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Election victory for Martin Browne as Sinn Féin surge

The Easter Rising 1916 scarf was rolled out, the tricolour unfurled and a rousing rendition of Oro Sé Do Bheatha 'Bhaile heralded the election of Sinn Féin's Martin Browne at the count centre on Monday afternoon.

Surrounded by jubilant supporters, emotional family members and two other elected Sinn Féin TDs David

Cullinane (Waterford) and Maurice Quinlivan (Limerick), he was lifted shoulder high in celebration of an incredible achievement.

It represented an amazing transformation in political fortunes for Browne, who just last May failed to hold onto his seat in the local elections.

He had turned local election failure into a stunning electoral general election performance, which saw him

elected to the 33rd Dáil.

Browne, riding high on the Sinn Féin surge that swept the whole country, received an astonishing vote in Tipperary.

The Cashel man, who put housing and mental health services in Tipperary as two of his top priorities, received more first preferences than four sitting TDs. He outpolled the sitting Mayor of Clonmel Garret Ahearn in Clonmel and in Carrick-on-

Suir he took a huge chunk of a vote that would normally have gone to Seamus Healy, who lost his Dáil seat.

Independent poll-topper Michael Lowry, Mattie McGrath, Labour Party's Alan Kelly and Fianna Fáil's Jackie Cahill were also elected by the Tipperary public to the 33rd Dáil.

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'Very proud' Martin Browne elected to Dáil Éireann

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In previous elections, Seamus Healy would have benefited greatly from the distribution of votes from Sinn Féin.

However, on this occasion that trend was reversed with the eliminated Healy's votes providing the Sinn Féin candidate with massive boost of over 2,000 votes in the eighth count to crucially keep him ahead of both Alan Kelly and Jackie Cahill in the race for seats.

The figures tell the story of the election. Martin Browne out voted Healy in the Carrick on Suir LEA with 19% of the vote compared to 13% for Healy in an area, particularly in the urban area, in which Healy had established a strong network for a long number of years.

Browne took Healy's seat and that Carrick outcome had a huge bearing on that. If he took Healy's seat, Browne was also responsible for holding off the challenge of Fine Gael hopeful Garret Ahearn. Ahearn would have been looking to both Clonmel, where he is the serving mayor, and Cahill as his strongholds, but Browne outpolled him in both, by a very narrow margin in Clonmel (14.8% to 14.1% in Clonmel) and in Cahill (13.6% to 11.2%).

Married to Helen, they have four children: Gavin, Cathrine, Molly and Martin.

Browne was co-opted onto a Cashel town council seat in 2013 when his late brother Michael passed away. His brother Michael was an unsuccessful general election candidate at a previous election.

He won a seat on the amalgamated Tipperary County

Council in 2014, a seat he lost last year. He is very involved in his native Cashel in the Meals on Wheels service and in the local camogie club.

After his election, he said that "people are fed up with Fianna Fail and Fine Gael for decades, we will bring a freshness to it, people wanted change, we will not let people down."

He said: "I am a very proud man today to be elected to Dail Eireann one hundred and two years after the Pearse McCann was elected. I am very proud to be a member of the Pearse McCann Sinn Féin cumman in Cashel."

Browne maintained Sinn Féin's connections to the IRA was not an issue on the doorstep during his general election canvas

He claimed Sinn Féin's links with the IRA didn't come up on the doorsteps as an issue during his election canvass. It wasn't on the agenda, he said. It was an issue that concerned RTE and the national media. He said young people had more pressing issues on their minds.

When asked if he was happy with Sinn Féin's support for violence in the past, he said: "We have never said we have supported violence. We understood what was going on in the North. We are not going to condemn what people had to do."

Referring to the questions over Sinn Féin's connections to the IRA, he asked when does it stop, 20 years, 50 years, 100 years. "There is history in all parties. It's time people realise, especially in the national media that young people have better issues to think about. We have never denied people that were in the struggle. There was trouble on both sides and both sides suffered."

Looking back to last May when he lost his seat to first-time out Sinn Féin running mate Tony Black, Browne said it was a very low day for him. "It was a very difficult time, it was particularly hard for my family. I felt it more for them when it happened. I had been a councillor for seven years, it is hard when you lose," he said.

It was a very different story on this occasion. What astounded people on tally watch for the mainstream parties from gam on Sunday morning was the scale of the support from Sinn Féin in every part of the county.

"Martin received massive votes in areas where they would not know Martin from Adam," said Muiris Suilleabhain, Sinn Féin tally expert.

To him, the stand out figure to reflect the Sinn Féin vote came in the Roscrea/Templemore area.

"Sinn Féin received 13.5% of the vote there. We just have one cumman in Roscrea.

They would not know Martin Browne at all, that was an incredible vote to get there," said Mr. Suilleabhain.



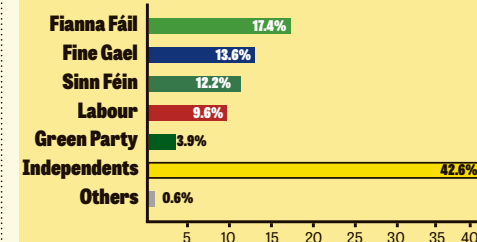
Martin Browne celebrating after being elected to the Dáil at the Tipperary general election count centre

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	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3	Count 4	Count 5	Count 6	Count 7	Count 8	Count 9	Count 10
Lowry Michael (Ind)	14802									
Browne Martin (SF)	10004	10126	10304	10834	11207	11805	11964	14046		
		+122	+178	+530	+373	+598	+159	+2082		
McGrath Mattie (Ind)	9321	9533	9815	10152	11147	11727	12478	15127		
		+212	+282	+337	+995	+580	+751	+2649		
Cahill Jackie (FF)	7940	8171	8948	9114	10809	11684	12118	12535	12939	
		+231	+777	+166	+1695	+875	+434	+417	+404	
Kelly Alan (Lab)	7857	7979	8445	9282	9618	11390	12135	12773	13222	
		+122	+466	+837	+336	+1772	+745	+638	+449	
Ahearn Garret (FG)	6206	6273	6327	6553	6837	7034	10626	11086	11,499	
		+67	+54	+226	+284	+197	+3592	+460	+413	
Healy Seamus (Ind)	5829	5866	5950	6306	6656	6936	7058			
		+37	+84	+356	+350	+280	+122			
Newman-Julian Mary (FG)	4926	5054	5149	5518	5730	6206				
		+128	+95	+369	+212	+476				
Hannigan Joe (Ind)	4715	4826	5133	5313	5461					
		+111	+307	+180	+148					
Goldsboro Imelda (FF)	4082	4139	4631	4749						
		+57	+492	+118						
O'Donnell Rob (Green)	3170	3201	3315							
		+31	+114							
Farrell Sandra (FG)	2233	2275								
		+42								
Cahill Dolores (Ind)	521	527								
		+6								
Marese Skehan (Ind)	182	186								
		+4								

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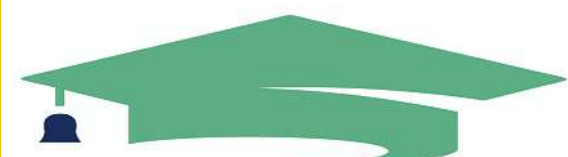


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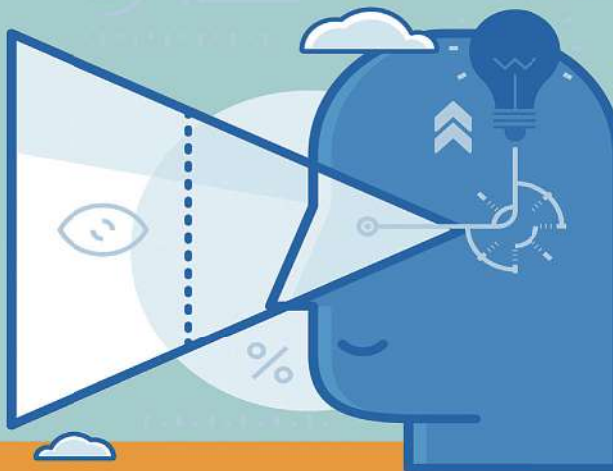
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Mattie McGrath 'deeply humbled' by Tipp vote

Independent Mattie McGrath showed the huge vote he attracted in the 2016 election wasn't just a flash in the pan by once again clinching the second of the constituency's five seats.

The Newcastle TD was joyously hoisted shoulder high surrounded by a large contingent of family and supporters after being declared elected on the eight count with an overall vote of 15,127 more than 1000 clear of Sinn Fein's Martin Browne, who was elected on the same count.

Chants of "Mattie, Mattie" competed with the celebrations from the Sinn Fein contingent elsewhere in the count centre following the announcement of the count result early on Monday afternoon.

"I am deeply humbled by the vote I got from the people of Tipperary despite the Sinn Fein tide and the vote for change," deputy McGrath told The Nationalist.

"If you look at the vote transfers, I got a huge amount of 2, 3, 4 and 5 preferences. People made a huge effort to get out to the polling booth during Storm Ciara and put their trust in me."

His first preference vote of 9321 represented 11.4% of first preferences cast by Tipperary's electorate.

It was 2916 lower than his massive 11,237 vote of 2016 but he was happy with his

performance in view of the huge voter swing towards Sinn Fein.

"I am down a couple of thousand votes but much more high profile figures than me fell under the Sinn Fein tsunami," he declared.

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Deputy McGrath benefited greatly from 995 transfers he received from the distribution of Fianna Fail's Imelda Goldsboro votes and 751 transfers from the distribution of Fine Gael candidate Mary Newman-Julian's votes.

The most significant haul of transfers he received was 2649 from the distribution of Seamus Healy's vote on the eight count.

It was 547 more than the 2082 transfers Cashel's Martin Browne received.

Deputy McGrath blamed the surge in support for Sinn Fein on the confidence and supply arrangement between the outgoing Fine Gael led government and Fianna Fail.

The only effective opposition in the last Dail were some left wing parties, Sinn Fein and the rural independents

He was critical of Leo Varadkar and Micheál Martin's pre-election statements about refusing to go into government with Sinn Fein.



Independent TD Mattie McGrath celebrates his re-election with family and supporters at the Presentation Thurles general election count centre

He didn't want to see a scenario where a government couldn't be formed and another election being hoisted on voters.

"Imagine telling the electorate of Tipperary that you can elect them if you like but we won't talk to them. Those days are gone," he said.

He called for a national government to be formed.

"I feel the best people should be put into cabinet to sort out the problems of the country to deal with the bankers, the conglomerates and vulture funds and do the

things to allow ordinary people have a reasonable modicum of life.

"The people who get up in the morning and go to work; the people who run the full-time services have been abandoned by the last number of governments."

Deputy McGrath is noted as a TD for holding the government to task on its failures.

When asked if he would lend his support to a government coalition, led by his former party Fianna Fail, he indicated he would provided the programme for govern-

ment gave credence and a hearing to issues of concern to him such as health, housing and mental health services as well as rural proofing, which is where the government assesses the impact of its policies on rural areas.

Deputy McGrath paid tribute to defeated Independent Seamus Healy for all the work he did for the people of South Tipperary during his 35 year career, especially his campaign for improved services at South Tipperary General Hospital.

"I will miss him as a colleague. We worked well together and I wish him well," he said.

Deputy McGrath pledged to work hard to represent the people of Mr Healy's hometown of Clonmel, which is also a key part of his constituency heartland.

"I have a full-time office in Clonmel for 13 years... We have an open door policy.

"It's a pity (Seamus has lost his seat) but that is the way it is. It's a changed situation but we have to respect the vote of the electorate."

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		Garret Ahearn	Martin Browne	Dolores Cahill	Jackie Cahill	Sandra Farrell	Imelda Goldsboro	Joe Hannigan	Séamus Healy	Alan Kelly	Michael Lowry	Mattie McGrath	Mary Newman Julian	Rob O'Donnell	Marese Skehan	
1	Ardfinnan NS Booth 1	13	23	1	34	2	5	0	39	5	28	66	14	4	1	235
2	Ardfinnan NS Booth 2	28	49	2	29	2	2	3	26	7	18	113	13	10	1	303
3	Ardfinnan NS Booth 3	34	48	1	30	0	16	1	29	10	10	86	0	7	1	273
4	Ballingeary Old School	19	16	0	14	0	10	5	6	2	20	69	15	5	2	183
5	Ballydrehid NS	20	35	1	15	2	7	1	10	6	13	113	14	18	0	255
6	Ballylooby NS	34	30	0	30	2	5	0	15	6	10	108	18	12	0	270
7	Burncourt NS	35	44	1	24	3	17	0	5	5	11	176	12	11	1	345
8	Cahir Boys NS Booth 1	44	28	4	15	1	3	1	11	6	13	124	18	20	0	288
9	Cahir Boys NS Booth 2	29	31	5	13	2	4	3	11	8	11	85	28	12	0	242
10	Cahir Boys NS Booth 3	21	71	3	19	4	5	1	22	10	17	120	6	13	0	312
11	Cahir Boys NS Booth 4	43	38	5	22	2	4	1	27	19	21	124	22	17	0	345
12	Cahir Boys NS Booth 5	14	56	1	21	2	4	1	26	6	16	106	4	18	1	276
13	Cahir Boys NS Booth 6	21	80	2	13	1	0	0	42	6	11	56	7	5	1	245
14	Cahir Boys NS Booth 7	21	33	1	5	3	5	0	19	4	17	54	8	9	1	180
15	Duhill Hall	20	15	2	15	2	12	1	12	2	10	93	4	5	0	193
16	Goatenbridge Social Hall	22	45	4	18	2	6	0	15	9	9	142	10	2	1	285
17	Grange NS Booth 1	71	18	1	15	0	7	0	10	6	11	64	11	14	0	228
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21	Newcastle NS Booth 2	22	9	2	9	0	3	0	3	6	1	82	5	8	1	151
22	Scoil Teampall Toinne, Ballyporeen NS	24	21	0	12	2	1	1	5	3	5	80	1	6	0	161
23	Scoil Teampall Toinne, Ballyporeen NS	32	16	1	21	1	5	6	11	5	4	112	3	17	0	234
24	Scoil Teampall Toinne, Ballyporeen NS	18	20	1	28	1	5	1	5	2	2	91	5	8	0	187
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26	St. Mary's NS Clogheen Booth 1	13	29	0	4	3	4	0	13	3	1	46	8	2	0	126
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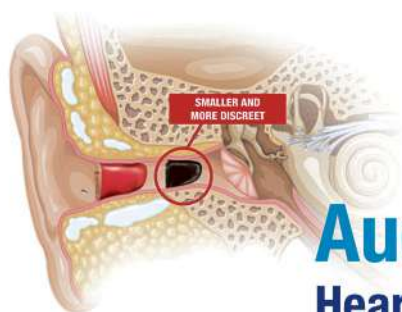
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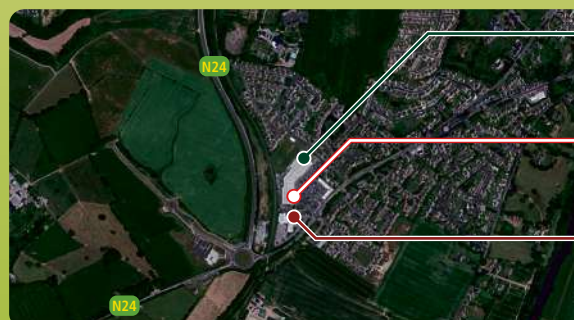


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'You have to get up and dust yourself off' - Seamus Healy

Seamus Healy's failure to retain his Dáil seat has left Tipperary's county town, Clonmel, without Dáil representation and almost certainly brought to an end his 35 years of public service as an elected representative for his home town and county.

