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The beautiful photograph, taken at sunrise on Tuesday morning, shows an almost clear sky as dawn broke over a frozen landscape at Tankardstown, Bonmahon. The icy stillness of the blue Atlantic and snow covered Comeraghs combine to give the scene an aura of nature suspended in time. | Photo: Patrick O'Sullivan

Spring snow causes early traffic chaos

KIERAN WALSH AND MICHELLE CLANCY

MOTORISTS and pedestrians across Waterford city, eastern parts of the county and South Kilkenny endured treacherous conditions on Monday night and Tuesday morning as subzero temperatures caused

icy stretches in all areas.

Intermittent snow showers and a severe freeze left many local estates impassable on Tuesday morning. There was disappointment for budding snowman-builders, however, as all but one of local schools remained open. Passage East National School decided to close as entry into the village

was deemed hazardous.

There were several minor collisions reported across urban and rural areas on Tuesday morning and, in the city, the Folly and Poleberry were 'impassable to cars', according to one local resident. Bright, sunny conditions boosted the City Council's gritting programme during the morning,

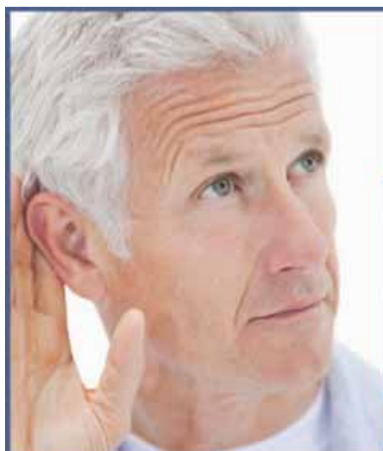
although local access roads and many residential estates remained slippery throughout the day.

Tramore was hit particularly hard on Monday night and Tuesday morning with heavy snow. By commuting time on Tuesday morning, minor accidents were already happening with a Bus Eireann vehicle stranded

on a major street corner.

Tailgating by some motorists as traffic moved in second gear from Waterford to Tramore made it a little dangerous. It took some motorists 1.5 hours to make the journey along the Tramore ring road to Waterford as cars were blocked or not moving. There were few warnings on national radio about

the situation initially so people were caught unaware.



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Waterford city: City crime up 12%, burglaries up 21%

MICHAEL QUINN

BURGLARIES in Waterford were being carried out by people desperate to get money to buy drugs, the Joint Policing Committee was told in Waterford, last week.

Up to 70% of burglars had a drug habit and heroin was the largest contributor to crime, explained Supt Chris Delaney of Waterford Garda Station.

A significant number of burglars were heroin addicts and the particular drug was difficult to detect.

It was time consuming and laborious work for the Gardaí and took many hours of surveillance to seize it.

The overall volume of crime in Waterford city increased by 12% during the past year while the number

of burglaries increased by 21 per cent.

Thefts from shops and vehicles and the unlawful taking of cars went up and topped 1,937 in 2012 compared with 1,725 offences the previous year.

One of the biggest areas of increased crime was burglary. There were 537 burglaries in 2012 which was an increase of 114 on the previous year. Burglaries increased particularly in the last quarter of 2012. The detection rate was 29% which was well above average.

The Gardaí were determined to get on top of burglary and they needed 'eyes on the ground' and co-operations with Community Gardaí.

Residents of housing estates were urged to be aware of the movement of people in their areas.

Cllr Gary Wyse (FF) said criminals were watching people's movements and he asked if premises were being properly secured at night.

Determination

In reply, Supt Delaney said he did not believe that home owners leaving their doors unlocked was the main reason for the high level of burglary.

It was down to the determination of the criminals who were both local and transient. It was very important to forewarn the Gardaí. All reports would be treated with confidence. Old fashioned policing and reacting to tip offs cut out a lot of investigation work.

Burglaries were very traumatic for elderly people.

"Do not feel bad about ringing the Garda Station if you see something suspicious," he said.

"Err on the side of caution. Callers at the door should never be allowed into the house and most elderly people should have an alarm set up in their homes."

Aggravated burglary showed a major reduction and was down from 14 incidents in 2011 to just 5 last year.

The detection rate in Waterford was 46% which was up 2% on the previous year.

Thefts from shops in Waterford reached 657 last year which was a decrease from the previous year.

The successful detection rate of 80% was due to CCTV surveillance and a new strategy introduced with the co-operation of traders.

Waterford Gardaí had made an application for extra CCTV cameras in the city centre.

Vehicle theft up 30%

Thefts from vehicles were

up 30% from 170 to 185 last year. The main problem areas were Passage East and Woodstown where people parked their cars and went for a walk.

The unlawful taking of vehicles rose from 103 to 121.

Supt Delaney said other thefts, including the theft of diesel oil in rural areas, was very difficult to detect.

But when patterns were identified, measures were put in place to combat this crime.

Robberies in Waterford were down from 76 in 2011 to 67 last year and three-quarters of them were successfully detected.

Cllr Davy Walsh said an alert neighbour in Green Oaks in Ferrybank noticed suspicious activity recently and alerted the Gardaí who were at the scene within five minutes.

This kind of community

alert prevented crime and people felt more secure.

Supt Delaney said he was aware of the case in question.

As a result of quick reaction by the Gardaí, many criminals had been arrested near the scenes of their crimes and evidence had been recovered from their cars.

This negated the need for victims to go to court to give evidence.

One phone call could be the catalyst, he said.

Regarding criminal gangs, he said the Gardaí had targeted criminals outside Waterford and arrested people and brought them back to the city.

Detectives from Waterford had travelled all over the country to arrested criminals and search their homes and many files were now before the DPP.

Tramore hit hard by weather

KIERAN WALSH

TRAMORE was really hard hit on Monday night and Tuesday morning with fairly heavy snow. Monday night it snowed rather heavily in the seaside town and made road conditions difficult.

But, by commuting time on Tuesday at 8am, minor accidents were already happening with Bus Eireann caught up in it.

A council engineer spoke on local radio that they had a tried and tested system but they could get caught out with weather.

Snow in late evening and overnight saw worsening temperatures, he added, but stated that they had been salting from 5.30am.

In the west of the county some roads had been treated but they could not get to every route.

Tramore, however, was almost at a standstill by school going time. Schools remained open despite the difficult road conditions with many pupils arriving late.

In the circumstances, school principals were a little caught out by road conditions and the lack of salting throughout the town.

The Waterford to Tramore Main road had been gritted at 5.30pm, said the council engineer, but so much snow came it proved too much.

As morning broke, the prob-



Wendy Devlin with children, Jack and Wendy, enjoying the unexpected snow at Clarinwood, Tramore, on Tuesday morning. | Photo: Jim O'Sullivan

lems started and minor accidents began.

A bus got stuck at O'Neill's/Main St around 8am due to a parked car. Main St and Patrick was gritted, said the council, but this was countered by local people who saw little evidence of it.

It was only gritted at 9am, noted another local Tramore person.

At Summerhill/Priest Road, we saw one vehicle abandoned at a junction in what was really a chaotic scene.

No traffic was moving on Main St with newspapers not even delivered by 8.30am.

It was hard to maintain service at that location, added a council spokesman, who said there were crews out.

Tramore Racecourse road was gritted at 5.30pm but snow came later.

We saw a huge Centra lorry get stuck there trying to climb up to the racecourse.

Near the Main St, there was an accident near the post office and Gallweys Hill was also impassable.

We spoke to some motorists who took 1.5 hours to do the journey along Tramore ring road to Waterford as cars were blocked or not moving.

There were few warnings on national radio about the situation initially so people were caught unaware.

Wicklow and Wexford seemed to get more coverage.

Passage East was nearly cut off and buses were taken off.

A council spokesman was pleading with the public to have understanding, especially with steep hills.

"We did put salt on it but need to do so again," said the council man.

The east of county was hardest hit hard but not west.

Dunmore also experienced difficult conditions as did Cheekpoint and the hilly Minaun.

Temperatures will rise and will be ok, said the council spokesman on WLRfm on Tuesday reassuring the public.

Heavy frost was forecast for Tuesday night.

Tailgating by some motorists as traffic moved in second gear from Waterford to

Tramore made it a little dangerous.

We had driven from Carlow on the motorway early evening where it snowed but Waterford was worst hit.

The hardest part was the racecourse road, where it had snowed heavily after 6pm.

Perhaps there needs to be a better procedure with liaison between Gardaí and council when snow comes after hours and council staff could be rostered in an emergency.

The east of the county was not given enough resources and with Tramore being hilly was widely exposed.

We managed to bus it in from the bus station, as the hills were blocked or too treacherous to drive on.

Drink and drug driving on increase

MICHAEL QUINN

DRINK and drug driving in Waterford city increased significantly by 27% during 2012, a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee heard in Waterford, last week.

It seemed people had not got the message about intoxicated driving, said Supt Chris Delaney, Waterford.

He said drivers were still getting behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs and warned that intoxicated drivers would be caught given the number of Garda check points in operation.

A total of 181 drunken drivers were convicted in Waterford in 2012 as opposed to 143 the previous year.

The age profile of offenders was one of young men under thirty.

Cllr Seamus Ryan (Lab) said the message about drink driving was not getting home. It was a crime that could destroy families.

Supt Delaney said a lot of media work had been done by the Gardaí to highlight the danger of drink driving.

There were long disqualifications for those convicted and the fines were heavy.

It was a pity the figures did not reflect the efforts of the Gardaí.

More tax from high-horse government

TOM YOUNG

WATERFORD City Council is seeking replacement of the pending property tax with reformed, equitable taxation based on ability to pay.

The members passed a motion to that effect by a majority vote at their March meeting, at the same time warning against 'the imposition of an unjust charge based on the market value of homes, without regard to ability to pay'.

The motion was proposed by Cllr John Hearne (SF) who

listed huge numbers of householders, already under desperate financial pressure, who simply could not pay.

Among them were 23.5 pc of all residential mortgage holders, who were in distress; also social welfare recipients and low paid workers, all of whom had been hit by a litany of new charges.

"Having described household charges as morally wrong when in opposition, Enda Kenny and his cronies are now on their high horses and putting the boot in", he asserted.

He said he knew of one man

facing payment of the charge who could not afford €50 to have a painful tooth pulled and had to use a pliers himself instead.

"That's how bad it is in some homes", he maintained.

Hypocrisy

CLLR Hearne was accused of hypocrisy by Fine Gael and Labour members, John Cummins, Hilary Quinlan and Jack Walsh, who pointed to a £1,000 household charge in Northern Ireland which was supported by his party.

But Cllr Davy Walsh (WP) pointed out that for that outlay,

just as obtained in other European countries where property charges were in place, they got excellent health, education and other services in return.

He said government politicians were squeezing the life out of low income families who they claimed to represent.

In a further attack on Cllr Hearne and Sinn Fein, Cllr Cummins said they clearly had something against wealth, but those who accumulated it worked for it and earned it.

"They didn't rob it from the banks", he added pointedly.

Cllr Walsh spoke of Fianna Fail being responsible for

landing the country in crisis by spending money in the good times to buy votes.

He was reminded, however, by Cllr Gary Wyse (FF) that there were no dissenting voices from the opposition at the time.

In fact they were constantly encouraging them to spend more.

Hardship

CLLR Mary Roche referred to the St Vincent de Paul as the people who rolled up their sleeves to help those most in need and she said they were seriously concerned about the

additional hardship the property tax would cause.

Also, she didn't consider it fair that people who worked all their lives and were existing on meagre pensions should be expected to pay the same as people in decent employment.

A vote on the motion resulted in it being passed by 8 votes to 5, with Cha O'Neill, Seamus Ryan, Gary Wyse, Davy Daniels, Davy Walsh, Sean Reinhardt, Davy Walsh and John Hearn in support.

Those against were: Jack Walsh, John Cummins, Hilary Quinlan, Deirdre Jacques and Mayor Jim D'Arcy.

City council welcomes new member Dee Jacques

KIERAN FOLEY

LABOUR Councillor Deirdre (Dee) Jacques took up her seat on Waterford City Council this week, making her the first woman to hold a seat for the party on the council.

Cllr Jacques has also become only the sixth woman ever to serve on Waterford City Council.

She was co-opted onto Waterford City Council following the resignation of Pat Hayes.

At Monday's meeting of the council, Labour Cllr Seamus Ryan proposed Ms Jacques as a replacement for Mr Hayes and this was seconded by Cllr Jack Walsh.

"Dee is well-known to people in Waterford for her community work," said Cllr Ryan.

"I believe that Dee Jacques will make an excellent councillor and will represent the people of her area with

great distinction," he said.

Cllr Ryan spoke of her strong Labour background, her involvement with the activities of her local branch, and her work with the party on national issues.

Cllr Jack Walsh spoke of her involvement with local charities, her work on various committees and her pride in the city and its people.

"Dee has great experience right across the business and cultural life of our city," he said.

A member of the Labour party since 1991, Cllr Jacques is married to Ray and has two daughters and one son.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr Jacques thanked her party colleagues and her family for their support.

Labour TD Ciara Conway was in attendance at the meeting.

Cllr Jacques was welcomed to her new position by fellow councillors who expressed their best wishes.



Labour City Councillor Dee Jacques.

Some building set for delisting?

TOM YOUNG

WATERFORD City Council is to commence a survey of listed dwellings to establish validity and make recommendations with a view to delisting where appropriate.

Cllr Gary Wyse (FF) made the proposal at the Council's March meeting, but Cllr Cha O'Neill wondered if they were in a position to undertake such a programme on ac-

count of staff cuts.

He was told by Director of Services Richie Walsh that they could certainly commit to initiating a review, concentrating on areas agreed with the Council members.

Cllr John Cummins (FG) said such a survey was needed nationally.

He said that owners in some instances were subject to unjustly high insurance for listed buildings which should not be categorised as such.

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Crime File

MICHELLE CLANCY

Youth charged over taxi robbery

AN attempt was made to rob a taxi driver at knifepoint last Friday afternoon.

The driver picked up a fare in Waterford city at around 2.30pm. At Sallypark, the young man produced a knife and told the driver to pull over and get out of the car.

The taxi driver got out and the culprit got into driver's side, at which point a struggle ensued. The culprit then followed the driver down the road towards the train station.

Gardai, who had been alerted by witnesses, arrived on the scene and arrested the culprit. A knife was also located nearby. The taxi driver was in shock but not injured, a Garda spokesperson said.

The culprit, who is aged 17, was arrested and detained under Section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1984. He was

charged with attempting to rob and possession of a knife at a Special Sitting at Waterford District Court on Saturday evening and remanded in custody.

Cars ransacked

FOUR cars parked in the IDA Industrial Estate on the Cork Road were broken into and ransacked on Friday night.

Side windows were smashed in the cars some time between 7pm on Friday and 2am on Sunday. A car stereo was taken from one car.

Home burglaries

THE back door of a house at Domic's Place was forced open some time between 1.15pm and 7.30pm on Saturday. The house was ransacked and some jewellery stolen, including a gold wedding band, a sapphire and pearl ring, a 16" gold chain and an engagement ring.

Another house on the same street was burgled between 2.45pm and 11pm on Sunday. A rear window was forced

open to gain entry and a silver Toshiba laptop taken.

The owner of a house at Fairfield Close, Belvedere Manor returned home at about 7.30pm on Sunday to discover the front and back door of the property open. A rear window had been forced open.

A house at The Folly was broken into via a back window at around 7pm on Sunday. Some jewellery was stolen.

The rear kitchen window of a house at Shearwater Close, Lauradel was forced open between 4pm and 8.15pm on Sunday and the property ransacked. Gardai are appealing for information in relation to a van spotted in the area earlier that day.

An alarm was activated at a house in Roanmore Terrace at around 7.45pm on Sunday. It is thought that the culprit got in through the bathroom window and left through the kitchen window when the alarm was activated. If anyone has any information or notice anything unusual in your area please contact Gardai at Waterford Garda Station on 051 305 300.

Council acknowledges Collette's contribution

TOM YOUNG

GLOWING and well deserved tributes were paid at Waterford

City Council's March meeting to Collette Byrne, Director of Services for Planning and Environment, for her massive input at City Hall over many years.

Collette has been seconded, along with Waterford County Council Director of Services Michael Quinn, to Irish Water's transition office in Waterford, where they will jointly head up operations.

Cllr Mary Roche led the commendations and good wishes and was supported enthusiastically by all of the members.

Row over Metal Man gets personal

TOM YOUNG

A ROW between a member of Tramore Town Council and directors of a new company established to acquire the Metal Man remains unresolved despite assurances from the latter that their sole aim was to secure access to the famous landmark and use it as a key element in a local heritage trail.

Representatives of Tramore Heritage Ltd attended the March meeting of the Town Council to respond to what its directors regarded as misinformation and scaremongering by Cllr Maxine Keogh at the Council's previous monthly meeting.

At that meeting she voiced fears that the company in question, if it acquired the Metal Man from the Commissioners of Irish Lights, could sell it on for profit, thus depriving the people of the town of an integral part of their heritage.

Town Manager Brian White told her he did not share her fears because the Metal Man, as a protected structure, would have to be preserved as

such, irrespective of ownership. But Cllr Keogh displayed further animosity towards the heritage company when, in response to a suggestion from Mayor Joe Conway that its directors be invited to state their case, she opposed the idea saying it would only give them a legitimacy they did not deserve.

That was the background to last week's meeting which was addressed by three of the directors, Avery Coryell, Paul Jackman and Tramore Tourism Chairman Keith Daniels.

The latter assured the Council that Tramore Heritage Ltd was a non profit making company established by Tramore Tourism specifically for the transfer of the Metal Man and Brownstown pillars to its care and to further develop the heritage trail concept for tourism purposes.

Scuppering hard work

Mr Coryell, in reference to Cllr Keogh, expressed disappointment that an elected public representative for Tramore 'would go to such lengths to scupper the hard work of the heritage company'. He said she could have made a direct approach over her concerns and he or any other of the company directors would have explained the process in which they were engaged.

He said the Metal Man and pillars at Brownstown and Newtown Heads were currently owned by Irish Lights who wanted to dispose of them. "Our aim is to create a safe walk that would be the jewel in the crown of the local heritage trail, of which access to the Metal Man would be a key element. Efforts to secure that access from the private landowners involved were ongoing.

Mr Jackman said they had got legal advice that the best structure through which to acquire the monument was a newly incorporated limited liability company. Their advice was that such companies were traditional when dealing with charitable or not-for-profit entities, which was the case in this instance.

They had instructed their

solicitors to apply to the Revenue Commissioners for charitable status in respect of the company and as part of the application the directors had to give undertakings that no dividend would be paid and in the event of the company being wound up none of its assets would be distributed to the directors but transferred instead to the next nearest charitable organisation.

Paranoid

Cllr Keogh, while welcoming the fact that the transfer of the Metal Man was finally taking place, said the heritage company's articles of association failed to give consideration to the monument's conservation and preservation, or to the fact that it was a protected structure. And she insisted there was no guarantee that it could not be sold in the future.

As for Mr Coryell's references to her and her stance on the subject, she accused him of paranoia.

Conciliation

Mayor Joe Conway wrapped up the debate with what he said he hoped would be a conciliatory tone.

He said the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Architectural Heritage - to which Ireland was a party - was relevant in that a particular section outlined the basis for an initiative such as the Tramore Heritage directors had presented. It said the State had a responsibility 'to encourage private initiatives for maintaining and restoring the architectural heritage of Europe'.

The Mayor pronounced that if they protected and promoted their heritage they would undoubtedly increase heritage tourist numbers. Although man-made, the Metal Man was unique and potentially had the same draw-factor as Giant's Causeway or the Skelligs.

"Make no mistake", he added, "the monument presents this town with opportunity. It is important that we realise this and that we unlock whatever impediments are hindering beneficial outcomes that will surely follow from access and apprecia-

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4. To entice visitors from all over Ireland and further afield to visit a truly unique **Christmas family friendly experience**
5. To partner with **City Retailers** on ways that they can take advantage of the very many additional visitors expected in 2013
6. To partner with City Hotels and other Hospitality venues on a **"Stay , Shop , Explore Winterval campaign"**
7. To enhance the **Winterval website** and maximise Facebook and Twitter opportunities.
8. To build on success of **Winterval Schools program** and encourage national school tours in December mid week
9. To work with **Corporate Social Responsibility committees** of various Waterford Companies in 2013.
10. To establish **international links** for Winterval 2013
11. To maximise **the national advertising and PR opportunities** for Winterval
12. **To tease a national audience** of something quite unique in Sept to Nov and encourage them to visit the City during December
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14. To raise local, regional and national **sponsorship** to allow Winterval host so many free events.
15. To **investigate expanding the festival after Christmas** (which would also tie into the start of the City's 1100 birthday)
16. To **manage logistical**, traffic and health issues arising out of a month long national festival
17. Explore Commercial franchising **of Winterval merchandise**

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Sword of Thomas Francis Meagher presented to city

KIERAN FOLEY

THE weather didn't favour the organisers of last weekend's 1848 Tricolour Celebration, but this didn't stop a sizeable crowd from attending Sunday's official flag raising ceremony on The Mall in the city.

Commemorating the first unveiling of the Irish Tricolour flag by Thomas Francis Meagher at 33 The Mall, this year marked the third year of the festival.

Gilbert Lee Meagher, great great grandson of Thomas Francis Meagher, travelled from California to be in attendance for the weekend.

Speaking at Sunday's ceremony, Mayor of Waterford City Cllr Jim D'Arcy

outlined aspects of Thomas Francis Meagher's life and spoke of the origins of the Irish tricolour, mentioning the strong links between the Irish and French flags.

MC Nicola Beresford kept proceedings under control in the inclement conditions.

Amhrán na bhFiann was performed by local 'Voice of Ireland' finalist Vanessa Whelan.

Actor Kieran Doyle took on the role of Thomas Francis Meagher and read a letter written by Meagher on July 9th 1849 in which he spoke of his love and hope for Ireland.

The ceremony also featured music from the Barrack Street Band, a performance of 'My City of Music' by a choir comprised of local children, the military colour parade by the Thomas Francis Meagher Fife and Drum Band, a performance from the Waterford Male Voice Choir, and dancing from members of the Mulcahy Bible School of Dancing.

A guard of honour was provided by the Irish Naval Service Reserve, with members of the 69th Regiment New York (Fighting Irish) which was founded by Thomas Francis Meagher also in attendance.

At an event at the Bishop's Palace on Friday night, Gilbert Lee Meagher presented the

sword belonging to his relative to the city of Waterford which Mayor D'Arcy described as "an act of selfless generosity".

Mr Meagher said he felt "a sense of peace" and added that his great great grandfather would be proud in the knowledge that his sword had been returned to Waterford.

"I would like to thank the people of Waterford for their generosity, incredible hospitality and warm welcome. I will take back to the United States your true display of love, passion and decency for the common man," he said.

As part of the weekend of celebrations, a gala dinner took place at The Granville Hotel on Saturday night.



At the Tricolour celebrations on The Mall on Sunday last, the Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Jim D'Arcy, receives the personal sword of Thomas Francis Meagher from Gilbert Lee Meagher, the patriot's great, great-grandson.

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Major opposition to Guillamene safety railings

TOM YOUNG

OPPOSITION to safety railings erected at The Guillamene diving platform in Tramore led to several dozen protesters canvassing Town Councillors on their way into their March meeting at the local civic offices. Then Bob Cowman and Gary Brennan, representing the group, addressed the meeting.

The railings were put in place

on foot of recommendations contained in a safety audit carried out a year ago and County Council Area Engineer Ken Walsh has expressed the view that the need for their existence is not in question. However, acknowledging opinions to the contrary and in light of disquiet over the move, he said the situation would be reviewed at the end of the coming summer season.

But Messrs Cowman and Brennan expressed 'grave concerns' over the railings. They feel they are not in keeping with railings already in place and, likening them to a cattle crush, submitted that they detracted from the natural beauty of the area.

More importantly, however, they maintained the railings were dangerous on account of sharp edges and argued that they

would cause loss of sight in the event of an emergency rescue situation and reduced platform space for winch evacuation.

They handed in about a hundred letters of support for their argument, but before the meeting also was a letter of support for the railings from long-time water safety campaigner Frank Nolan, an international water safety risk assessor.

Town Manager Brian White said he was aware of the depth of feeling on the subject, but apart from safety altogether, the diving platform had to be certified as safe before essential insurance cover could be obtained. The Newtown and Guillamene Swimming Club raised the money and, with involvement by the Area Engineer, the railings were erected in accordance with

a recommendation from a health and safety audit. He acknowledged, as did the Area Engineer, that with greater resources the design of the railings could be improved.

He undertook to meet with representatives of the protesting group – Mayor Joe Conway is also to attend – but warned that it might not be possible to resolve the matter to everyone's satisfaction.

Fighting 69th to the rescue during Superstorm Sandy

KIERAN WALSH

WE had the opportunity at the 1848 Tricolour Festival to talk to Dennis Rick of the Fighting 69th Regiment who told us about their rescue missions during Superstorm Sandy.

The 69th regiment was founded by Waterford man Thomas Francis Meagher during the American Civil War.

Dennis was on his fourth trip to Waterford and knows his way around the place.

He told us how they were called into action when Sandy hit New York in late October/early November last year.

Dennis lives in Staten Island and this was one of the worst hit areas.

He lost the roof off his house and this was only replaced last week.

Dennis played a big role in the evacuation of the Bellevue Hospital in downtown Manhattan.

He organised the 69th to empty the hospital of the 800 patients.

They had to carry them down several flights of stairs and he himself carried a number of elderly patients on his back

down to street level.

Water had entered the hospital and many patients had to be carried down many flights of stairs.

It took two months to fully clean the hospital which is 275 years old (the oldest in the USA) and is now working fully again.

Rockaways on Queens Borough Shore was another

area of operation.

The area was badly hit and the job involved evacuating older people from flooded properties and ensuring that they were alive and well.

Many Irish live near Breezy Point and the Rockaways, including some people from Waterford.

Medical centres and retirement homes were helped

out in the evacuations as were folk in flooded homes, some of whom lost everything and had no insurance.

Dennis worked hard in the flooded Staten Island, where the people had to endure heavy floods.

He checked on all the streets he was familiar with and made sure that any one in need was looked after.

The Staten Island borough had many fatalities and was termed the 'Forgotten Borough' of the five New York City boroughs by some press reports.

Fatalities reached double figures.

Another concern was that of looting, which did not get much press coverage at the time.

This happened back in the seventies when there was a

three day power cut, but on this occasion it was minor.

Belongings were stolen from empty houses and apartments.

Dennis is glad to see life go back to normal but there is still much rebuilding work to be done on Staten Island.

He only lost the roof on his house, but others lost their homes and their lives.

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TCH Group in receivership

News and Star, WLRfm and Beat fm affected

AFTER months of speculation in media circles, the Cork-based Thomas Crosbie Holdings was placed in receivership last week. Included among the company's titles are The Irish Examiner, The Cork Evening Echo, The Waterford News and Star, WLRfm (75% stake) and Beat 102-103fm.

All the newspapers and radio stations are operating as normal following a complex restructuring that saw Mr Tom Crosbie and his father, Mr Ted Crosbie, taking control of most of the media assets of TCH via a new company called Landmark Media Investments Ltd.

Other TCH titles taken over by Landmark Media are The Carlow Nationalist, The Kil-

dare Nationalist, The Laois Nationalist, The Enniscorthy and Wexford Echo and The Western People. It has a 35 per cent stake in Cork youth station Red FM and a 17.6 per cent stake in MidWest Radio.

TCH was known to be loss-making and heavily in debt. It lost €5.8m in the year to the end of January 2011. It was also locked into a printing contract that it could no longer afford given the collapse in newspaper sales and advertising since 2006. AIB, which is thought to be owed €15m, supported last week's financial restructuring.

There will be losers from the change of ownership. Webprint Concepts Ltd, a company based in Mahon Point in Cork,

had the contract to print TCH's newspapers but the titles will now be printed by The Irish Times at Citywest, Co Dublin. However, Webprint has cried foul and is threatening court action over the situation.

There is also some confusion over unsecured creditors at the newspapers and radio stations such as freelance reporters and contributors. They are well down the chain and, ordinarily in such circumstances, would not be paid. However, the newspapers and radio stations continue to operate and regular freelancers and contributors are necessary to maintain content. The National Union of Journalists insists the Receiver has a 'moral obligation' to pay

what are relatively small sums of money but vital to the workers concerned.

In the Dublin High Court last week, Mr Justice Peter Kelly agreed to the appointment of an interim examiner of Post Publications Ltd (PPL), which publishes the Sunday Business Post.

