR GAA CLUB

Sympathies- All in our club would like to offer our condolences to Micheal Fahy (our club Treasurer), his family and extended Fahy families on the recent death of his brother Thomas (Mossy) Co. Galway, RIP. Our thoughts are with Micheal and indeed all his family at this sad time, may Thomas rest in peace. Secondly our club would like to offer condolences to the Coffey and extended families of the late Maureen Coffey RIP. (Killeigh, Cahir) our thoughts are also with the Coffey family, may Maureen rest in peace.

Draw the Joker - Our Jackpot survived the bank holiday weekend and this

week our draw rolled into the Hill Bar last Sunday evening. As always we say a big thank you to Maria and Tom for their kindness and for looking after us all on the night. This week's winners are as follows: Joanne Purcell, Teresa Lonergan, Mattie McGrath, Ned Doyle and Gerry O'Donnell.

County Draw- The county clubs draw for the month of November was held last Friday evening. We had just one winner from our club this time round and that was the last name out of the drum on the night when Eddie Lonergan's name popped out to give him €200! Congratulations Eddie, spend it well and thanks to you all for joining the draw with us and let's hope we can bring another car to Cahir in the December draw.

Camogie AGM - Our friends in Cahir Camogie Club held their AGM on November 5. More details next week. Congratulations to all involved with the club during the year.

Congratulations - to former Club player and current Juvenile Coach, Ryan Murphy on winning a Co. S. H. medal with Borrisoleigh when they defeated Kildangan in the Final in Semple Stadium.

Also to Padraig Whelan who after many years winning county titles wearing the green and white of his first club and a great servant of Cahir GAA from boy to man, on winning a county junior hurling title with his new club where he now lives, St. Vincent's of Dublin a couple of weeks ago, well done Padraig it's still in you, pictured with Padraig are his wife Claire, his proud parents Kitty and Denny and family friends.

We also congratulate Brian Enright another great servant of the Club who won a County JH Title with his new club, Abbeyside in Waterford.

First Book - Congratulations to the 2 Johnnies on the recent launch of their first book (yes book, they can write!). It was launched a

couple of days ago by Gil, the book is called "Dear Johnnies" and is in most good book shops now. Its a great present for the Christmas, there will be some good laughs and banter in the book. We wish the best of luck to both lads with it.

Juvenile News - news on the Parish League is that due to the weather conditions the Parish League was postponed. We are hoping to play on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Cake Sale - The Juvenile Club will hold their Annual Cake Sale on Sunday 10 November in the Parish Rooms from 10am. Donations and support can be given on the morning and would be very much appreciated. So do drop in and pick up some tasty treats in aid of our fantastic Juvenile Club on the day.

Contact us at address procahirgaa@gmail.com with any news, special occasions and any photos welcome too. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT POSTPONED

Due to storm Lorenzo, and concerns for everyone's safety we have unfortunately had to postpone our Third Tipperary Brigade Commemorative Concert and Tribute that was planned for October. We would like to assure everyone that the concert will take place next year in the spring. We have yet to confirm a date that will suit the majority of those involved. Your patience and commitment to the event is much appreciated and as soon as we can get a confirmed date invited guests and participants will be notified well in advance on these pages.

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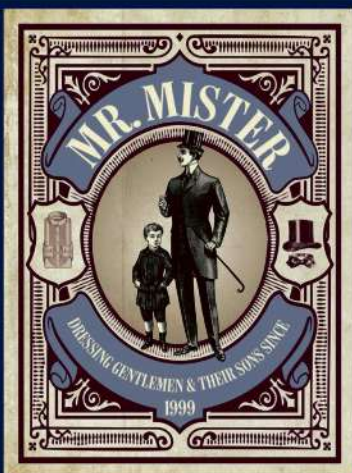
To celebrate their 60 Anniversary a Dinner Dance will take place in the Clonmel Park Hotel on Saturday 16 November 2019 at 7pm. This will be a celebration of both past and present members, competitions and events within the club. Music on the night is by Suir Fire Trio. Tickets are priced at €45 and are available by contacting Coley Commins on 087-3936427 or Daniel Long on 085-1244717 or any committee member. All are welcome.

'A LIVING WILL' PLAY BY JIM KEANE

Ballylooby Community Hall will host 'A Living Will', a two act play by Jim Keane and back by popular request, in Ballylooby Community Hall on Saturday November 16. Tickets are available from Al on 087-9853040, Larry on 052-7441713 or from any member of Ballylooby Hall Committee. All welcome.



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