The elimination of the founder and leader of the left-wing Workers and Unemployed Action Group (WUAG) after the seventh count on Monday afternoon was greeted by a rare show of unity by supporters and candidates of all political colours.

The large crowd gathered in the Presentation Secondary School sports hall in Thurles broke out into a spontaneous round of applause as a show of respect to Mr. Healy's contribution to the people and political life of the county after returning officer James Seymour announced the veteran



Outgoing Independent TD Seamus Healy, who lost his seat in the election, pictured with his family and supporters at the count in Thurles

politician's election race was over.

Family members and supporters shed tears as rival Dáil candidates, councillors and their supporters queued

up to shake his hand and wish him well.

It was a fitting and moving tribute to the Clonmel man noted for his hard work on behalf of constituents encour-

aging difficulties negotiating government bureaucracy.

Mr. Healy shares similar republican political views to Sinn Fein but ironically it was the huge electoral swing to-

wards Sinn Fein in this election that cost him his Dáil seat.

His first preference vote of 7,452 was 1,633 lower than in the 2016 election, when he

clinched the fourth seat in the final count.

The 2,855 transfers he received from eliminated SF candidate Seamus Morris effectively secured his election in the 2016 race. It was a reversal of fortune this time around.

A massive 2,082 of Mr. Healy's transfers pushed Martin Browne over the quota in the eight count to secure Sinn Fein's first Dáil seat in a century.

Tally results from Carrickon-Suir, WUAG's biggest voting heartland outside of Clonmel, illustrate the impact of the swing to Sinn Fein on Healy's vote. Browne secured 15% of the vote in the town while Healy secured 10%.

The 69 year-old Clonmel man was philosophical about losing his seat to the Cashel based Browne. "This is disappointing but life is like that; you win some and lose some but you have to get up and dust yourself off and continue to do what you believe in," he told South Tipp Today.

He said he would consider running for the Dáil again if there is a second general election this year in the event a government couldn't be formed, which is a possibility. If such an early election doesn't arise, he conceded it was unlikely he will contest a general or local election again.

But he stressed that this doesn't mean he is retiring from politics. Since his teenage years, he had been a political community and trade union activist in the tradition of James Connolly and James Larkin. "I will certainly not be retiring, I will continue in that vein until the day I close my eyes," he declared.

Mr Healy was also adamant that this wasn't the beginning of the end for the socialist WUAG, which at one stage held five seats on Clonmel Borough Council.

He said the WUAG is still a very vibrant organisation and will field a candidate in the next general election and will continue to contest local elections and advocate for more jobs and investment in Clonmel and in the county and solutions to the country's health services and housing problems.

The group currently has one councillor, Pat English, on the county council. He wished Sinn Fein and Martin Browne well.

"Clearly the electorate felt, not just in Tipperary, but right across the country that Sinn Fein was the most credible vehicle for change and obviously they have got behind the party in significant numbers. I certainly hope the change the public has voted for here and in the county will come about."

Cashel Area

Box	Box Name	FG	SF	Non Party	FF	FF	FF	Non Party	Non Party	LAB	Non Party	Non Party	FG	GP	Non Party	Total
		Garret Ahearn	Martin Browne	Dolores Cahill	Jackie Cahill	Sandra Farrell	Imelda Goldsboro	Joe Hannigan	Séamus Healy	Alan Kelly	Michael Lowry	Mattie McGrath	Mary Newman Julian	Rob O'Donnell	Marese Skehan	
1	Annacarty NS	8	21	0	15	2	1	2	3	1	90	21	33	5	0	202
2	Ardmayle Church	5	48	2	42	0	6	0	3	3	76	25	31	7	0	248
3	Ayle NS	10	27	4	20	0	2	1	5	7	66	45	54	18	1	260
4	Bansha New NS Booth 1	7	42	2	15	1	6	1	32	7	35	71	21	13	0	253
5	Bansha New NS Booth 2	16	28	3	20	5	2	2	10	16	34	88	14	16	0	253
6	Bansha New NS Booth 3	19	41	2	8	2	0	1	10	11	24	71	31	15	0	235
7	Boherlahan NS	10	44	0	20	2	10	0	7	4	89	31	50	9	0	276
8	Cappawhite NS Booth 1	8	26	1	40	2	0	1	8	19	74	24	35	21	0	259
9	Cappawhite NS Booth 2	10	24	0	47	6	1	1	5	17	101	34	36	7	0	289
10	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 1	12	35	3	38	0	18	0	12	4	52	26	58	8	0	266
11	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 2	12	49	1	20	1	8	1	15	5	73	35	65	14	0	299
12	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 3	10	52	1	17	0	6	0	13	3	37	17	33	9	1	199
13	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 4	3	62	4	16	1	1	0	17	8	53	24	33	8	0	230
14	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 5	11	150	1	31	0	1	0	25	4	54	18	5	4	0	304
15	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 6	15	56	3	22	2	12	0	10	5	51	24	32	9	0	241
16	Cashel Boys New NS Booth 7	13	108	0	32	3	4	2	41	7	70	28	42	9	0	359
17	Clonoulty NS Booth 1	4	21	3	30	0	1	0	1	4	99	11	14	5	0	193
18	Clonoulty NS Booth 2	11	24	0	23	5	4	1	4	5	111	7	28	3	2	228
19	Cullen NS	11	25	0	19	1	0	2	10	11	31	40	19	6	0	175
20	Donaskeigh NS	16	24	0	11	1	7	0	1	8	55	34	25	16	0	198
21	Garryshane NS	15	15	0	20	0	1	0	4	3	25	34	14	6	0	137
22	Golden NS Booth 1	14	44	5	22	5	2	0	6	9	61	69	43	8	1	289
23	Golden NS Booth 2	20	39	1	25	2	3	1	4	2	49	39	75	4	0	264
24	Hollyford Community Centre	2	20	2	64	1	5	0	1	10	65	16	21	1	0	208
25	Kilcommon Community Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Knockavilla NS	10	64	0	56	2	9	2	13	8	90	46	52	12	0	364
27	Lisvarrinane NS	12	50	2	33	1	0	0	6	5	14	37	94	38	17	309
28	Monard NS Booth 1	10	34	2	22	3	2	0	10	17	23	41	14	15	0	193
29	Monard NS Booth 2	12	36	1	25	3	4	5	7	7	32	41	23	13	1	210
30	Mount Bruis NS	8	19	1	13	1	1	0	11	10	4	34	18	17	0	137
31	New Inn Boys NS	21	28	0	27	13	11	1	5	9	65	85	106	14	1	386
32	Rossmore NS Booth 1	3	24	0	37	0	2	1	2	6	62	3	25	2	0	167
33	Scout/Community Hall Dundrum Booth 1	14	25	0	26	0	5	3	4	5	103	34	31	15	0	265
34	Scout/Community Hall Dundrum Booth 2	13	30	0	23	1	1	0	14	7	83	29	44	5	0	250
35	Shronnell NS Booth 1	8	16	0	18	2	4	0	3	3	16	56	36	12	2	176
36	Shronnell NS Booth 2	12	22	0	25	4	0	0	7	7	31	46	22	17	1	194
37	St Ailbes Emly NS Booth 1	41	19	1	31	3	1	0	4	7	20	39	23	4	0	193
38	St Ailbes Emly NS Booth 2	36	35	8	21	3	5	0	2	4	23	44	32	6	0	219
39	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 1	4	42	1	7	0	0	1	6	5	9	11	1	4	0	91
40	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 2	7	16	1	5	3	0	1	9	12	24	27	10	8	0	123
41	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 3	12	35	0	12	0	0	0	16	12	10	30	2	12	1	142
42	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 4	5	45	1	13	3	2	0	21	4	15	43	4	6	0	162
43	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 5	4	26	0	6	0	1	0	2	14	10	41	8	7	0	119
44	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 6	11	52	1	9	0	3	0	6	4	8	26	6	10	0	136
45	St. Michael's St. Girls NS Booth 7	5	26	2	10	2	4	1	2	8	27	28	10	8	0	133
46	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 1	15	17	0	30	7	2	3	10	7	52	75	50	22	1	291
47	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 2	18	44	2	31	7	2	3	8	9	58	67	44	14	0	307
48	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 3	18	47	1	33	4	3	1	12	8	50	61	35	18	0	291
49	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 4	9	50	1	16	1	1	2	12	12	24	48	15	6	2	199
50	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 5	5	50	0	18	1	2	0	16	6	11	28	5	5	0	147
51	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 6	18	30	5	7	0	0	12	8	9	26	27	4	8	0	154
52	St. Michael's St. Boys NS Booth 7	6	58	2	16	0	1	0	21	8	14	49	6	6	2	189
53	Thomastown NS Booth 1	24	17	1	15	1	3	0	8	2	66	29	37	13	1	217
54	Thomastown NS Booth 2	6	9	2	15	0	2	0	6	1	41	17	44	10	0	153
0	Postal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Votes		629	1991	73	1217	107	172	58	497	398	2508	2031	1557	527	17	11782
		5%	17%	1%	10%	1%	1%	0%	4%	3%	21%	17%	13%	4%	0%	



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Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a recognised Community/Tidy Towns Group involved in activities to enhance and improve the appearance of the local area/village/town.
- All applicants must submit a one page Action Plan for their area.
- Grants will be awarded on the basis of the number of applications received, the funding available and evidence of expenditure incurred.

Grant Qualifying Criteria:

- Registered with the Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN Registration No.)
- Copy of current Bank Statement
- Copy of Insurance Cover Certificate
- Evidence of expenditure incurred

Closing date for completed applications is Wednesday, 11th March, 2020.

Please return to the relevant **Municipal District** highlighted on your application form.

Forms for New Applicants Only are available from: Aine Brett, Environment Section, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

Tel: 0761 06 5000 aine.brett@tipperarycoco.ie and also on the Tipperary County Council website www.tipperarycoco.ie

BURIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE GRANT 2020

Burial Ground Committees in Tipperary are invited to apply for Maintenance Grants under the 2020 Scheme. The purpose of the Grant Scheme is to provide funding to Burial Ground Committees who carry out burial ground maintenance works. The Local Authority would like to acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by these voluntary committees.

Each Burial Ground Committee will be awarded a grant on the basis of the number of applications received and the funding available.

Grant Qualifying Criteria:

- Registered with the Tipperary Public Participation Network (PPN Registration No.)
- Copy of current Bank Statement

All applications will be assessed during the Summer of 2020.

Closing date for completed applications is Wednesday, 11th March, 2020.

Please return to the relevant **Municipal District** highlighted on your application form.

All works in burial grounds carried out under the Scheme must comply with Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht – Historic Monument Service requirements. These are detailed in a booklet called "The Care and Conservation of Graveyards" available on the Tipperary County Council website www.tipperarycoco.ie

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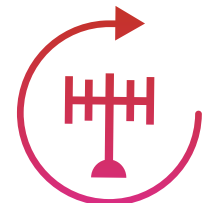
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Clonmel Area