The Sunday paper recorded a net operating loss of €1.2 million in the year ended January 1st, 2013 and is projected to record a loss of €1.4 million this year. AIB has agreed to provide financial support of €150,000 at this point to enable PPL to see through its examinership. Landmark is expected to seek to acquire the Sunday title from the examiner.

WRH takes C-section case to High Court

MICHELLE CLANCY

A WOMAN is recovering at Waterford Regional Hospital this week after consenting to having her baby delivered by caesarean section following an emergency sitting of the High Court at the weekend.

The woman, who cannot be identified, had wanted to give birth naturally and believed her due date was March 18. However doctors at WRH estimated that the woman was at least 13 days overdue and raised fears that the baby could die or have severe brain damage and the mother herself could be at risk of a haemorrhage.

Lawyers for WRH made an emergency application to the court on Saturday morning to carry out the procedure on the

woman. However just minutes before Judge John Hedigan delivered his judgment the woman agreed to the C-Section.

The court had been told by senior counsel for the hospital that what was at issue was the woman's constitutional right to refuse treatment versus the right to life of the unborn.

The woman previously gave birth to a baby boy by caesarean in 2010 and the procedure left a scar on her uterus which, if it ruptured during a natural delivery, could pose a grave risk to both the mother and the baby, doctors feared.

Both the mother and her newborn son were said to be doing well following the procedure on Saturday.

Call to reverse college cuts

TOM YOUNG

A CALL went out to Education Minister Ruairi Quinn from Waterford City Council's March meeting to reverse financial cuts as they relate to the Waterford College of Further

Education.

A motion of that effect was tabled by Cllr Davy Walsh (WP) who said that under the Minister's proposal the college would lose four to six teachers and as many as 120 students. He said the cuts were particularly inappropriate at a time when the city was already suffering

severe job losses, while it was widely acknowledged that education provided the most effective pathway to employment.

He called on local public representatives to take the campaign to their party conventions and fight the issue at national level.

Demand for retention of home help

TOM YOUNG

AT the March meeting of Waterford City Council Seamus Ryan (Lab) called for retention of home help services at current standards, irrespective of financial

pressures.

He acknowledged that a bad situation, locally at least, had not materialised as had been anticipated following cuts announced in the budget.

But he wanted assurances that it would remain that way, or indeed that further

investment would be found in order to improve services for beneficiaries.

Speaking in support, Cllr Cha O'Neill (Ind) said it was vital for the dignity of elderly people that they be able to remain at home if at all possible.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS

WATERFORD

Suspended jail sentence for assaulting his father

A SON who assaulted his father in the family home was given a suspended three month prison sentence in Waterford District Court last week.

Dermot Hoban (25), with an address at Newrath, Waterford, pleaded guilty to assaulting his father Frank.

The court was told by Garda Superintendent Chris Delaney that the Garda received a 999 call from Kathleen Hoban at 6.10pm alleging that her son

Dermot was causing a disturbance in the house.

She complained that her son grabbed his father by the shoulder.

The father was uninjured but the Gardai removed the defendant from the house.

He had previous convictions for theft and assault.

Solicitor Ken Cunningham, defending, said there was a complex background to the case.

In November last year the

case was adjourned to February 19 when the court activated an eight month suspended sentence and added a consecutive sentence of four months, making it a total of 12 months in prison.

An altercation took place between the father and son when an issue arose at home.

The defendant behaved himself in a manner that was not appropriate and he was now remorseful.

In February 2006 he suf-

fered a serious head injury and was unconscious for five days in Waterford Regional Hospital. Later he attended a brain injury clinic.

Mr Cunningham said his client had a poly-substance abuse problem and an opiate addiction. He wrote a letter of regret to his parents and his mother visited him in prison.

His father also rang him in order to rekindle the family relationship.

A report from the Governor

of Cork Prison confirmed that he was behaving himself well in jail.

He pleaded guilty and hoped that the court would realise he was doing his best and there was light at the end of the tunnel if he sorted out his addiction.

Judge Kieran Staunton said the assault arose out of a domestic situation fuelled by alcohol.

The defendant always expressed remorse and was

sorry after the event but he now had a history of violence behaviour.

His parents were decent people and they did not deserve that type of treatment.

The Judge said he had to be mindful of their safety and the assault must be marked with a prison sentence.

The defendant could not think he could leave jail with a clean slate and he imposed a three month sentence, suspended for 12 months.

Girl was in dark place

A TEENAGE girl who committed burglary while 'at a dark place in her life' overcame a heroin addiction and was now free of drugs, the Circuit Criminal Court heard in Waterford last week.

Ashling Travers (23), with an address at 133 Barrack St, Waterford, was given a two year suspended prison sentence when she pleaded guilty to burglary at The Glen, in the city, on November 17, 2008.

The court was told that a Brazilian national who lived at 41 The Glen, was awoken during the night to the sound of noise

downstairs. On investigation he found a man and the girl in the front room.

The man escaped but the girl was prevented from leaving until the Gardai arrived. The man was captured soon afterwards in an adjoining street and he had been given a three year suspended jail sentence.

The couple were in a relationship at that time and they were both on heroin and she was guided by her boyfriend. She had previous convictions for theft, assault and intoxication in public.

Barrister David Bulbulia,

defending, said since the incident the girl left Waterford and started a new life in Dublin and remained out of trouble.

At the time of the burglary she was in the grip of a heroin addiction which was the cause of her offending behaviour.

A probation report before the court was very positive and showed a remarkable improvement. She was now clear of drugs and hoped to train in pastoral work.

Her experience would give her great insight in helping others.

Judge Rory McCabe said

a burglary where the injured party was present in the house deserved a custodial sentence.

The offence dated back four and a half years when the girl was addicted to heroin which was a very hard burden to carry. Since then she had tackled her drug habit and made changes in her life and was now at very low risk of re-offending.

He said because of the plague of addiction there had to be some form of deterrent and he suspended the two year prison sentence on the girl entering into a bond to keep the peace during that period.

Foolish idea led to court fine

"IT WAS a very foolish idea," a defending solicitor told Judge Kevin Staunton in Waterford District Court last week when representing a customer in Woodies DIY store who hid power tools beside an external fence at the premises with the intention of returning to collect them when the store closed.

Myles Flynn (48), of Ballygriffin, Mooncoin, was fined €150 when he pleaded guilty to attempting to steal the power tools, worth €263.

Garda Superintendent Chris Delaney said the defendant went into the store and selected the power tools and put them in a trolley.

He hid them at the back of the store beside an external fence with the intention of returning to get the items later when the store closed.

But the store security staff recovered the power tools.

He had previous convictions for handling stolen property and larceny.

Solicitor John O'Donohue, for the defendant, said his client never returned to retrieve the items and was arrested six months later when he was identified on CCTV.

He had drink taken on the occasion and it was a foolish idea. On leaving the store he paid for other items but thought better of returning for the power tools.

Arsonist has turned his life around

A LOCAL man who carried out a number of arson attacks and a robbery in the city centre was given a three year suspended prison sentence in the Circuit Criminal Court in Waterford last week.

Darren Ryan (38), with an address at Ursuline Court, pleaded guilty to four counts of arson at Carrigeen Park, in the city and the robbery of €17,960 from Eddie Rockett's Restaurant on dates between March 14 and 25, 2008.

The court heard the accused man was involved in four petrol bomb attacks on a house and cars in Carrigeen Park and

took part in the robbery at the restaurant with an accomplice.

Solicitor John O'Donohue, defending, said since the incidents the defendant had turned his life around and was now very much a family man and was working and looking after his wife and children.

Due to the economic downturn he was not in a position to pay compensation.

He did not get a lot of benefit from the proceeds of the robbery and if given three weeks he would pay €500 compensation.

Judge Rory McCabe said none of the property damage

in the arson attacks had been the subject of compensation and the money robbed from Eddie Rockett's had 'disappeared'.

He said he had rarely seen a probation report as positive as that before the court in respect of the accused man.

He co-operated fully with the Gardai and over the last 12 months he engaged with the probation services and had not come to adverse attention - he had turned a corner.

The sentence was suspended for two years and during that period he is to be monitored by the probation services.

Burglar caught following tip-off

A TIP-OFF by an alert neighbour led to Gardai catching a burglar red-handed as he fled over a back garden wall, the District Court heard in Waterford last week.

In a bid to escape, the man dropped a stolen laptop computer and jewellery before he was apprehended and arrested, Garda Superintendent Chris Delaney told the court.

Martin Kelly (26), a native of Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, with an address at 6 Lower Abbey St, Cahir, County Tipperary, was sentenced to eight months in prison when he

pleaded guilty to burglary at 67 Morrisson's Road, Waterford, on the afternoon of February 15 last. The court heard that the defendant had previous convictions for theft and handling stolen property as well as public order offences and road traffic matters.

Solicitor Ken Cunningham, defending, said the house at Morrisson's Road was vacant at the time of the burglary and there was no question of violence towards residents.

The stolen property was restored to the owners.

Since the age of 17 the de-

fendant had been abusing class A drugs and developed an opiate addiction.

His recollection of the burglary was not very clear and he was due to start a methadone programme.

Judge Kieran Staunton said the burglary would have been far more serious if people had been in the house.

Burglary had lasting negative repercussions for the victims and a prison sentence was unavoidable in the case. It was backdated to February 16 last when he defendant was taken into custody.

Drink driver had been banned

THE NUMBER of uninsured drivers coming before Waterford District Court was truly remarkable, said Judge Kevin Staunton last week.

"I started in Waterford last June and uninsured driving has come up with remarkable regularity," he said.

Part-time Dawn Meats worker Stefan Wlodarczyk (28), a father of three children, with an address at Earls court, Dunmore Road, Waterford, pleaded guilty to drunken driving and having no insurance or driving licence. He was disqualified at the time.

Garda Superintendent Chris Delaney said the Gardai spotted a car being driven in an erratic manner by the defendant at Fountain St, Ferrybank, around 11 pm on December 8 last.

They followed it and ordered the defendant to stop.

He failed a roadside breath test and was arrested and taken to Waterford Garda Station where he provided a breath specimen that had a concentration of 35 microgrammes of alcohol.

Solicitor Ken Cunningham, defending, said his client decided to drive when his wife became ill and had to be taken to hospital.

The defendant co-operated with the Gardai and there was no suggestion of aggression.

The Judge noted that the defendant was driving while disqualified and he adjourned the case to June 4 next for a probation report and the submission of documentation regarding his wife's medical complaint.

Remanding the defendant on continuing bail the Judge said: "I am taking this matter very seriously and the consequences could be quite bleak for him".

Passenger stole phone from taxi driver

A DISTRICT Court Judge said last week that he had sympathy for taxi drivers who had a difficult job and worked unsocial hours late at night. His comments came in Waterford

District Court after he heard that a passenger in a taxi stole the driver's mobile phone in a row over the fare.

Local man John Harty (24), of 42 Wellington St, was given a four month suspended prison sentence when he pleaded guilty to stealing the mobile phone valued €200 and making off without paying a €20 fare on January 12 last.

Garda Superintendent Chris Delaney said the defendant paid a taxi driver €50 to drive him from Kilkenny to Waterford. When they arrived at Bridge St, Waterford, a further €20 was due to be handed over to the driver.

But instead the defendant asked the taxi driver for his money back and he took the mobile phone from the taxi and left without paying the balance of the fare. The incident was recorded on the video in the taxi and the defend-

ant was identified. He had previous convictions for public order offences, theft and road traffic matters.

Solicitor Hilary Delahunty, defending, said his client had been drinking all day and he had a serious alcohol problem. Initially he gave €50 to the taxi driver and in his drunken state he believed he had paid his fare in full. He took the phone, which was cold comfort for the taxi driver. A sizeable part of the defendant's previous convictions were made up of public order offences.

The defendant went to a school for people with intellectual disability. At times he was homeless but was now living in an apartment. He found drink hard to deal with and was still drinking, but he was in a much better position.

Judge Kevin Staunton said while the defendant had his own problems the patience of the court was running thin. He was not learning his lesson despite being given chance after chance by the court. The prison sentence was suspended for 12 months.

Carrick-on-Suir

Motorist fined over filling station incident

HAVING arrived in the forecourt of a petrol station, a young woman motorist, on spotting a certain individual, drove in his direction, Carrick-on-Suir District Court heard.

The man jumped out of the way and reported the matter to gardai who, as part of their investigations, were able to view the occurrence on CCTV, Garda Superintendent John Courtney told Judge Terence Finn.

Before the court was Donna Keyes (23), of 35 Ard Mhuire, Carrick and she admitted a charge of driving without due

consideration.

The incident happened at the Topaz Filling Station, Clonmel Road, Carrick, on April 19 last.

Superintendent Courtney said it appeared there was animosity between the defendant and the injured party, who was also due before the court in connection with the matter, charged with causing criminal damage to Ms Keyes' vehicle.

But she had not been involved in any further altercations 'with the opposing side'.

There was one previous conviction against her, however, for public disorder, in 2008.

Her solicitor, Maura Hennessy, for the defendant, said she was not working and had been in touch with FAS with a view to undertaking a course.

She lived a very quiet life and suffered from depression, for which she was on a lot of medication.

Judge Finn enquired if she was accompanied in her car on the occasion and was told she had friends with her. He wondered why she felt compelled to aim her vehicle at the other party.

Ms Hennessy said her understanding was that she was

talking to her friends as she entered the filling station and then saw the injured party, but she did not intend causing him any harm.

The Judge said he would like to hear from the defendant who, in evidence, said she did not realise the person concerned was so close to her car.

"I tipped off him but should have been paying more attention", she conceded.

The Judge enquired of her as to whether there was an issue between the two families, to which she replied that there was not, but she didn't speak to

him or acknowledge him.

When the Judge put it to her that, according to the Superintendent, film footage showed her directing her vehicle at the injured party, she denied that to have been the case.

By way of clarification, Superintendent Courtney said she drove in a straight line and did not take any evasive action despite the other person being in her path. Judge Finn said he was prepared to accept that both parties kept moving and, as the saying went, it took two to tango. He convicted and imposed a €250 fine.

Stole cosmetics to help finance apartment purchase

A MAN who stole cosmetics from a pharmacy did so because he was under pressure to finance the purchase of an apartment for himself and his girlfriend, his solicitor told Carrick-on-Suir District Court.

Robert Kennedy (25), unemployed, of 9 Carrigeen, Clonmel, admitted the theft from Meade's Pharmacy at Main St, Carrick, on the afternoon of January 10 last.

The cosmetics, worth €178, were recovered.

Garda Superintendent John Courtney said the defendant was arrested by Garda JP Cronin shortly after the crime had been reported.

He had twenty previous convictions including larceny, burglary and public disorder.

Solicitor Eamon Hayes, having explained the motive for the larceny, said the defendant now realised it was a stupid thing to do and was sorry.

Judge Terence Finn adjourned the issue of penalty to April 5 for production of a report as to Kennedy's suitability for community service.

Community service for assaulting woman

SHANE Waters, of 42 Sir John's Tce, Carrick-on-Suir, was given 240 hours community service, in lieu of a year's jail, for assault causing harm to Emily Bourke and causing criminal damage to her motor vehicle. He was also fined €500. The offences occurred at Sir John's Tce on June 7, 2011 and details of the case had been heard at a previous court sitting.

Defending solicitor Maura Hennessy reminded Judge Terence Finn that the matter had been adjourned for a report as to her client's suitability for community service and also for payment of €115 compensation, which had been done.

Horticulture student caught out by smell

HORTICULTURE student Jamie Mulcahy (26), of Ballycassin Lane, Whitechurch, Carrick-on-Suir, was fined €400 at the local District Court for possession of cannabis herb.

The offence was detected on April 20 last at Ballydine, investigating gardai having got a pungent smell of cannabis from his car after he opened his window.

The court heard that a search of the vehicle revealed a grinder containing a small quantity of the drug, as well as a hand-rolled cigarette.

The charge was denied, with defence solicitor Eamon Hayes submitting that the gardai were not legally entitled to search the car.

But Judge Terence Finn ruled otherwise.

Garda Sean Cuddy, who was accompanied by Det Garda Jim Felle on the occasion, said they stopped the defendant at a riverside picnic area after noticing that he had an out-of-date tax disc displayed on his windscreen.

As he spoke to him through his open window he got a strong smell of cannabis from the car and noticed that he was very nervous.

Having found the grinder and cannabis herb, he admitted it was his.

Garda Cuddy said he did not summons him in relation to the tax - he used his discretion in the matter after the defendant explained that he did not have the money.

Det Garda Felle gave corroborative evidence and added that the area in question

was noted for drug activity.

In evidence, the defendant said he was on a late lunch break from work placement out of college when the guards searched his car.

He told them he did not even know the grinder was in the vehicle and he was also unaware the hand-rolled cigarette was there.

He admitted it was his grinder but thought it was empty and he did not smoke on the occasion in question.

He said that contrary to garda evidence, he was 'far from nervous' and in fact he had no tax disc at all on the windscreen.

Mr Hayes submitted to the court that there had to be a reasonable basis for a search, such as the one that was carried out.

He added: "I would suggest the tax issue was a red herring, as borne out by the fact that no summons was issued. This was a spot check".

Judge Finn noted that the defendant acknowledged having more than a passing knowledge of cannabis.

He had also denied the presence of a pungent smell, but he might not have been aware of it, not having taken the fresh air outside the car.

There was no other person in the vehicle and the grinder and its contents were his.

The Judge said he was satisfied the gardai had sufficient grounds for a search, on the basis of the smell and the defendant's nervousness, coupled with the area's notoriety for drug use, as outlined by Det Garda Felle.

Gardai would be better off getting drugs

A GARDA who stopped a young driver for using a mobile phone heard him refer to an officer colleague in crude terms and he then advised both of them that they would be better off getting some drugs, Carrick-on-Suir District Court heard.

Before the court, charged with using the phone while driving

and being unaccompanied despite having only a provisional licence, was local man Jamie Dunleavy, of 23 Seskin Court.

Garda Alan Burke said that on August 17 last he was travelling in the patrol car at Pill Road with Garda John English when he saw Dunleavy travelling in the opposite direction, with a mobile phone to his ear.

He turned the car and stopped him. He denied having been using a phone, saying he just had his hand up to his ear.

Then, referring to Garda English who was still in the patrol car, he said: "This is because of that other c... in the car. You would be better off getting some drugs for yourselves."

Defending solicitor Eamon

Hayes said his client had instructed him that he got no fixed penalty notice in respect of the alleged phone offence.

Judge Terence Finn said he would not take the case any further until he was presented with proof by the prosecution that the notice had been issued.

He adjourned the matter to April 4 for that to be done.

'It's stupid' teen driver told garda

A TEENAGE motorist on a provisional licence who was driving unaccompanied told a garda who stopped him that he didn't care about not having a qualified driver with him.

"It's stupid", he told the garda, "I have a licence and that's all that matters - I paid €2,500 to drive this car".

Judge Terence Finn heard the details from prosecuting officer, Garda Alan Burke, at Carrick-on-Suir District Court after Seamus Hennessy, through his solicitor, pleaded guilty to the offence, as well as having no L plates on his vehicle.

Garda Burke told the court that he stopped the young driv-

er at Castle View in Carrick on the night of August 17 last.

Solicitor Eamon Hayes said he was unaware of the defendant's utterances to the garda, but he would have been well advised not to have made them.

He informed the Judge that Hennessy (19), from Windgap in County Kilkenny, was not in

court because he was working on a FAS course from which he hoped to get employment.

He had a commitment to a young child, the solicitor added.

Judge Finn said he wanted to see the defendant in court and adjourned the case to March 21 for that purpose.

Drink driver crashed into ditch

A MOTORIST who crashed into a ditch was removed to Waterford Regional Hospital where a blood sample showed an alcohol concentration of 195 milligrammes.

At Carrick-on-Suir District Court last Thursday Cormac McDonald (26), of Marian Ave, Maypark Village, Waterford, was fined €500 and banned from driving for three years.

His solicitor, Eamon Hayes, said that because he had little prospect of employment at home, he had gone to Australia where he was working as a plasterer.

Garda Superintendent John Courtney said the accident happened at Portnaboe, Carrick, in the early morning of January 21 of last year and Garda Donal Slevin was the investigating officer.

Three year ban for drink driving

FARM worker Marcin Jel (27), of Ballyduff House, Ballycarnegy, Enniscorthy, was fined €400 and disqualified for three years when he pleaded guilty at Carrick-on-Suir District Court to drink driving.

The offence occurred at Seskin Hill, Carrickbeg, on March 11 of last year and Garda Barry Walker was the arresting officer.

Garda Superintendent John Courtney told the court that the garda's attention was drawn by the erratic driving of the defendant who provided a blood sample which showed an alcohol concentration of 220 milligrammes.

Solicitor Eamon Hayes, for Marcin, said the loss of his licence would have an impact on him but he hoped to retain his employment and his 'modest' income.

Bench warrant issued

A BENCH warrant was issued at Carrick-on-Suir District Court last Thursday for the arrest of Brian O'Carroll, 205 George's St, Portlawn.

He failed to show in court to answer a charge of trespassing at The Presbytery, Priest's Lane, Portlawn, on May 3, 2011.

Owes over €8,000 in rates arrears

AT CARRICK-ON-SUIR District court last Thursday Judge Terence Finn granted to Kilkenny County Council an order against Piltown garage proprietor Nicholas Falvey for €8,594 arrears of rates, with costs.

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Mary O'Shea

(Kilmacthomas)

IT IS with deep sadness that we record the sudden passing of Mary O'Shea, Ballylaneen, Upper, Kilmacthomas, County Waterford, which occurred on Thursday, February 7 2013.

Mary was born in Ballylaneen Upper, she had one sister, Bridget, and three brothers, Paddy, Billy (deceased) and John, now living in Australia.

Mary is survived by her husband, Paddy, daughter, Helen, sons, Michael and David, sister, Bridget, brother, John, son-in-law, Lar, daughters-in-law, Lisa and Josephine, grandchildren, David, Karen, Shane, Tracey, Dean, Erika and great-grandchildren, Rachael, Aimee, Evan, Mia, Zoe and Emma, nephew, Paul, niece, Ger and all her nieces and nephews, friends and neighbours.

Mary loved nature and had 'green fingers' she enjoyed gardening, growing her own vegetables and always shared them with the neighbours.

There was always a bag of vegetables on the gate for someone that was passing. Mary could put her hand to anything you could see.

From building walls in her garden, painting her house,

cutting her hedges and tending to her flowers. She would love to sit in her garden with Paddy and read the papers.

Mary's family always came first. She was a loving wife to Paddy, a loving mother to Helen, Mike, David and granny to Dean, Erika, Karen, David, Shane, Tracey and a great granny to Rachael, Aimee, Evan, Mia, Zoe and Emma. She was a mother-in-law to Lar, Lisa and Josephine.

Mary always had a hug and kiss for everyone when they called to see her and a smile that would light up a room.

Mary was a friend to all knew her and was always there with a helping hand and she had a great sense of humour and was the life and soul of any party or gathering.

Mary loved to have a party every year in the Park Hotel, Dungarven, with all the family and friends around her and to get on stage and sing.

She had a beautiful voice and her favourite song was Roads of Kildare. She loved the neighbours popping in and no one ever left Mary's house empty handed.

Mary had a love for fashion and always looked so stylish and well dressed. She will be sadly missed by her family,

friends and neighbours.

Mary lay in repose in her daughter Helen's house on Thursday February 7th.

Sr Eileen and Sr Assumpta said prayers and Reflection on Mary's life and all her friends and family recalled their lovely memories of Mary.

Rosary was led by Fr Condon on Friday night and Saturday night in the presence of family, friends and neighbours.

Funeral mass was celebrated in Ballyaneen Church on Sunday February 10th at 2pm by Fr Condon PP and assisted by Fr Enright and Fr Delaney.

Readings were read by David Kiely (grandson) and Joan Lanigan (friend).

Prayers of the Faithful were recited by Lar, Dean, Rachael, Tracy, Tommy and Patricia. Offertory Gifts and token of Mary's life were brought to the altar by Karen, Shane, Aimee, Erika, Evan, Ger and Anne. The beautiful singing and music were provided by Mala Raggett. Communion was given out by her son and daughter, David and Helen. Eulogy was given by her nephew, Paul, and her daughter Helen. Burial took place in adjoining cemetery.

Mary will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.



Maura Quinn

(Ballygunner and Mooncoin)

IT IS with regret that we record the death of Mrs Maura Quinn (94) late of The Post Office, Mooncoin. She had been a patient at Greenhill nursing home in recent years.

The Requiem Mass in Mooncoin Parish Church of the Assumption was celebrated by Rev Fr Peter Muldowney, PP Mooncoin, with Rev Fr Liam Barron, PP Mullinavat, assisting. Her old friend Clause Cantwell played the organ and the Mooncoin Choir sang some hymns, with her son Liam singing two songs.

She was predeceased by her husband, William, who died in 1976. She was mother to the late Pat, who died at an early age, Marie, Edmund (Ned), Helen, Liam and Patsy. She is also survived by her extended family, sons-in-law, 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, nieces nephews other relatives and friends.

She was sister of Kitty, Liam

and Eddie.

The late Maura was affectionately known by all as 'Mrs Quinn'. She was a native of Ballygunner, Waterford, and, in her youth, she trained as a nurse in Waterford County & City Infirmary before completing her midwifery training in Holles Street hospital in Dublin in 1944.

Maura married William (Billy) Quinn 67 years ago and moved to Mooncoin where she made a great contribution to the family business and the parishioners of Mooncoin. She kept a great interest in her family and grandchildren down the years and always made good time for them all.

She kept an interest in nursing and was ready to help a parishioner if she could at all. She was noted for her kindness, when hardship struck a family as the Post Office also accommodated a grocery shop. Local people talked of Mrs Quinn for her kindness in helping with minor

ailments, sickness and minor ailments. She also helped with new born babies and with laying out the dead.

Maura was a very religious person with firm beliefs. She prayed to St Martin De Porres so any lost items were always found!

During her younger days she also liked the annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine.

Maura was Post Mistress for many years up to her retirement. In olden days communications were different from now.

Those that had phones in their homes or those that used public phone kiosks would have to ring Mooncoin 1 to get Mrs Quinn to answer the phone, the phone was rang by twisting a handle several times and when she got the call she would then put them through to the caller at the other end whether it be in Clonmel, Waterford or overseas. Sometimes this would take time, it was not an instant connection like then.

Mrs Quinn was on call 24/7 with the phone as in those days she also received telegrams from overseas. Sometimes it would be good news, other times it would be sad news, so the message was written down in words and someone would have to deliver the news as soon as possible to the family concerned.

Mrs Quinn was more than helpful in her Post Office role as she weighed items and ensured that they were secured enough. She always had that roll of sellotape that would help secure parcels better before they would be posted and stamped. Besides her working roles in the post office and family shop she was a great family woman and mother, devoting all her time to her family. She loved to see them settle down and then later on the visits from her grandchildren made her so happy. Her long life contained many historic events and she was a mine of knowledge. JC.

In Memory

Late Mary Kearns (nee Delanders)

THE death has occurred of Mary Kearns, (née Delanders), late of Cathedral Close, Waterford, who died on Sunday, 3rd March, 2013.

Removal of remains took place from Killure Bridge Nursing Home to St. Paul's Church. Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Wednesday morning, 6th March at 10am with burial afterwards in St. Otteran's Cemetery.

Late Mary O'Callaghan

THE death has occurred of Mary O'Callaghan, (née Kehoe) late of Morrissons Road, Waterford, who died on

Sunday, 1st March, 2013.

Removal of remains took place from Thompson's Funeral Home, Barrack Street to Ballybricken Church.

Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Monday, 4th March at 10am.

Burial took place afterwards at Butlerstown Cemetery.

Late William Paddy McCabe

THE death occurred of William Paddy McCabe, late of Sexton Street, Waterford, on Thursday, 28th February, 2013.

Removal of remains took place from Thompson's Funeral Home, Barrack Street to The Holy Family Church.

Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated on Sunday morning, 3rd March at 11am with burial afterwards in St. Otteran's Cemetery.

Gerry O'Carroll wins National Photographic Award in Dublin

THE Irish Professional Photographers Association (IPPA) has announced that Gerry O'Carroll (pictured right) was awarded The Irish Professional Photographers Association Certificate of Excellence in Family and Children's Portraiture at the National Photographic Awards held in the Wood Quay Venue in Dublin last week.

The Irish Professional Photographers Association presented Awards in 13 separate categories, promoting the very best in Irish professional photography.

The Annual National Photographic Awards is eagerly anticipated as the flagship event of the IPPA calendar.