Box	Box Name	FG	SF	Non Party	FF	FF	FF	Non Party	Non Party	LAB	Non Party	Non Party	FG	GP	Non Party	Total
		Garret Ahearn	Martin Browne	Dolores Cahill	Jackie Cahill	Sandra Farrell	Imelda Goldsboro	Joe Hannigan	Séamus Healy	Alan Kelly	Michael Lowry	Mattie McGrath	Mary Newman Julian	Rob O'Donnell	Marese Skehan	
1	Clerihan NS Booth 1	45	56	0	9	2	8	0	58	5	9	49	2	7	0	250
2	Clerihan NS Booth 2	49	41	2	21	5	12	1	38	8	15	59	13	11	2	277
3	Clerihan NS Booth 3	22	21	2	21	4	6	1	35	8	14	57	14	5	1	211
4	Kilcass N.S	80	41	8	25	2	16	0	35	8	17	93	11	29	0	365
5	Killusty N.S	21	16	0	4	2	17	0	18	2	5	27	7	8	21	148
6	Kilsheelan NS Booth 1	34	38	3	24	3	12	1	33	9	7	84	7	9	0	264
7	Kilsheelan NS Booth 2	50	42	10	10	3	21	9	55	10	4	81	9	11	0	315
8	Lisronagh NS Booth 1	39	20	1	14	0	8	1	25	4	4	42	3	17	0	178
9	Lisronagh NS Booth 2	21	22	0	11	3	12	0	32	3	11	28	0	7	0	150
10	Marfield GAA Clubhouse	69	35	8	22	3	2	0	50	20	13	94	11	21	0	348
11	Powerstown NS Booth 1	34	11	1	8	1	1	0	27	1	7	45	7	11	1	155
12	Powerstown NS Booth 2	62	26	1	18	4	10	2	32	7	6	49	7	14	0	238
13	Presentation Convent NS Booth 1	48	28	3	12	0	5	3	72	14	5	52	6	16	1	265
14	Presentation Convent NS Booth 2	32	15	4	16	2	4	0	51	8	9	45	10	18	1	215
15	Presentation Convent NS Booth 3	50	28	5	15	0	4	1	79	11	8	65	8	23	3	300
16	Rathkeevin NS	31	20	1	20	1	7	1	18	8	11	35	14	9	0	176
17	Resurrection Church Hall Booth 1	27	46	2	14	2	9	0	84	6	13	35	4	13	2	257
18	Resurrection Church Hall Booth 2	23	82	4	6	1	3	1	118	2	5	30	2	5	0	282
19	Resurrection Church Hall Booth 3	51	32	5	15	3	11	0	48	16	9	56	9	19	1	275
20	Rosegreen N.S	34	59	1	26	5	39	0	24	6	70	44	27	7	0	342
21	Sisters of Charity Booth 1	11	52	1	7	0	2	24	88	0	9	18	2	1	0	215
22	Sisters of Charity Booth 2	11	26	4	4	1	2	0	71	6	2	22	1	2	0	152
23	Sisters of Charity Booth 3	17	24	0	13	1	3	0	52	9	4	28	2	5	0	158
24	Sisters of Charity Booth 4	21	18	3	4	3	2	0	39	3	3	23	9	7	1	136
25	St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel Booth 1	16	36	0	11	0	3	2	76	3	9	44	3	8	0	211
26	St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel Booth 2	27	60	4	8	1	3	1	96	3	4	39	2	9	0	257
27	St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel Booth 3	25	10	2	6	0	3	1	63	7	8	30	2	9	0	166
28	St. Mary's CBS, Clonmel Booth 4	30	14	1	9	3	3	0	47	11	7	46	3	12	0	186
29	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 1	12	38	3	11	2	4	0	64	2	5	15	0	5	1	162
30	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 2	4	40	2	3	0	1	0	92	3	4	12	0	1	0	162
31	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 3	6	42	1	9	3	5	0	104	4	3	29	2	0	0	208
32	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 4	4	52	4	2	0	4	0	85	7	5	17	4	2	0	186
33	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 5	29	45	2	16	3	5	2	102	9	6	32	0	4	0	255
34	St. Oliver Plunkett's NS Booth 6	20	41	1	17	3	5	0	130	11	9	57	1	8	0	303
35	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 1	43	21	2	16	1	9	0	34	12	10	44	9	7	1	209
36	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 2	30	17	1	12	1	5	1	33	5	3	34	9	14	1	166
37	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 3	3	6	0	5	1	1	1	11	5	4	15	1	2	0	55
38	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 4	43	20	0	16	3	16	3	35	12	10	28	6	17	0	209
39	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 5	52	31	3	10	4	9	2	52	15	18	36	7	18	0	257
40	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 6	20	21	2	7	1	4	1	58	5	3	29	4	8	0	163
41	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 7	22	24	0	5	1	7	1	60	8	2	29	2	6	1	168
42	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 8	11	28	1	8	1	8	1	72	2	4	18	2	2	0	158
43	S.S. Peter & Paul's CBS Booth 9	25	25	1	7	0	1	1	48	3	7	10	3	1	2	134
44	Technical School, Raheen Road Booth	11	33	0	6	0	5	0	77	3	3	22	4	2	0	166
45	Technical School, Raheen Road Booth	52	28	3	10	2	6	0	46	5	6	28	2	9	0	197
Post	Postal Votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Votes		1367	1431	102	533	81	323	62	2567	309	390	1775	251	419	40	9650

Carrick Area

Box	Box Name	FG	SF	Non Party	FF	FF	FF	Non Party	Non Party	LAB	Non Party	Non Party	FG	GP	Non Party	Total
		Ahearn, Garret	Browne, Martin	Cahill, Dolores	Cahill, Jackie	Farrell, Sandra	Goldsboro, Imelda	Hannigan, Joe	Healy, Séamus	Kelly, Alan	Lowry, Michael	McGrath, Mattie	Newman Julian, Mary	O'Donnell, Rob	Skehan, Marese	
1	Ballinure NS	6	18	0	11	2	55	0	3	7	48	8	22	7	1	188
2	Ballyneale NS	37	59	2	6	0	27	2	27	10	7	43	4	10	1	235
3	Clonee NS	42	26	0	1	0	89	1	16	5	28	47	10	14	1	280
4	Commons NS	3	31	0	9	0	110	0	9	7	22	3	2	3	0	199
5	Comm Cntr Carrickbeg Booth 1	16	78	0	20	2	18	0	75	2	1	29	4	5	0	250
6	Comm Cntr Carrickbeg Booth 2	21	69	0	11	5	10	1	62	10	3	32	1	8	0	233
7	Drangan NS Booth 1	33	14	1	0	1	56	0	4	1	21	20	22	6	0	179
8	Drangan NS Booth 2	20	27	0	3	0	92	0	10	0	12	25	16	7	0	212
9	Dualla N.S Booth 1	21	8	2	9	0	30	0	3	1	37	16	32	14	1	174
10	Dualla N.S Booth 2	7	26	1	5	3	15	0	5	8	41	23	47	9	0	190
11	Faugheen Hall	32	52	0	2	12	19	0	28	2	2	51	4	8	0	212
12	Glengoole NS	10	19	0	2	2	91	0	7	11	23	7	6	2	0	180
13	Grangemockler NS	45	50	1	6	11	63	1	13	13	14	69	6	19	0	311
14	Holy Trinity NS Fethard Booth 1	17	20	1	6	0	27	0	24	2	11	20	9	3	0	140
15	Holy Trinity NS Fethard Booth 2	0	17	1	1	0	18	0	22	4	4	16	2	5	0	90
16	Holy Trinity NS Fethard Booth 3	35	28	0	9	3	62	1	36	7	37	27	5	9	0	259
17	Holy Trinity NS Fethard Booth 4	15	44	0	3	1	44	0	43	5	8	25	1	0	0	189
18	Killenaule NS Booth 1	15	17	0	4	1	63	5	25	0	51	3	2	3	0	189
19	Killenaule NS Booth 2	17	20	0	7	0	93	0	12	13	61	9	9	10	0	251
20	Killenaule NS Booth 3	8	37	1	12	3	80	1	26	4	46	10	5	2	0	235
21	Kilvemnon NS	21	30	1	3	3	53	1	10	4	21	33	14	8	0	202
22	Lisnamrock NS	10	26	2	9	1	177	0	12	8	34	14	4	6	0	303
23	Little Flower NS Ballytarsna	3	24	0	26	6	30	3	2	8	81	15	58	15	0	271
24	Moyglass NS	20	35	1	12	1	62	4	5	4	40	26	20	5	0	235
25	Mullinahone NS Booth 1	20	48	1	6	1	94	4	4	7	18	44	4	7	0	258
26	Mullinahone NS Booth 2	23	55	2	3	0	113	1	25	11	33	24	12	9	1	312
27	Our Lady's NS Ballingarry Booth 1	18	21	1	8	0	144	0	19	5	12	11	2	4	0	245
28	Our Lady's NS Ballingarry Booth 2	20	9	0	8	1	80	0	9	1	5	10	9	3	0	155
29	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 1	14	17	0	1	1	2	1	7	3	1	4	5	2	0	58
30	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 2	12	147	0	4	3	13	1	96	5	2	13	1	5	0	302
31	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 3	7	38	0	5	1	3	0	23	4	2	10	0	4	0	97
32	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 4	5	32	1	4	2	7	0	39	0	1	8	1	4	0	104
33	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 5	10	92	0	15	2	7	1	72	1	1	22	1	2	0	226
34	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 6	3	6	2	2	2	0	0	8	3	0	4	1	0	0	31
35	Pres Primary School Carrick Booth 7	18	65	1	8	2	3	0	49	6	1	17	6	10	0	186
36	Sean O'Donovans House (Coolmoyn)	12	10	0	5	0	20	0	1	2	10	8	3	3	0	74
37	St. Marys CBS Carrick Booth 1	2	26	0	4	0	3	0	38	1	1	7	0	1	0	83
38	St. Marys CBS Carrick Booth 2	7	42	1	8	0	9	0	31	5	13	18	3	5	0	142
39	St. Marys CBS Carrick Booth 3	12	14	0	3	1	6	1	18	3	1	11	0	1	0	71
40	St. Marys CBS Carrick Booth 4	9	58	1	13	0	6	0	68	6	1	8	5	2	0	177
41	St. Marys CBS Carrick Booth 5	2	62	1	4	1	4	0	38	3	2	7	1	1	0	126
0	Postal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Votes		648	1517	25	278	74	1898	29	1024	202	757	797	359	241	5	7854
		8%	19%	0%	4%	1%	24%	0%	13%	3%	10%	10%	5%	3%	0%	

Strike action in Clonmel over 'pay discrimination'

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"The next government needs to look at the inequalities across education," said a Clonmel tutor on strike over pay inequality.

A dozen staff at the Tipperary Education and Training Board's Adult Education Centre in Clonmel were among the 19,000 members of the Teachers' Union of Ireland (TUI) in centres of adult and further education, colleges, institutes of technology, and secondary schools on the picket line across Ireland on February 4 over "pay discrimination."

According to the TUI, the strike related to a two-tier pay system unilaterally imposed in 2011. At second level, a teacher employed after February 1, 2012, earns 14% less on initial appointment and 10% less over the first ten years of their career, which amounts to over €50,000 at a time when they most need the money.

"Those taken on prior to 2011 are on a different pay scale to those taken on after 2011. People are doing the same work with the same terms and conditions and yet their pay is completely different. People are trying to catch up with others in terms of getting mortgages and keeping up with the cost of living, which is extremely difficult at the moment," said

Adult Education Centre tutor Pat Hoban.

Mr. Hoban said the union has made numerous efforts to resolve the issue. Last autumn, TUI members voted by an overwhelming 92% to 8% to engage in a campaign of industrial action, up to and including strike action, on this issue, with the union signalling in November its intention to take strike action in February.

"The union has stated that this could be one of many strikes, which is going to be a challenge for the incoming government. The union has knocked on a lot of doors and hasn't gotten through to anyone. If people won't listen, we have recourse to strike and our membership has voted overwhelmingly to strike," he said.

Mr. Hoban said the two-tier pay system is stopping teachers taking up posts. The findings of a survey of secondary school principals last week showed that almost four in five schools have advertised positions for which no teacher has applied, while over half have unfilled vacancies due to recruitment and retention issues.

"Most new teachers are on very short hours, the nature of the work is precarious and a lot of them are on social welfare over the summer. There are a lot of schools who have advertised posts and can't fill them, which is down to the precariousness of the situation and lack of pay," con-



Teachers call for end to two-tier pay

Strike action at Tipperary Education and Training Board's Adult Education Centre in Clonmel over pay inequality

tinued Mr. Hoban.

"In terms of adult education, there is other pay discrimination in terms of contracts. For example, there are no terms and conditions negotiated for adult literacy tutors. We are on hourly rates and social welfare during the summer, at Christmas and Easter. It's an ongoing issue across the whole of educa-

tion."

The TUI expressed regret for any inconvenience caused to students and their families over the strike action, but stated that a continuation of pay discrimination risks inflicting further damage on the education system. Mr. Hoban said students at the Adult Education Centre in Clonmel supported

Tuesday's strike action, highlighting that the two-tier pay system is damaging staff morale.

"It affects staff morale when you have two teachers doing the same work but on a different pay scale. And it affects your self-esteem when it comes to day-to-day work," he said.

He called on the next gov-

ernment to invest in Ireland's education system. "If the next government really wants to value students and education in this country, they have to treat it with respect. That means treating the dedicated people, who go through years of training to teach as a vocation, with respect. It will pay dividends," he added.

'Integration with communities key' for Syrian refugees

Sixteen families of Syrian refugees will arrive in new homes in Clonmel between late March and the end of summer.

The refugees, the majority of whom are under 25, will be accommodated in council houses and are among 230 people in 45 families who are also coming to Tipperary town, Nenagh and Templemore.

The Syrians have fled war-torn areas of their own country and Pdraig Ryan, senior social worker with Tipperary County Council, told a meeting of Clonmel Borough District that they had all been security-vetted by Gardaí and deemed to have been refugees by UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees).

The Department of Justice had also liaised with people on the ground in Syria.

Mr. Ryan said that a similar programme in Thurles had been very successful and families had integrated into the local community.

Two resettlement workers and two integration workers (one of whom speaks fluent Arabic) would work with the families.

Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, an organisation with vast experience working with young people, particularly the disadvantaged, will work with the refugees on behalf of the county council.

They will actively support all of the families to access services and integrate into the community, both through government agencies and local community and voluntary organisations.

Cora Horgan, CEO of Youth Work Ireland Tipperary, said that resettlement and intercultural workers will spend time with families, on both an individual and

group basis, determining their needs, as well as working with agencies and local groups to identify available supports and to encourage a positive integration experience for all.

She said that obviously there would be challenges, but she was very excited about the resettlement programme, which would help the families build better lives for themselves.

Families would have access to English language classes and GP care, educational support, intercultural training and they would get to know the local community.

"Integration with communities is key," she stated.

These were families who left their homes and travelled across the world for the safety of their children, she said.

They had spent three to four years in camps in Jordan and had also spent some time in reception centres in Ireland.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy said they all wanted to work with and not against the programme.

He asked if there would be consultation with residents in areas where the refugees would be resettled, and how it would impact on their already strained resources in terms of health and housing.

He said they would want to embrace the notion of equality through consultation.

This would only work if there was consultation.

"If there's any secrecy around where they are going, and if it happens on Friday evening and people only find out about it on Monday morning it won't work", he said.

Cllr. Pat English said he would welcome the families but a lot of people wouldn't, and the devastation that had occurred in Syria was something they would have to

get across to people.

He asked if the resettlement programme would displace anyone on the council's existing housing list.

District Mayor Garret Ahearn said it was important that they took responsibility and showed leadership in welcoming the refugees, and that they were open and willing to do so.

It was important that they sent out a positive message, while stressing that the Syrians had been vetted and assessed.

Cllr. Richie Molloy said he was sure people would want to know that the refugees had been checked out properly regarding Garda vetting, but the vast majority would welcome the fact that Ireland was playing its part.

Ireland was a very small country and couldn't accept too many refugees but people would accept that these people were coming from

very difficult situations.

It behoved all of us to ensure they were properly integrated into society and Irish people had done that over the years.

Cllr. Molloy said he didn't envisage any real difficulties.

County Council housing officer Sean Lonergan said there would be consultation with the elected members and the people of the town.

The council would continue to house people who were most in need and they wouldn't be inconvenienced by this programme.

During a four-year plan currently operating, the council would provide 1,000 new housing units throughout the county by 2021.

The refugee programme would account for only one per cent of the tenancy allocations during this four-year programme, Mr. Lonergan said.

Tipp's Abbey students take action for the environment

Wildlife Matters

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Transition year students from the Abbey School in Tipperary Town have been taking an active role in protecting biodiversity and helping reduce the impact of climate change.

As part of their Green-Schools programme, they have planted a mini forest on the grounds of their school.

They were coordinated by their teacher Miss Ryan. She normally teaches French but comes from a farming background and is no stranger to being outdoors in the natural world. Thanks also to the Abbey School principal Mr. Kiely for facilitating the planting.

The trees were funded by Tipperary County Council's environment section under a joint neighbourhood. This is a great example of the type of project and cooperation that can make a real difference to the environment. The students can also see that their actions can make a positive contribution to protecting nature.

In total 26 trees were planted in a matter of a few hours. Oak throughout its long life supports over 500 different species. Hazel and birch reach old age at a hundred years, but collectively are a home for as many species as oak. Spots pine is one

of our native evergreen and the cones are packed full of seeds for birds.

All of the trees were over two metres tall, which gives an instant visual effect. It also means that apart from a little watering during dry weather, the trees can look after themselves.

These species are also excellent for wildlife and when the mini forest matures it will provide shelter, food and nesting locations for birds, bats, insects and mammals.

Ireland has the least broadleaf cover in Europe. This is in stark contrast to a few centuries ago when Ireland was covered in woodland. While we rightly protest at the destruction of the Amazon Rainforest and the planting for palm oil, a similar policy has taken place in our own countryside.

The students were divided up teams, learning the delicate art of handling a shovel, pick and sledge. They soon got the hang of it, especially the technique of swinging the sledge without burning out the arms.

Each group had first to dig a large hole, which was done with great enthusiasm. The ground was quite stony in parts, but these were no obstacles to the students.

Next, stakes had to be driven to support the trees. Lots of the staff came out to

see how the work was progressing and to offer advice, but it was the boys who did all of the work.

With the stakes secured, the fun bit of planting the trees could begin. Where once there was just a barren piece of grass, it has now been converted into a wonderful habitat for wildlife.

We were also joined by Paddy O'Dwyer, executive scientist with Tipperary County Council and also a tremendous supporter of projects that enhance the River Ara and its environs. When the new River Ara walkway opens, this will be an important outdoor classroom right on the doorstep of the Abbey school.

Paddy was accompanied by his colleague, clerical officer Salome Halpin. She is new to the council and part of her role will be working with the green schools. She was seeing how a project works on the ground, and I wish her well in her new role.

The Abbey is planning to do planting with a focus on pollinators now that the green bug has bitten. If anyone is interested in supporting their work and sponsoring a few trees, please get in touch.

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Debt management - facing the problem head-on in 2020

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As we continue our New Year's Legal resolutions for 2020, one issue which people may feel forced to face is debt.

With a New Year comes a resolve to clean the slate and start afresh, but it is often difficult to face the burden of debt and to know where or who to turn to.

HOW DOES INSOLVENCY WORK?

Being burdened with debt is an extremely stressful time.

The Insolvency code is a mechanism by which people can come to realistic arrangements to tackle debt and return to solvency.

The first port of call for those who are insolvent - cannot meet their debts as they fall due - is to contact a Personal Insolvency Practitioner (PIP). A PIP will assess their situation and advise on which arrangement, if any, would be suitable.

The PIP acts as a go-between for the debtor, the creditors, the Insolvency Service and the Courts.

The second action people must take is to gather all information. For everyone involved it is essential that a firm grasp is had on the current situation to properly advise and take up the right course of action.

One of the cornerstones of the application for Insolvency is the Prescribed Financial Statement (PFS). The

purpose of the PFS is to give an accurate written account of all assets, debts, income and expenditure so that a true reflection of the financial position of the person seeking relief is outlined. This will enable the PIP to recommend different options for dealing with outstanding debts and to recommend which arrangement, if any, would be suitable.

The PFS will form the basis of calculating what repayments will be made to creditors and what portion of monies can be kept to maintain a reasonable standard of living.

The statement will contain a Statutory Declaration which must be signed by the applicant and witnessed by a Notary public, Commissioner for Oaths, Peace Commissioner or a practicing Solicitor. It will be an offence to sign this declaration without full disclosure or if any of the details in the Prescribed Financial Statement are incorrect or misleading.

A considerable amount of work can be involved in preparing the PFS and vouchers or receipts for all of the details provided will be required.

HOW MUCH INCOME DO I HAVE OR NEED TO HAVE ?

Initially there was much debate about the minimum standard of living that people entering into insolvency arrangements are entitled to.

I have found that many clients who I have been dealing with were living below the reasonable standard of living.

However, there are many situations where people have assets and with the proper arrangement, solvency can be achieved.

Furthermore with the reduction of application fees for arrangements, it is now less costly than ever before to avail of the opportunity to be debt free.

ARE INSOLVENCY ARRANGEMENTS DEALT WITH IN THE COURTS?

Insolvency cases go before Circuit court judges who are

specially appointed to deal with them.

With the abolition of the absolute veto by the Banks where the family home was involved, there has been more involvement by the courts.

It remains the case that an Arrangement must be presented that is fair to all parties before it can be approved by the Courts.

I WANT TO DEAL WITH MY DEBT, WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM A PERSONAL INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONER?

One of the first things a PIP will do is get a Protective Certificate for those who are struggling financially. This would stop any creditors pursuing them for a limited amount of time to allow time for proposals and negotiations.

Personal Insolvency Practitioners will:

Help those who are looking for relief under the Act in preparing a detailed financial statement.

Use this information to advise on what debts can be included and put together proposals based on the individual circumstances.

Submit proposals to their creditors once the various options and consequences are discussed.

Liaise with the creditors to try to find a solution which all parties can agree on.

Organise a meeting of creditors to vote on the proposals.

Organise the approval of any agreed Arrangement with the courts and the registration with the Insolvency Service of Ireland.

A detailed plan will be given to those availing of relief under the Act setting out their obligations and specifying the time frame within which these obligations are to be met. The practitioner will also be responsible for monitoring the payment arrangements for their duration.

For further info contact reception@lynchsolicitors.ie or Tel: 052-6124344.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT: Transition year students from the Abbey School are playing an active role in protecting biodiversity and helping to reduce the impact of climate change



'New housing estate won't interfere with plans to extend graveyard'

A planning application proposing a new housing estate on a site next to Carrick-on-Suir's St. Mary's Cemetery won't interfere with future plans to extend the graveyard, a meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District councillors was told.

District engineer Willie Corby assured Fianna Fail Cllr Kieran Bourke that the planning application proposes building houses on

2 acres of residential zoned land on the 2.7 acres site off the Dungarvan Road. There is no housing proposed for the remaining 0.7 acres, which the meeting heard is zoned amenity and earmarked for a future extension of the town's cemetery.

He gave the assurance at Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District's monthly meeting where Cllr Bourke called on Tipperary Co. Council to explore as soon as possible the acquisition or com-

pulsory purchase of the 0.7 acres site for use as an extension to the cemetery.

The Carrick-on-Suir councillor asked at what stage were the Council's plans for the cemetery extension.

Cora Morrissey of the County Council's environment and climate change section responded that an executive engineer had been looking into this. She promised to come back to Cllr Bourke with an update on the progress of the

cemetery extension.

Meanwhile, Cllr. Bourke and Cllr. David Dunne praised the Council for the recent improvement works carried out to footpaths in St Mary's Cemetery. Cllr. Bourke, however, highlighted that there was a serious issue with the disposal of waste from graves at the cemetery. He said there used to be a skip in the cemetery where old wreaths could be disposed of but the Council had to remove it because some people were dumping

household waste there.

He acknowledged the Council has directed people visiting the cemetery to bring home their waste but some people due to age and infirmity were not capable of taking their waste home.

Ms. Morrissey said she would talk to Council officials about what was the best option to deal with the waste problem raised by Cllr. Bourke.

Planning permission refused for 65-foot Clonmel phone mast

An application for planning permission to instal a 20 metres-high telecommunications support structure at the GAA Centre on the Western Road, Clonmel has been turned down by Tipperary County Council.

Three Ireland (Hutchison) Ltd. wants to erect the 65 feet-high structure, carrying antennae and transmission dishes, with associated ground level equipment units and security fencing.

500 people have signed a petition objecting to the installation of the mast.

Billy Shoer, secretary of the Albert Street residents committee, which organised the petition, welcomed the county council's decision, although he said it will probably be appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

"It's only the first step in a two-step process," he stated.

"Residents and others have real concerns and fears for their own health and particularly their children's health, both now and into the future, from this technology, and in particular from 5G, which Three Ireland will also roll out this year."

With permission granted for

masts of similar height at The Poppyfields retail park and at the fire station, Clonmel is already adequately covered, said Mr. Shoer, a former Mayor of Clonmel.

"The mast at the fire station is 80 feet-high on an elevated structure and there's no need for another mast", he said.

Mr. Shoer was also concerned that the county council's decision hadn't addressed the issue of the zoning of the land.

He said the site at Western Road is zoned for community facilities, agricultural-type buildings and for camping and caravans.

Mr. Shoer said those who signed the petition in protest against the mast were seriously concerned about living and working under antennae/dishes that would transmit 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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

He said that four primary schools, a creche, before/after school clubs, churches, South Tipperary General Hospital, the community health

centre, two medical centres, the National Learning Network, Tipperary Education and Training Board offices, Irishtown Day Care Centre, The Cottage Nursing Home, a dental surgery and surrounding residential areas were located nearby.

He said there had been no consultations with residents or people working in the area or the community, either by the GAA clubs (Clonmel Commercials and St. Mary's) or Three Ireland for the mast proposed for the GAA Centre, alongside the handball alley.

In a statement, Three Ireland has said "to improve coverage for our customers in the Clonmel area, Three has a planning application for the development of a mast in the GAA grounds. As with all infrastructure roll out, we will adhere to guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)."

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



'There's no one quite like Grandma'

Agnes Hyland with granddaughter Evie at the recent Grandparents Day in Our Lady of Mercy Primary School, Cahir. Picture: Maria Taylor

Tipperary County Council sign contract for 28 new homes

Tipperary County Council has signed a contract for the development of 28 new homes at Knockanrawley.

The scheme, which comprises sixteen two-bedroom, ten three-bedroom and two four bedroom homes - that will be known as Aherlow Meadow - has a construction value of €5.67 million.

Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr.

Michael Murphy welcomed the signing of the contract. "This scheme at Tipperary will deliver high-quality homes to families and people from Tipperary County Council's housing list. These units will be finished to the highest standards and will provide people with a place they can be proud to call home," he said.

Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary Cashel Cahir Muni-

cipal District Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald said proposed new scheme will be of "great benefit to local families and will provide these families with an opportunity to become an established part of our community."

K & J Townmore Construction Ltd. has its head office in Dublin with regional offices in Mallow and Dublin. "We're delighted to get this contract to build 28 new

houses for Tipperary County Council. It's great to see houses built in this area," said Seamus Quirke.

"Construction has already started on site on January 6 and we're currently working on the foundations. We've a 12-month programme for delivery so our completion date is the end of this year."

Sinéad Carr, director of services for housing with Tipperary County Council,

thanked the design team led by Van Dijk Architects. "We are delighted to be working with K & J Townmore Construction Ltd. on this scheme, who will construct these much needed homes. This development complements schemes already under construction across the county with further schemes planned for Cahir, Thurles and Borrisokane to commence construction in

early 2020."

Tipperary County Council's chief executive Joe MacGrath added: "Tipperary County Council is eagerly anticipating delivery of these homes and will continue to work with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, developers, builders, and other stakeholders to continue the delivery of new social housing across our county."

Take a walk on the wild side with Siúl Eile

Earlier this month, 150 walkers gathered at the Blueway in Kilsheelan for an invigorating hike along the riverbank to Clonmel.

It was organised by the Siúl Eile social walking movement, which is in line this month for a national award for its work in getting thousands of people across Co. Tipperary out exercising in the fresh air.

This hike along part of the East Munster Way is one of Siúl Eile's Trail Walking series that brings hikers along sections of three of the national waymarked trails that pass through Co. Tipperary.

The huge popularity of the Siúl Eile network of walking groups has earned the social enterprise a finalist place in the Best Community Health Initiative category of the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards that will be announced at a ceremony in Croke Park on February 15.

Siúl Eile founder Liam Fleming from Clogheen says he is delighted and amazed with the award nomination and the growth of Siul Eile

groups around the county.

The life coach and father-of-five set up the first Siúl Eile walking programme in Clogheen in 2016. It was a 12-week series of social summertime hikes in the scenic surroundings of the Knockmealdown and Galtee Mountains and Vee Valley.

The walks were billed as the Couch to Mountain Top walks and were targeted at people with low fitness level. They started off by doing rounds of the local GAA pitch and gradually got more challenging with Liam building in hills as the participants' fitness levels improved.

"The aim was to bring local people out to show them what was on their doorstep. Very few people have been up the mountains but there are hundreds of walks around Clogheen. At the end of the 12 weeks we went up to Galtee Mór. There was a great response to the programme," he recalls.

Due to the success of the Couch to Mountains walks, Liam was invited by Tipperary Co. Council Sports Partnership, which pro-

vides recreational sport in the county, to do a Bnest Social Enterprise course at the University of Limerick.

After completing the six month course, Tipperary Sports Partnership helped Liam to set up Siúl Eile walking groups in other communities around the county.

"We now have 13 Siúl Eile groups all doing different walking programmes," says Liam. "When we initiate a programme, it can be a bit slow to take off at first. We don't go in with any great fanfare and start with handy numbers and soon you have up to 60 walkers coming out."

Rural communities and towns where Siúl Eile groups are up and running include Clogheen, Ardfinnan, Ahlerlow, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Cahir, Slieveardagh, Moycarkey/Littleton, Drom/Inch, Thurles, Nenagh and Arra.

Liam coordinates the walks, which are run and led by volunteers in all the participating communities. Most Siúl Eile walks are free of charge for participants. The



Ber Nugent, Martina Cliffe, Liam Fleming, CEO and founder of Siúl Eile, and Geraldine Morrissey.