All Irish Professional Photographers Association members are Qualified, Registered and Insured Professional Photographers.

Gerry O'Carroll has operated his multi award-winning Studio, together with his wife, Ann, in Waterford, since 1997.

He has shown a remarkable consistency and frequency of success in many disciplines of photography, both nationally and internationally over the past 15 years.

The Irish Professional Photographers Association (IPPA) has been serving the interests of professional photographers and dedicating itself to the improvement of their standards in Ireland for over sixty years.

The Irish Professional Photographers Association with over 300 practising members located throughout the country, is a qualified Association and awards Fellowship (F.I.P.P.A), Associateship (A.I.P.P.A) and Licentiate-ship (L.I.P.P.A) qualifications to its members.

The IPPA are members of the Federation of European Professional Photographers and as such they maintain close links to other associations located in Northern Ireland, Britain, Europe and the United States.



City set for conference business

WATERFORD'S status as a destination for lucrative conference business has been boosted by the success of a major local government conference held in the city last weekend. Waterford City Councillor, Hilary Quinlan, who was chief organiser of the event said the city had 'put its best foot forward'.

Clr Quinlan who is President of the Association of County & City Councils added: "We had almost 200 representatives from councils all over Ireland and the feedback was unanimous in its praise of Waterford and its attractions."

Based on the weekend's success, the city could sell itself to conference organisers as a destination capable of handling large numbers of delegates, he said.

Eamonn McEaney of the Museum of Treasures and Gary Breen of Failte Ireland South-East presented Waterford's many attractions to delegates at the start of the conference. A special presentation was made to Mrs Mary Browne in memory of her husband, the late Fianna Fail Councillor and Mayor, Tom Browne, who had been President of the Association for an unsurpassed three consecutive terms.

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Derelict sites in Tramore 'cause hell'

TOM YOUNG

EIGHT sites in Tramore remain on Waterford County Council's derelict sites register, with as many more having been closed, the local Town Council members were informed at their March meeting.

Mayor Joe Conway, who had

requested the report, said dereliction around the town was an issue close to his heart as he was aware of the extent of distress the problem caused.

He knew of people who had gone to their graves having endured the hell of living next door to a derelict house

The report, produced by County Council environment staff, said 120 sites across the county were inspected last

year and the relevant database updated accordingly.

Town Manager Brian White said there were a lot of difficulties with derelict sites, particularly in the current economic climate and in terms of enforcement the Council had to tread carefully.

He invited the Town Council members to report any sites they would categorise as derelict.

Deasy backs Tramore's demands

TOM YOUNG

DUNGARVAN-BASED Dail Deputy John Deasy (FG) has formally supported Tramore Town Council's demand that, under local government reform, the unified Waterford local authority structures should include a distinct Tramore Municipal District.

He confirmed his backing in a letter to the Town Council, pointing to the fact that the Tramore electoral area had the largest population of all the local authority divisions in Waterford, with the exception of the city.

He said the town itself, with a

population of 9,634 and growing, was a recognised service centre for the surrounding rural hinterland and both administrative infrastructure and staff were in place to support a headquarters for a would-be Municipal District covering East and Mid-County Waterford.

"This enlarged Tramore Municipal District", he wrote, "would have a population of almost 34,000 - a significant critical mass amounting to about one-third of the total population of Waterford City and County combined".

Additionally, Deputy Deasy referred to a report of the Waterford Local Government

Committee which identified the fact that the city population had been growing at a rate significantly below the national average, while places such as Tramore had experienced rapid growth and there was every reason to believe the latter was part of a long-term trend.

"I believe", he concluded, "that if Tramore is to fulfil its potential as more than a dormitory town for the city, it is essential that it has a strong voice and level of autonomy as part of the merged Waterford Council".

The Town Council enthusiastically welcomed the Deputy's backing at their March meeting.

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK 2013
FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY 'CYCLING THEMED' EVENTS

Waterford County Council and Go Dungarvan are currently inviting applications from Community Groups (see below) for funding to assist with the organisation of cycling themed events during Bike Week 2013 which will take place from 15th to 23rd June. The objective of Bike Week is to celebrate cycling in all its forms and to get more people participating in cycling both for transport and recreation.

The types of groups which may apply are community groups, voluntary organisations, schools, sports clubs, active retirement groups, childcare service providers, workplaces or any group that wishes to organise a bike related event on a 'not for profit basis' during Bike Week 2013.

Examples of possible Bike Week events include:

- Guided bike tour of a town/village. These can be themed, for example, heritage, gardens, or food trails.
- Cycles from your school to a local amenity on Cycle to school Wednesday (19th June) for bike based games such as treasure hunts and slow bicycle races
- A midsummer night cycle
- Bike hurley or camogie
- Bike maintenance workshops
- Bike art exhibition
- Bike school art competition, quiz or drama
- Family fun cycle
- Bike fashion show
- Cycling window display competition in local shops
- Picnic cycle
- Fancy dress bike parade

The list is endless!

All applications will be assessed by the Bike Week steering committee and funding will be allocated up to a maximum of €500 per group/per event.

Application forms, full particulars and terms & conditions are available at www.pedalportlairge.ie
Alternatively e-mail jbrunnock@waterfordcoco.ie or call 058-21496 to request a form.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2013
Applications received after this time will not be considered.
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EXPRESS VIEW

Household tax is very unpopular

THE new household tax is very unpopular and could put many government TD seats at risk in next election. How the tax is calculated will also cause concern.

The initial method is the best they can do at the moment, it seems. The lack of breakdown on bedrooms in houses will mean that some will pay less than others. Older houses will pay same as newer ones, which could be more valuable.

Overall the tax is not that high compared to Northern Ireland but they have lower vat rates there and more household services. Starting another tax in these difficult times is not welcome.

We can see why they do it as they need the money and the IMF are forcing their hand. But doing it in better times might have been more advisable.

The household tax in the 1980s saw a previous coalition of Labour and Fine Gael lose power and this one will be no different. That residential property tax only affected expensive houses over £65,000 and with high incomes. This one is less discriminatory.

It will be a very hard sell but using the Revenue Commissioners means that it will be collectible and they will get most of the money. Some who are in default on loans will not probably pay it.

Compared to VAT it is more unpopular. The Irish psyche is very strong on opposing land or house taxes. There is a lot of history going back to the window tax, the tithe war and the days of the landlord/tenant relationship ending with the Land Wars that has been taught at history lessons in schools. The IMF would not understand it.

Getting money in on a drinks excise levy or petrol tax would have been easier and less controversial. We will pay it ourselves and be compliant but we can understand the anger out there. A promise to reduce VAT in the future would be a good concession when the economy begins to show some signs of recovery.

This taxation burden needs more work and a review. Michael Noonan has already said to the public sector workers that this is the last pay cut. What about a decent offer for the taxpayer?

Should we not get some tax reduction in the future in VAT against this property tax. It is a good argument. Fianna Fail may be cynical and oppose this just like Haughey did in the 1980s. Sinn Fein too, even though they have a property tax in the North where they are in Government.

In the meantime, the local authorities are hard up for funds. Some cynics will say that the roads were not worked on enough for the snow due to reduced budgets. Yet, during the winter, there was road gritting when there was no frost some nights as weather conditions changed.

The household tax will bring extra revenue and bring some benefit for local services. However, it leaves a bitter taste and will hit consumer spending and VAT revenue. It could also delay economic recovery in retail.

We shall watch the consequences with interest.

KEYESside



Dermot Keyes

Living with Alzheimer's

STATISTICS tumble into *The Munster Express* mailbox like the snow that fell across Waterford on Monday night.

Some make little or any impact whatsoever given the litany of inane surveys conducted by public relations firms, but some still retain the power to stymie the cynicism that's so often pervasive in this trade. But one such statement stopped me in my tracks on Monday morning.

Its subject line read: 'There are 1100 people in Waterford living with Alzheimer's or dementia'.

I had to read it again. That many?

I would never have considered the local figure to be so high, and of course the consequences of having a loved one with Alzheimer's surely runs the aforementioned tally into multiples of four if not five.

I know of one family in which a father and uncle have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Both men were strong, healthy, house-proud and vibrant. Both were great conversationalists and loved visiting their neighbours and entertaining them. Both were active and enthusiastic contributors to their local community.

Sadly, such days are now behind them, their remaining years destined to be spent away from home and in full-time care.

The closing chapters of their lives are the ones we pray our parents and elderly relatives shall never have to experience: away from domestic comfort, cut adrift from the memories of a life well-lived, of loved ones, of friends, of the events that define a life.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, which runs a day centre at Pine Grove on Waterford City's Passage Road, provided over one million hours of community care to people living with dementia.

According to the Society's March 11th press release: "It has warned that it is struggling to cope with an increasing demand for its services so support for the annual Tea Day fundraising campaign (on Thursday, May 9th) is more important than ever."

One of the great failings of successive governments has been their consistent failure to safeguard the relatively meagre allowance which loved ones of those struck down by illness receive when caring in the home. We all know such men and women, living saints in my view, caring out of unconditional love, day in, day out.



"Many family carers are looking after the loved ones 24 hours per day," said Pat Kenny, whose late mother Connie lived with Alzheimer's for 14 years.

"The services provided by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland help to ensure that both carers and people with dementia are supported – these services are vital."

In order to maintain its annual services, the Alzheimer's Society has to raise €450,000 via the forthcoming Tea Day, with all monies raised locally remaining local in terms of subsequent investment.

To put that into context, former Taoisigh Bertie Ahern and Brian Cowen, a duo as myopic as Captain Smith and J Bruce Ismay were aboard the Titanic on April 14th 1912, receive annual pensions of €150,000 a year each.

That disgusting figure represents two thirds of what the Alzheimer's Society aims to raise come May 9th.

Now tell me that doesn't make your blood boil with indignation and a sense of grave injustice.

The statistics which the Society released in relation to Alzheimer's and dementia are extremely saddening.

"Dementia affects 41,700 people in Ireland and nearly nine per cent of these people have early onset dementia which means they are under 65 years of age," the statement continued.

"There is an estimated 50,000 family carers looking after a loved one with at least one symptom of dementia. Due to an ageing population the number of people with dementia is expected to reach 147,000 by 2041."

Come May 9th, the Society is aiming to recruit 1500 hosts for Tea Day to reach its

€450,000 target, and one hopes that many reading this column will be prompted to host their own event in the south east.

Of course, it is vital that those with dementia do not immediately wave the white flag following diagnosis. Indeed, such an outlook is as important for the diagnosed individual's family as it is for the directly affected individual.

As is the case for those with Parkinson's Disease, maintaining physical activity for as long as one can every day is vital. Be it going for a walk, indulging in a spot of gardening, washing the car or going for a swim, every little helps. Exercise remains life's most effective anti-depressant and antibiotic. Embrace it.

Cures considered impossible a century ago have been achieved; the recent news that a child in Mississippi was pronounced "cured" of HIV remains a declaration which can only be validated by her living a long and healthy life.

But it gives hope to those who dream of a day when incurable diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Motor Neurone Disease will not mean the dreadful inevitability they still retain in the here and now.

While a new Pope may well be elected by the time you're reading this, those gilded princes of the Church are not the ones performing the everyday miracles we should be championing.

Those determined to truly live for as long as they can despite their illness, along with those caring for them every step of the way, are the ones who truly deserve the novenas.

To register for this year's Tea Day, 'A Day To Remember', call 1800-719-820 or visit www.alzheimer.ie

Cheesed off at brand names

FOLEY on FILE

Kieran Foley



ANOTHER chapter of Waterford's industrial history closed last week as the gates of the Kilmeaden Cheese Factory shut for the final time, as was reported in *The Munster Express*.

Although manufacturing of the product moved to Ballyragget in Kilkenny following Glanbia's controversial decision to cease manufacturing in Kilmeaden in 2005, the Waterford site was still used for storage purposes.

It's a source of annoyance for many that a product which was established in Waterford in the 1960s is now manufactured in North Kilkenny bearing the original name.

In fact, I know many people who refuse to buy the product anymore on principle.

And it's not just because of the usual Waterford/Kilkenny rivalry, although this no doubt adds further salt to the wounds.

Now that the cheese is no longer stored in Kilmeaden as of last week, it bears no direct connection whatsoever to the village.

I contacted Glanbia this week to find out how they could justify the use of the Kilmeaden brand name and received the following response: "The Kilmeaden brand is made by Glanbia at its Ballyragget facility using the same recipe as always used. Milk collected from Waterford milk suppliers continues to be the key ingredient, thereby retaining the flavour and quality of the distinctive brand".

According to its website, Kilmeaden Cheese is "a cheese made locally to a traditional recipe".

The reality which Glanbia neglects to mention (either on the website or on the packaging) is that the cheese is made 75km away from where the "local"



Glanbia continues to use the Kilmeaden name despite the Waterford village having no input in the production of the company's cheese.

recipe originated.

In 2005, when production was ending in Waterford, it was argued by farmers that the quality of Kilmeaden Cheese came about as a result of the quality of milk which was sourced locally along with the knowledge of the staff and it was claimed that this couldn't be replicated elsewhere.

Concerns were also expressed at the alleged reduction in the quality of milk while en route to Ballyragget. Does the use of a placename in a product count for anything anymore?

Trade union UNITE is currently engaged in a battle to force the owners of Waterford Crystal to repatriate manufacturing of the brand to the city and has taken the case to the European Union's Registry of Trademarks.

Glass which is produced in

Central and Eastern Europe is currently being sold under the original Waterford trademark.

UNITE members are confident in their campaign as they say there is significant legal and commercial precedent in retaining the links between products and places such as Parma ham and Champagne.

The EU's Protected Geographical Status, which encompasses Protected Designation of Origin (PDO), Protected Geographical Indicator (PGI) and Traditional Speciality Guarantee (TSG), aims to protect the reputation of regional foods, help producers obtain a premium price for authentic products, promote rural and agricultural activity, and eliminate any potential misleading of consumers and

unfair competition.

Cheeses are included under the schemes, along with wines, hams, sausages, olives, beers etc.

Following rulings, cheeses including Gorgonzola and Parmesan in Italy and Camembert in France, can only be labelled as such if they come from the relevant area.

Given that Ballyragget isn't extremely far away from Kilmeaden, it might seem as though Glanbia isn't engaging in anything which is all that misleading. However, the aforementioned EU regulations are extremely strict.

Newcastle Brown Ale was given protected status, restricting its brewing to Newcastle upon Tyne.

When the brewery in question decided in 2004 to move

across the river to Gateshead, the product no longer had the geographical restriction as Gateshead was regarded as a separate city.

Only a small number of Irish products have already been granted Protected Geographical Status - Clare Island Salmon, Connemara Hill Lamb, Imokilly Regato, Timoleague Brown Pudding, with recognition sought for our own blaa last year.

Can't the manufacturing of the cheese in Ballyragget and the subsequent use of the Kilmeaden name therefore be challenged under EU law as is currently being done with Waterford Crystal? In fact, the question we should really be asking is: why hasn't this been done already?

'The Fillet of Cheddar', as it is known, has won numerous international awards and is worth fighting for.

If the links between placenames and products continue to be diluted, then it will present serious issues, particularly for food products - just look at the ongoing horse meat saga.

Glanbia insisted in 2005 that it was committed to looking at alternative, small volume, niche dairy uses for the Kilmeaden facility.

Although it has been designated as a strategic development site, we have yet to be informed of any specific plans.

It would be a shame if a site with so much history and potential was left rot and become another abandoned wasteland.

Personality Portrait

Marie Power



TRAMORE woman Marie Power is the author of a new book on seaweed cookery and foraging entitled 'The Sea Garden'.

Following several years of running seaweed workshops as an Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) volunteer, she now offers a full range of workshops, foraging walks and events as 'The Sea Gardener'.

Interest in the health benefits of seaweed, in all types of foraging and the source of the food, is on the increase. Seaweed is high in protein, vitamins and minerals, cures chest complaints, helps the body detox, is strongly associated with Japanese health and longevity, but many people are not sure how to cook with it. Marie's book and workshops are aimed at changing this. Coming from a background in management and consultancy, the shift to ecology and education is a development of a passion she has pursued on a voluntary basis for several years.

Marie is looking forward to the Dungarvan Food Festival again this year, where she will lead foraging walks and a workshop on April 13th and 14th.

Visit www.theseagardener.ie to find out more.

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Confirmations in Tramore

| Photos: Jim O'Sullivan



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Ciara Murphy Holy Cross N.S, with her parents Lily and Ambrose as well as brother Jack.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Patrick Flynn, Holy Cross N.S, with his parents Theresa and Gerard and brothers Johnjoe and Brendan.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Stephen Callanan Glor Na Mara N.S. with parents Eleanor and Ken Callanan.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Keith Flynn Glor Na Mara N.S, with his godmother Lisa Flynn.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Nathan Dempsey Holy Cross N.S, with his mother Karen, grandparents and friends.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Eva Corcoran Holy Cross N.S, with her Parents Paul and Caroline, grandparents John and Maureen Dower as well as godmother Tina Rellis.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was John Pollard, Holy Cross N.S, with his mother Clare and grandad Bernard Pollard.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Albha Power Glor Na Mara with mum Mary and sister Roisin Power.



Pictured following the confirmation ceremonies at Tramore's Holy Cross Church was Niamh Cronin Holy Cross N.S, with parents Evelyn and Paul, godmother Jeanette O'Neill and grandparents Billy and Mary Walsh.

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Local Government and Local Development:

Protecting frontline services

MINISTER PHIL HOGAN

“Much has been commented on in the media in recent weeks in relation to my proposals for the Alignment of Local Government and Local Development.

There has been talk of the loss of funding and more recently job losses. While this scaremongering may very well be intended to serve other agendas, I want to make it clear that my sole agenda is to protect frontline services to local communities.

“I don’t accept that the current local development structures are the most efficient method of delivering services to local communities. The Alignment Steering Group that I set up to review this area noted the complex range of structures and entities that deliver local and community development supports, all with their own



administration overheads. The Group reported that ‘these administration functions carry significant costs and can divert resources from frontline services’. The Group also noted the duplication and overlap that resulted from the complexity of the local development landscape. I

make no apology for the fact that I intend to tackle these issues. We simply have to look for more cost effective delivery mechanisms in the current economic climate.

“The Action Programme for Effective Local Government - Putting People First recommends greater alignment between local government and local development, including the 51 local development companies that currently deliver important programmes for my Department amongst others. The Government accepted the recommendations made by the Alignment Steering Group. Under those proposals, local development companies will continue to have a role in local development delivery. There is no logic therefore to the statement that that this alignment will lead to massive job losses, as has been alleged. What we need

is a more streamlined system, which is fit for purpose, and eliminates unnecessary duplication.

Budgets agreed

“In recent weeks we have seen the outline for EU budgets for 2014 - 2020 agreed. The amount of funding available under the LEADER Programme, which has yet to be finalised, will be severely curtailed compared to what we had under the previous programme.

This is further compelling evidence of the need to reform the whole area and get better value for money. Business as usual is not an option and the need to change is made all the more urgent by the reductions in funding expected. There is a pressing need therefore to ensure that the various agencies handling public funds work together to make the best use of the scarce resources available to deliver the best level of

service possible in the most cost effective and efficient way. Alignment is about doing just that. It is about developing a partnership approach between the local government and local development sectors in order to bring about more effective delivery of services to our communities and citizens.

I am very aware that the local development sector in Ireland has a strong history and handles large volumes of public funding. However, change is required across all sectors to help meet the challenges facing us during these difficult times.

“This debate has been over focused to date on protecting structures and organisations. I can understand that maintaining the status quo is the primary concern of vested interest groups. However, I want to ensure that the best services are delivered to citizens and communities in the context

of reducing budgets. We simply cannot expect to continue as we are. I believe that the new alignment arrangements will place local development structures on a more sustainable footing and will help lessen the impact on programmes of reduced funding over the next few years.

We now know that there will be reductions in programme funding, and by extension admin funding, in the context of budgetary processes at both national and EU level. However, alignment is not about driving cuts to programme funding; rather it is about helping to sustain the impact of local and community development services through more efficient, effective and joined-up structures.

“I have met with the stakeholders in recent weeks to discuss this matter and I will continue to do so until we have a workable solution.”

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HSE South East properties for sale

ACCORDING to a national newspaper report, the South East has a number of HSE properties up for sale or vacant.

They include St Monica’s which is part of St Otteran’s in Johns Hill, Waterford that is currently lying vacant and is under review and also another substantial property in

Coolgower house on the Tramore road, Waterford.

There are also a number health centres up for sale in the south Kilkenny area such as the Slieverue, Kilmacow and Windgap Health Centres, Callan as well as one in Old Parish near Ring, Ballymacarby and another near Cappoquin in

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The new Hamper can best be described as a chocolate lovers paradise filled with Easter Eggs, creams eggs, chocolates, sweets, jellies and crisps.

Founded in April 2012, Just Like Home is growing from strength to strength. To date the website www.justlikehome.ie has received 60,000 hits and in the two week lead up to last Christmas the company sent over 1000 hampers all over the world.

No destination is too far and Irish expats through Just Like Home have been enjoying a taste of Ireland in countries such as Georgia, Columbia, India, China, South Africa, Dubai, Cayman Islands, Maldives, Hong Kong, America, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

Through its Facebook Page Just Like Home Ireland, the company recently conducted online market research to determine what Irish people living abroad miss most. The overwhelming response was Irish Tea, Chocolate and Taytos. As a result of the market research and requests on Facebook, Just Like Home has introduced more chocolate, tea, Bisto Gravy, taytos and an old favorite of many, Meanie Crisps into its hampers.

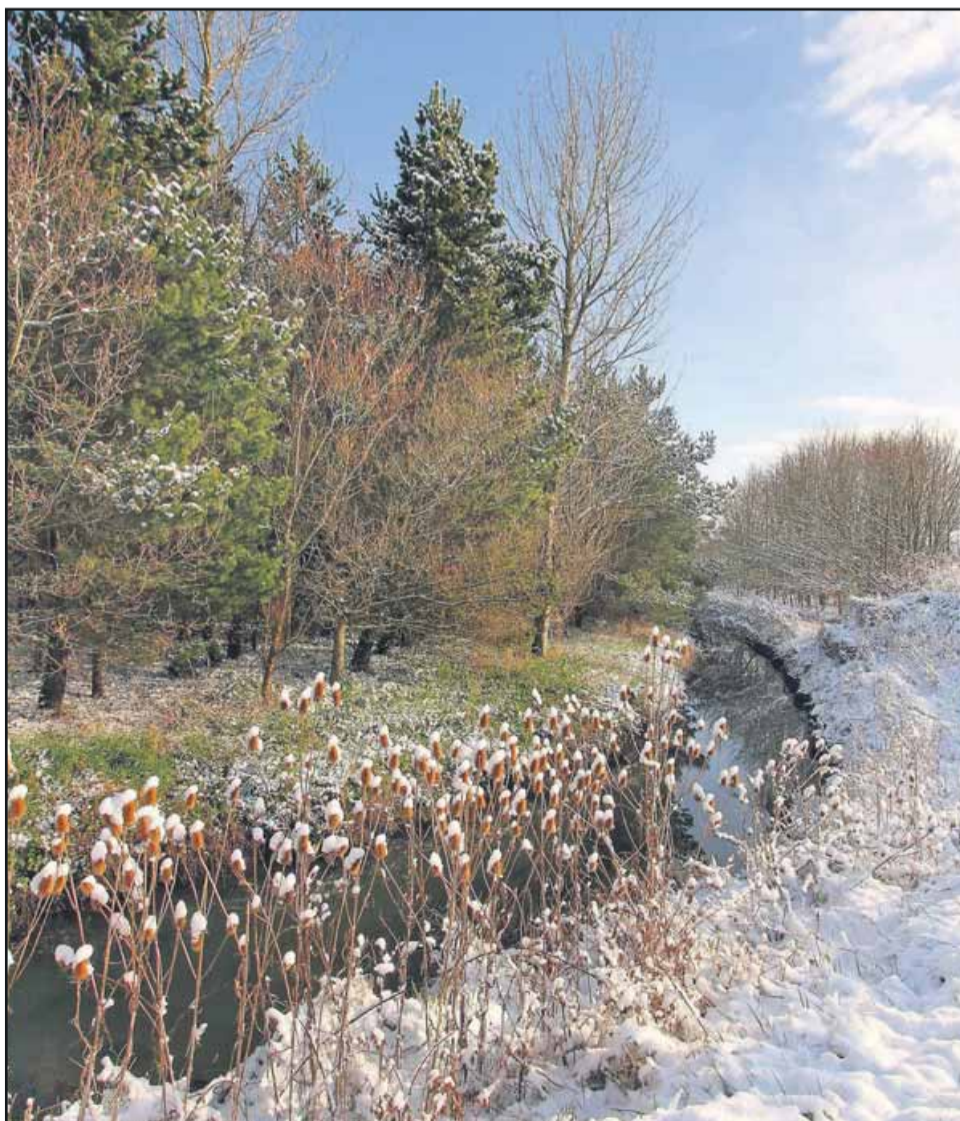
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If you are interested in applying for this post, please submit a full and up-to-date CV and covering letter explaining why you feel you could undertake this role and send it to Eilis Cantwell, Services Manager, Pine Grove Day Care Centre, Passage Road, Waterford.

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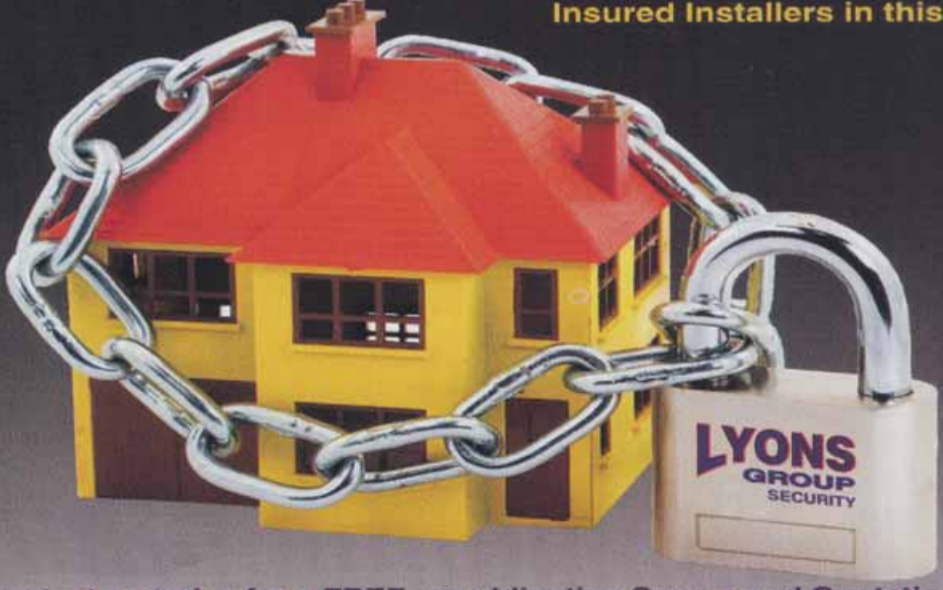
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It's important to remind people to take precautions regarding their home security before heading away.

It is a shocking fact that in a quarter of all burglaries, the burglars don't even have to use force, as most houses are not properly secured.

Common Sense Tips:

Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, letterboxes or other "secret" hiding places.

Burglars know where to look for hidden keys.

Ensure that all valuables are kept out of sight, both upstairs and downstairs.

Make sure to leave your keys with trusted neighbours and ask them to regularly check on your house.

Inform your local Garda station that you will be heading away and leave them your contact details.

Call the local Post Office and ask them to hold your mail for collection and postpone all other deliveries until your return, including milk.

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Best paint colours for every room in your house 2013

If you're not ready to commit to paint in these on-trend colors, bring them in with accent pieces like rugs, pillows and artwork!

Bedroom

IF YOU can only revamp one room in 2013, the bedroom should be it.

It's the place you go to relax and rejuvenate, so choose a paint color that encourages you to slow down.

For a truly spa-like feel, go for a light blue or green like "Dusk Blue" or "Grayed Jade."

Add some candles, luxurious sheets and a neutral-toned rug and you'll find it impossible to be stressed in this space.

Kitchen

FOR most households, the kitchen is the heart of the home.

Bring it to life with vibrant



Candles can really inspire relaxation. These are from the Paul Costelloe Living collection at Dunnes Stores.

"Lemon Zest" yellow.

Yellow walls look great with light cabinetry and instantly

brighten up a kitchen with dim lighting or with few windows.

If you're not crazy about a yellow kitchen, try it as an accent wall first.

Or, leave your walls neutral and bring in touches of yellow with towels, rugs and kitchen accessories.