Kilsheelan to Clonmel walk on Sunday is one of the few with an entry fee to cover the cost of bus transport from Clonmel to Kilsheelan.

"We run 20 walks per week between all the groups. You are looking at about 500 people out walking in Siúl Eile walks weekly. We vary the walks so people are doing a different walk every night."

Some groups host two to three to three walks a week either in the evenings or on weekends. The How's She

Cutting night-time walks have been very popular over the dark winter months. Liam said these walks last one hour and take place on quiet rural roads. The Community Hall Crawl walks are another series that ran over 12 weeks.

Liam says the Siúl Eile walks were started as a way to get people fit and enjoy the countryside but the opportunity they offer to socialise with friends and neighbours is just as important an attraction.

"Most people come initially for the health benefits but it's actually the social side that keeps them coming."

The next hill to climb for Siúl Eile will be to set up walking groups in neighbouring counties.

"We hope to expand outside of Tipperary," says Liam.

"We have people interested in Cork, Limerick and Waterford. What started out as a single walking programme has taken on a life of its own."



Maureen O'Reilly, Maria Dempsey and Marie White ready for the Siúl Eile walk from Kilsheelan to Clonmel



Theresa O'Loughlin, Kathleen Ryan and John O'Loughlin



Valerie Hogan, Colette Hogan and Declan Blanchfield all set for the Kilsheelan to Clonmel Siúl Eile walk



Siúl Eile walkers Marie Dempsey, Denise Power, Tony Horne, Theresa Tobin and Marie Kennedy at Kilsheelan

Family fundraise for operation to help two-year-old Heidi walk unaided

A South Tipperary family are campaigning to raise funds to send their two year-old daughter to the United States in April for life-changing surgery that will give her the chance to walk independently.

Little Heidi Griffin from Rathdrum, Fethard, suffers from a form of Cerebral Palsy called Spastic Diplegia, which effects her legs and means she can't stand correctly or walk unaided.

Her parents Pamela and Tom Griffin received news nearly three weeks ago that due to a cancellation a place has become free for Heidi to undergo Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) surgery at St Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri in the US on April 30.

The surgery, which will cost €60,000, will be carried out by the renowned neurosurgeon Dr TS Park and will enable Heidi to stand and walk unaided.

Pamela, who is an accountant, and Tom, who works in Glanbia at Derrygrath, learned on January 17 that Heidi was suitable for SDR and were offered the surgery date. After a weekend of consideration, they launched a fundraising campaign to assist them pay for the operation.

Clonee native Pamela (née Burke) said they decided to take the cancellation date offered to them because the earlier Heidi undergoes the surgery the better the outcome for her health.

"The longer the spasticity is in your muscles, the greater the chance you have of suffering orthopaedic issues with your hips and knees, and some children can develop Scoliosis," she explained.

She pointed out the €60,000 fee must be paid 45 days before the operation. After looking into the possibility of securing a loan, the

Griffins concluded the only option they had to come up with the money in such a short space of time was to fundraise.

Pamela admits it was a difficult decision for her and Tom to go down the fundraising route as it meant putting Heidi and their family "out there" in public.

However after talking to families in similar situations and seeing the success they had with setting up a Go Fund Me page they took the plunge.

They set up Heidi's Happy Feet GoFundMe page on Monday, January 20 and their first fundraising event was a coffee morning in Clerihan Community Hall on Sunday, which attracted a huge crowd and raised over €5,000.

Pamela said her family are overwhelmed and extremely grateful for the generosity shown by family, neighbours, friends and strangers to the fundraising campaign so far. The Go Fund Me page has so far raised €27,019 just two weeks since it was set up.

"People have really been terrific. They immediately rallied around us and pulled together to show their support."

Two other upcoming fundraising events are an auction at The Final Furlong Pub in Clerihan on Saturday, February 29, and a tractor run in the Clerihan area on Sunday, March 1.

Pamela and Tom, who have two older daughters Sadie (6) and April (4), learned that Heidi suffered from Spastic Diplegia around her first birthday.

"When she was around nine months old, we could see she wasn't able to sit correctly and noticed there was something wrong between her hips and knees. She couldn't stretch out her legs," Pamela recalled.

She brought Heidi to a neurological paediatrician in Cork and she underwent a



Pamela and Tom Griffin from Rathdrum with their daughters (from left) April, Heidi and Sadie

series of tests including an MRI scan. After being diagnosed, Heidi began undergoing daily physiotherapy and stretching exercises to help with her condition.

Pamela says through the physiotherapy Heidi succeeded in crawling correctly but she is not able to stand or walk independently. "Her knees are almost bent. She is not able to get into the full upright position, which can mean so much."

Through her own research and contact with other families who have children with the condition, Pamela found out about the Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery being carried out by Dr TS Park in Missouri.

The family applied for Heidi to undergo the surgery in early December and she underwent a series of tests to establish whether she was a suitable candidate for the operation. When the Griffins received the news on January 17 that she was suitable and were then offered the cancellation date, Pamela recalls she and Tom felt excitement but also panic at the prospect of having to come up with €60,000 in such a short space of time.

The Griffins will spend five weeks in the US for Heidi's operation. The three-and-a-half hour long procedure will involve surgery on Heidi's spine. Pamela explains that the nerves

sending the wrong messages to Heidi's muscles causing the spasticity will be cut. "Once the spasticity is gone it will allow her muscles to move more freely."

After the operation, Heidi will have to undergo intensive physiotherapy, which Pamela says will always be a part of her life.

Since setting up the fundraising campaign, the Griffins have been contacted by another family in a similar situation to them, who they have been able to point in the right direction. She says it's unfortunate that families of children like Heidi have to do their own research into SDR surgery and fundraise to access the operation. "Even

though you may pay thousands a year in health insurance, it doesn't cover you because the surgery is outside the EU."

Pamela's goal is to have Heidi walking independently within 12 months of the operation. Her wish is for Heidi to be able to walk into primary school in two years time and do the physical activities that are part of school life.

She describes Heidi as a typical two year-old full of chat and very charming.

"She is a beautiful little girl and she loves her sisters. I truly believe she will do whatever she wants to do in life. She just needs this little bit of help now."

Coláiste Chluain Meala students make the mind-body connection

Coláiste Chluain Meala students spent a day recently working on their physical, social and mental health.

Facilitated by Health Fitness Ireland (HFI), the programme was delivered in a fun and practical yet informative fashion.

They worked with the school as part of Coláiste Chluain Meala's wellbeing programme,

delivering five one-hour workshops to all students from 1st to 6th year. Students participated in workshops in quality sleep and recovery, high intensity interval training, health psychology, quality nutrition, and home training and circuit training. Teachers did preparatory and aftercare work with the students to ensure that they got the most from the programme.

"It was a very practical, challenging, fun-filled and educational day for our students, where year groups worked together in a friendly, active atmosphere. The community spirit of the school was highly visible throughout the day with teachers joining the students in their activities," said school principal John McCarthy.

"All the indicators of wellbeing, which is a

key part of the school's curriculum, were met, with students being active, aware, connected, responsible, resilient and respectful.

"HFI also worked with our sister school Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn on a similar programme. Feedback from our students has been positive, despite a few complaints about aching muscles, especially from the teachers," he adds.

'We wanted to ensure that the polling station stayed open in the community'

A hospitable host, a cup of tea and freshly baked scones awaited voters in a unique polling station in Tipperary on Saturday.

Sean O'Donovan's home in Coolmoynes, situated between Fethard and Cashel, was the only private house in Tipperary to be used as a polling station in the general election.

Voters throughout Tipperary, who had to wait until Wednesday evening (February 5) to be sure if they would be given the opportunity to vote in the general election, came out in force to register their vote despite the inclement weather.

Minister for Local Government Eoghan Murphy had

signed a "special difficulty" order allowing the election in Tipperary to go ahead. The order was signed late on Wednesday night after extensive legal consultations.

The vote had been postponed after the sudden death of Independent candidate Marese Skehan.

Polling station host Sean O'Donovan welcomed the first voter to his home shortly after 7am and like voters who called throughout the day, was offered a cup of tea, scones and tart as voters availed of the opportunity to have a chat about the election.

"It is a very social day. We put on a cup of tea and people enjoy meeting one another for a chat about the election,"

said Sean.

The number registered to vote at Sean's home is 242 and by tea time the station was on course to reach up to a 70% turnout.

"It was very quiet during the rugby game between Ireland and Wales, and the half hour after the rugby was the busiest time of the day," added Sean.

He took on the responsibility of hosting the vote in Coolmoynes in 2007. "We wanted to ensure that the station would stay open in the community. It used to be held in Coolmoynes National School next door to me but the school closed in 1967. The school became a private residence and the vote continued to be held there, but in



Sean O'Donovan with presiding officer Monica Ahearne at the polling booth in Sean's house

2007 it could not be held there and rather than leave it go out of the community I decided to take it on," he said.

"We had lost a creamery, a post office and three shops in

the area so it was important to ensure the polling station stayed in the community."

A neighbour, Monica Ahearne, was the presiding officer in the station, Sean's

daughter Aisling was the clerk and another daughter Theresa supported Sean in hosting the voting.

Andrea appointed president at Women in Business Network

South Tipperary Women in Business Network has announced the appointment of Andrea Keenan as its new president.

Owner of the Foot Care Centre at Oakville in Clonmel, Andrea's priority for the coming year will be to encourage new members to the network, especially anyone

who has just set up their own business in South Tipperary or is in the process of doing so.

Current network members operate businesses in a wide range of sectors including retail, healthcare, beauty, travel, tourism, catering and coaching. Andrea hopes to encourage women from these and other sectors

to get involved, to share their stories and experiences of being a woman in business.

South Tipperary Women in Business Network was established in 2003 to provide opportunities for businesswomen to network and share ideas, providing support, training and mentoring along with increasing business contacts in a supportive environ-

ment.

The group, which is supported by the Local Enterprise Office, meets monthly at Clonmel Park Hotel. Guest speakers at these monthly meetings range from inspirational entrepreneurs to experts in a variety of business fields such as sales and marketing, public relations, branding, finance, and busi-

ness development.

For further information on South Tipperary Women in Business Network, contact Ita Horan at the Local Enterprise Office Tipperary on ita.horan@leo.tipperary-coco.ie or 052-6129466.

New members can also contact the network via Facebook.



Clonmel's Andrea Keenan is the new president of South Tipperary Women in Business Network

'Tipperary Tourism building awareness of our wonderful attractions'

Tipperary Tourism's new website, www.tipperary.com, was launched this month in front of a large audience of stakeholders from the tourism sector across the county.

It is hoped that the new website will position Tipperary as a more attractive destination for tourists to visit, stay and enjoy the unique treasures of the area.

Whether your interest is culture, heritage, sport, gastronomy or leisure, Tipperary has a lot to offer and this exciting new online portal gives holidaymakers all they need to plan and enjoy a great visit to the county.

With 12 sample itineraries catering to all tastes, this mobile-optimised website showcases what a holiday in Tipperary could feel like and provides helpful tips on how to find the authentic Tipperary experience.

At the launch event in the Excel Centre in Tipperary Town before an audience of commercial, recreational and community service providers from right across the county, cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council Cllr. Michael Murphy said: "This new website will boost Tipperary's online presence and encourage many more visitors to come to stay, play and support our local businesses."

Attendees at the launch also received details of Tipperary Tourism Membership 2020, a scheme supporting tourism-related businesses, community groups and individuals across Tipperary to attract tourists to the county.

"Tipperary Tourism is building awareness of our wonderful county's attractions and all our members will benefit from our annual marketing campaign and this dynamic, new website," said Tipperary Tourism chair Luke Murtagh.

Tipperary County Council



Tourism development officer Marie Phelan, Tipperary Tourism chair Luke Murtagh, Cllr. Michael Murphy and Tipperary County Council chief executive Joe MacGrath at the launch of www.tipperary.com

chief executive Joe MacGrath said the website is a "vital part of our strategic plan to position Tipperary nationally and globally as a leading holiday destination."

He said Tipperary County Council is committed to en-

hancing Tipperary's reputation and valued position within Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and supported by our strong tourism sector through Tipperary Tourism.

The recent upgrading by Fáilte Ireland and Tipperary County Council of the historic town signage trail in Tipperary Town was also profiled.

The signs were redesigned and reworded to align with

Ireland's Ancient East and to include Tipperary Town in the Butler Trail, a tour of Tipperary's medieval towns that now incorporates Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Cahir, Roscrea and Tipperary.



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At the Heart of Every Home

Meeting kick-starts Biodiversity Action Plan

More than 50 people attended a public meeting to devise a Biodiversity Action Plan for Carrick-on-Suir at the town's Sean Healy Library on January 29.

The meeting was organised by Carrick-on-Suir and District Lions Club, which has been awarded funding from the Community Foundation for Ireland to draw up a plan involving local groups and the wider community to tackle biodiversity loss in the town and district.

Ecologist Michelle O'Neill from Cluainecology Ltd., who will lead the project, delivered an illustrated talk on local and global biodiversity issues at the meeting.

She outlined the importance of retaining a natural organic habitat for native fauna and flora, which is fast disappearing due to urbanisation, drainage, pollution, chemical use and invasion of alien species such as Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, grey squirrels and 2Dace fish, which push out native species.

She spoke of how more than 100 plant species are

now endangered with 20 of them in critical danger of becoming extinct.

The loss of natural habitats and decline of woodlands and meadows are also impacting on the lives of flora, insects, birds and animals, all necessary to balance the delicate ecosystem essential for all life forms. Librarian Carol Delany gave an illustrated presentation on the biodiversity garden in the Library's grounds and how it is developing with fruit trees and wildflowers, a bug hotel, mixed berry wild-life hedges, herb planting and a fernery.

These nature projects have developed under the guidance and help from Debbie Murphy, Carrick-on-Suir Town Council and her team along with help from students and pupils from local schools who have been involved in many nature themed workshops at the library.

Carol thanked Carrick Men's Shed's members for all their assistance and willingness to help out with materials and construction.

Lions Club member Brian White then outlined the



Lions Club members, speakers and members of the public who attended the meeting at Carrick-on-Suir's Sean Healy Library

various biodiversity activities undertaken by the Lions Club in recent years.

The projects include a clean up of the Bog Field in Carrickbeg where Japanese Knotweed had to be professionally removed and the removal of 6 tons of rubbish from the river bed and the ongoing development of the Suir

Blueway which promotes a strong environmental message with educational panels along the way, regular organised clean-ups and community based events for all to enjoy.