Master Bathroom

THE master bathroom is the perfect place to bring in Pantone's Color of the Year for 2013: "Emerald."

"Symbolically, Emerald brings a sense of clarity, renewal and rejuvenation, which is so important in today's complex world.

This jewel-toned hue is an elegant addition to any master bathroom, no matter how small.

It's great as both a paint and glass tile color, so don't be afraid to experiment.

Home-office

A HOME office walks a fine line between work and family space.

It needs to be functional, but attractive enough to be part of

your home when not in use.

To keep your office on-trend without being distracting, try a neutral khaki like "Tidal Foam."

It's a classic hue that flatters any style - the perfect backdrop for both classic and contemporary home-office decor.

Family Room

WHETHER you're watching TV or enjoying game night, the family room should reflect the fun you have there.

Brighten up your space with a splash of "Poppy Red" or an orange tone like "Nectarine."

You may not want to cover the walls with these colors, but an accent wall or two should be just the pop your family room needs.

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goods.

For example, if you are buying a bed, lie on it for a time to see how comfortable it is.

Make a note

IF YOU tend to forget where you saw that ideal material for your bedroom – try this tip.

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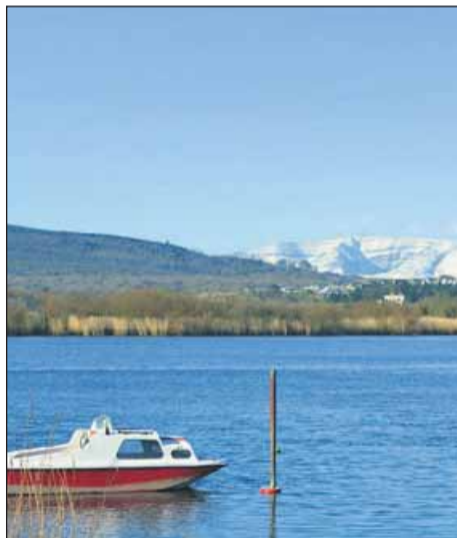
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The Bandstand at the people's Park in Waterford City on Tuesday morning.

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Boat at the Store Road, Mooncoin with Portlaw and The Comeragh Mountains in the distance.
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Clarinwood, Tramore, on Tuesday morning.
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KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL. Martin and Christina Finnerty wish to apply to Kilkenny County Council for the following development works; demolition of existing dwelling, construction of a new bungalow dwelling, a domestic garage, a foul effluent treatment system, a percolation area, a site entrance and all associated site works in the townland of Listerlin, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny. The Planning Application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m. - 1.00p.m. and 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL. We John and Blathin Power, intend to apply for permission for a dormer dwelling, new vehicular entrance, waste water treatment system and all associated site works at Dromina, Woodstown, Co. Waterford. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, during normal opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

PLANNING NOTICES

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL. I, Michael Phelan wish to apply to the above authority for planning permission at Ballynametagh, Piltown, County Kilkenny for cubicle house, slatted tank and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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ST. JUDE COME to my assistance in my need, that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities particularly (mention request), and that I may praise God with you and the elect throughout eternity. I promise you, O Blessed Jude to be ever mindful of this great favour and it will never cease to honour you as my special and powerful patron and do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen. Say for 3 consecutive days and publish immediately. Favour granted after 3 days. F.G.

HOLY SPIRIT YOU who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in life. You are with me. I want, in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favour is granted. A special thanks to Our Lady, St. Martin & St. Anthony. M.R.

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Notice is hereby given that the Council of the above named county is about to make a County Rate on the property rateable thereto in the County Health District of Waterford.

The Rateable Valuation Multiplier (formerly Rate in the Pound) for the ordinary expenditure of the County for the service of the year ended 31st December 2013 is:

General Rate: €69.2247

And whereas the Rateable Valuation Multiplier for the Town Charges specified in Column 2 of the table below are to be made respectively on the towns in Column 1 of the said table:

Column 1	Column 2
Tramore	€1.0000
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The said rates to be collected with the General Rate.

The Rate Books are deposited for the inspection of any ratepayer at the offices of Waterford County Council, Civic Offices, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford during normal working hours each day on which the offices are open for business for the fourteen days next following the date hereof:

Signed this 5th March, 2013
M. Walsh, County Secretary.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Joyce Robinson otherwise Mary Josephine Robinson Deceased late of Mooncoin Nursing Home, Mooncoin in the County of Kilkenny (formerly of Seafields, Doneraile Walk, Tramore in the County of Waterford)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 49 of the Succession Act, 1965 that particulars in writing of all claims against the estate of the above named deceased who died on the 16th day of April, 2012 (Probate of whose Will was granted to the Executrix on the day of 5th day of March, 2013) should be furnished to the undersigned solicitors for the Executrix on or before the 10th day of April, 2013 after which date the assets will be distributed having regard only to the claims furnished. Dated the 13th day of March, 2013

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GROW has a strong volunteer force

KIERAN WALSH

AT a recent special seminar on mental health at the Edmund Rice Centre for the African community plus locals at which mental health issues were widely discussed.

Christine Fitzgerald from Grow Waterford recounted her life experience growing up and how she was a strong active volunteer for Grow to combat depression. Ireland, she says, needs to talk more openly about depression.

Grow is a support group to help people remove stigma from depression and mental health issues.

They have a 12 steps programme and meet together in a formal structure where people talk about the mental health problem being experienced by them or a family member and learn how to cope with such matters.

We can all have difficult times and feel as if we are hit with a meteor from the sky. Depression can be a silent killer and can be covered up. People can be great at putting up appearances but they might feel awful in themselves but when a visitor calls they always say they are fine. Appearances can de-



Group attending the conference.

ceive and folk must learn how to deal with life's problems.

Ms Fitzgerald said Cognitive Behaviour Therapy was a key component of treatment and some key questions were: How do we feel about ourselves? How do we feel about others? How do we feel about the demands of life? The best thing was to do something about the problems that you have, do not ignore them and

allow them build up like debts.

The work begins within and then the professional can intervene and help improve with the patient's progress. For treatment to be successful, the patient must take responsibility. The old saying is: "You alone can do it but cannot do it alone."

The aim is to prevent breakdown but, if breakdown does occur, the patient would need to get rehabilitation in order to

recover.

Breakdown could mean hospitalization with rehab starting on coming out of hospital. Getting a small change progressively each week or month is a step forward in terms of rehab.

Little by little, progress is made, said Christine, who has wide experience in the subject. The small steps make the big change. Do the ordinary things again like make food, watch a

movie. Before, there was not the ability to concentrate.

Grow has 12 groups in Ireland and one in Waterford that meets on Wednesdays in St Brigid's Centre at 7.30pm on the Lower Yellow Road. Please note this is for over 18s only.

Samaritans

The Samaritans also had a speaker at the event and gave details of the services in Waterford and the vast numbers of calls handled.

Their number is 1850-609090 and they also respond to text and e-mail as well as face to face talks. They get calls from lonely people, depressed and suicidal people. Over 33,000 calls were handled in Waterford last year. Samaritans volunteers are not counsellors but can talk confidentially. No names are given and repeat calls are possible for lonely or people with negative tendencies. They are now even getting calls from teenagers, who before may have called Childline.

John Kennedy of the Regional Suicide Resource office also addressed the seminar. They train people like education, youth and health workers in dealing with people that may have suicide tendencies. Sean McCarthy heads this operation

based at St Patrick's Hospital on Johns Hill. They are part of a national strategy and here they cover the South East with the Reach Out programme. Community workers can also be trained or those in the voluntary sector that might find these skills useful. They have also worked with those in the probation service and Traveler projects, as well as marine rescue services.

They do basic suicide awareness training in level 1 and then more advanced training at higher levels.

Prevention

Suicide can be prevented by the action of prepared care givers. Self harm has been growing according to national research. For further information call 874013.

They can also help those who are bereaved tragically and can direct GP referral as they have a trained psychologist available outside of the WRH. A counselling service is also there for the bereaved, especially those that have died tragically but a GP referral would be needed.

The final speaker was a rep from the Mental Health Reform who have a campaign for stigma reduction in relation to mental health.

Mental health seminar hears that issues are growing

KIERAN WALSH

A SPECIAL seminar on mental health took place in Waterford recently organised by the Nigerian Community and officially opened by the Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Jim D'Arcy.

Mayor Darcy said mental health and suicide were complex subjects for discussion.

He was aware that depression, loneliness were in the community with drink and drugs also prevalent and adding to the problem.

Suicide was still a taboo subject, he maintained, and even to speak about it at funerals could cause problem. Even newspapers were reluctant to mention it in death notices.

There are multi-agencies in the city to deal with such tragedies and he praised the open approach of the issue. Getting rid of stigma was needed, added the Mayor.

Michael Omotoso of the Nigerian Community noted how three of their community in Ireland had died from suicide in the past year and hence they wished to highlight the issue.

Speaker Sarah said that the current times could be depressing with bad news on radio but depression affected all ages, genders and races with 300,000 Irish

reckoned to suffer from it.

Affects many

Dr Evelyn Obosi from Nigeria and psychiatrist at WRH spoke of how depression affects all types of people. It was not just a woman's problem after having a baby but affected men too. We are quick to resolve our physical health but not our mental health, she pointed out.

If a person was feeling down for more than a few weeks and had a sense of hopelessness then they might have a mental health problem. There could be some family history of depression while alcohol abuse could depress the brain and added to problems. Escaping with drink was not an answer.

Continued Dr Obosi: "If these symptoms are present, then seek treatment by way of talking or counseling.

More exercise, improved diet and going for walks are little ways to combat it. Getting enough sleep is another priority. There are many self-help programmes on the web.

"If talk therapy or counseling do not work try cognitive behaviour therapy, where people try and make improvements in their behaviour. Anti depressants may eventually be needed for more serious cases.

No magic bullet

"For younger people this should be avoided and only prozac used in a difficult case. For medicines to work, it will

take two to three weeks for the benefits to materialise.

"There is no magic bullet but a change in behaviour is what is needed. There can be long waiting-lists for mental health services. Taking drink is not good as a quick fix because afterwards it can make you more depressed.

The seminar heard that, in terms of treating teenagers, it was better to focus more on talk therapy and counseling with meds as last resort and they should be limited.

In latter times there is school bullying, peer pressure in groups and eventually some youngsters can get teen depression, this may be mild and can be overcome in a reasonable space of time. Sometimes young people can have a weight of worry with exams pressure. Lifting the weight of worry should be the goal in treatment and overcome the mild depression. A total of 4 out of 5 patients can recover in less than two years for milder depression, but getting an appointment can take twelve months for a psychologist in our public system.

Counseling

In certain cases, people have severe depression and experience hallucination and other mind changes. Medication will be needed in these more serious cases. Up to 10 per cent may need long term help, says the World Health Organisation. A major life event can trigger a mental health problem and the objective should be to seek help early in it and that there is light at the end of the tunnel, stressed Dr Obosi.

Dr Evelyn Obosi from Nigeria and psychiatrist at WRH addressing the conference.



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Lie of the Land



Waterford bucks national trend in '12 agricultural price report

DERMOT KEYES

WITH national agricultural land prices rising for the first time since 2006, prices in County Waterford bucked the trend by falling in 2012, according to the *Irish Farmers Journal's* annual price report.

Last year, based on 10 transactions recorded in the county, the fetched price per acre came in at €8,314, compared to €8,512 per acre in 2011. It should be noted, as the *Journal's* superbly compiled report does, that "Waterford had the smallest land offering in Munster and also the smallest amount of land sold". The report states: "In 2012,

25 farms comprising 1,528 acres came on to the market in the county, compared with the 19 farms comprising 1,256 acres offered for sale a year earlier...

"Of those 25 that came on the market, 19 were offered for sale by private treaty. Nine of the 25 were under 40 acres, leaving a relatively large proportion – 16 farms – of between 40 and 199 acres for sale in the county."

The biggest sale in Waterford was recorded near Kilmacthomas when a 176-acre holding was sold by private treaty. Meanwhile, a 71-acre farm in Ballylaneen was sold by action for €740,000 (€10,423 per acre); with a 113-acre farm with prime agricultural land in



Lemybrien fetching €900,000 (€7,962 per acre).

Elsewhere across the south east, prices rose, reflecting the national perspective. County Tipperary experienced a spectacular 40 per cent hike on the 2011 figure, with the average acre sold last year commanding a price of €12,110. A total of 33

completed transactions were recorded in the Premier, with almost 5,000 acres coming onto the market last year.

The largest farm to come onto the Tipp land market in 2012 was a 269-acre holding outside Kilsheelan, Carrick-on-Suir, while no less than 85 farms were offered for sale across the county.

County Kilkenny prices rose by 25 per cent last year to €13,724 per acre (2011: €10,582) second only to Dublin when it came to the highest price paid for land in the State in 2012.

And while there were 48 farms placed on the market, nine more than was the case in the previous year, there was

500 less acres (a total of 1,837 acres) available for sale than in 2011.

Land values in County Wexford rose by 18 per cent last year when compared to 2011, with the average price per acre of sold land coming in at €11,993 (2011: €10,185), while County Carlow experienced a minor increase of €10,197 per acre (2011: €10,000).

Nationally, the price report reveals that prices rose by 14.3 per cent in the State last year. Writes Report Editor Joanne Fox: "This is the first year, since we began the report six years ago, that the average price of an acre of land has risen year-on-year.

"Having survived a price

tumble of 57 per cent in the four years from 2007, followed by a levelling off in 2011, the market for agricultural land appears to be strengthening again."

Dare one suggest it, but does the *Journal's* report suggest green shoots when taking the wider economic picture into account?

Well, without getting too carried away, these figures certainly suggest a welcome step in the right direction for the rural, and indeed the national economy.

And kudos aplenty should be extended to the *Irish Farmers Journal* for producing another outstanding, insightful and detailed publication.

Politicians misleading farmers- IFA President

IFA President John Bryan last weeks accused the Minister for Agriculture of deliberately misleading farmers on the true implications of the CAP negotiations for Irish farming.

President John Bryan challenged Simon Coveney to 'come clean' and reveal the full extent of the losses that productive farmers will face under his proposals. "Despite his claims that there will only be a 9% cut in their Single Farm Payment, thousands of active farmers are looking at reductions of 20% to 40%. It is grossly irresponsible of the Minister to persist with this deliberate downplaying of the outcome of the CAP Reform and the impact it will have on farm families and the growth targets in Food Harvest 2020. Mr Coveney must toughen his position in Brussels and he cannot sell out Irish agriculture in pursuit of securing a CAP deal," he said.

Mr Bryan said politicians who were pursuing a divide-and-conquer strategy were playing Russian roulette with the livelihoods of tens of thousands of farmers across the country.

"Those who are trying to pitch east versus west, or big versus small, either do not understand or are more to do with their own agenda rather than the well-being of farming. The Single Farm Payment (SFP) is not a fund that politicians can promise indiscriminately to garner favour with their constituents."

He said the debate on the SFP



IFA President, John Bryan

Reform must be about the viability of active farmers and support for primary production, which was the bedrock of our largest indigenous industry, maintaining 300,000 jobs and exports of €9bn.

Mr Bryan said active, productive farmers in every parish, and of every size and enterprise, would lose 20% or more of their income if the proposals went through.

"With incomes on most farms already at a low level, this robbing Peter-to-pay-Paul, flat-earth policy, will render thousands of our most productive farmers unviable. As the CAP proposals stand, a large proportion of what is taken from productive farmers will be re-distributed to inactive or hobby farmers, most of whom don't depend on farming for a living. Worse still, the more flattening that occurs, the more damage will be done to our ambitions around Food Harvest 2020, said Mr Bryan."



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Forestry a fine fit for Nire livestock farmer

NIRE valley sheep and suckler farmer Bernard O'Grady (pictured right), of Glendalough, Ballymacarbery, has found farm forestry to be a great fit for his farm.

Bernard, who runs a successful sheep flock along with a Simental suckler herd in the picturesque Nire Valley said: "Farm forestry is a great alternative for high and wet marginal land that is not suitable for livestock farming, another plus for forestry is that it has attractive premium and grants and gives a guaranteed income and investment for the future."

He added: "When I looked at farm forestry as an option I knew very little about it but I got great advice from Teagasc

and from Paddy Bruton and his team in Forestry Services Limited (FSL). Once they got involved they were able to advise me on tree variety selection, site fencing, planting and also helped with the paper work and administration which needed to be completed."

In 2009 Bernard planted 18 hectares and has been delighted with how well it has worked out. "I'd like to thank FSL for the fantastic back-up and service they gave him and would definitely recommend farm forestry as an alternative income option for other livestock farmers," he concluded. Visit www.forestryservices.ie to learn more about farm forestry

ICSA urges caution as farms get busy

THE Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association is urging caution as the recent spell of good weather and calving and lambing combine to make farms extremely busy at the moment.

ICSA spokesman on farm safety, John Flynn, said: "With 139,829 active farms in Ireland according to the CSO, it is estimated that around 500,000 people are exposed to health and safety risks while carrying out farm-related activities.

"Last year, 21 people lost their lives on Irish farms.

"Farming will always carry inherent risks and there is no simple solution to the problem, but I would urge farmers to take stock and prioritise farm safety at this busy time of year."

"The majority of on-farm deaths last year resulted from incidents involving farm ma-

chinery and livestock.

"With calving and lambing either underway or about to get underway on the majority of farms, and the good weather leading to an increase in activities such as slurry spreading, I think that statistic is worth noting in particular.

"An increased workload can lead to fatigue and errors that would otherwise have been avoided. In addition, one thing that is always a danger is a cow after calving.

"Farmers need to be extra careful.

"It is not always easy when there is a newborn calf that needs feeding and perhaps we should be looking at rural development funds to provide support for the installation of better calving and handling facilities on farm."

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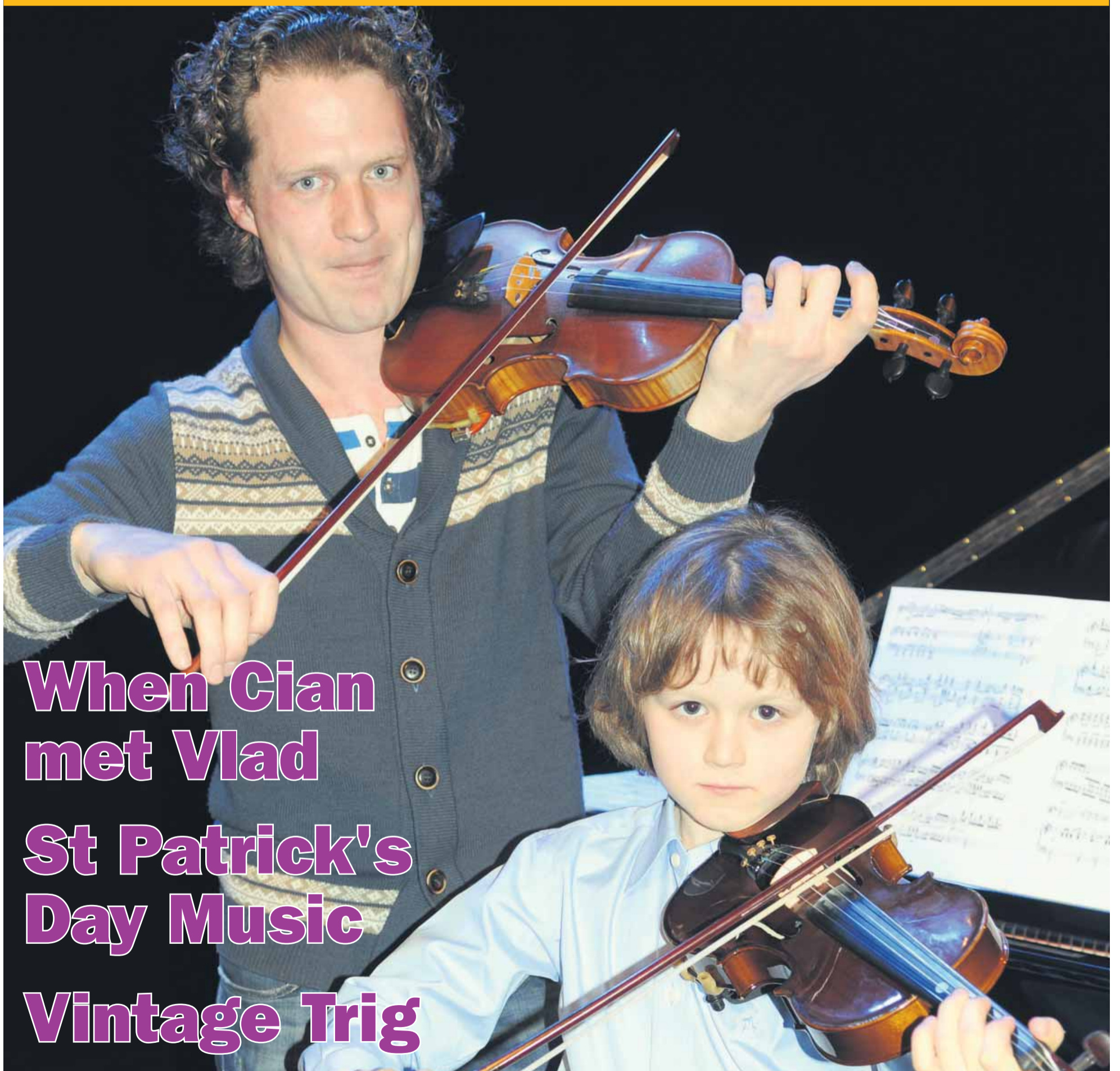
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Body Conscious at WRH

THE Waterford Healing Arts Trust is delighted to present the second in its series of exhibitions entitled 'Body Conscious' on the theme of the body featuring artworks by Susan O'Brien Duffy and Lucia Barnes in Waterford Regional Hospital. The exhibition will open on Thursday 14th March and run until 3rd May.

As one of Ireland's leading arts and health programmes based in Waterford Regional Hospital, the Waterford Healing Arts Trust is concerned with the common ground between the world of health and the world of art, and in this regard, there can be few greater shared concerns than the body.

Dublin born Susan O'Brien Duffy completed a Masters in Fine Art from the National College of Art and Design in 2008.

She works predominantly in the medium of drawing and printmaking but photography is also an important part of her practice.

Susan's artworks are integral to her ongoing practice as a nurse, a position she describes

as 'a ringside seat to life, the living, the dying and the process in between.'

Humour is also an important element in her work.

The images on view in Body Conscious quickly 'delves beneath the surface into imagined spaces, playfully exploring the interior body and possible actions, reactions and interactions that occur through life choices, as we bump off each other in the cluster of environment and situations that consume us.'

Lucia Barnes' artworks look at the body in terms of the 'orchestration of our organs and cells that work in harmony that make our existence in the world possible.'

She approaches her subject matter with a slightly wry perspective in order to creatively explore the concept of disease.

Lucia is a mixed media visual artist living and working in Dublin.

Her art practice has been informed by her experiences with working by both as an artist and a nurse, in diverse



Surgeon with Apple Pie by Lucia Barnes.

environments within the medical world.

She completed her Masters in Fine Art in the National College of Art and Design at Dublin and she has exhibited widely in

Ireland. She has also received a number of commissions and awards.

She is currently artist in residence in the Dialysis Unit at the Adelaide and Meath

Hospital Dublin.

Both artists will talk about their work in a public event in the WHAT Centre for Arts and Health, Waterford Regional Hospital on Thursday 14th

March at 1pm.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Phone 051 842664 for more information or e-mail WHAT@hse.ie



Is it a bird?... Is it a plane?... actually it's a mobile camera unit, captured by Frankie McEvoy filming over Ballybeg last week....

Jam packed kiddies programme

AN ACTION packed programme especially created for young audiences has been unveiled for the third annual Waterford Writers' Weekend, which takes place from March 21 to 24 in Waterford city. On Thursday March 21, opening the weekends events, authors Paul O'Dwyer and Humphrey Jones (pictured) co-authors of 'A Neutron Walks into a Bar' will reveal some fascinating science facts at the Theatre Royal at 10am. This event is for school children only.

On Saturday morning Marie Louise Fitzpatrick, one of Ireland's leading author and illustrators will take to the storytelling chair and offer a free storytelling session to children from 11am to noon at the central Library.

Irish book award-winning



author Anna Carey will host a free teens writing workshop focusing on how to develop character and create a cracking story running from 11am to 1pm. Anna's first book for young adults 'The Real Rebecca', was the winner of the Senior Children's Book of the year prize at the 2011 Irish Book Awards. The sequel 'Rebecca's Rules' was shortlisted for the same prize in 2012.

On Saturday afternoon Marie Louise Fitzpatrick will host a free story-making workshop for children between seven and nine at the Central Library commencing at 2pm.

The Waterford Writers' Weekend also features ticketed workshops and readings with some of Ireland's top authors and publishers and a full programme of free events. In all some thirty-two authors, journalists and bloggers will host readings, writing workshops, debates and discussions for avid readers, novice writers, children and anyone with an interest in the magic of books.

Full details can be found at waterfordwritersweekend.ie and in the festival programme, available in Central Library, Lady Lane and other outlets.

Student exhibition

SECOND year students of Art, Craft & Design at Waterford Adult Education Centre (WAEC) are staging an exhibition in City Library, Lady Lane this week.

The exhibition is organised by the students; it showcases their work over a two year

period in the Art, Craft and Design course, providing an opportunity for family, friends and the general public to view their work in areas such as Painting, Ceramics, Glassware, Combined Materials and Batik.

It provides a valuable learning tool for students to

organise and hold an exhibition as a class, which is mandatory requirement for the Work Experience module.

The work on show in Waterford City Library continues the great traditions of Waterford craft industries such as glass, ceramics and fine art.

The Waterford Adult Education Centre is dedicated to providing quality education and training programmes for the last nineteen years.

The courses are provided free of charge under the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) to unemployed people

who are over 21 years of age and unemployed for six months or more.

Other courses on offer are Information Technology and Business Administration, Fashion Design and Accessories and Interior Design and Decoration.

All the courses are FETAC Level 5 accredited. The courses have been successful in enabling students to further their education and learn new skills as well as providing a platform for entry into third level education, employment or starting their own businesses.

Front page caption: Nine-year-old local boy Cian Fahy got the chance to perform on stage at the Theatre Royal last week with one of his musical heroes - Slovakian violin virtuoso Vladimir Jablkov. See Encore 5 for more.

| Photo: Joe Dalton



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Heading Out

BBC2 have a quirky hit, a Rev type hit, with the new comedy, *Heading Out*, written by and starring Sue Perkins as a closet gay vet who cannot tell her parents and they think she has all sorts of odd male friends.

I loved the wry sense of humour, not laugh out loud stuff but as off-the-wall kinda funny.

The throwaway lines are humorous and it has a great support cast.

There was a running gag about a dead cat that needed instant cremation. Mark Heap was an unctuous crematorium person who told her, they didn't offer a drive-in service.

I presume the title is some sort of pun on *Coming out* but there are no stereotypical gay or lesbian images and in that sense it is a clever scenario.

I hope it survives. The type of humour is typified by the lady whose dog was killed who said "it was good the car was a Toyota Prius, with a better carbon footprint".

Scoop

TG4 have had a good run of original drama in the past two years and the latest *Scup* (Scoop) tells an idealistic story about a Belfast-born journalist who returns from the UK to edit a falling apart Irish language newspaper in Belfast.

Don Wycherly is good as the journalist, and there is good support cast of some of the usual faces.

The plotlines are thin but have a clichéd feel to them and the paper has a cub reporter, a skateboarding young photographer, there's the rival paper and Denis Conway is good as the wheeler-dealer owner, Mr Black.

It should provide fun over the run.

Fright TV

FROM the moment the black bird or raven came down the chimney in ITV's new thriller/chiller series, *Lightfields*, I knew it was the shock horror field.

The expected frights developed, the tricks on the soundtrack, the shadows, the

faces in the mirror.

This could be the out-takes from a previous *Marchlands*, where nothing is as it seems and tv is hung up on this things-that-go-bump, over three generations, and three time frames. You just know, that terrible things happened here and are going to happen again, if someone doesn't put right a great wrong, in the creaky freaky past.

It is amazing how tv can make an empty room seem like a frightfest. Then a floorboard creaks, a ghost plays hide and freak and I can't see myself waiting to have it all explained to me in three weeks time.

Food

NOW Simon Cowell or rather Syco his company has branched out into food, with *Food Glorious Food* on ITV.

Another wannabe show that could be a hot-cross between baking and cheffing.

The ultimate prize is getting your product into Marks and Spencer. Many might wish that Cowell was on the menu, if not on the show. Now there's an idea. A Cowell Roast.