President John McNamara encouraged all groups to come on board with the community biodiversity

plan that will cover four key areas habitat maps, inventories of species, actions to be taken and linkages to various state agencies, groups and societies.

The action plan will involve the entire community of all ages and aims to re-establish natural habitats which will in turn nurture and pro-

tect native species and flora.

The Lions Club will now undertake habitat and species surveys and talk to other agencies, community organisations and individuals who may lead activities to improve local biodiversity from next year. Any organisation or individual interested may contact Brian or any Lions Club member.

'Our angel Sarah Dillon will never be forgotten'

On February 29 and March 1, a group of leisure cyclists will gather at the Clonmel Park Hotel to embark on a two-day cycle to honour the memory of beautiful Sarah Dillon who passed away suddenly in April 2014, aged just nine.

This cycle is organised each year as a training spin for the annual Tour de Munster Cycle, which is celebrating its 20th year this year and takes place from August 6-9. Then, 150 cyclists will complete a four-day, 640 kms tour through Munster to raise vital funding for the six Munster county branches of Down Syndrome Ireland.

Sarah, along with her parents Trish and Brian, have been an integral part of both events and Paul Sheridan, organiser of Tour de Munster, said: "Sarah has touched so many lives in a very special way that it was only fitting that her beautiful memory should be honoured and remembered, and therefore this cycle weekend is dedicated to her memory."

An open invitation has been extended to all cycling enthusiasts to join in the

cycle in a fortnight's time and share the journey to honour Sarah's memory. People may join this cycle for one or both days.

Day one will see cyclists travel from the Clonmel Park Hotel to Killenaule, Dualla, Cashel, Cahir, Ardfinnan and back by Knocklofty to the Park Hotel. The two routes on Saturday include a 60 kms and 90 kms cycle.

Day two will take cyclists to Carrick-on-Suir, through Rathgormack and back to Clonmel in a 65 kms loop, with an option to climb Seeskin Hill.

Registration, which begins at 9.15am, is free, and voluntary donations to Down Syndrome Ireland's Tipperary branch will be gratefully accepted.

Both stages will commence at 10am and all cycling enthusiasts are welcome.

All interested cyclists should check out the Down Syndrome Tipperary Facebook page for cycle routes and further details.

Down Syndrome Ireland Tipperary is a voluntary organisation and its main objective is to ensure that each individual has the opportunity to develop to his/her full potential and ability.



Organisers are looking forward to Sarah's Cycle, the headquarters for which is the Clonmel Park Hotel, on February 29 and March 1

The services provided include speech and language therapy, educational tutoring, fitness and art therapy, literacy and numeracy, dance and yoga classes and opportunities for socialisation and independence, along with a host of support and resources for members and their families.

This all takes funding and through the support and great work of the cyclists, more people with Down Syndrome will be helped in a practical way.

Sarah was so full of life. She loved to dance and was a member of the On Your Toes dance group in Clonmel, winning many trophies for her

dancing. She loved the costumes, the glitz and the sparkle of it all. Sarah was so proud of herself having mastered the one-handed cartwheel.

She also played football with Clonmel Town Football for All and was a member of the Dolphin Swimming Club, Clonmel.

Sarah had such ability and brought mischief and joy to all who knew her. Her parents, Trish and Brian are grateful to everyone who helps to organise this special event every year, and to all the cyclists who take part in memory of Sarah. "Our angel will never be forgotten," they said.

'I remind everybody at the school to vote for my sister on Dancing with the Stars'

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A special needs assistant based at a County Tipperary school says her sister is "loving life" on hit RTÉ series Dancing with the Stars.

Rathkeevin National School is rallying behind Miss Universe Ireland 2018 winner Gráinne Gallanagh, whose sister Gemma is currently working at the school.

Donegal native Gemma says the children and staff at the Tipperary school are voting for Gráinne every

week. "I remind everybody at the school on Fridays to vote. Hopefully Gráinne will come down to Rathkeevin to meet them all after Dancing with the Stars finishes," Gemma smiles.

Gemma says winning Miss Universe Ireland 2018 has presented Gráinne, whose dance partner is Kai Widdrington, with many opportunities. "She went to Bangkok for Miss Universe in 2018, finishing in the top 20 in the world and in the top five in Europe. She had been juggling modelling and nursing in London since then, and moved back to Donegal this year and got the call for Dancing with

the Stars," says Gemma, who is living with her Tipperary partner in Clonmel.

Gemma says the Gallanagh family is "shocked" by Gráinne's dance moves. "We had never seen her dance before so it has been a shock to us as a family watching her," she says.

"There's a lot of training involved, a lot of early mornings and long days. When she started training, she was so nervous and found it hard to do the steps, but every week she is getting better and better. She's loving it and gets on great with the other dancers. It's a fantastic experience and is definitely something different to

nursing," Gemma laughs.

Gemma says her sister will continue nursing after Dancing with the Stars, but didn't rule out further TV appearances. "You never know. If the opportunity arises to go on to other shows, she would love it. But for now, she is just enjoying the moment, living week-to-week and hoping to get through," she adds.

Dancing with the Stars contestant Gráinne Gallanagh with her Tipperary-based sister Gemma



Brewery Lane wins six Green Room drama awards

Brewery Lane Drama Group's thespians won an impressive six awards for its recent productions of Gaslight and The Real McCoy at the inaugural Green Room Awards in Waterford.

And Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's well known musical director Fergal Carroll won the Best Musical Director gong at the awards that recognise top performances in musicals, drama, comedy, choral and panto productions.

The awards ceremony took place at the Theatre Royal in Waterford on Sunday night. More than 140 nominees gathered at the gala ceremony for the event at which 36 awards were handed out.

Brewery Lane was nominated for 11 awards and won six in the amateur drama category including the two top acting awards for its production of Gaslight.

Neill Bourke won both the Best Actor Award for his performance as the lead Jack Manningham in the thriller Gaslight and Best Comedy Award for his portrayal of Martin Daly in 1960s Irish comedy drama The Real McCoy. Suzanne Dunne received the Best Actress prize for her portrayal of Bella in Gaslight.

Gaslight director Roseanne Glascott received the Best Director award while Colm Power received the Best Play award for Brewery Lane's production of The Real McCoy. Walter Dunphy won the Best Supporting Actor award for his performance as Tom Molloy in The Real McCoy.

Meanwhile, Fergal Carroll won the Best Musical Director award for his work on Carrick-on-Suir Musical So-



Brewery Lane Drama Group Awards recipients Roseanne Glascott, Neill Bourke and Suzanne Dunne at the Theatre Royal in Waterford


ciety's production of Chicago last March. He is the musical director of the society's upcoming annual show Oklahoma.

Mr Dunphy said Brewery Lane Drama Group was de-

lighted and honoured with the recognition the awards accorded their members for their work on these two plays.

The Drama Group isn't resting on its laurels though.

Mr Dunphy said preparations are underway to stage their next drama Eclipse about the Magdalene Laundries at Brewery Lane Theatre at the end of March.



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

AHEARNE

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Fred Ahearne

Late of Brookway & Slievenamon Road, Clonmel.

9th February 2019.

The family of the late Fred Ahearne would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their sad loss.

A sincere thanks to relatives, friends and all the staff in South Tipperary General Hospital for looking after Fred. To Patsy and James and all their wonderful staff and friends in the Day Care Centre for the enjoyment Dad had there. To Richard who was his pal but also the nicest bus driver ever. To all the carers who called to Dad and were so kind to him. To Fr. Michael Toomey who delivered a lovely Mass, vocalist Gillian Fennessy and Condons Undertakers, we are extremely thankful.

Special thanks to Clonmel Fire Brigade who went above and beyond to give Dad the send off he deserved.

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

Fred's First Anniversary Mass took place on Sunday 9th February in St. Mary's Church, Irishtown.

HEALY

(Months Mind)



John Healy

Willow Park Clonmel

Died 15th January 2020

John's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Oliver's Church on Friday 14th February at 7.30pm.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

O'MEARA

(Acknowledgement & 1st Anniversary)



Margaret O'Meara

Old Bridge, Clonmel.

20th February, 2019.

On Margaret's First Anniversary her daughter Kay, son-in-law John, grandchildren Rebecca and John would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on their recent loss.

Thanks to Fr. Hegarty for celebrating Mass. Sincere thanks to our family, neighbours and friends for their support.

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As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Anniversary Mass 12.00 noon on Sunday 16th February in St. Oliver's Church.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES

GREENE

(Birthday Remembrance)



Birthday remembrance of a dear father, grandfather and great grandfather Peter Greene, Oakland Drive, Clonmel whose birthday occurs on 21st February.

We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch. But God will take our greetings to the one we love so much.

Sadly missed by your daughter Tina and family. xxx

IN MEMORIAM

AHEARNE

(1st Anniversary)

Fred Ahearne

Late of Brookway & Slievenamon Road, Clonmel.

9th February 2019.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly, and whisper in your ear, how much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

We know you are up in Heaven, and we hope you realise, how much you are loved by all of those you left behind.

Love Billy, Bridget, Samantha, Rachel, Kayleigh, our Ellie and Billy. xxx

AHEARNE

(1st Anniversary)

Fred Ahearne

Late of Brookway & Slievenamon Road, Clonmel.

9th February 2019.

Dad, you held my hand when I was small, you caught me when I fell. The hero of my childhood and the latter years as well.

Everytime I think of you, my heart just fills with pride, and although I always miss you Dad, I know you're by my side.

In laughter and in sorrow, in sunshine and in rain. I know you're watching over me, until we meet again.

Love Marguerite, Ralph and Jimmy xxx

AHEARNE

(1st Anniversary)

In loving memory of a much-loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather Fred, late of Brookway and Slievenamon Road, Clonmel.

Dad, I know Heaven has a garden and that's where you will be. Surrounded by all the Angels from our family.

Love you loads Dad and miss you so much - Ali and PJ xxx

Grandad, we will never forget you, because you were the best Grandad we could have had. You left us with such lovely memories that we will keep forever in our hearts.

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IN MEMORIAM

AHEARNE

(1st Anniversary)

In loving memory of a much-loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather Fred, late of Brookway and Slievenamon Road, Clonmel.

Dad, there is not a day that goes by, when I don't think about you Dad. All the times we shared together, all the fun we had. I love and I miss you. Each and every single day. You left a hole no one can fill, when Angels took you away. But I hold onto the memories and hold them forever in my heart. I keep a little piece of you with me, so we are truly never far part.

Loved always and never forgotten your daughter Trisha, son in law Brian. xxx

If I could bring you back Grandad for just one single day, then time would go so fast I'd have so many things to say. I'd say what's always true, there's never been a Grandad quite as wonderful as you.

Loved always and never forgotten your grandchildren Callum, Fred and Hope xxx

AHEARNE

(1st Anniversary)

Fred Ahearne

Late of Brookway & Slievenamon Road, Clonmel

Died on 9th February 2019

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

Sadly missed by your daughter-in-law Sharon and grandchildren Claire, Marc, Jake, Meg and great-grandchildren Molly and Leah.

BURKE

(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Michael Burke, late of Weirview House, Glenegad, Clonmel who died on 18th February 2014 RIP.

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IN MEMORIAM

BURKE

(29th & 20th Anniversaries)



PYKE

(10th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Mam and Dad, Nan and John Burke late of 7 Sheehy Terrace, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occurred recently.

Also remembering my uncle George Pyke, late of Marion Court and Sheehy Tce., Clonmel, whose anniversary occurred recently.

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

Always remembered by Janice, Denis, Brian and Denis Óg.

Masses offered.

CONNOLLY

(3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Sheila Connolly (nee Clancy), late of Marian Court, Morton Street and formerly of Laganore, Clonmel who died on 27th February 2017.

Also remembering Sheila's sister Betty Kennedy (nee Clancy), Dublin, whose third anniversary occurs on 20th February.

God looked around His garden, and saw an empty space. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

Always remembered with love by your nephew Liam, Norma and family.

Anniversary Mass for Sheila and Betty in Ss Peter and Paul's Church on Wednesday 26th February at 1pm.

IN MEMORIAM

FAHEY

(1st Anniversary)

Philip Fahey

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Clonmel

Who died on 19th February 2019 RIP

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

Your loving brother Jackie, Ester and family.

FAHEY

(1st Anniversary)

Philip Fahey

Ard-na-Greine
Clonmel

Who died on 19th February 2019 RIP

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

Your loving sister Margaret, Michael and family.

FITZGERALD

(Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our dear parents, Jimmy and Nan Fitzgerald, late of 8 Glenegad Road, Old Bridge, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lovingly remembered by Jim, Mary, Brid, Ann, Frances, Ronnie and families.

Anniversary Mass on Thursday 13th February at 10am in St. Oliver's Church.

FOX

(22nd Anniversary)

In loving memory of Peggy, late of McDonagh Crescent, Old Bridge, Clonmel, whose anniversary occurs 28th February.

Sadly missed by her daughter Della, son-in-law Kieran, grandchildren, Aisling, Eoghan and Deirdre, great-grandchildren Fiadh and Cian

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus"

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IN MEMORIAM

GRACE

(8th & 6th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of Patrick (Paddy) and Mary Grace, 22 Beech Park, Tramore and late of College Avenue, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur on 18th July and 20th February.

It does not take a special day, to bring you both to mind. A day without a thought of you is very hard to find.

- Caroline, Cyril, Christopher, Gillian and Niall.

Happy memories we keep forever, of days when we were all together. They bring a smile, and often a tear and always a wish that you were still here.

- Fiona, Frankie, Kevin and Coia.

Time will pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

- Tony, Siobhan and Dillon.

The happy hours we once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still, but death has left a vacant place, this world can never fill.

- Patricia, Loucas, George, Christopher and Alex.

Anniversary Mass in Fethard Parish Church on Saturday 22nd February at 7pm.

GRACE

(6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mary, 22 Beech Park, Tramore and late of College Avenue, Clonmel, whose 6th Anniversary occurs on 20th February.

Your life is a lovely memory, your absence a silent grief, but now you rest in God's garden, beside a rose called peace.

Always loved and missed - Cora, Conor, Wade and Reece xxxx

IN MEMORIAM

GUIRY

(nee Whelan)



(5th Anniversary)

In loving memory of our dear mother Nora (Nannie) Guiry, Knockaune, Nire Valley, who died on 15th February 2015 RIP.