Someone has called it Britain's Got Taste, but this isn't really all that tasteful.

In another sense it's like *Antiques Roadshow*, where people queue for hours to show the recipes their family had during the war.

The horse-tail soup, me Granny washed the soldier's socks in.

Lloyd Grossman is a judge as is the nice on toast, Tom Parker Bowles (more soupy metaphors).

Only the title is show business from *Oliver!*. No doubt the great British public will switch off and this will be an ego that will not rise, a soufflé of flops.

Carol Vorderman is the presenter and even she will know that under 3 million is a floperooey for Simon.

Dragons' Den

RTE1 has three new *Dragons* on its new series on Sunday of *Dragons' Den*.

In a way, the audience interest is now more on whether the *Dragons* will survive the business climate.

Either way this lot are sharper, more direct. Aspirational

talks cut little cloth with these investors.

There was the novelty of a castration gate crush for a farm, where the inventor looked like a cowboy in his hat.

There was a few business after school ideas that got nowhere and a doubtful kids camps in Summer franchise called *Star Camps*, where I think, looking at the local Stage school models, that this idea is not as attractive as the promoter or the investing *Dragons* thought.

Generation Sex

THE RTE2 documentary, *Generation Sex*, has stirred up a bit of controversy, when a Maynooth professor said young people were having to cope with a "tsunami of sexual images and hardcore pornography" at the click of a button.

The programme told how the internet is almost instantaneous and 9 or 10 year olds have access to sites that shocked the parents interviewed.

This was part of the *Reality Bites* series and this time it bit home, with experts explaining how Ireland is on a par with

European experiences.

As the tone was a little sensational, it might put some viewers off, but it has to catch the attention and it cannot show graphic images.

Public Opinion

THERE is some comment on social media sites about the number of people who turned up to protest at the various issues in Waterford recently.

Some say the turnout was poor or magnificent.

Regarding the public reaction to tv shows being axed, no matter how many phone in or Twitter in or write in, the BBC seems to ignore such.

Within a week of announcing the ending of *The Hour*, 13,000 had signed a loyal fan's petition.

BBC axed *Doctor Who Confidential* in 2011 and overnight 14,000 registered their protest online and it grew to 57,000 but the Beeb was not for turning.

In America, public protest saved *Star Trek* twice and *Family Guy* on Fox.

Netflix stepped in and saved *Arrested Development*.

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Casablanca

IT'S time to round up the usual suspects and head to the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 20th March to catch *Casablanca*, one of the all time black & white movie classics.

Filled with laughter, suspense, romance and music, *Casablanca* has come to epitomise the Hollywood studio picture at its best.

For those of you unfamiliar with the plot, its central character is Rick Blaine (Humphrey Bogart), a world weary veteran of the Spanish Civil War, who runs a cafe in the eponymous city under the watchful eye of wily Captain Renault (Claude Rains).

The cafe is a haven for refugees from war torn Europe who are striving to obtain letters of transit to allow them to travel to the USA.

One day, much to Rick's surprise, he is approached by the famed resistance leader Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid) and his wife, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman), Rick's true love who deserted him when the Nazis invaded Paris.

Casablanca must have appeared romantic and nostalgic even in 1942 and now seems like a timeless classic



about the triumph of civilised values in a cruel world.

Prior to the film, join us in the vestibule as we recreate the atmosphere of Rick's Cafe where you can have a flutter at Roulette and Blackjack, courtesy of Crystal Casino

while sipping a complimentary glass of Prosecco accompanied by music from the film played by Des Manahan.

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Jimmy Magee talks writing!

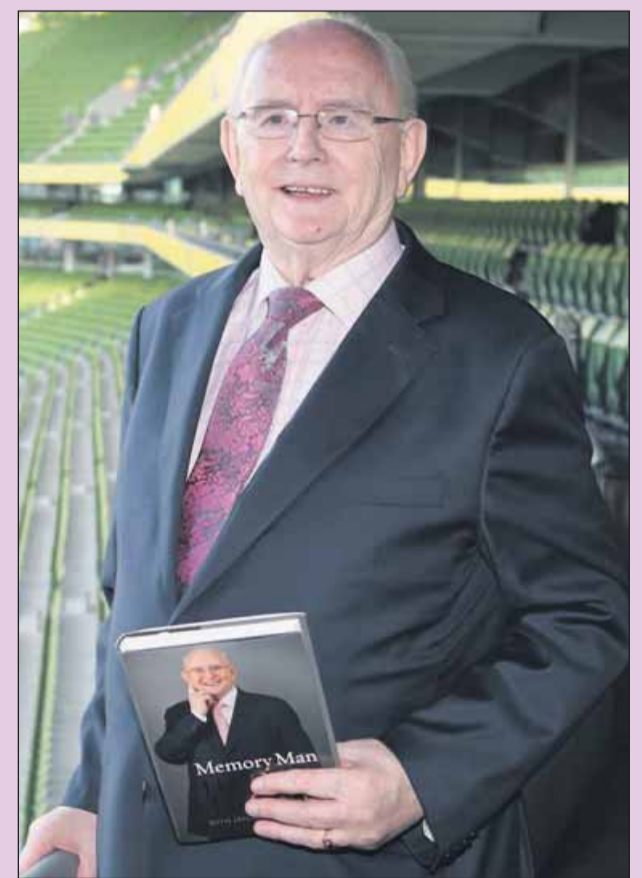
A NOT to be missed Sunday session for all sports fans will take place at the Waterford Writers' Weekend on March 24 when 'The Memory Man' Jimmy Magee takes to the stage at the Medieval Museum where he will be in conversation with Matt Keane.

This sports pundits extraordinary memory for sports trivia has led to his being dubbed 'the memory man'.

At the Writers' Weekend Jimmy will discuss those moments, within his distinguished career, which truly stick in his mind as moments of history in sport.

Full of the great storytelling he is renowned for, *Memory Man* reflects Jimmy's cheery persona but also goes behind that public image to explore difficult times in the broadcaster's life: his father's sudden death which saw him drop out of school to take over as head of the household, the unexpected death of his wife Marie in 1989, the tragic loss of his son Paul to motor neurone disease in 2008.

His varied and much-travelled life, as it evolved, is told in this memoir, including his 11 Olympic Games, 12 FIFA World Cups, 29 European Cup finals, 11 athletics world championships, 30 world



title fights and 10 Tours de France.

Jimmy has witnessed first-hand some of the most important moments in sporting history and has met icons on the world sporting stage, among them Pele, Maradona, George Best and

Lance Armstrong.

Full details of the Waterford Writers' Weekend can be found at waterfordwritersweekend.ie and in the festival programme, available in Central Library, Lady Lane and other outlets.



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Kittser sets the Vibes



THIS Friday on The Terrace of Shortts Bar, City Vibes celebrates its first year of weekly residency and to help them celebrate they've got Irish singer/songwriter David Kitt coming down to spin an All Vinyl Disco Set. Over the past year City

Vibes have built up a great night where people of all ages can go and let loose and dance to all kinds of tunes from classic Disco records like Chic to 90s Anthems like Candi Stanton and all kinds of goodness in between.

If you haven't checked out a City Vibes night yet this coming Friday should not be missed. Residents Daz, Ray C & Jay Ru will kick off proceedings from 10.30, followed by David Kitt's Disco Set. Admission is free.

St Patrick's Day at Crystal



REPUBLIC return to Crystal on Sunday (St. Patrick's Day) with one of the true legends of underground house music scene, Tyrants LEE BURRIDGE. One of the most in demand DJs around, and after many

years of trying to tie down a date for Lee, Sunday will finally see the Waterford debut an excellent DJ / producer. Support on the night comes from Will & Warren. Doors open at 10.30pm & admission is at reduced price

of €12 as AME play on Easter Sunday March 31st. Recently confirmed for Re:Publik are Germany's M.A.N.D.Y for May Bank Holiday Sunday. More information on these gigs next week.

Experiencing Pink Floyd

PINK Floyd fans are in for a treat on Saturday 16th March when the Theatre Royal plays host to one of the UK's top Tribute Bands, "UK Pink Floyd Experience". The 9-piece "UK Pink Floyd Experience" replicates the line up of the full live Pink Floyd touring band of the late 80's and 90's. With state-of-the-art sound and a spectacular light

show, the aim is to perfect the atmosphere of the great Pink Floyd in concert! Songs from "Dark Side of The Moon" through to "Division Bell" are featured, so fans of all ages will find something from their "era"! The 9 band members are all seasoned musicians and include a choreographed and costumed three girl backing

vocal section. Lead vocalist and guitarist Paul Andrews fronts the band and has a voice that is remarkably similar to David Gilmour's. Paul has worked hard to perfect his vocal delivery aiming to replicate every nuance and intonation used by Mr Gilmour. Needless to say, he can play guitar a bit too!



Members of Propeller Palms & Solar Taxi at the launch of Forum Waterford's Dayripper 2013 3-day music festival, which take place at the Bolton Street car park on Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June.

Roadhouse Doors

"KEEP your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel" as the Roadhouse Doors bring their explosive audio-visual live tribute show back to the Forum Venue this Saturday, 16th March. The Roadhouse Doors are Ireland's best and most authentic tribute to legendary LA rockers

The Doors, and have been rocking venues and wowing Doors fans all over the country for a couple of years now. Doors are at 11.30pm and after some classic 60/70s rock to set the scene (Hendrix/Stones/Who/Dylan/Byrds/Zepplin/etc), the lads will take to the stage at midnight for a 2 hour set.

12noon on Tuesday is the deadline for placing ads in *The Munster Express*.
To book your spot, call
051 500 100 now



Voci Ladies Choir will hold a Table Quiz in the Cove Bar on Thursday 21st March at 8pm. Table of 4 €20. Cash prizes for winners, raffle and spot prizes.

Dream come true for Cian

A SOCIAL media message prompted Vladimir Jablokov, the Slovakian violin virtuoso to invite nine year old Cian Fahy to perform with him on stage at the Theatre Royal.

Last year Cian attended "Vladimir's Viennese Christmas" show, which featured all the members of the musically gifted Jablokov family and was inspired by the violinist.

On learning that Vladimir was returning to Waterford with his sister Olga for a special run of concerts celebrating the magical chemistry of the violin and piano, he asked if they could meet up and play together!

His wish was granted when the trio performed Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter in front of a live audience at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday night last.

"It is great to be able to offer support and encourage young people to play music" reported Jablokov. Cian has studied violin for three years with Fintan Scanon and is also a member of the WIT Budding Bows Chamber Orchestra.

While the choice between a career as a famous soccer player and musician is a tough call for any nine year old boy, he says playing with Vladimir has inspired him to practice a little bit more!

Irish audiences are no stranger to Vladimir.

He has built a loyal and dedicated following since he arrived in Ireland in 2004.

Whether playing with the Slovak Festival Orchestra, Classical Twist or The Jablokov Family, his scintillating style of play in any genre of music has thrilled audiences nationwide. Vladimir is delighted to announce that he will be the opening act for Il Divo's two concerts at the O2 Dublin on Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd of April.

Sandy Kelly as Patsy Cline

SANDY Kelly will perform the 50th Anniversary Concert of Patsy Cline at the Theatre Royal on Friday 15th March at 8pm.

The 50th Anniversary Concert features the star of the original West End Production Sandy Kelly and her musicians in a non stop evening of hits.

The evening will include all of Patsy Cline's biggest hits including Crazy, I Fall To Pieces, Blue Moon of

Kentucky, Your Cheatin' Heart, After Midnight, Sweet Dreams, San Antone Rose and many many more.

"It was my pleasure to sing with my favourite female artist, Sandy Kelly.

"In America she has been Ireland's greatest ambassador". **Johnny Cash**

"Sandy Kelly is, in my opinion, one of the top 15 female artists in the world". **Willie Nelson.**



Cassiopeia Winds

FIVE wind instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn) in an Irish Wind Quintet, called after Cassiopeia, the W-shaped constellation of five bright stars.

Under the sparkling Waterford Crystal chandeliers in Waterford's 18th century Large Room, Cassiopeia Winds will give a taste of the kind of music originally played in that Georgian Ballroom. This concert takes place on Thursday, 18th March.

Besides Franz Danzi's classical masterpiece, 20th century pieces for wind quintet will sound with the graceful

wit of Jacques Ibert, the symphonic grandeur of Carl Nielsen, Paul Hindemith's lean, chic neo-classicism and Malcolm Arnold's catchy, sensitive humour.

Cassiopeia Winds consists of leading players from RTE's National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland and its Concert Orchestra, as well as the Crash Ensemble: Catriona Ryan (flute), Matthew Manning (oboe), Deirdre O'Leary (clarinet), John Hearne (bassoon) and Cormac ÓhAodáin (horn).

For more information, visit: www.waterford-music.org and www.windquintet.ie

Go Grease Lightnin'

THE Grease and Dirty Dancing Show will be on stage at the Theatre Royal on 17th March.

Showcasing all of the songs from both hit movies, this all singing, all dancing show will have you out of your seat from start to finish.

Performed by 4 leading singers/dancers from London's West End and supported by a live band, this show brings the West End right to your doorstep!

Put on your dancing shoes, maybe even your 'Pink Ladies' outfit or 'T-Birds' leather jacket.

If Dirty Dancing is more your bag, then sit back and have ... The Time of Your Life!!

St Patrick's Day Arrangements

COMERAGHS Comhaltas will be helping out with the entertainment on Saturday night (16th) in Dungarvan when the St Patrick's Weekend festivities kick off with open air entertainment and a firework display.

Branch children and young adult Musicians and Dancers will perform on stage in Grattan Square before the Parade in Dungarvan on Sunday.

To those taking part - meet up in the Square at 2pm.

Branch hoodies and jackets can be worn, but most importantly, dress warmly for the weather!

Keep an eye out for the Comeraghs Comhaltas float during the parade itself.

Hopefully the paint will have dried by Sunday and the colourful decorations will have been strategically placed to accessorise the Musicians and Dancers on board!

The traditional St Patrick's Day session will take place as usual in Lawlor's Hotel immediately after the parade.

This year, the gang have organised a lively céili for the youngsters as part of this family session - just the thing to get the blood flowing after an hour or two of standing watching the parade.

This is usually a lovely social event, and everyone is invited!

As we plan on being utterly exhausted by the end of the day, you can understand and forgive us for cancelling the

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usual Sunday night session on St Patrick's night.

We'll be back again the following Sunday (24th) at our now earlier time of 6pm.

Scór Encore

IF YOU haven't been following Scór Encore on TG4 (Sunday nights 8pm), there is still plenty of time to get hooked!

An X-Factor for Irish music, Scór Encore has it all - colour, competition and plenty of drama!

The 3 Judges (Roy Galvin, Méav Ní Mhaolchatha and Aindrias De Staic) are cast in the expected roles of good guy, bad guy and nice girl in the middle who keeps the peace.

Having said that, the standard of the competing acts is incredibly high, with young Musicians, Dancers and Singers delivering impressive and professional performances week on week.

In these early rounds, seven of the eight acts are sent home in every episode.

Each judge selects two acts for immediate elimination before voting for his or her favourite of the two remaining acts to go through to the quarter-final.

In a nationwide competition, Comeraghs Comhaltas are extremely well represented with branch members making up two of the acts in the first rounds - the O'Keefe brothers from Lismore, and the Mannion and O'Gorman group from Colligan/Tourneena.

We won't get to see how the lads fare until weeks 7 and 8, but in the meantime, we'll continue to clock in every Sunday for the fabulous entertainment (and to keep an eye on the competition!).

Charity Variety Concert

COMERAGHS Comhaltas are organising a fundraising concert in aid of the Ryan & Ethan Medical Fund and Dungarvan No Name Club on Friday April 5th in the Town Hall Theatre at 8.30pm.

Special guests include the renowned and hugely talented tin whistle player Mary Bergin and (in)famous local comedians Bachelors in Trouble.

Tickets for the concert cost €10 and will be available shortly from various venues around town.



Mary Bergin will perform at the charity fundraiser concert for the Ryan and Ethan Appeal and Dungarvan NoName Club which is being organised by Comeraghs Comhaltas on April 5th.

From Drag To Trad

THE national holiday is once again upon us and Dignity Bar on John Street has lined up a weekend of top class entertainment to help celebrate it in style.

On Friday night the star of X Factor 2013, Rylan Clark will take to the stage to entertain the masses.

Tickets are still on sale from Dignity at €15 but they are selling fast so get yours now.

Also on the night there is support from various acts including a tribute to the recent Golden Globe and Oscar winner, Adele and Cork's Got Talent winner

Lorraine McCarthy with the winner of Dignity has The X Factor Dean O'Sullivan will also appear with DJ Duggan playing all the best of 80's and chart until late.

This will possibly be one of the best nights ever held in Dignity so don't miss your chance to be part of it.

On Saturday night The Saturday Show will as usual be hosted by Charmin with special guest Dusty Flaps belting out the tunes in a Celebrate Ireland themed show with DJ Duggan playing all the best of hits until late.

Dignity are going down the

alternative route this year for their St Patrick's Day celebrations.

Hosted by Demi de Whore with special guests Kiki St. Clair and Galway's finest harpist Hary O'Mara followed by local traditional band '3 for the road' playing all the best of Irish to celebrate the occasion.

There will also be Ribs and Colcannon served on the day, with the bar open from 3pm with in house DJ's playing all the best of Chart and Irish till late.

For more information check out www.dignitybar.com



Rylan Clark

Set dancing news

Coming up this St Patricks Weekend...

Kilkenny Tradfest 15th-18th March

Sat 16th:

River Court Hotel, Kilkenny workshop with Gerard Butler 12-3pm

Springhill Hotel, Kilkenny Music by Tim Joe & Anne. Contact Declan Doocey 9pm-12am.

Sunday 17th:

Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny music

by the Annaly ceili band at 9pm - Declan Doocey

Set Dancing displays also over the weekend..

Mooncoin Ceili

Friday 22nd March 2013

Music by the popular duo Ger Murphy & Ken Cotter at 9.30pm. Contact Bronagh Murphy.

Ceili in Kilmacow Community Centre

Friday 5th April 2013

Music by the Johnny Reidy Ceili Band at 9.30pm. Contact Mary Phelan

Live music every Monday night in Dooleys Hotel Waterford with the **Waterford Comhaltas Ceili Band** under the watchful eye of Martin Forristal. Always a great night.

Sean Nos Classes

Sean Nos classes are due to recommence in Waterford City

in after St Patricks Day in the Roanmore Centre.

Date will be confirmed next week. Existing Class members will be contacted by phone before the date. Any interested new members should contact Bronagh on 087-6891497 after 6pm. *A very Happy St Patricks Day to dancers everywhere.*

Notes for inclusion: contact Mary Murphy on 051-873851 or email marysetdancing@hotmail.com.

Mary Murphy

Concert amongst Friends

THE Friends of Waterford Regional Hospital will host a fundraising concert in aid of a number of projects at the Sacred Heart Church, The Folly on 22nd March.

Performers on the night include Vanessa Whelan, the Barrack Street Band, WAMA guitar class, James O'Halloran & Comp, the Edmund Rice Choral & Musical Society, Amish Choir, Hooks & Crooks and

the WRH choir.

Funds will go to a number of causes within the hospital, including the new Neo Natal unit, Cystic Fibrosis rooms, the delivery suite and Paeds unit.

Tickets can be purchased from Theresa Guiry, at Outpatients at the Hospital at ext 2625, City Square Jewellery Repairs, Fitzgerald's Menswear and the Book Centre.



Liam Murphy
reports

Hey, Mr. Director!

CORK Opera House celebrated and honoured Bryan Flynn with a special - a memorably special - concert to acknowledge his considerable contribution to musical theatre and show spectacle with Hey, Mr Director!. For more than ten years Bryan Flynn has brought raw talent, inspiration and intuition, along with a whirlwind of energy to Cork and this celebration was heartfelt and overwhelming, as a cast of stars and emerging stars did what Bryan Flynn does best - entertain.

During the afternoon, I kept meeting Waterford people down for the event, and there was such a buzz in and around the venue.

Earlier, I visited the Tribute sculpture to Rory Gallagher in Paul Street to pay my respects on his birthday. Words from his songs are part of the guitar sculpture and the line "Don't paint it all so sadly", seemed very apt on the day.

It was such a pleasure and honour to be greeted by Bryan Flynn inside the foyer at Cork Opera House. I have been lucky to attend some of his greatest moments and this was special.

With the work he has done in Waterford, in Cork and throughout Ireland he has defined and redefined the passion and energy of musical theatre. His Michael Collins is a triumph, as was his early composition, Pentimenti and his fun collaboration, All Star Wars. The work he did at Christmas on the Opera House panto, Alice In Wonderland, starring Michael Joseph, was a major advance in theatrical entertainment and spectacle.

The tribute concert opened with a selection from Jesus Christ Superstar with Irene Warren in emotional form with Derek Collins as Judas and Robert Vickers as Jesus, and his Gethsemane, soared into the heavens. Michael Sands, Carol Anne Ryan and Donna Roche delighted in The Sound Of Music and Cara O'Sullivan shone out with Climb Every Mountain.

The Oliver! extract was so emotional with Bryan and Irene's son, Ben as Oliver in a beautiful, Where Is Love? Love was in the opera house, it hung in the air, it enriched the heart and soul, it sustained hope, it brought tears, it flowed through the audience and company. It is

Between the Lines

Liam Murphy casts an eye on the local Theatre Scene
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moments like this, when love changes everything. Rebecca Smith sang As Long As He Needs Me, and it was poignant and relevant. The many children onstage came from the cream of Cork stage schools.

Andrew Holden as Enjolras led the house in the powerful singing of, The People's Song from Les Miserables (Andrew has the honour of being the only performer onstage to have been in all three of Bryan Flynn's original musicals). Killian Donnelly was a video link, as he sang Suddenly, the new song from the movie, just for Bryan, who was in the middle of the stalls with Ben Hennessy.

Ben Flynn was Gavroche and Irene Warren was luminous with I Dreamed A Dream. During the first half Richie Hayes - a Doyle St. and De La Salle boyhood friend and compatriot of Bryan - spoke of their association and panto legend Frank Mackey debunked the Flynn magic in uproariously deprecating style.

The second half exploded with Mambo and Alex Sharpe as Anita and Eimear McCarthy as Rosalie from West Side Story. Ellie Mullane made Somewhere take on a positive note. New work by another composer, Paul Redmond, who wrote The Promise, was saluted with David Hayes on keyboard, and the extract from All Star Wars, written by Bryan Flynn and Kevin McCormack with arrangements by David Hayes, rocked the house. Trevor Ryan was an hilarious priest with Lynda Gough, Andrew Holden, Gillian Storan, Yvonne Cronin, Michael Joseph and the amazing Richie Hayes were in wonderful form.

Bryan's brother David provided an emotional Anthem from Chess via video link and the extract from Michael Collins was like a thunder clap of emotion, with Yvonne Cronin, Eoin Cannon, Bronwyn Andrews, Lynda Gough, Michael Grennell, Derek Collins and Irene Warren, Flying The Flag for Bryan Flynn.

The ovation washed like an outburst of emotion, a wonderful tribute, a celebration for Bryan Flynn, who stood and applauded, and the drama goes on.

Maria Young, Michael Sands, Killian Collins and Trevor Ryan devised the tribute and celebration.

West Side Story

CARRICK on Suir Musical Society celebrated 70 years in existence by putting on their 100th production. Liam Butler's production of West Side Story was a triumph of musical theatre and a tribute to the founders and performers and all who make up a proud community. This large cast musical is very difficult to put on as it needs a strong

male contingent and stylish choreography that makes great demands on a company. Carrick delivered and well deserved the plaudits of sold-out houses and rapturous standing ovations.

Liam Butler's direction was precise and detailed as it delivered the social climate of racial tension, discrimination, a sickening hatred and an uplifting love story, that rose powerfully and beautifully out of a careful exploration of the text and score, with a powerhouse musical direction from Fergal Carroll. Patricia Woods achieved a detailed choreography and Liam Butler's powerful staging, set the action for a superb production and an, at times, electrifying experience.

The doomed love story of Tony and Maria is the central focus of this show and Michael Raggett was a wonderful Tony. He looked good, moved well and sang like a hero. You believed he could change the world and that his love for Maria would survive. Louise Mulcahy was sublime as Maria and there was a trusting innocence at the heart of her performance. Her Ballet with Tony was beautiful and One Hand One Heart was such a prefiguring duet. Somewhere was so hopeful that you wanted it to be so - 'hold my hand and we're halfway there'. Their work in the Finale was heartrendingly beautiful.

Dermot Keyes was menacing and authoritative as Bernardo, with a performance Joe Mantegna would have been proud of. He got inside the skin of this part and drove the hatred home just as hard and as viscerally as Bobby Landers did as Action who bristled with rage and hatred. Ray Nolan was strong as Chino and Matthew Williams shone as Riff. Jamie Power was intense as A-Rab and Amy Walsh delighted as Anybodys.

Padraig Sheehan gave a towering performance as the bigoted Lt Shrank and Fergus Power as Doc and Seamus Power as Gladhand balanced that hatred with compassion and detail.

Sandra Power as Anita soared over all others with a superb performance full of stillness and pent-up anger. What a performance in a quality show. The girls were so impressive in, America, and the guys lit up the stage for, The Rumble and, Gee Officer Krupke.

Time and again, the emotion surged across this stage and it cut into the audience who channelled it and amplified it. The detailed Finale and curtain call were a catharsis of feelings that resonated deeply in me.

The Bluebell Stop

I MUST praise Denise Quinn for her performance in her

own work, a two-hander with Damien McDonnell, The Bluebell Stop, at Garter Lane Arts Centre. I praise the clever way she led an audience up the garden path or out the Luas line, with two separate narratives that carried an audience along, with lots of wry humour and a gentle, almost old fashioned Maeve Binchy style of story, of two plain unexceptional people, Martin and Anita growing up and having average lives until their worlds join at the Bluebell stop. Then the amiable story darkens and traps the audience into a story that you would in one sense not want to hear, but in the theatre, not want to miss either.

The way the 'reveal' or 'twist of fate' is achieved is a clever example of control in the deceptive direction by Joe Meagher. Then there was not just the emotion of two narratives being derailed, but the double whammy of not one but two blue teddybears.

For over eighty minutes this was just two wry monologues; of Anita and her Civil Service exploits in Revenue and the hazardous business of school bullies, rural nuns, sex on legs and a randy tadpole of a man. A visit to a fortune teller and an hilarious friend Pearl who has notions of elderly Viscounts, and four suitors, PJ, AJ, CJ, and JJ (one wants to fit in, doesn't one). This alternates on a separate set with Martin in a bedsit, telling his adventures with the Russell family, Jack the father and Bulldog and Poodle, the sons.

At times Damien McDonnell was almost monotonous, until he found love with Angela and their consummation in Wynn's Hotel, with the birth of twin girls and a beautiful boy, who had a blue teddybear that they left at the Bluebell stop on the Luas, where Anita found it and how it helped her release the howls of rage and bewilderment at the death of her husband.

Then Martin's son, the baby, is diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable cancer and his marriage falls apart as he travels up and down the Luas, looking for his lost hopes and nurtured dreams. I was held like the audience in a web of sadness, almost in tears as the loss of expectation was imaged by not one but by two blue teddybears.

What a powerful ending to a wonderful piece of theatre.

Micheal O'Rourke

WATERFORD Music hosted a novel piano recital by the wonderful Micheal O'Rourke and the American Stephen Ackert showed slides from the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC with a Debussy Prelude and developing into Mussorgsky's Pictures at an

Exhibition, this was a night to remember. A special occasion.

Ackert introduced the choice of paintings and gave a brief slide show before O'Rourke took to the piano. It took me a while to settle into listening and watching and I kept wondering why this choice or that choice. I loved the mix of art styles, especially a fragmented, kite study entitled, Wind, by David Hockney, to suit, The Wind on the Plain, mixed with trees bending in a gale as turbulent passages of music, blew images hither and tither. A painting, Footsteps in the Snow suited the somber stark, lonely music that was tentative and plaintive.

The images of The Submerged Cathedral, slipped away from me and I kept thinking of Jim Webb's, McArthur Park, 'melting in the dark'

Mussorgsky composed, Pictures in an Exhibition as an elegy or tribute to a dead artist friend, Victor Alexandrovich Hartmann, but many of the Hartmann pictures that inspired the work are not available. Ackert made excellent choices to accompany this wonderful piano piece. A series of repeating Promenades introduced the musical sequences and O'Rourke showed his virtuoso style to admirable effect here.