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

Always loved and remembered by your loving family - Mary, Michael, Pat, Bridget, Theresa, Rita, Thomas and extended families.

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 18th February in St. Helena's Church, Nire Valley at 10am.

LONERGAN CAVARRETTA

(1st Anniversary)



In loving memory of Caroline Lonergan Cavarretta, who passed away on 22nd February 2019.

Beloved wife of Guiseppe and daughter of Michael and Claire, sister of Tracy, Michael and David and sadly missed by her extended family.

Late of Templenacroha, Clonroche, Co. Wexford and formerly of Cashel Court, Clonmel.

The happy times we once shared, how sweet their memory still. But death has left a vacant place, this world can never fill.

Anniversary Mass on Friday 21st February in St. Oliver's Church at 7.30pm.

Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed.

LONERGAN CAVARRETTA

(1st Anniversary)



Caroline

Precious memories of my darling sister.

Loved, missed and thought of everyday

- Tracy and Dave.



*I am
Still
With You*

*If it seems that I
am far away on
this empty and
solemn day,*

*Just open your
heart and know
it's true,*

*that I am still
right here with
you.*

*If during the day
things are going
wrong,*

*please don't feel
sad and alone.*

*Just open your
heart and know
it's true,*

*that I am still
right here with
you.*

*When nighttime
falls and the day
is done.*

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

*Just open your
heart and know
it's true,*

*that I am still
right here with
you.*

*Close your eyes,
and feel the warm
embrace.*

*Sleep peacefully
in the wings of
grace.*

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

*don't give up
trying!*

*Hold this feather
close and know
it's true,*

*that I am always
here with you.*

Rest in Peace



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IN MEMORIAM

LONERGAN CAVARETTA
 (1st Anniversary)



Caroline

Precious memories of my dear sister Caroline Lonerган Cavarretta, who departed this life on 22nd February 2019. RIP

Always loved and remembered by her brother Michael, Kit, Elva and Finbarr.

LONERGAN CAVARETTA
 (1st Anniversary)



Caroline

In loving memory of my dear sister Caroline Lonerган Cavarretta, who departed this life on 22nd February 2019. RIP

Always loved and remembered by her brother David, Catherine and Hazel.

MCGRATH
 (2nd Anniversary)

In loving memory of Denis McGrath, late of Suir Castle, Golden, who died on 14th February 2018.

A loving husband, father and grandfather too. Each one thought the world of you. For us you always did your best. God grant your soul eternal rest.

Always remembered by your loving wife Brigid and all the family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Church of Our Lady Queen, New Inn.

MEEHAN
 (6th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Mick, late of Lismortagh, Fethard who died on 11th February 2014.

In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain. In God's own time we will meet again.

- Kathleen and family.

Masses offered.

IN MEMORIAM

O'BRIEN
 (11th Anniversary)



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

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

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

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Cahir on Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm.

O'DONNELL
 (6th Anniversary)



14th February 2014

Sixth anniversary of Adam O'Donnell, treasured son and much loved brother, late of Willow Wood Lane, Moorstown, Fethard.

Though we no longer hear the sound of your laughter, nor see your quirky smile, with every breath we take, we hold you in our hearts with love as strong as the moment you were born.

Always Remembered,
 Always Treasured,
 Always Loved.

- Mam, Dad, Rebecca and Leah.

Adam's Anniversary Mass takes place on Saturday evening February 15th at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church Clerihan.

IN MEMORIAM

O'DONNELL
 (3rd Anniversary)



In loving memory of Grainne O'Donnell, late of South Clonmore, Cahir, whose anniversary occurs on 16th February.

If love could have saved you, you would have lived forever.

Loved and missed daily by Dad, Mam, Eoin, Kate, Brian, Brian, Emma and Kieran, nieces and nephews.

Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm on Saturday 15th February in St. Mary's Church, Cahir.

PROUT
 (4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of John (Seanie) Prout, late of 28 Wilderness Grove, Clonmel on his 4th Anniversary away from home on 7th February RIP.

We miss you in so many ways, we miss the things you used to say, and when old times we do recall, it's then we miss you most of all.

- your loving wife Bridget and family.

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

SWEENEY
 (4th & 17th Anniversaries)



In loving memory of our parents Mary and Eddie Sweeney, late of Merlin Lodge, Coleville Road, Clonmel, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Always remembered by your daughter Geraldine, son Eamon and all the family.

Anniversary Mass offered.

IN MEMORIAM

WALSH
 (4th Anniversary)



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

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back, for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here, will always cause us pain, but you're forever in our hearts, until we meet again.

Loved and missed every day by your heartbroken parents Owen and Maureen.

Kieran, you always had a smile to share, a laugh, a joke and time to care. A wonderful nature, warm and true, these are the memories we have of you.

No words could ever say, how much we love and miss you everyday xxx

- your brothers Eugene, Donal, Patrick and Michael.

WALSH
 (4th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Tracy Walsh (nee Ryan), late of Fethard and Ard Gaoithe, Clonmel, who passed away on 8th February 2016.

You fought your illness bravely and always with a smile. Our lives are lonely without you. We love and miss you everyday. So when we see a dragonfly we know that you are always near.

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, Derek, Ann Marie, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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.

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

Author Unknown

Another Leaf Has Fallen

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



County Tipperary students heading to Kolkata with the Hope Foundation

This Thursday will see over nine months of hard work coming to fruition when Tipperary students from schools including Rockwell College, CBS High School in Clonmel and Cashel Community School travel to Kolkata, India, with the Hope Foundation.

Each student was required to raise €2,400 as a donation and a further €1,000 from family donations or work payment to cover their costs.

Fundraising activities including golf classics and coffee mornings as well as the sale of Hope Bars were all carried out by the students.

The money raised will go to improving the life chances of some of the most impoverished children on earth through Hope projects.

Students will visit the

Hope Hospital, the Chetla Slum as well as the Howrah Station on their travels.

The visit will take one week in total and the Rockwell students will be joined by three students from CBS High School in Clonmel.

Cashel Community

School fifth year student McKayla O'Dwyer, who hails from New Inn, will also be taking part in the programme. She raised the funds by hosting events such as a Halloween novelty dress party, while also babysitting and helping out at home.



McKayla O'Dwyer with Cashel Community School principal John Gallagher



Rockwell College and CBS High School students all set for Kolkata with the Hope Foundation

'No progress' on Tipperary's mental health services

The committee of Tipperary's Fight for Mental Health Services says that nothing has changed since its formation two and-a-half years ago, despite two public marches and a public meeting held during that time.

"There has been no progress on beds and there has been no progress on non-existing services that were promised to us," the committee has said in a statement.

"We welcome the Jigsaw project (the national centre for youth mental health) coming to Tipperary but we would like to highlight that this will not be the be-all and end-all of the problems. Jigsaw caters for 12 to 25 year-olds and we must also remember people over that age. As of yet we still don't know the full extent of what services will be available to Tipperary with regards to times, days and how the service will be rolled out."

With regard to beds for mental health services, the committee says previous governments and the candidates who represented Tipperary people "have failed each and every one of us in getting acute and crisis beds back to Tipperary".

They say that committee members met with outgoing Minister of state for Mental Health Jim Daly, who told them that they would not see beds in Tipperary.

"The committee of Tipperary's Fight For Mental Health Services acknowledge the great work of all frontline staff for mental health services in Tipperary, who do amazing work.

"And also we must not forget the staff who work in Ennis and Kilkenny psychiatric units that serve our county, and as a committee we stand with you all in these difficult times on services that you have to deliver to people who are either six or 86."

BT Young Scientist award for Cashel CS students

Three fifth students from Cashel Community School were awarded first place in the senior Social and Behavioural Sciences category at the recent BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition.

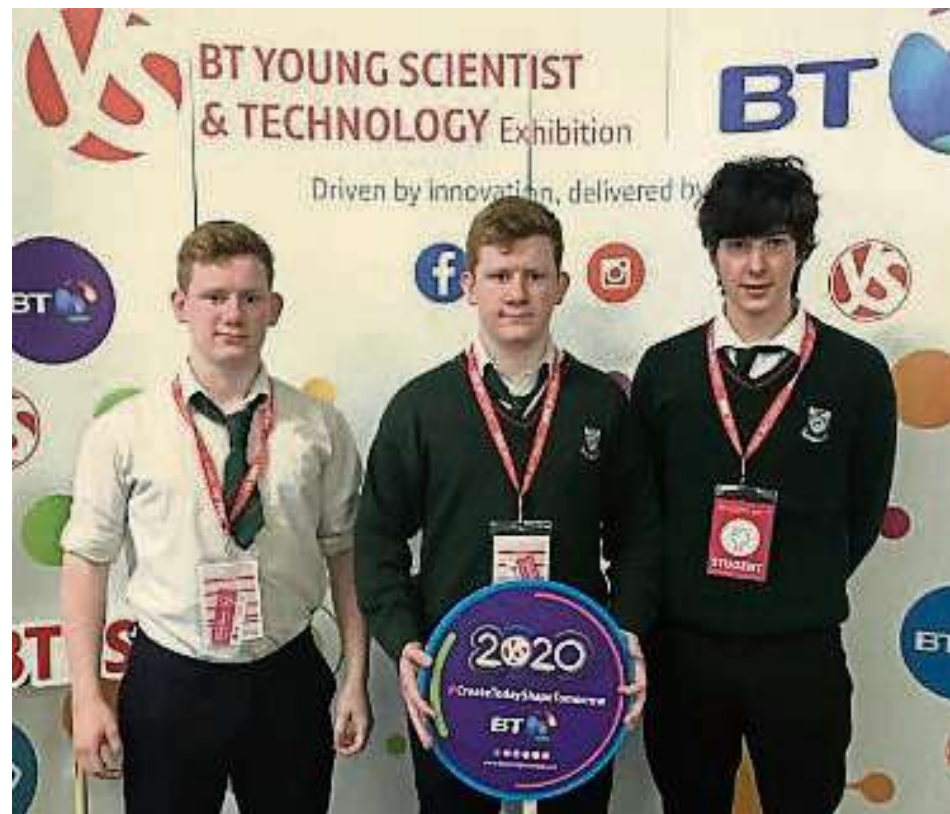
The group leader Diarmuid English, his brother Finbarr and fellow student Kiril Kariov were delighted to receive the award.

The project titled 'Don't miss a day of school' is a rigorous statistical analysis of the relationship between school attendance and attainment of Leaving Certificate points. The correlation between Leaving Certificate results and whole-day absences; half days, morning and evening absences; absence for activities; and whether students presented notes for absences were examined. They started their work transition year.

The boys worked with mathematicians from University College Cork during their analysis. The findings were recently presented to an assembly of the 6th year group in the school to highlight how absences were potentially affecting points. The information and insight gained is of particular interest to students, parents and management in any similar school.

The young scientists impressed the judges with both their display and interactions throughout the vigorous judging process.

Principal John Gallagher expressed his profound admiration for the effort and commitment shown by all the students, who had the support of their teachers and parents. "We as a school community are delighted



Diarmuid and Finbarr English with Kiril Kariov at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in Dublin

that the students' commitment and diligence has been recognised and rewarded at a national level, and of course we are enormously proud of the students for bringing a

national title of this magnitude and prestige back to our school. Well done to all involved," he added.

'Long sections of ancient native hedgerow destroyed without any obvious purpose'

A group opposed to the destruction of hedgerows has called on Irish Rail to halt hedgerow removal works on sections of the railway line between Cahir and Clonmel.

A spokesperson for the newly formed Save Our Hedgerows group based in Cahir, PJ O'Meara expressed disappointment that Irish Rail has not agreed to suspend their controversial hedgerow removal works along sections of the railway line between Cahir and Clonmel.

A written request to Irish Rail by the group was sent on January 15 to call a moratorium on further destruction pending an expert review and meeting with Irish Rail officials.

Mr. O'Meara told South Tipp Today that there is mounting frustration about the methods being employed by contractors working for Irish Rail.

"Instead of the traditional method of hedge cutting along the railway embankment, long sections of an-

cient native hedgerow have been destroyed without any obvious purpose."

In response to an email from the group to Irish Rail, communication spokesman Barry Kenny claimed that the work was in line with legislative requirements to erect new fencing and he agreed to meet with the group in "the coming weeks." He also indicated that replanting would take place.

However, members of the group, including some landowners along the railway line, are adamant that new fencing could be erected without hedgerow destruction, and they point out that in taking such a heavy handed and drastic approach, Irish Rail has breached the recommendations of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.

"This document to which Irish Rail are prominent signatories is clear that all efforts should be made to minimize interference with hedgerows which are recognized as a vital haven for wildlife including songbirds, pollinating insects and a diverse range of threatened



MEMBERS OF THE HEDGEROW GROUP PROTESTING IN CAHIR

native plant species," said Mr O'Meara.

Save Our Hedgerows point out that even if Irish Rail do replant with new saplings, that the replacement of a 150-year-old hedgerow with a new planted hedge takes no account of the massive loss to the environment of such a

rich and established source of wildlife.

Secretary to the group Alan Moore quotes research showing the proven value of established hedgerows in flood control and carbon sequestration, as well as shelter to stock.

He points to the clear dis-

connect between such examples of unnecessary destruction of native habitat, and the stark warnings from 97% of climate scientists that we have perhaps ten years to address climate breakdown.

"Ireland has the lowest tree cover in Europe, and much of what we have is in the form of hedgerows. Unfortunately, Irish Rail is not the only culprit in hedge and tree destruction. We've seen in recent months ongoing ripping out of hedgerows on farms around the county, which appears to be associated with a new industrial style of farming," said Mr. Moore.

'Invest in the lines or you will not make money'

Train timetables linking Tipperary town with Limerick, Cork, Dublin and Waterford didn't properly serve the town, a senior Irish Rail official was told at a meeting of Tipperary-Cashel-Cahir municipal council.

Irish Rail's Barry Kenny heard councillors complain about the lack of connectivity and suitable train times.

Mr. Kenny had briefed councillors on plans for the county's network, including an investment in a new fleet of carriages with the first to come on line in 2024. But he was told that existing services

didn't work for passengers.

Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald said people cannot use the trains for hospital appointments. "If you're going to Dublin or Cork, you will not be in before 9am in the morning. We depend a lot on those links for bringing people here. We really need to look seriously at timetables, and to link to Limerick commuter services. It's not just for older people," he said.

Cllr. Ann-Marie Ryan gave the example of a train to Waterford that leaves at 9.55am and doesn't suit students returning to college. "Students come back on Fridays but cannot go back on Sundays. Unless you invest in the lines,

you will not make money," she told Mr Kenny.

Cllr. Andy Moloney said the timetables are just not good enough. They need to be more accessible, he said. He also mentioned the group Save Our Hedges that claim hedgerows along the rail lines had been decimated.

Cllr. Mary Hannah Hourigan highlighted Cahir station where there is no ticketing machine.

Cllr. Roger Kennedy said commuters cannot get a good transfer from the Dublin to Cork line. What is the demand, and what should the usage on those trains be, he asked.

Cllr. Tony Black said he

knows people living in Cork who want to return to live in Tipperary town but they cannot get to work. As a result, they are not spending money in the area.

"Tipperary is losing out on investment. If the timetables were better, we would see more people coming to live here. They're not able to get back to Waterford on Sundays. It's not feasible," he claimed.

Cllr. Máirín McGrath said she had just finished a three-year degree and could never get a train from Cahir even though it's only up the road from her.

"The connectivity just does not exist. So much of the

rail infrastructure is focused on Dublin. It needs to enlarge into rural Ireland, into smaller towns," she remarked.

Cllr. Marie Murphy said a lot of landowners along the line between Clonmel and Cahir had received intimidating letters from Irish Rail, saying they would be legally responsible for accidents caused by hedgerows.

"Why did Irish Rail adopt such an aggressive position?" she asked.

Cllr. Declan Burgess said it was very expensive to travel by train. "I certainly miss my student rate in recent years," he told the meeting.

Mr. Kenny replied that

timetabling is a balancing act when services are stretched and Irish Rail cannot take away services from areas that need them more. He said trains are Dublin-focussed because that's where the demand is.

He said that capacity was at a premium and while there had been a recruitment embargo, there are now more train drivers coming on stream.

He said he had received correspondence from Save Our Hedgerows, but denied that letters sent to landowners was intimidating in any way.

No roundabout or traffic lights in the pipeline for 'problem' junction

There are no proposals for a roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of Western Road and Glenconnor Road in Clonmel.

District engineer Eoin Powell told a meeting of Clonmel Borough District that a very detailed study had been carried out at the junction.

That study determined that there were currently no problems at the junction and wouldn't be for a long number of years.

However, Cllr. Pat English said that the junction had been a problem for several years.

With the number of planning applications granted for that area, this junction would get

way busier, and he said it should be looked at again.

Cllr. Michael Murphy said there were a number of large-scale planning applications for the Glenconnor area and he agreed that the junction should be examined again in the context of those.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose said there had been

accidents at the junction and they should keep this issue alive.

It was very difficult for traffic coming from the Glenconnor road to turn right onto the Western Road because of the speed and volume of the traffic coming from the Cahir direction, she stated.

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

CLONMEL

Tina Turner tribute night

The unmissable Totally Tina Turner tribute will take place at Hotel Minella, Clonmel, on March 7 at 8pm. There will be a support act before the show and a disco afterwards. Strictly over 18s. Unreserved seating. Tickets are €30 from reception.

Ten years have passed since the UK's official number one Tina Turner tribute first sprang to life in the vibrant city of Liverpool, but a Lifetime Achievement Award and many other prestigious accolades along the way have earned Justine Riddoch's Totally Tina a deserved top spot in the musical tribute world. Justine admits she has been observing her beloved muse from the start, constantly honing her impersonation with passion and an unrivalled attention to detail, to deliver the most authentic recreation of the rock and roll Queen's live performances.

She's determined the show will always be known as Simply The Best.

The cast and crew of Totally Tina are pulling out all the stops this year for the Hotel Minella performance, with the promise of a brand new, custom-made performance featuring a whole host of fresh ideas, coupled with the band's now famous humour.

The show is designed to make the audience feel that the legendary performer is right back in front of them, strutting her stuff on the most famous legs in show business.

Whist

This Sunday, February 16, at 2.30pm in the Bridge Centre. New players welcome. Refreshments served.

Spring into Health

A men's wellbeing programme will be held at Place4U from February 21 to May 22. It involves gym/fitness, nutrition/cookery and general healthy wellbeing. Limited places available. Contact 087-4407935.

CAHIR

Social and Historical Society

A lecture will take place in Cahir House Hotel on February 13 at 8pm. Pat Holland will talk about The History of Mountain Rescue in Ireland. Margaret Galvin's The Finer Points collection of poems is available from Cahir Post Office for €10.

Tidy Towns

There is growing concern



Rockwell Rovers under 13 county camogie shield winners at a club medal presentation ceremony

about the increase in dog poop on our streets. Dog owners should carry a bag and dispose of it carefully. "It's a huge concern for wheelchair and pram users. There is also extra litter in the Inch Field area from parties at night and now that the gardai have commenced foot patrols in town, this might decrease," a Tidy Towns spokesperson said. The group would like to express sympathy to Dermot O'Connor on the recent death of his brother-in-law Tom Kearney.

Heart Foundation

The Irish Heart Foundation will hold its annual collection in Cahir on February 14 for Go Red for Women. There will also be a free blood pressure and pulse checks at the Mobile Health Unit, which will be at Cahir Library from 10am to 1.45pm.

Safety concerns

There have been concerns about the speed of traffic on the Clonmel road with the amount of children cycling down to the schools is increasing. Cllr. Andy Moloney has asked council engineers to provide a proper crossing on the Clonmel road and also a raised crossing on the link road from Butler Court to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh. "At present, there are no official crossings from the Rosemount estates to link up with the town and a safe crossing is badly needed," he said.

Welcome to Cahir

The Servant Sisters were formally welcomed to the parish of Cahir by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan at Mass last Sunday. Four religious sisters have already moved into the Parochial House. Sisters Anne, Therese and Elizabeth along with Mother Anna said they were overwhelmed by the kind gestures and warmth of the

local people.

Credit Union quiz

Congratulations to the winners of Cahir Credit Union Quiz 2020. The fun schools competition took place in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh last Saturday night. The winners of the Senior Team B were Clogheen National School, with second place going to Cahir National School.

The winners of the Junior Team A were in Ardfinnan National School, with second place going to Ballylooby National School.

Active Retirement

Annual spring lunch will be in Cahir House Hotel on February 18 at 2.30pm with mass in the hotel at 1.30pm. The cost for lunch, entertainment and raffle is €30 per person.

Parish news

Last week's offertory collection was €1,770 and the renovation fund was €555.

Mass on Ash Wednesday times are 7.30am, 10.30am and 7pm. During Lent, weekday Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am. That will also be the Mass at which funerals will take place.

Cahir Park AFC

Cahir Park AFC academy training for non-competitive players will resume on February 14 at 6pm from under 6s and 7s, and on February 15 at 9.30am for under 8s, 9s, 10s and 11s. Cahir Park will host an FAI 9v9 coaching workshop on February 25. Book online on the FAI website.

All entries for the South Tipperary FAI Primary School 5s being held at Cahir Park must be in by February 14.

Fixtures -On February 16, the A team are away to Peake Villa in the Premier League with a 2.30pm start, while the B team are away to Rosegreen Rangers with kick-off at 11.30am.

New coaches are needed to assist with academy players for the coming season.

Cahir GAA

Minor footballers will play Commercials in the second round of the championship in Fethard at 12pm this Sunday.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR

Camera Club

Carrick Camera Club's next meeting will take place in the Carraig Hotel at 8pm on February 25.

Retirement Club

Carrick-on-Suir Active Retirement Club will meet in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre on February 13 from 2pm to 4pm.

Medjugorje Night

A Medjugorje Night will take place at Glencomeragh, Kilsheelan, on February 13 at 8pm. All are welcome.

Bridge Club

Tuesday Bridge Club, Carraig Hotel, January 28: 1st Vera O'Donnell and Tess O'Shea, 2nd Aileen Brett and Rosaline Dowley, 3rd Kitty Lalor and Joan O'Sullivan.

88 Bridge Club, Carraig Hotel, January 30: 1st Bernard Flood and Pat Duggan, 2nd Mary Arrigan and Ita Power, 3rd Oonagh Kelly and Joan Shannon, 92 Bridge Club, The Old Mill, February 3: 1st Liz Brennan and Breda McCarthy.

Swan Club

The Swan Club will be presented with a hurley and medals belonging to one of its late great stars Jack Murphy. Jack was a majestic midfield player who played with Tipperary at minor championship level in 1936 and 1937. He

was also a member of the Tipperary senior hurling teams of 1947 and 1948. Jack won six South senior hurling medals in 1945/46/47/48/49 and 1952 and of course was instrumental in our county senior hurling championship win in 1947. The presentation from the Murphy family to the club will take place in the new club meeting room at 6.30pm on February 14. All are invited to attend.

Award

A Carrick-on-Suir student has received a national Lions Club youth award. Berkna Musse, a Junior Cert student at Carrick's Scoil Mhuire Secondary School, was presented with a Youth Exchange award at the recent national final of the Lions Club's Youth Ambassador competition in Dublin. Carrick-on-Suir and District Lions Club selected Berkna to represent Carrick-on-Suir in the regional final of the Youth Ambassador competition last November.

The competition recognises young people between the ages of 15 and 19 for their community service, leadership and speaking ability. Brekna was nominated for the competition by Foroige's Neighbourhood Youth Project in Carrick-on-Suir, which is involved with.

Grant

Tipperary County Council has approved grants totalling €46,900 to Carrick-on-Suir's Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Brass Band and two community development groups.

The Sean Kelly Sports Centre, located on the Pill Road, is getting the largest grant of €40,000 to assist with its running costs. Carrick-on-Suir Development Association is receiving €3,500.

A grant of €1900 has been approved for Carrick Brass Band while Carrick Tourism & Economic is getting €15000.

The grants were approved by the elected members of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District at their latest monthly meeting. Carrick Cllrs Kieran Bourke and David Dunne proposed and seconded their approval. The former Carrick-on-Suir Town Council paid grants to these local organisations and since the Council's abolition in 2014 they have continued to be allocated annually.

The grants are allocated subject to the accounts of the organisations and the minute of their AGMs being provided to the Council. Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band must also provide four free public performances in the town during the year.



Ann Keane recently nominated Dualla National School to benefit as part of the Tesco Community Fund blue token initiative. She is pictured presenting a cheque for €171 to school principal John Manely, along with students John, Luke and Margaret Keane

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT



New Inn/Rosegreen under 10 girls took part in a basketball blitz at Rockwell College last Sunday. Back: Chloe O'Keeffe, Lucy Quinn, Rosie Callery, Lucy Morris, Shona Moloney, Emma Durkin, Sarah Stafford. Front: Mia O'Callaghan, Saoirse Hartnett, Brid Quinn, Maria Durkin, Holly McNamara



GROW offer weekly peer support meetings for adults challenged by any aspect of their mental health. Call 1890 474 474 and visit grow.ie. GROW wish to thank Belle Voci Choir for its generous donation of €1,000, which was raised at its Christmas carol service in Ferryhouse



Tim and Margaret Lyons with granddaughter Tia Cameron, along with Mary Kiely and Sheila and Willie O'Brien with granddaughter Aoibheann Kiely at Grandparents Day in Our Lady of Mercy Primary School, Cahir



Maxi Zoo campaign raises over €38,000 for Dogs Trust

Ireland's largest pet retailer Maxi Zoo is pleased to announce that its annual Friendship Connects, Give Paw fundraising campaign raised a phenomenal €38,252 for the 2019 charity partner Dogs Trust.

The campaign, which ran from October to January, was launched by top Irish Model and TV personality Glenda Gilson and her very own four-legged friend Yazz.

The funds raised in the campaign's fourth year saw Maxi Zoo sell limited edition Give Paw bracelets for €2.50 each across their 20 stores nationwide, with 100% of the proceeds going to Dogs Trust. These vital funds will be used to provide all of the dogs in their rehoming centre with the resources they so deserve, from food and dog treats, to interactive toys.

Following on from the success of the Give Paw campaign, Glenda Gilson commented: "As a true dog

lover I'm delighted to have been part of this campaign which raised an incredible amount of money for Dogs Trust. Every dog deserves a second chance and Dogs Trust works so hard to find them their forever home, which is why this campaign was so special."

Maxi Zoo marketing manager Anthony Cremin said: "We're so grateful to everyone who supported our 'Give Paw' campaign for Dogs Trust and are very pleased to be able to contribute the outstanding amount of €38,252 to our very deserving charity partner. As a nation of pet lovers, it's no surprise that the public really gets behind this campaign every year, so we'd like to thank our customers, first and foremost, for helping us to make a real difference in this way."

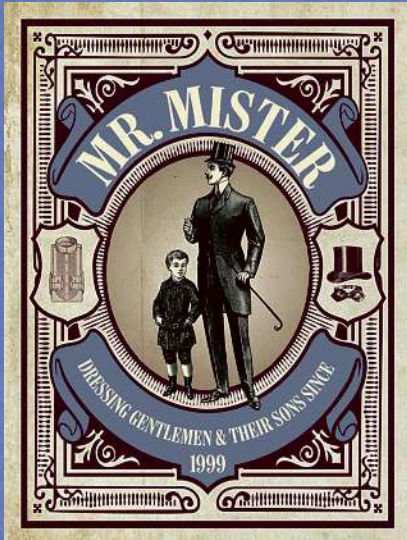
Louise Sherwin, philanthropy and corporate fundraising at Dogs Trust, added: "We are thrilled with the amount that Maxi Zoo's 'Give Paw' campaign has raised for the

dogs and puppies in our Rehoming Centre. Maxi Zoo shares our passion for giving our dogs the very best care we can, and their efforts, and those of their customers, will go a long way towards ensuring that the dogs in our care are as happy and comfortable as possible. On behalf of all our furry friends here in Dogs Trust, I extend our sincerest thanks to all those who supported this amazing Maxi Zoo campaign."

Friendship Connects, Give Paw is an annual campaign that is run by Maxi Zoo and the Fressnapf Group across Europe. The 2019 campaign raised a total €1.3 million for animal charities across Europe.

For further information about getting involved in Maxi Zoo's 2020 charity initiatives, chat to the pet experts at Maxi Zoo Clonmel at Unit 1 Poppyfields Retail Park. Visit @MaxiZooIreland on Facebook, www.maxizoo.ie and www.dogstrust.ie.





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