The stately notes gave way to a going into that good night of death and sadness. I loved the fear in the, With the Dead and the Language of the Dead, sequence, where the visual image was skull hovering over a writing figure. The Russian folktales of the Baba Yaga (The Witch), had great dramatic tone and the music built up into the dramatic bell tones in The Great Gate of Kiev, painted by Hartmann but never built. The music matched the impressive arched Gate and this alternated with images of Russian ikons (icons) with peaceful tones gathering into an elegiac hammering of bells.

For an encore Micheal O'Rourke surpassed himself with the atmospheric, Fireworks by Debussy.

Art in Dungarvan

THE Old Market House Arts Centre in Dungarvan has a trio of artists on view and there is much to savour and enjoy. Seeders by Corina Duyn and Pascale De Connick and a striking set of Oils on Canvas by Mary Tritschler typify what I like about this gallery. Her wild and open canvases, full of sky and landscape, angry skies, slashes and splashes of paint in turmoil and catching the moment, before the artist scrapes back to an atmospheric vision. There is a coastal wildness in Tritschler's work that suits the location. Heart soul and eye are in her work.

Seeders is a much more

thoughtful set of tapestries, installations and nature sculptures. Corina Duyn is the author of some exceptional books, that tell of her struggles in an elemental world in, Hatched. The sculpture work exemplifies her work in wonderful, children's fiction where people and creatures fit snugly into a landscape of place and imagination. De Connick takes a more detailed look at the role of the hand in the making of art. The collaboration works well and would attract family visitors. This is a fine exhibition full of nature and wonder.

On a more critical note, I was there for the opening and there was no printed sheet or information to take away. If the Dungarvan arts are to merge or take over with the conjoining of City and County authorities, I hope Dungarvan are not calling the shots, if a photocopier is beyond them.

Joe Harney

MUSICIAN/composer Joe Harney aka Deaf Joe was the featured performer for the March, Music at the Museum lunchtime concert. He used to play in a local band Deaf Animal Orchestra and his work is meditative, rather than easy listening. From the programme presented on keyboards and guitar with Peter Vogelaar on double bass, this is a young man who does not fall into an easy category. He is not particularly interested in lyrical or meaningful words and his style is to elongate vowel sounds, more for the soundscape than in the cognitive sense.

He rambled on in a pleasant fashion and he knows he is not in the performing/entertaining business. He could be part of the laptop digital sampling world, living between headphones and soundscapes. I could see why he is attracted to sound designing; last year he designed sound on Red Kettle's production of, Beyond The Brooklyn Sky.

On this showing his influences are a nod toward John Martyn and, curiously, Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys. His languid style of elongating vowels so that 'alright' has six or seven vowel sounds, is pleasing. At times it was like eavesdropping on a sound composer mixing and sampling a honey drone in a mellow drome.

I got the impression that he would be happier being described as an ambient music composer. Not a lunchtime act but definitely not a piano bar style and his closing choice of The Beach Boys, God Only Knows, spoke more eloquently than he did.

THE SWEET & LOWDOWN Kilmacthomas and playwright

Tom O'Brien

Michelle Clancy
Arts and Entertainment Editor

KILMACTHOMAS native Tom O'Brien is a full time writer and playwright whose theatrical biopics include the likes of Patrick Kavanagh, Liam Clancy, Shane Gowan and the Pecker Dunne, to name but a few. He now resides in Hastings, East Sussex UK.

Tom's first book, *Confessions Of An Altar Boy*, recounts his early life in Waterford; his childhood memories remain a constant source of inspiration in his work.

"From open-air stage dancing at Carroll's Cross to the threshing machine lumbering up Ballyhussa boreen as it headed for one of the nearby farms; the blackberry-man calling to collect the blackberries from my mother; or dazzling rabbits with the Kiersey brothers on windy winter nights... the stories tell it like it was - warts and all."

"I was born in Balyhussa, Kilmacthomas and went to school at Newtown, across the Mass-path.

"Some of my earliest memories are of eating raw turnips on the way home... not solely because of hunger, I liked the taste as well!"

"My father worked in the Tannery in Portlaw for over forty years. I can remember him cycling on his 'high nellie' in hail, rain and snow.

"I finished with primary school before I was thirteen and then spent another two years going to the 'Tech in Portlaw, where we made shoe boxes and coat racks by the dozen, learned all about dovetail joints and made glue from boiled cow-hooves.

"In between times, a willowy lady taught us the rudiments of bookkeeping. Neither pastime subsequently did me much good."

There followed spells of working at Flahavans Mills in Kilmacthomas and at the Tannery in Portlaw, during which period he helped form *The Royal Dukes Showband*.

"All the towns in the region prided themselves on their bands: Dungarvan had *The Royal Aces*, Carrick-on-Suir the *Premier Aces*, Thurles *The Cossacks*, Waterford *Brendan Bowyer* and *The Royal Showband*.

"I played bass guitar (badly) and the band played all over the south of the country - as far afield as *Barry's Hotel* in Dublin.

"A crash from my Honda motorcycle affected my playing and shortly before my nineteenth birthday I was on the boat-train for London."

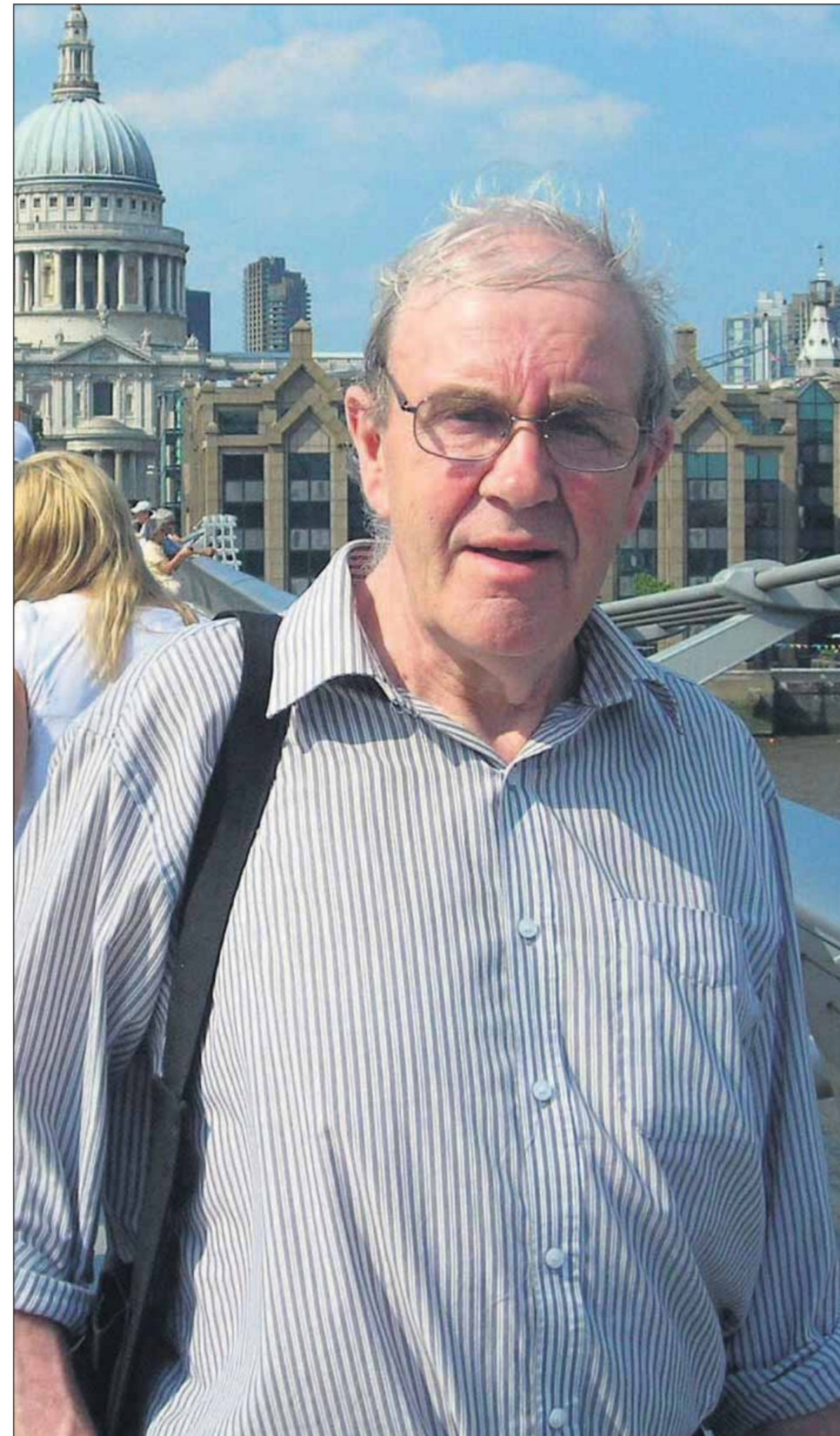
It was a journey that was to keep him to-ing and fro-ing between the two islands, 'like a yo-yo', not ever really sure where home lay.

"Living in London was like being transported to another planet so different was it from rural Waterford; if the Sixties were 'swinging' then London was in orbit!"

"Twiggy, Jean Shrimpton, Camaby Street, *The Beatles*, Minis (mechanical and sartorial) *Mods*, *Rockers*... you name it, all life was there.

"Incidentally, they call it the *Swinging 'Sixties*. Well, the only swinging I ever did was a 14-pound hammer or a pickaxe for *MacAlpine*.

"If you were Irish, there was *The Galtymore Club* in



Tom O'Brien.

Cricklewood, *The Buffalo* in Camden Town, *The Gresham* in Holloway Road, the *32 Club* in Harlesden, and the *Banba* in Kilburn (where hungover Paddies sobered up on a Sunday afternoon at the tea dance).

"And pubs galore, with such weird and wonderful names as *The Black Lion*, *The Rifle and Volunteer*, *The Case Is Altered*...

In Ballyhussa, Tom had

grown up with **Vince Power (once owner of *The Mean Fiddler* organisation) and the two of them formed an even closer relationship in London, he recalls.**

"Rooming together, working together, we eventually started a second-hand furniture business in Harlesden.

"This was to prove the stepping stone to Vince's meteoric rise - hard to predict

then - when a few months previously he had been best man at my wedding, wearing a suit borrowed from his brother-in-law."

Tom worked for more than thirty years in the construction industry, as a welder and, latterly, as a carpenter.

He did return to Ireland in the late 70s and worked on the *Alean* project on *Aughinish Island*, West

native Tom O'Brien is a full time writer based in the UK



The cast from Tom's play *Oliver Cromwell's Tour Of Ireland*, which was performed in modern dress at the *London Irish Theatre*.

Limerick, where he resided for a number of years.

He began writing about twenty years ago and his first book, *Confessions Of An Altar Boy*, about his early life in Waterford, became a best seller in Waterford when it was first published in 2002.

The film rights were later purchased by *One In The Eye Films*.

"Unfortunately we are still waiting for the film to be made! The book has been updated and is now available as an ebook, under the title, *The Shiny Red Honda*. It is available at www.smashwords.com.

"My first play was *Money From America*, which broke the box office records at the *Tabard Theatre* in West London and had the *Irish Post* critic telling his readers they should be queuing round the block to see it, which was great.

"My most successful play so far has been *On Raglan Road*, a play about the life

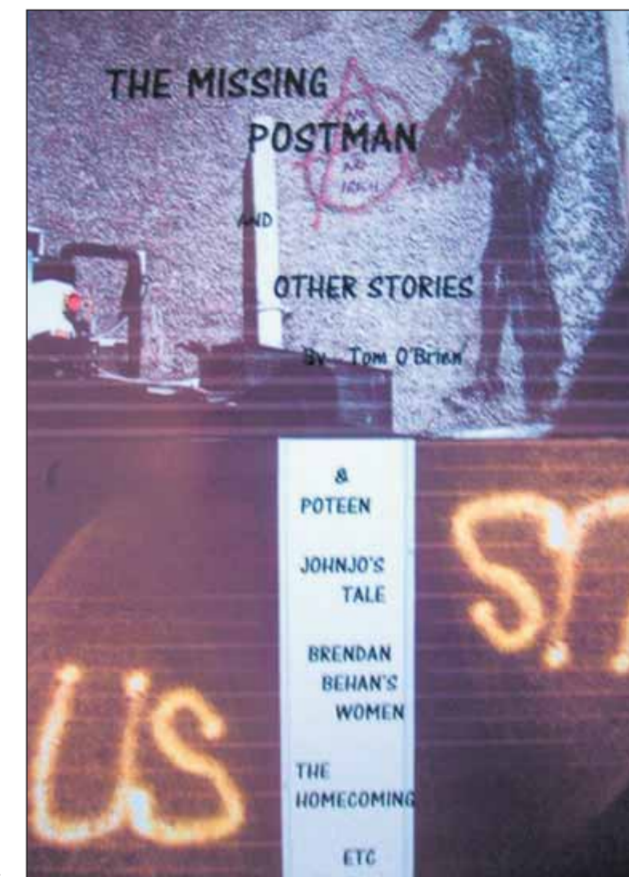
and times of the Irish poet *Patrick Kavanagh*, which toured Ireland successfully several times and has also been performed in London, New York, Florida and Canada.

"Most recently, my musical titled *Kathy Kirby - Icon* (about 1960's singer *Kathy Kirby*, who was dubbed the *British Marilyn Monroe*) sold out its short run at the *Camden Fringe Festival* last autumn, collecting several 5* reviews along the way.

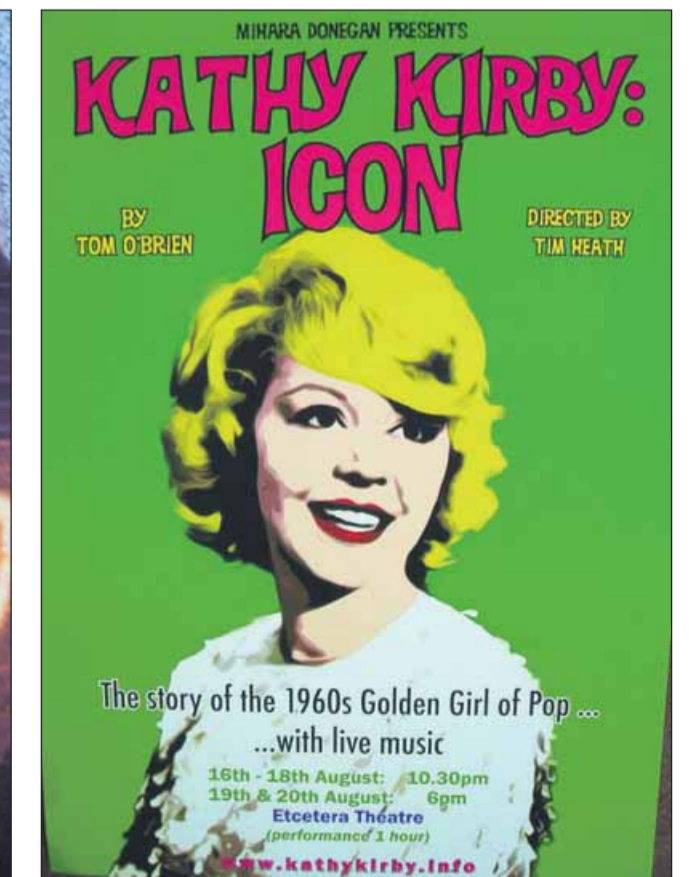
"I've just completed another musical biography, *Pecker Dunne - Last of the Travellers*, which is now available to theatres/producers.

"I have yet to work with theatres in Ireland but I am hopeful of rectifying that this year, as *Stagemad Theatre* are hoping to produce *I'll Tell Me Ma*, a play about the early life of *Liam Clancy*, at the *Brewery Lane Theatre* later this year. Watch this space....

For more on the work of Tom O'Brien, see www.smashwords.com



Cover of ebook *The Missing Postman and Other Stories*.



Poster for *Kathy Kirby: Icon*



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Joyce... like never before



Performed by Katie O'Kelly, Joyced is written by Donal O'Kelly, the author of the critically acclaimed plays Catalpa, Bat The Father, Rabbit The Son and The Cambria.

Joyced! is a tour-de-force tour of Joycean Dublin.

It is an exciting whirlwind odyssey through people, personalities, places, events in the year 1904, which Joyce would make famous in Ulysses.

The story is told through the eyes of JoJo, a stallholder in Dublin Rathmines' market. In her unique way she depicts the people who were of most importance to James Joyce: his father and his cronies, Oliver St John Gogarty, John McCormack and of course Nora Barnacle herself.

A Whirlwind Love Affair, Gunfire, Music, Rejection, Flight, Boater Hats...James Joyce like you've never seen him before

ONE of the big Irish success stories at Edinburgh 2012, with a nomination for Best Solo Performance Award, Joyced! by Donal O Kelly celebrates the work of Joyce for the St Patrick's Weekend at Garter Lane Theatre on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March at 8pm.



Ho Chi Minh meets David Hennessy, director of South Eastern Theatre Group's upcoming production of Miss Saigon at the Theatre Royal (David is the one on the left). With set design by Dermot Quinn and an excellent cast, this production is sure to be a sell-out. It runs Monday 25th March to Saturday 30th March nightly.

ERCMS Notes

REHEARSALS are almost finalised for our participation in a Concert on Friday March 22nd in aid of the Friends of Waterford Regional Hospital, which will be held in The Sacred Heart Church, The Folly.

Tickets can be had from any FWRH Members, or on the door on the night.

The cost is only €10 and as it is for a very worthy cause, it is well worth the money.

Vanessa Whelan is the main performer, as well as many

choirs and musicians from the city.

Our final rehearsal for this event will be on Thursday 21st March at 7:45pm; unfortunately as a result, we will not be in a position to participate in the Voici Table Quiz, and we wish them every success with this event.

Five members attended the show "Mr. Director" in Cork recently. This was a brilliantly produced show to honour our own Bryan Flynn.

We were delighted to see

him in such good form, meeting everyone, making everyone welcome, and addressing the audience so eloquently for about twenty minutes.

We wish him good health and lots more success.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends near, dear and far a very Happy St. Patrick's Day, and being on a Sunday will add to the possibility of being able to attend the various activities in the city.



Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society Chairman Martin Morrissey makes a special presentation to Tom Power, the only surviving performer from the Society's very first show, 'HMS Pinafore' back in 1944.

| Photography: Denis Barry



Louise Mulcahy (Maria) and Sandra Power (Anita) on stage at Carrick's Strand Theatre last week in Carrick-on-Suir Musical Society's 'West Side Story'.



Resistance to Dye for!!!

Hi Colm,
I have been dyeing my hair for years now, but lately it has started to not take the colour at the roots, which are getting greyer, and my colour is now getting too dark on the ends!
What can I do about this problem? Is there a home colour I can use to solve this?
Rosemary, Hillview.

Hi Rosemary,
It sounds like your grey (white hair) has started to become resistant to some colourants.

This is quite common but must be treated professionally in a salon.

The dark colour would first need to be removed from the ends, and then a professional colourant suitable for resistant grey hair would be applied.

This is why we train for so many years. So go ahead and treat yourself, have it done professionally!

Keep your questions coming to info@colmmorrissey.ie.

Check out our website: www.colmmorrissey.ie



Once upon a time, there was a girl. She loved dresses and shoes and spent her days dressing up women for special occasions...



In her new weekly column, Agnes Stencil of Vintage Trig, Michael Street, Waterford www.vintage trig.com (facebook.com/vintage trig) is out and about in the city spotting local fashionistas. This week, she introduces some of Waterford's Fashion Bloggers



Bee Hayden, 18 years old
Blog: <http://colloquialclothing.blogspot.ie>

Tell us a little bit about yourself and your blog.

I'm an English and Theology student in WIT. I'm interested in street style fashion and I'm enjoying spotting people with an unusual sense of style. I started the blog in September last year and I blog about clothing haul, inspiration photos. I also review purchases and shops.

What is your personal style?

My style is indie grunge, I wear a lot of dark colours and check patterns. I love wearing boots all year around.

Your must have purchase for Spring/Summer will be...?

A pair of baroque print trousers!

Favourite places to shop?

Topshop, H&M, Republic

I can't leave my house without..

My watch, scarf and make up.

Bee is wearing:

Bowler Hat: Topshop
Jumper: Republic
Necklace: Dorothy Perkins
Skirt: Levi's
Boots: Doc Martens



Melissa Gallagher, 21 years old
Blog: www.melissagallagher91.blogspot.ie/

Tell us a little bit about yourself and your blog.

I'm 2nd year Marketing student in WIT. My blog went live in September 2012 and it started off as a college assignment. In November I reached 10,000 views in one day alone and I decided to continue. I have been noticed by online retailer Motel Rocks and now I'm on their street style crew. I blog about recent purchases and my own outfits of the day. Also I review skin care products and make up.

What is your personal style?

I'm a girly girl, I like skirts, pretty dresses. I love lace and floral prints.

Your must have purchase for Spring/Summer will be...?

A bomber jacket! They're very wearable and I think we'll carry the trend into Autumn.

Favourite places to shop?

Motelrocks.com, boohoo.com and asos.com. I'm an online shopper.

I can't leave my house without..

My phone, make up and lipstick.

Melissa is wearing:

Hat: Penneys
Jacket: Forever 21
Skirt and socks both from River Island
Shoes and handbag both from Penneys
Necklace: Claire's Accessories



Neven meets ... Jack Molloy & Son Butchers

Celebrity Chef Neven Maguire performed the official opening of Jack Molloy & Son Butchers in Ferrybank on Wednesday last. | Photos: Noel Browne.



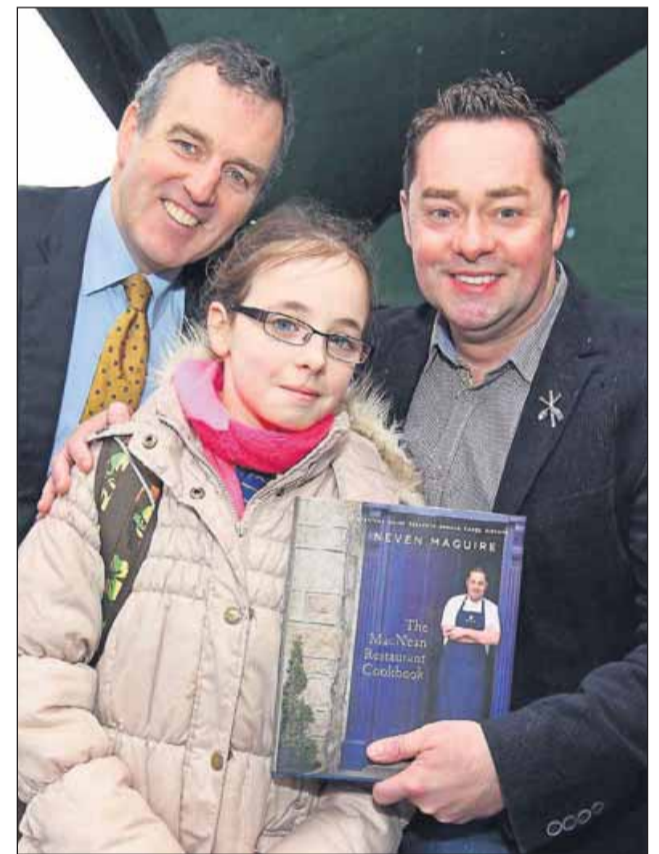
Conor, Donna and baby Fionn Fell.



Jim Brennan and Paul Lyons.



Becky Larrissey and Ava Goodison getting their faces painted.



Emer Boylan with Celebrity chef Neven Maguire and Jack Molloy.



Eileen Brennan, Doris Bowe, Catherine Phelan and Maura Wicks who were at the opening of the new Jack Molloy & Son store in Ferrybank on Wednesday last.



Sheila McGrath, Cllr Davy Walsh, James Tyler and Kathleen Hoban.

Neven meets ... Jack Molloy & Son Butchers



Gavin Barrett-Buckley and Dylan Moran.



The new Jack Molloy & Son store in Ferrybank was busy from the off on Wednesday last after it officially opened its doors.



Children pictured enjoying the opening.



Colin, Keith, Libby, Hazel, Jack and Jack Snr Molloy, Christy Jacob, Samantha Brennan, Jack Behan and Neven Maguire pictured inside the new premises.



Celebrity chef Neven Maguire pictured with Ann Madigan, Miriam Murray and Joan O'Keeffe.



Celebrity chef Neven Maguire and proprietor Jack Molloy are pictured with Liz and Ava Goodison at the opening of the new Jack Molloy & Sons.



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programme to date. He thanked them for this and also expressed our gratitude to all present at this meeting for the questions, comments and positive feedback so evident throughout the proceedings.

Healthy Lifestyles

All our 1st and 2nd Years pupils attended a talk about healthy eating and exercise in the Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre recently. It was delivered by Mr Ger Dolan – a League of Ireland soccer player and member of Elverys Sports 'Power Team'. The presentation was run in conjunction with the Aviva Fitness Challenge that the school is partaking in.

Mr Dolan delivered a very insightful talk about playing sport, training, recovery and what to and what to avoid eating. The boys really enjoyed it and learned a few new facts about their body health.

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Science teacher Sandra Byrne with TY students at a Forensics workshop in the school.

Irish Pipeband Southern Solo League 2

Kirsten Power-Hennessy

On the 24th of February, the Irish Pipeband Southern Solo League for the Munster Branch competition held its second set of solos in Waterford City, hosted by De La Salle Primary School, the first solos of the competition were held in St.Desmonds College, in Limerick City. Pipers, snare drummers and tenor drummers from up and down the country participated in the competition; many have been at the first part of the solos. It was a brilliant day and hopefully enjoyed by all. Every piper or drummer who participated done well and should be proud of the way they played even if they came first or last. De La Salle Pipeband had three winners all in the top three for a tenor drumming category. Well done to Vytaute, Rachel and Jessica



in the De La Salle Pipeband for all coming in the top three for Grade 4/5 tenor drumming. De La Salle Scout Pipeband is the only Pipeband in Ireland connected to a Scout group, De La Salle Scouts, the scouts were set up in 1928 and the Pipeband in 1934. Well done to all the pipers and drummers who played well and will hopefully see them again

for the third part of the Munster branch.

I myself joined the De La Salle Pipeband in 2011 and with the help of Mark Hennessy and Michelle Costello and Pipeband major Pat Murphy, who helped me along with other new pipers and drummers; I was able to play and do my best and be happy with where I came. On my first competition I was scared and nervous, but it's actually not scary and there's nothing to be terrified about. I'd like to thank Eoin Smith who was the snare drummer when I played the tenor drum and John who was the piper as well for when I played. The third part of the competition will be coming up soon on the 24th of March in Newcastle and we all look forward to it as it is the last part of the Munster Branch competition.

STELLA MARIS



Stella Maris take on Italy!

Lauren Gillane

On the 8th February, thirty-five students and four teachers from Stella Maris, Tramore headed off to the snow covered Alps for a week of skiing and sightseeing.

Upon arrival we spent the day soaking up all that Milan had to offer (not to mention gazing longingly through the doors of Louis Vuitton). When we eventually got tired of posing for millions of tourist-style photos we set off for the ski resort of La Polska, high in the Italian Alps.

For three days we attempted to get the hang of balancing on skis and attempted to overcome our fears of the nursery slopes. We were split into four groups. The advanced group headed for the black slopes of San Valentino while the remaining three groups began to master the basics.

On Tuesday the 12th, we all filed on to the waiting bus and headed to the small town of Rovereto.

We stopped off at a swimming pool to relax, but this relaxation proved to be short lived with the arrival of some healthy competition between students and teachers in the form of an Olympic style relay. And as much as it pains us to say, the teachers did come out on top. Next we headed to the nearby shopping centre for a bit of retail therapy. We returned to our hotel for a bit of karaoke, which soon turned into a group sing-song and

we all (even the teachers –yes you, Mrs Hennebry) showcased our best dance moves.

As the week progressed we flew from strength to strength as regards our skiing abilities and in no time we were taking on the Alps in style. At the end of the week our beloved instructors presented us with certificates of achievement, congratulated us, and asked us to be part of the next Italian Olympic ski team.

When the final day came we were all sad to see the slopes disappear behind us as we drove away.

At the beginning we found it difficult to balance on the nursery slopes, but a few graceful falls, and a few not so graceful crashes later, we had all fallen in love with La Polska. It's safe to say it was the trip of a lifetime. But one thing is for sure, we don't want to see another pizza again for a very long time.

Ty Driving Course

Beth Murphy

The Transition year students of Stella Maris Tramore did a driving course on the 25th of February. Run by Rosemary Smith the famous rally driver! They arrived into school at 9:00 am wearing their own clothes and were split into two groups.

One group did the theory of driving and the second group were driving on the prom in Tramore. After lunch we swapped over. It was an amazing and educational day and a day to remember.

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A GREAT ILLUMINATION

The sun, low in the Waterford city sky, with the spire of Saint Paul's Church in the foreground.

| Photo: Noel Browne

Community Noticeboard

Bianconi Lecture

CALLAN Heritage Society has organised a lecture for Thursday 14th March at 8pm in the Friary, Mill Street, Callan, Co Kilkenny.

The lecture is called 'Bianconi'. It is the story of Charles Bianconi (1786-1875) who was the founder of the first mass public transportation system in Ireland.

He established a regular horse drawn carriage service known as 'Bianconi Coaches' on various routes including Carrick-on-Suir and Callan. There were also a series of inns called 'Bianconi Inns' in various locations including Callan, and Piltown etc.

The speaker is the well known historian from Clonmel, Michael Aherne. Everyone welcome.

Mary's Pre-School

MARY'S Pre-School at the Woodlands is now taking names for free ECCE Pre-School places for September 2013. Telephone 051-871177.

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Sign up now to book your place. An open information evening will be held on Tuesday March 26th at 5.30pm. Courses are due to start on Tuesday 2nd April at 5.30pm with the evening course to run for five weeks for one evening a week from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. WYIC is located on Manor Street, in the Youth Building (same building as Café Loco). Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 11am-7pm, Friday 9.30am - 5pm Tel: 051-877328 or email youthinformation@eircom.net.

Irish Charity Shops

TO beat the bogus collectors, Irish charity shops are asking the public to donate their unwanted clothes and household goods to their local charity shop.

From Friday 15th March, registered charity shops will be displaying Choose Charity Shops First signs in their shop windows.

Please support these



Participants in a recent fashion show in aid of Faithlegg Primary School.

legitimate charity shops by dropping off your donations directly to a charity shop displaying these signs. To find a legitimate charity shop near you go to www.icsa.ie/shops.

There you can choose the charity that you want to support safe in the knowledge that it is a registered charity operating in a responsible and transparent manner.

Knockboy ICA

KNOCKBOY ICA will hold their next meeting on Thursday 14th March in St Joseph and Benildus Parish Centre at 8pm. New members always welcome.

Breastfeeding Help & Information

THIS month's La Leche League Breastfeeding Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March at 10.30am at the Quaker Meeting House, Newtown Road, Waterford City. Pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and their babies are welcome.

For more meeting details or breastfeeding information phone Angelica on 051-345494, Candi on 051-567007 or Maura on 051-396881.

Engaging Local Communities with Sustainable Development

DEVELOPMENT Perspectives in partnership with Waterford One World Centre is coming to Waterford with their workshop 'How to Engage Local Society in Sustainable Development'. This workshop is designed for youth, adult and community educators who are interested in environmental education and sustainable development and wish to explore these topics with their groups.

Date: Thursday, March 14th, 7pm - 9pm. Venue: Edmund Rice Youth and Community Centre, Manor Street, Waterford (across from Masons). This event is free of charge but booking is essential. Please contact the Centre on

051-873064 or e-mail info@waterfordoneworldcentre.com to reserve your place.

Waterford & Tramore Flower Club

THE club's AGM will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm: Competition title: 'Easter' (24 inches). Demonstration: by club member. Meetings are held monthly at St Joseph and Benildus Parish Centre, Newtown, Waterford. New members welcome, Contact: Angela on 051-379478, Breda on 051-873769 or Anne on 051-386094.

Free Dyslexia Talk

AN information seminar for parents, teachers and childcare professionals on dyslexia will take place on 19th March from 7pm to 9pm in The Ramada Viking Hotel.

Donald Ewing of the Dyslexia Association of Ireland will focus on (1) what dyslexia is (2) how dyslexia affects children including how children learn and develop and (3) how parents can provide practical learning support to their dyslexic child.

Deirdre McGuinness will provide information

and examples of assisted technologies that can be used to support children with dyslexia.

All are most welcome to this free seminar and there will also be an opportunity for questions and answers.

This seminar is kindly hosted by the Parents' Network in conjunction with the Waterford Childcare Committee and supported by the Waterford Area Partnership and forms part of the Waterford Festival of Learning.

Please contact Marie Keating on 051-380669 if you have any queries.

Retirement from Clarks, Waterford

BEST wishes to Eithne Fitzgerald, Whitfield, Butlerstown who last week retired from Clarks, 12 Barronstrand Street, Waterford following 39 years of service.

Eithne began her working life with Coads, which subsequently became Clarks.

A familiar face to many in Waterford, Eithne was always on hand to provide assistance to those browsing and

purchasing in both popular shoe stores.

We hope Eithne enjoys a long and happy well-deserved retirement with her husband Ted.



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Married life in Melbourne

KIERAN FOLEY

PATRICK (Pat) Cosgrave is settling into married life in Melbourne, Australia.

From Butlerstown, Pat is son of Larry and Valerie Cosgrave and attended St Paul's Community College followed by Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) where he studied Manufacturing Engineering, finishing in 2005.

"I was lucky to exit my studies before the global financial crisis when there were plenty of jobs available for young, educated individuals," said Pat.

He spent some time working with Dell in Limerick but decided to leave Ireland and travel the world between 2007 and 2008.

"It was during this trip that I visited Australia for the first time and got a good flavour of what life was like there which would prove useful when faced with the option of a more permanent move in the future."

On returning to Ireland in late 2008, the recession was starting to kick-in but Pat enrolled on a masters degree in Galway.

"This proved to be a good plan as some of my friends were beginning to have difficulty finding work at this

point.

"My previous employer Dell had completely ceased its assembly operations in Ireland leaving the mid-western economy struggling."

Pat continued: "As I came to the end of my masters, I tried to find work in Ireland but it was a futile exercise and the situation was only getting worse."

"I faced reality and took the opportunity offered to me by a college classmate who was living in London to move over there to find a job in late 2009."

"I worked in construction at first but after a few months found a professional position with a reputable company."

It was while living in London that Pat met his future wife Jennifer (Jen) from Australia.

"We were faced with making a difficult choice after about a year of our relationship because her visa for the UK

was to expire in 2011 without the possibility of extension.

"Our choices were to move to Ireland or move to Australia. This really was a no brainer for mainly economic reasons," said Pat.

Pat moved to Melbourne in April 2012, some months after Jen had already returned to her native country.

"It took me a few months to find a permanent job. Even Australia is suffering from the global economic situation, although probably less so than most others."

"Now I work with a logistics company distributing Cadbury chocolate products throughout Australia and New Zealand."

"I am happy about this as I cannot see the demand for chocolate diminishing in the near future!"

He continued: "Regarding work, the Australians have the right attitude to it.

"Work is something you have to do to live, not vice versa."

"There is a good work-life balance especially compared to my experiences in London."

"People generally start work early and finish between 4pm and 5pm and enjoy the evening and the weather. My own barbeque usually gets used once a week."

Pat and Jen (who is a nurse at Royal Melbourne Hospital) married last November in Barwon Heads, Victoria.

Pat enjoys an active lifestyle and likes to avail of any opportunities to participate in outdoor pursuits.

"I'm into cycling and triathlons when my motivation is high and I think there is hardly any better place in the world to be if you like such outdoor pursuits."

"Jen and I live a two minute walk from the beach in Brighton (a Melbourne suburb) where, when it's windy, the water is packed with kite surfers and wind surfers and when it's calm there are plenty of people swimming."

"Every day the beach road is like a mini Tour de France with cyclists of all shapes and sizes getting in the miles."

"I try to swim in the bay at least once a week and at this time of year I have no excuse not to as the water temperature is about 23 degrees Celsius."

"The water is clear and I

usually see rays and other fish when I swim – no sharks sighted yet though!"

Pat is a big sports fan in general, and as well as immersing himself in popular Australian sporting activities, he still likes to keep tabs on what's happening in the sporting world back home.

"I like to keep up to speed with the Irish sports and English football but the time difference here is a real hindrance as any live matches are on at stupid unsociable hours," he explained.

"It wasn't something I thought about initially but it's really annoying."

"I am trying to embrace the Australian Football League (AFL) but I have yet to find the passion for it that everyone else in Victoria has."

"They are fanatical about sport and AFL in particular."

"Having said that, Melbourne attracts many other major events that are very entertaining."

"I have been to see the Melbourne Rebels (rugby union team) playing Super 15 rugby and the Australian Open tennis recently."

"Also, the Australian Grand Prix is due to take over soon, Ironman Melbourne takes place in a couple of weeks, and the British and Irish Lions are visiting later this year."

"For any sports fan this is

an exceptional city to live in, both in terms of watching and participating."

Despite so much excitement, Pat said there are still times when he thinks of life in Waterford.

"There are of course some drawbacks to life here for me - the absence of my family and old friends and the sheer scale of the distance to Ireland and the scale of the cost to get there!"

He misses the Irish sense of 'craic' and said the Australian countryside was another major difference which took some getting used to.

"The country here is brown, not green, especially during summer. And there are bush fires and grass fires all over the place. As someone who grew up in the country on a dairy farm, all my life I have taken for granted the sights and sounds of the Irish countryside that I no longer experience," he said. "Australia is a beautiful country, there is no doubt about that, but it is definitely different to our little island," he added.


Pat and Jen plan to make their first trip to Ireland as husband and wife later this year.

If you have a relative or friend you would like to see profiled in our Living Abroad series email kfoley@munster-express.ie or call 051-872141 for more information.




Patrick Cosgrave with his wife Jennifer who married recently in Barwon Heads, Victoria, Australia and spent their honeymoon in Hawaii.

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Terms & Conditions: Family pass includes bowling (2 Adults, 2 Kids – 1 hour bowling) also 2 kids entry to Kidzone. Winners will be contacted by phone. Closing date 19th March at noon.

TRAMORE tidings



Waterford Lions Club Table Quiz

A TABLE quiz in aid of the Waterford Lions Club will take place in Tramore on Thursday March 14th at The Grand Hotel commencing at 8.30pm, with registration from 8pm.

The 'Giant St Patrick's Weekend Quiz' is open to tables of a maximum of four persons at €20 per table. The quiz master on the night will be Matt Keane of WLR FM.

The winners will walk away with a cash prize and an array of runner-up and raffle prizes will also be on offer on the night.

Tramore ICA

WE enjoyed a most interesting evening with our speaker last month, Bernard Dray. We learnt a great deal about the benefits of reflexology and massage, thank you very much.

Sadly, on February 18th we learnt of the death of Miss Maureen O'Carroll, former Chair of Tramore Town Commissioners and a founder member of Tramore ICA.

Several members of the town council and ICA formed a 'guard of honour' as she was brought into the church.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an anam dilis.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 8pm in Tramore House. Agnes Aylward from Tramore Development Trust will be talking to us about the Japanese Garden Project and showing a series of slides regarding the proposed garden. We will also be celebrating St Patrick's festival - do wear something green if the mood takes you!

There will also be a further raffle for Dorothy's painting, with the proceeds to go to An Grianan. Our fitness regime continues with Aqua Aerobics at Splashworld every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am until 10am, and bowling at Williamstown on Thursday mornings from 12pm to 1pm.

The walks have been completed for the moment with the Waterford Sports Partnership. Everyone who attended the last programme had a great time and we look forward to the next session. As always, new members are very welcome to join us.



The 2012 Newtown & Guillemene Swimming Club Christmas Sponsored Swim raised €7,000 in aid of Holy Ghost Residential Care Home (HGRCH). Club Chairman Eddie Kelly presented the cheque recently to HGRCH committee member John Deedy. The club wishes to thank all those who fundraised and swam on Christmas morning.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Sylvia Dowdall, Tramore who released her first single 'Do I Deserve Better?' last week. What a girl and what a voice. Her song is a pop song and it's for anyone who feels they have been under-appreciated by a loved one. You can download her single now on iTunes. All her friends and family can't wait to hear it hit the local airwaves. Best of luck from all in Tramore.

Skate Park

THE much needed new skate park is looking well, and the younger skaters can't wait for the good weather to come. Finally somewhere to try out their new scooters/skates/bikes that they got for Christmas.

Well done to all on the committees.

Entertainment

THE Ledger was packed as always for Jackie and Eoin, with talent galore from the floor. Teresa O'Rourke was in fine tune with her version of 'Blanket on the Ground', and 'Lipstick on Your Collar'. Bobby Power, Anestown sang 'Three Leaf Shamrock' to get everyone in the mood for St Patrick's Day.

Meanwhile, Seattle were fantastic in The Seahorse while The Bally Ramblers were in fine voice at the GAA centre and thanks to them for standing in on such short notice.

Gary Kent kept all entertained out in Mother McHugh's for Garrett's 30th party while Murph's is always such a

great spot and buzzing with atmosphere.

Irish Conversation - Ciorcal Cómhra

TRAMORE'S Ciorcal Cómhra (Irish conversation group) continues to meet weekly at Tramore Library on each Thursday evening from 7pm to 8pm. The group welcomes all ages and all levels to gather together for a friendly chat 'as Gaeilge' in a relaxed atmosphere.

There is a céad míle fáilte awaiting all of those who come along. For more information, call Tracy at Tramore Library on 051-381479. Bi linn!

Traditional Irish Music Classes

OUR well-established Irish

traditional music classes are continuing at the CBS in Tramore on Tuesday evenings. Both current and new students of all ages and stages are most welcome.

Classes are €5 per person and start with beginners fiddle at 6.30pm; beginners general at 7pm; improvers (all instruments) at 7.30pm; intermediate/advanced classes (all instruments) at 8pm. If you would like any further information, please call 087-6400184. Gineann bladar cradas!

Lucky Winners

LUCKY winners at Tramore GAA bingo were Ted Hughs, Kitty Cantwell, Catherine Walsh, Ann Bohan, and Claire Bowman.

Winners at the Pond Road

bingo were Ita Lonergan, Michelle Lonergan, Kitty Cusack, Pat Hutchinson, Julie Sherlock, and Kate Moore. Easter egg winners were Bridget Sullivan and Mrs Cantwell. Free books went to Mai Hunt, Agnes Connors and Ita Lonergan.

The Easter eggs and free books are much enjoyed by all as an extra from bingo so well done. Welcome back to Hannah Murray and Pauline Kiely, Fenor - nice to see them back at bingo.

Items for Inclusion

IF you would like to have any community notes included on this page, please email tramorenotes@gmail.com or call 086-0889990 for more information.

Tramore's Eithne sends thanks from Zimbabwe

THIS St Patrick's Day, a local aid worker living in Zimbabwe has sent thanks to the people of Waterford all the way from Africa.

"On St Patrick's Day people at home will be celebrating all that is good about being Irish," said Eithne Brennan, who works for the development agency, Trocaire.

"Living so far from home, I'm always quick to tell people that I'm from Ireland, and in particular from Waterford.

"The generosity of the Irish towards people experiencing poverty and hardship is quite remarkable.

"It's something we should be extremely proud of, especially as we celebrate all that's great about our nation on St Patrick's Day."

Eithne has seen the impact of Waterford people's support for Trocaire's projects firsthand. In Uganda and across the world,

Trocaire helps thousands

of poor and vulnerable communities to overcome poverty by improving their agricultural practices, income, education and sources of food.

"With support from Co Waterford, people are being empowered to work their way out of poverty, grow their confidence, raise their voices within their own communities and imagine a more secure future for their families."

The 2013 Trocaire Lenten Campaign highlights how

donations from Ireland are supporting those living in the most isolated and forgotten rural communities in India to overcome poverty.

Eithne continued: "Ambika Paraja, the little girl on this year's Trocaire Box, is a wonderful example of how Waterford people are inspiring a generation through Trocaire's work.

"Through Co Waterford's donations, Ambika's family now has a basic home, an

income from farming and can send Ambika to a local school."

Ireland was recently ranked as the most charitable nation in Europe and the second most charitable nation worldwide in a study carried out by the Charities Aid Foundation.

"We have a strong tradition of empathy with those less fortunate and even as we go through a recession, that tradition has been retained," said Eithne.

"At the moment there are Trocaire boxes in homes, schools and parishes across Ireland. Irish people have made this box a symbol of hope for so many people and a firm part of our history of making the world a more just place."

Trocaire's Lenten campaign runs until Easter Sunday 31st March. To order a Trocaire box or make a donation call 1850 408 408 or visit trocaire.org or contact your local parish.

TRAMORE tidings



Fenor

Parish News

THANKS to all who attended the parish meetings this week on finance and the Holy Week ceremonies.

It has been decided that our main liturgies for Holy Week this year will be celebrated in the Dunhill Education Centre on Holy Thursday evening, Dunhill Church on Good Friday evening and in Fenor Church on Holy Saturday evening.

The children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will celebrate their First Confession this Monday evening at 7pm in Dunhill Church and their parents will also have an opportunity for confession during the ceremony. Other parishioners are also welcome

Parish Pilgrimage

DETAILS of our parish pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Padua and booking forms are available at the parish office.

We will leave Dublin on Sunday afternoon September 22nd and spend two nights in Rome, two nights in Assisi and three nights in Padua before flying home from Venice. The cost is €899.

Check out our Facebook page or our website for more: www.dunhillandfenorparish.ie/df/2013-rome-assisi-padua.

Birthday Wishes

HAPPY birthday to Rory Hanlon who celebrated his 12th birthday recently with all his friends from sixth class in Fenor NS.

Birthday greetings also to his sister Robyn Hanlon who is now officially a teenager. Happy 13th Robyn from all your family and friends.

Happy 60th birthday to Joe Smith, Annewstown, who celebrated at the weekend with a party for friends and family in The Grand Hotel.

Easter Camp

EASTER Camp will take place in Dunhill Centre from Tuesday 26th March to Friday 29th March and from Tuesday April 2nd to Friday 5th April from 10am to 3pm daily.

Early drop-off and after camp care are available. The camp ranges from one to eight days to suit you.

Strictly bookings only (50 per cent deposit only). Phone the Dunhill Sports Centre on 051-396333 or email dunhillcentre@eircom.net.

Simon the Fenor Fairy/Leprechaun

In regard to our article last week, I had a phone call to ask "did anyone see the face in the tree?" Was it Simon peeping out for the photo perhaps?

When I informed Jo Jo, writer of the story, she said: "only those who believe will see him". Get last's week edition and see can you spot him. Personally I think a magnifying glass and imagination would be



Above: Fenor NS sixth class boys Paul, Adam and Michael who dressed up as Wally from 'Where's Wally?' much to the delight of all the pupils who attended the school's very successful book fair to celebrate World Book Day.

Left: Melanie, Aoife and Lola delighted to find Wally at the Fenor NS book fair on Thursday last as part of the celebration of World Book Day. Well done to the sixth class Wallys (Paul, Adam and Michael) and thanks to all who supported the book fair.

[Photos: Tina Schley]

very handy.

The Cutting of Fenor Tree

MESSAGE received on the cutting of Fenor tree: "I remember, and many will, when the front of Fenor church was covered in trees and it was decided that they would be cut down. This is going back years, I was only an alter boy then. Fr Aylward, the kind man that he was, wanted them to be cut into firewood and given back to the local community for free.


However, many insisted that they could be sold and a profit made. Back then, the older people in the community were going mad as they believed you would never have luck for cutting those trees down, especially when the crows were nesting. It caused uproar within the community. I was relieved to hear that the largest tree in Fenor was cut back before the crows went into nest. So well done to all those involved as they had their homework done and somewhere the folklore of

long ago still lives within us all. Laugh as we may, we still take heed. As for Simon, I'm glad to see the young have a few stories of their own. Fenor never ceases to amaze me."

It's Your Column!

HAPPY St Patrick's Day to all who submit notes on a regular basis.

Anyone who would like to see anything included in this column, just e-mail Fenornotes@gmail.com or phone 086-0889990.



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Carrickshock GAA Club Fundraiser

CARRICKSHOCK Fantasy Cheltenham is up and running. Tickets costing €20 each are now available from all players and committee members.

Please support this novel fundraiser which has a prize fund of €10,000.

First day of racing is March 12th. For further information contact Mary 087-2128834.

Bunscoil McAuley Rice

BUNSCOIL McAuley Rice, Callan presents an evening with David Coleman, Clinical Psychologist, in The Ormonde Hotel Kilkenny on Thursday March 14th at 8pm.

Tickets cost €5 and are available from at The Ormonde Hotel.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

THE annual Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from May 22nd to 27th.

The cost per person sharing is €735.

Anyone interested in participating in the pilgrimage should contact the Parish Office in Glenmore at 880414.

Community Gym in Kilmacow

WORK is continuing on the upgrade of the Community Gym in Kilmacow which is open to members from 8.30am until the hall closes at night.

New members are welcome and facilities can be used on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Unwanted Presents

THE Thursday Club in Rosedale would welcome any unwanted Christmas presents as they can be used at prizes in the games held

as part of the activities provided by the club.

A dedicated box has been left in the Daybreak shop, Upper Street for this purpose.

Kilmacow Bocce Club

THE Bocce club continues every Thursday in the Community Centre in Kilmacow from 2.30pm.

New members are welcome to join in the games (a form of bowls).

Adult Volunteers for Foróige

FORÓIGE Kilkenny is looking for volunteers countywide to help us grow and support our youth work initiatives.

Foróige is a modern, vibrant organisation changing the lives of young people aged 10 to 18 nationwide by working with more than 5,125 volunteers to involve some 64,000 young people annually in groups and programmes.

Foróige's diversity and richness means that we can find a Foróige fit for you whether that is volunteering in a youth club, youth café, special interest group, project, mentoring or assisting with events or fundraising.

Be the person that makes that difference, become a Foróige volunteer today!

Interested? Contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on rosie.obrien@foroige.ie or 086-997677.

For more information on Foróige check out www.foroige.ie or www.facebook.com/foroige.

Mountain View Golf Club

ON SUNDAY morning last, Mountain View members started their 2013 golfing year when incoming joint captains Jim



Sean O' Sullivan, Jimmy Madden and Tony Power, members of Tullahought Gun Club, presenting a cheque to Kathleen Kirby, St Joseph's Nursing Home, Kilmoganny and Rev Fr Nicholas Flavin, PP Windgap. The money was raised at the end of the pheasant season and a dinner was held in Power's Pub, Tullahought.

Dunne, Anne Foskin and junior captain Sophie O'Grady held their Captain's Drive-In.

On a sunny but cool morning, both captains and the junior captain had good drives straight down the first fairway after which 72 people took part in a four person team scramble.

The members enjoyed their game on what ended as a bitterly cold day but conditions were perfect for golf.

The presentation of the prizes took place in the clubhouse after refreshments and captains

Jim and Anne expressed their delight with the huge number that took part.

Course management, and in particular course superintendent Edward Power, were thanked for the immaculate condition of the course.

Kilkenny Community Art Project

A NEW Kilkenny Community Art Project providing space for participation in life-long learning and increasing skills, knowledge and understanding of the arts is seeking applications for a

Development Worker.

The Arts Office of Kilkenny County Council, in partnership with the Butler Gallery, Kilkenny, invites applications from interested individuals who have experience working with the community in a developmental capacity for the delivery of a combined personal development and artistic programme, including community outreach, exhibitions and exchanges.

The Development Worker will act as a Communication Liaison officer to and from the groups and outside sources; assist with developing/co-ordinating calendar of events and annual programme of work for groups; invite and co-ordinate inputs to the group for the year and facilitate development of whole project ideas and capacity.

They will also promote the project externally and develop social media position for the project.

This project is supported by Kilkenny County Council Arts Office, the Butler Gallery and the Arts Council of Ireland.

For further information, and a copy of the detailed brief, please contact the Arts Office on 056-7794138 or email: niamh.finn@kilkennycoco.ie.

Axing of Mobility Allowance

LOCAL Fianna Fail Councillor Eamon Aylward says the Government's axing of the Mobility Allowance and the Motorised Transport Grant Scheme is another slap in the face for the most vulnerable.

Cllr Aylward stated: "This is an appalling cut that again targets the most vulnerable in our society. There are a number of hugely worrying aspects to this announcement.

"There was no advance warning, no engagement with the groups who represent people that

stand to lose 20 per cent of an income which is already means tested.

"The Mobility Allowance was bought in by a Fianna Fail Government so that people could leave their homes unassisted, giving them a little respite and a chance to experience some independence.

"The Government has taken the easy option against the most vulnerable in our society and scrapped the allowances altogether.

"This is another example of penny pinching at the expense of the most disadvantaged. It directly affects and targets those who cannot walk and are housebound, which is indefensible. They have had to contend already with decreases in their fuel allowances, increases in their utility bills and cuts to their telephone and gas allowances."

He added: "In the last 12 months, there have been cuts to Home Help hours, Personal Assistance Grants, the Domiciliary Care Allowance and the Respite Care Grant.

"It is blatantly obvious that this Government has cruelly targeted the most vulnerable in our society for cut after cut. I urge the Government to seriously reconsider reinstating these allowances cuts."

Contact the Column

ANYONE involved with voluntary or community groups/organisations, or any person who wants to contact this column, can do so by e-mailing maherechoes@eircom.net. Please include name and contact telephone number for verification. Obituaries are also always welcome. Please note: items for inclusion need to be with the contact above on the Wednesday of the week prior to publication.



Married in St Paul's Church, Bigwood recently were Linda Waters, daughter of Margaret and the late Jimmy Waters, Kilmacow, and David Ryan, son of Maura and the late Jim Ryan, Kilmacow.

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Blessing of 'Little Angel Space' in Kilmacow

SEÁN MAHER

RECENTLY, a very special occasion occurred in Kilmacow cemetery - the blessing of the newly constructed 'Little Angel Space'.

Many people carry within their hearts the scars caused by the loss of a little one.

Whatever the timing and circumstances of that loss, the pain of never being able to ritualise that little life in a physical way has caused considerable heartache - and for many the memory can take them back years, even decades.

In an attempt to heal that hurt, the 'Little Angel Space' was created by the CE participants (formerly known as the FAS team) in conjunction with the Parkside Community from Belmont in Ferrybank.

A beautiful piece of bog oak, possibly as much as 2,000 years old, was acquired in Co Kildare and stripped down, cleaned and treated.

A low stone wall was constructed with a paved sandstone path and a commemorative stone was installed which simply read 'Briefly in our Lives, Forever

in our Hearts'.

Beech hedging and shrubs were also planted to create a haven for those who feel the need for such a little space in their lives.

The Mass of the Angels was celebrated with the combined choirs from the three primary schools in the locality of Kilmacow and everyone present was invited to place a commemorative pebble provided to serve as a reminder of a little life briefly lived but always remembered.

Sincere thanks to Fr Brian Flynn for both his generosity in supporting this initiative and for the great gentleness and empathy he showed in making this occasion so special.

All are also indebted to the teachers of the schools for their help and to all those who contributed to such a beautiful liturgy.

Whatever the nature of loss, the 'Little Angel Space' is a place for anyone who wishes to take time and recall a little life.

We thank Jay Shanahan for supplying the information on this. For further details and enquiries phone Jay on 051-881984 or email kilmacowcentre@live.com.



The blessing of the newly constructed 'Little Angel Space' in Kilmacow.

South Kilkenny Historical Society AGM



Attending the recent AGM of the South Kilkenny Historical Society were Pat Duggan, Mullinavat, Cllr Fidelis Doherty, Glenmore, and Mick Dalton, Templeorum retired shopkeeper and avid supporter of the society.

SEÁN MAHER

THE AGM of the South Kilkenny Historical Society took place recently.

There was a very large turnout which was in keeping with similar meetings right through the 2012 year.

Two officers from the Ard Comhairle of the Society did not seek re-election: Kathleen Laffan, the Hon Secretary, and Siobhain McCarthy, the Hon Treasurer.

Both were in their positions

since the society's formation and both were thanked very much for their time and efforts.

Bridget Barron was elected to the position of Hon Secretary. There were Joint Hon Treasurers elected: Joe O'Sullivan and Kathleen Laffan, and the PRO was Richard Claridge.

The society has a small surplus after having an outlay for essential equipment for lectures and public events.

There were many events during the term of year

including coach tours to many places of importance, and all of them were well attended.

The Chairman Mr Synnott was very much thanked for all his work, as was the Vice-Chairman Richard Walsh, both of whom were re-elected.

A word of thanks to Kitty and Larry for their

cooperation in the availability of the hall, the clergy of the southern part of the Diocese of Ossory, the local media and the many people who helped in any way to make the society so meaningful for a great amount of people.

The AGM was followed by the showing of two films by the Radharc team.

Gerry Madden retires from Bus Éireann

SEÁN MAHER

GERRY Madden, a Waterford man but very much a part of South Kilkenny life for many decades, has just retired as area manager with Bus Éireann, having given four decades of his life to the semi-state body.

He lived in South Kilkenny for years prior to returning to the Deise with his wife and family.

He is a man apart, helping everyone be it for a charity, a wake, a wedding or a funeral.

He played with the best of bands in the old South

Kilkenny ballad circuit for years, and he is still playing at chosen sessions and guesting at many more, all for the love of music and Irish culture.

South Kilkenny athletics would have been the poorer but for Gerry.

He has been a stalwart of St Senan's AC, and even if not competing he is there giving support.

Gerry is one of these down-to-earth people who has travelled widely, yet when you meet him the only person that is important is you.

I had the pleasure of meeting Gerry at Mount Sion in Barrack St, Waterford,

back in 1966 and even then he was apart from the rest, always different but engaging on everything.

He was a Latin student by the time the Leaving Cert came.

One of his teachers was the talented Mr Cahill, and he may have instilled in the young Madden an appreciation of all things nice and beautiful.

He has an enthusiastic mind with a close method of examination, observation and memory retention, which he uses to the fullest advantage when he puts pen to paper.

He also used these attributes

in his job at the Waterford office of Bus Éireann, which in itself was a most demanding role.

Apart from this small tribute to him and to wish him many years of active retirement, we know that if Gerry ever writes a book it will be a bestseller.

We rightly praise the likes of Con Houlihan, but in Jerry we have our own Con right under our nose.

Enjoy your rest from the hustle and bustle of busses and trains Gerry and enjoy that nice Waterford and Kilkenny air.

Le Mór Bhuiochas.

FASHION SHOW

in aid of Glenmore Hurling & Camogie Club Development Fund

In the Rhu Glenn Hotel & Country Club

Date: Friday 22nd March 2013
Time: 8pm
Tickets €10

Stores in show:
Blossoms, Bonita, Mr H, all from New Ross.
Tommy Hilfiger, Bennetton, Orchid.
From Waterford.
Also New Holland range by Murphys Motors

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Piltown and Mooncoin

Social Dancing

SOCIAL dancing in Piltown GAA Complex: Saturday March 16th Teddy & Colm Barry; Saturday 23rd March – Dermot Lyons.

Templeorum NS Enrolments

TEMPLEORUM National School is currently taking enrolments for September 2013. Forms are available from the school on 051- 643602.

Whist Drive

A WHIST Drive will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 8.15pm in The Parish Hall opposite Anthony's car park. All proceeds will go towards Katie's Wish to Walk. All welcome.

Flora Women's Mini Marathon

NEED motivation getting fit? Why not run, jog or walk the 10km Flora Women's Mini Marathon for Our Lady's Children Hospital and

Medical Research Centre Crumlin, Dublin on Bank Holiday Monday

June 3rd? A bus will run from the Piltown/Carrick-on-Suir area. T-shirts will be supplied and goodie bags will be collected and issued to you. If interested contact Brenda Farrell on 086-3199051 after 5pm.

Kildalton College

KILDALTON College Careers Day takes place on Friday 15th March. Tours start at 10am and 11am. Courses on offer from Certificate to Degree Level.

Zumba Classes

CLASSES have commenced in Piltown GAA Complex on Monday evenings at 7pm at €6 per class (students - €5). Come and get fit the fun way - you won't even realise you're working out! Beginners are welcome. Check out 'Nita Zumba' on Facebook.

Fiddown Union of Parishes Spring Social

THE Fiddown Union of Parishes will hold their Spring Social on Friday 22nd March at 8.30pm in The Rising Sun, Mullinavat. Tickets are €20 and are available from Norman Storey on 643212, Hugh Daniels on 643682 or Robert/Ruth Kennington on 643162 (daytime).

Piltown Social Club

PILTOWN Social Club will hold their annual Lourdes Pilgrimage Church Gate collection on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March at Piltown, Templeorum and Owing. Your continued support of this worthy cause in the parish is much appreciated.

Music Lessons

MUSIC lessons are available in guitar (all types), piano and music theory with an

experienced teacher (B. Mus. Hons. and six years teaching at Maoin Cheoil an Chláir Music School). Students can be prepared for exams (if required): The Associated Board (Royal Schools of Music), The London College of Music, The Royal Irish Academy of Music, The Leinster School of Music. Phone 087-7445661.

Templeorum Town Twinning

TEMPLEORUM Town Twinning will hold a table quiz in Anthony's Inn, Piltown on Friday 22nd March at 9pm. Tables of four are €20. Raffle on the night. Everybody is welcome.

Piltown GAA

PILTOWN Juvenile GAA Club training resumes on Sunday 24th at 11.45pm.

Registration takes place in the GAA Complex on Friday 22nd from 7pm to 9pm. We look forward to a successful 2013 season.

On 9th March, Piltown GAA will host the ever popular Under 16 Jim Reid Tournament with games between some of the best local clubs from 10.45am. This is a competitive opener to the hurling season with a chance to see some of the emerging young talent in South Kilkenny.

Piltown GAA Membership is now due. Membership can be paid to any committee member. Piltown Camogie Club registration night is on Friday 15th March in Piltown GAA Complex at 8pm. Registration is €30 for u18, with a family membership of €70 for three or more juveniles. Adult membership is €40 and non-playing members €10. Training will resume in the coming weeks for all girls born in 2006 or before. For more information call 087-6692785/087-4176092. The emphasis for Piltown Camogie Club is on every girl to enjoy playing her chosen sport, regardless of ability. We aim to promote fitness and retain players up to adult level. Last year was a very successful year, winning four county titles from U14 to U21 level.

Mooncoin GAA

MOONCOIN GAA Social Committee presents a card handicap on Friday 29th March at 9pm in the complex. Entry is €10 per person for the first round and €5 from there on. Refreshments served. All are welcome.

New members to the club are always welcome. Various membership packages are available. Members of the GAA club can also avail of our various gym membership packages.

Our fabulous facilities consist of changing rooms, showers, saunas and a quality spacious gym with great equipment to



Alice Kelly, Maureen, Kevin and Eanna Connelly, Mooncoin at the Moonharrig Players production of 'Prisoners of Silence'.

| Photos: Joe Cashin



Helen and Michael Walsh, Ballygory at 'Prisoners of Silence' in Mooncoin Hall.

cater for all levels of fitness.

For more information contact Joan on 086-1553968 or alternatively speak to any club officers on duty in the complex Monday to Friday from 6pm to 10pm.

Our complex is also available for any games, birthday parties and functions. For more information on complex bookings contact Paddy on 086-3832802.

As part of our great fundraising initiative we would like to invite all our current and past club members, supporters, and anyone connected to Mooncoin GAA Club at home or overseas to support our 'Sponsor a Sod' campaign.

Each sponsor will receive a piece of 'virtual sod' on a special page on our website which will include your name and address on each 'sod'. Sponsorship of each 'sod' costs €20 and can be purchased online at www.mooncoingaa.ie using our secure PayPal mechanism; from Club Officers and Executive Committee Members; or from the club

member on duty in the complex each evening Monday to Friday between 7pm and 10pm.

Mooncoin Silver Circle

RESULTS of last week's silver circle draw at Mooncoin GAA club: €200 Liam Henebery, Ballybrazil; €100 Paddy Murphy, Aglis; €50 Jimmy Talbot, New Road, Mooncoin; €20 winners included Michael O'Hanlon, Dournane, Sinead Walsh, Mooncoin Heights, Kate Dunphy, Tubrid, Eugene O'Keefe, Polerone, Denis Fielding, Portnascully, Sean Sutton, Filbuckstown, Nicola Fewer, Roseleigh, Liam Sutton, Filbuckstown, Ciaran Dunphy, Glengrant, John Bowe, Dungooley, Tom Quinn, Cashel, Brendan Walsh, Polerone, Sinead Griffin c/o Paddy Crowley, Kitty Cashin, Kilmacow, Catriona Crowley, Polerone, Aoibhinn Sinnott, Waterford, Paddy Power, Cokeragh Close, Hannie Ryan, Glenmore.

Vision Mooncoin Ltd

THE extension to the parish hall is aimed at providing a



Michael and Ann Marie Ryan, Portnahully in Mooncoin Hall for the Moonharrig Players production of 'Prisoners of Silence'.

centre that is warm, welcoming, safe and accessible to every member of the community for the provision of a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities to assist in the personal and social development of a community as a whole.

The composition of Vision Mooncoin is made up of people from various groups in the parish. It is necessary to have a limited company to draw down public funding and to have a lease on the property.

It is the responsibility of Vision Mooncoin to draw this funding down for the proposed community centre extension to the parish hall and oversee the completion and management of the centre.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance the parish hall and it will benefit the whole parish and community. The new facility will consist of office space, wheelchair/special needs toilets/changing room and shower room, games room, general purpose conference room, storage space and entrance hall.

The tendering process is complete and the project is on target to be completed by the end of 2013.

New members are always welcome to join the company.

Piltown Fine Gael

PILTOWN Fine Gael held a very successful card game in Moloney's,

Skough recently. The winners on the night were Thomas Kenneally and Martina Power. Runners up were John Walsh and Clause Dunphy, Tommy Power and Mick Loughlin, Kathleen Kearns and

Betty Aylward, MI Egan and Tommy Phelan. The winners of the raffle were Kathleen and Margaret Dunphy, Carrigeen, Tommy Phelan, Carrigeen, Mary Walsh, Corbally and Jim Power, Jamestown. A very enjoyable night was had by all.

Contact

IF you have any Piltown News please email sconlon@eircom.net. With Mooncoin notes, email joe.cashin@gmail.com.

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Glenmore

Baptisms

JACK Paul Harney, son of Paul and Ann Marie, Rochestown, Glenmore was baptised in St James Church, Glenmore recently.

Recently baptised in Mullinarrigle Church was Siobhan Kate O'Flaherty, daughter of Martin and Lorraine, Listerlin.

Community Alert

GLENMORE Parish Community Alert meeting took place in Glenmore Hall on Wednesday March 6th with a good attendance.

Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS to all

the young people who were confirmed by Bishop Freeman on Sunday March 3rd and to their parents and families.

Sincere thanks to their teachers Mr O'Gorman, Mrs Keane and Mr Grant. Congratulations to our long serving and dedicated choir master Paul Comiskey who was recently awarded the Benemerenti medal.

The award was made during the visit of Bishop Freeman to celebrate Confirmation on March 3rd.

Fashion Show

GLENMORE GAA and camogie club will hold a fashion show on Friday March

22nd at 8pm in the Rhu Glenn Country Club.

Tickets cost €10 each and can be purchased from any committee member.

Silver Circle Draw

FEBRUARY results from Glenmore GAA Silver Circle Draw: €400 Declan O'Keeffe, Carrigcloney, Glenmore; €200 Rita and Michael Cody, Ballyveria; €100 Seamus Phelan, Ballyfacey; €100 Thomas Connolly, Robinstown; €100 Donie Cody, Weatherstown; €100 Maudie Dunphy, Ballyverneen; €100 John Hynes, Rochestown; €100 David and Mary Mackey, Jamestown; €100 Dick Duggan, Flemingstown; €50 Ann and Gerry Walsh, Ballinlammy; €50 Jack Barry, Carrigcloney, Glenmore; €50 Fr O'Connor, Robinstown; €50 Andy Heffernan, Aylwardstown.

St Joseph's AC

THE club will host its second running of the Pink Rock 10k on Sunday June 23rd so mark the date in your diary.

All the details are on the Run Ireland website.

Eigse Players

THE Eigse Players presented 'Nil by Mouth' in Slieverue Parish Hall for a total of six nights and concluded on Saturday March 9th, with performances enjoyed by all.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

ST PATRICK'S Purgatory Lough Derg pilgrimage season - due to very keen interest we are delighted to host our first public celebration on Sunday March 17th.

Join us for a very special St Patrick's Day service and celebrate the life of our patron saint in a new and authentic way with tailored activities for younger visitors.

A traditional Irish stew will be served and visitors

can enjoy some live musical performances on the day for information. Contact 071-9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org.

Contact the Parish Office, New Ross for all details of Marian Pilgrimages for 2013 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, the shrines of Italy, Camino de Santiago and the Holy Land.

GAA Development Draw

TULLOGHER Rosbercon GAA Development Draw took place on Tuesday February 26th: 1st prize €500 Billy Ryan, Ballycurran; 2nd prize €200 Bob Forristal, Shanbogh; 3rd - 7th €100 Eoin Mullally, Ballyeden; Stephen Mullally, Ballyconnaught;

Don Dowling, Shanbogh; Bridget and Mary Phelan, Smithstown; Basil Glennon, Barbstown.

Irish Kidney Association

A NIGHT of traditional music and dancing will take place on March 16th in aid of the

Irish Kidney Association at New Ross Boat Club. Tickets are €5 each and your support would be much appreciated.

Tickets are available from the boat club and from Hugh Byrne on 086-893880.

Late Mary Fortune

SYMPATHY is extended to Dermot Saunders, Graiguenakill, Glenmore on the death of his aunt Mary Fortune, New Ross who resided with Dermot.

Her remains were removed from Cooney's Funeral Home, New Ross to the parish church, New Ross with Requiem mass celebrated by Fr O'Connor and interment afterwards in St Stephen's Cemetery, New Ross.

She is survived by her sisters Breda and Betty, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Ferrybank

Give Blood

THE Blood Transfusion Clinic is back in Waterford this week and looking for volunteers, old and new, to donate if possible.

It cannot be understated how important it is to have donors to regularly pop along and give blood. Figures show that only 3 per cent of the Irish population actually give blood.

Along with the fact that over 3,000 blood donors are needed each week in Ireland, it shows you the importance of what becoming a donor can do.

For new volunteers, you will be asked a few short questions on your life and medical history which is treated in the strictest confidence.

A small drop of blood from your finger is tested to make sure you're not anaemic and the process of giving blood will take between 8 and 15 minutes after which you will have a drink and refreshments.

Please give blood - it could well save a life today.

The important dates for giving blood are Wednesday March 20th and Thursday 21st from 4.30pm - 8pm at The Kingfisher Club, Tramore Road.

The week after there is also an option at The Woodlands Hotel on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th from 4.30pm to 8pm at The Woodlands Hotel.

There is an extra date on Sunday 24th March from 12.30pm - 3.30pm.

Woven into Memory

MS Frances Crowe (née Sullivan), a fibre artist, is researching for an art event titled 'Woven into Memory' and is studying the art of crios/woven belt making.

She is appealing to any parishioners who would remember the gymslip and blue

sash which were worn as part of the uniform in the Ferrybank Girl's National School in the 50s and 60s.

Would anyone still have the sash or perhaps have a photograph of the students wearing one?

For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Ferrybank Scouts

CONGRATULATIONS to the Ferrybank scout group who are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.

The group will host a race night at Kilcohan Park on Saturday March 16th to help raise funds. Tickets are €10 per adult and kids are free.

The first race is off at 7.55pm and tickets can be sourced from any of the leaders or finance committee.

Your support at what should prove to be a great night is appreciated.

Ferrybank Lifestyle Links

FERRYBANK Lifestyle Links, in conjunction with the HSE, is running an eight week course called 'Family Communication & Self Esteem' aimed at parents of 9 - 16 year olds on Friday mornings from 9.30am - 12 noon.

It will take place in the community room of the newly opened Ferrybank Library, starting on Friday April 12th.

Topics included in the course will be communication, problem solving, peer pressure, self-esteem, conflict resolution and drugs and alcohol.

The course is funded by the HSE and is free to anyone who wants to participate.

Contact Sheila Cantwell on 086-8501971 or email sheilacantwell@yahoo.co.uk.

Alternatively you can contact

Susan Scully, Health Promotion Office, St Catherine's Hall, Waterford.

If you're online, visit the Ferrybank Lifestyle Links Facebook page for more details of upcoming courses, health talks and workshops.

Spring Clean

THE spring clean will take place in Ferrybank in a number of weeks, so once again it's a chance to show how much we care about our community.

This time, by registering online, you can avail of free clean-up kits including bags and gloves which are provided to all volunteers who register through An Taisce.

There is also information on how to organise the event, posters to promote it and information on topics such as waste reduction and recycling.

It's also a great way to get the kids of the parish involved and in past years there has been a great turnout.

You can register online at www.nationalspringclean.org.

Ferrybank Library

WITH our local library doing so well since its opening why not take a trip down to see what's on offer?

The library has almost 1,800 people registered, has had 11,910 visits to the library, 100 public internet sessions, and has run several different projects like computer classes, Ferrybank Parent and Toddler Group, the 'Write to Release' group and the recent Adult Learners Festival.

And there's plenty more on the horizon.

Ferrybank Library has added two new strings to its bow in the shape of both the Irish Circle and Meditation and Mindfulness mornings.

If you are interested in a little Irish conversation, then meet at the library on Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm for the class.

If you need an hour to relax and get away from it all, the free Meditation and Mindfulness is every Friday from 11.30am - 1pm.



Proprietor Jack Molloy pictured outside his new store in Ferrybank on Wednesday last with celebrity chef Neven Maguire and Samantha Brennan, Colin Molloy, Jack Molloy Snr, Ciara, Libby and Hazel Molloy, Dec Lowe, Eileen Brennan and Cáit Doyle. Photo: Noel Browne.

Waterford Autism Social & Sport Action

IRISH Charity Warehouse, Tramore Rd, Waterford in aid of Waterford Autism Social & Sport Action (WASSA) are appealing for used furniture and household goods.

We all have little bits lying around at home in the spare room or maybe the attic so put them to good use and send them out to the Irish Charity Warehouse on the Tramore Road.

You can be sure they will be put to good use. For more information phone 051-373838 or text 086-4004690.

Ferrybank GAA

CONGRATULATIONS and well done to Iona Heffernan and Niamh Ahearne who were on the victorious Waterford camogie team which defeated Tipperary recently in the Under 16 Munster Championship in Carrickbeg. No doubt a bright future lies ahead for these two talented hurlers.

Membership for the coming year is now due, and we would encourage all players to pay their membership:

Adults €50, Students/Unwaged €25, Minor/Juvenile/

Associated Members €10.

Ferrybank GAA Club would like to express its sympathy to the Frisby family on the passing away of Anne Frisby last Friday.

To her husband Philip, sons Thomas, Sean, Philip (Jnr), daughters Elaine, Annette and her brothers and sisters. Ar Dheis De go raibh a h-anam.

The Deise Draw 2013 will commence on Friday March 29th for nine months.

Tickets for each month cost €10 each with some fantastic cash prizes on offer.

We would encourage all people to purchase a Deise Draw ticket for the coming year. Tickets can be purchased from Nicky Heffernan 087-6724212 or any committee.

Confirmations

CONGRATULATIONS to all the boys and girls of the parish on making their confirmations.

Always a lovely family day out, I got to indulge myself this year as my daughter Leanne from Our Lady of Good Counsel Girls School made her confirmation. It was a wonderful day out for parents and children alike and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves.

Ferrybank Athletic Club

A TERRIFIC outing at the Scottish U18 and U20 Championships saw the club bring back a medal haul of two gold, three silver and two bronze, a fantastic return.

Pride of place went to Paul Murphy who, in winning the U18 400 metres, set a championship record of 49.85.

Sorcha Murphy brought home the second gold by winning the U20 high jump with a leap of 1.65m. Neasa Murphy won silver in the U18 high jump with a fine jump again of 1.65m.

Ben Kiely had to settle with silver after being pipped agonisingly on the line in the U20 400 metres, but still a fantastic achievement. Niamh McNichols claimed a brace of medals - silver in the U18 60 metre run and doubled up with an excellent bronze in the 200 metres. Credit goes to Sean Whittle for adding 5cm to his best jump ever, clearing 1.80m to secure bronze.

There were other fantastic performances that just missed out on medals, but all in all, a job well done by the club.

WEST WATERFORD diary



Festival of Food Launched

THE 'Feast in the Forest', which was the launch event for this year's West Waterford Festival of Food, took place at Colligan Woods recently. The place was alive with the delightful smell of Comeragh mountain lamb cooking spectacularly on a spit, and alive too with the sounds of children playing, adults chatting and comhaltas musicians playing.

The Festival of Food was officially launched by Annie Flahavan of Flahavans, one of the main sponsors of the festival. According to Festival CEO Therese McDermott said that the festival had become what it is for a number of reasons, particularly because local people believe in it, support it and promote it to their friends, family members, colleagues, suppliers, customers throughout the region, the country and even internationally.

Festival Chairman Donal Connolly welcomed all the guests to the Feast including Dungarvan Mayor Cllr Micheál Cosgrove and County Mayor Cllr Billy Kyne. Donal particularly acknowledged the ongoing support of the commercial sponsors Flahavans, Dawn Meats, Glanbia, Pallas Foods, Barrons Bakery, FBD, Truly Irish and Easons. The Festival takes place from Thursday April 11th to Sunday April 14th. Visit www.waterfordfestival.com for more details.

World Book Day

WORLD Book Day was celebrated in style at Easons Dungarvan with a day full of activity. It started off with a storytelling workshop by author Vincent McDonnell.

This attracted a huge number of school children from a number of West Waterford schools. The adventures of polar explorers, Tom Crean and Ernest Shackleton were included in the afternoon workshop given by Clodagh Beresford Dunne.

The day ended with a performance of 'An Evening with Jane' by actors Irene Kelleher, Paula Lynch and Alan Martin. There was a huge amount of excitement and many questions posed by the various attendees at the events to celebrate the day.

Jigs and Reels Freestyle

THERE wasn't a vacant car parking space to be found in the vicinity of The Park Hotel for 'Jigs and Reels - Freestyle', one of the biggest events in the annual calendar of Dungarvan Lions Club.

The 13 couples had been in training for weeks ahead of the big night. Nerves were evident in the green room. Former Waterford goalkeeper, Clinton Hennessy expressed their shared fears when he said he was at times nervous coming up to a big match in Croke Park but said it was nothing compared to his butterflies before this event.



Dungarvan Lions Club Jigs and Reels Freestyle 2013 at The Park Hotel: L-R (Back) Donal Connolly, Lions Club, Monnie Hallahan Adjudicator, Lara Gough, Adjudicator, Timmy Ryan, Adjudicator, John Coade, Lions Club. L-R (front) Nichola Beresford, MC, John Donovan and Cora Kearney, overall winners, and Des Power, President, Dungarvan Lions Club. Photo: Dan McGrath/Editorial Images.

There was every kind of dance performed on stage and an abundance of colourful costumes. The judges consisting of Monnie Hallahan, Lara Gough and Timmy Ryan were tasked with the impossible but eventually settled on John Donovan and Cora Kearney as winners, with Mark Ronayne and Ciarra Buck taking second, while Margaret Coffey and Mattie Fahey took the honours for most entertaining and third. John and Cora had snatched the honours by means of the element of surprise and rapid quick costume changes.

Mark displayed hidden talents with his fancy brush dancing while Margaret showed lots of entertaining fancy footwork. It was a superb show and the professionalism of the backroom team of Dirk Baumann, Mike O'Brien and Dan McGrath was clearly in evidence.

President of Dungarvan Lions Club Des Power thanked all concerned, both those who made the night itself happen and all those whose help beforehand such as Minnie's 'Creation', the local papers, the sponsors of the event. He also paid tribute to the management and staff of The Park Hotel.

Jennifer Moore

A HUGE cheer rang around Dungarvan when local girl Jennifer Moore was chosen ahead of Tommy McNulty in their sing off for a place on The Voice of Ireland live show. The

18 year old is the daughter of Kevin, the well know Manchester United supporter, and Trish.

Many in the town would remember her late grandfather Matt Hayes, who was a well known singer in the area. Jennifer followed the blind auditions with the battle shows, which she has got past, now it's onto the live shows, where one contestant will go onto win the Voice of Ireland. Her coach Jamelia is one of the most successful UK Female entertainers of the past 15 years.

She has hit the charts in a number of countries and has toured with some major acts such as Justin Timberlake and Destiny's Child. Jamelia has great confidence in Jennifer's ability and can see star quality in the Dungarvan girl. We wish her the best of luck in the live show.

Dungarvan Parade

DUNGARVAN'S St Patrick's Day Parade will start from Coolagh Road at 3pm and will make its way through Abbeyside and onto The Square where there will be a viewing platform. A crowd of around 12,000 is expected for this year's event. The organising committee has left no stone unturned to make this as good if not better than previous years. There is a wide selection of prize categories including the new Go Dungarvan prize for Smarter Travel themed entries.

The other categories are: Best Overall Entry, Best Advertising, Best Marching Group, Best Club Float, Best Vintage, Most Colourful, Best Visual Display in Irish, Best Community Effort, Best Youth Group, Best Musical Entry, Best Sports Group, Best School, Best Young St Patrick.

This year sees an addition to the festivities this year, with open air entertainment on the eve of St Patrick's Day from 7.15pm on Grattan Square. There is also a fireworks display planned for Saturday night at 9pm in the harbour.

Trekkin Eegits Charity Walk

The fifth annual Trekkin Eegits Charity Walk will set off from Cappelquin on the evening of Friday April 26th and will finish at 6.30pm the following day, taking about 26 hours to complete.

This year's 140 km route takes in much of West Waterford and a bit of South Tipperary. The charity to benefit from this year's event is SERT, who do wonderful work in the area for people requiring cancer radiotherapy treatment in Cork and Waterford hospitals.

If you are interested in taking part and getting a sponsorship card, contact Gina on 087-9028594 or Cara on 087-9664513.

Sports Awards

THE Abbeyside Sports Awards will take place in Club Cre-

ation next Friday night at 8pm. There will be five Hall of Fame Awards presented on the night plus five Sport Achievement Awards.

These will be presented to Niamh Briggs, international rugby player; her brother Shane, a key player with the Waterford football team; international race walker Kate Veale; Cilian Kiely, who played rugby for Munster Under 19s and won his second Munster Senior Cup final in a row with his school Rockwell College; and the final award goes to the Abbeyside players who were on the Waterford team who played in the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park last October. The event is open to all over 18s and there is no admission fee.

Fusion Centre

THE Fusion Centre has opened its doors and is the new home of the Dungarvan NoName Club and Dungarvan Scouts. It's located adjacent to Dungarvan Sports Centre at Quanns.

The building was completed at the end of January and is due to be officially opened in early May. This is a huge step for both organisations, both carrying out a tremendous service in the area and we wish them well.

Hockey Win

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for the Dungarvan hockey team who qualified for

the All-Ireland final following a 1-0 victory over Cashel New Inn in the semi-final played at Duckspool.

Ann Marie Tutty was the hero on the day with the late winner. Great credit is due to the coaches John Fletcher and Gerry Foley. The final will be played in early April at the National Hockey Arena in UCD.

Devonshire Day

THE annual 'Devonshire Day' at Lismore Castle will take place on St Patrick's Day. Guests to Lismore Castle on this day can take a unique opportunity to enjoy afternoon tea in the Pugin Room and experience a preview of Lismore Castle's Spring Gardens.

Devonshire Day is now an annual traditional at the castle, when guests are served Devonshire Cream Tea by the Duke of Devonshire's Butler Denis Nevin, in the Pugin Room and are then offered a guided tour of the castle gardens under the expert guidance of the Head Gardener. Devonshire Day is a fundraiser organised by the Immrara Festival of Travel Writing committee.

Danú

INTERNATIONAL trad group Danú have been announced as the headline act for Trad Fest 2013 in Dungarvan over the June Bank Holiday Weekend.

The concert will be held in The Park Hotel on Sunday June 2nd. Organised by Comeragh Comhaltas, the group's last performance in Dungarvan was during the very successful Munster Fleadh in July of last year.

Cappelquin Parade

CAPPOQUIN'S St Patrick's Day Parade starts at 12.30pm and will be bigger than ever this year. This year's event will be part of a weekend of festivities, starting on Friday night with the launch of 'A Stitch in Time', which is a tribute to the Lonergan Brothers, who were well known and respected tailors in the town for decades. On Saturday there will be open air entertainment on The Square for the afternoon, along with a farmers market.

The St Patrick's Day Parade will be led by the Cappelquin Marching Band, starting at Lower Main Street and follow the route of previous years up the Main Street as far as Shanbally. A number of prizes will be on offer including one for a primary school art competition.

Cannons Return

TWO 18th century cannons are to be returned to Dungarvan Castle after an absence of 25 years. The cannons had been outside the Arts Centre for some time and then moved to a roundabout at the entrance to the town.

Local historian and a key member of Waterford County Museum Willie Fraher is delighted that they have been returned to their rightful place at the castle which they had helped guard for many years.



Clonea & Rathgormack

Macra na Feirme

THE debating team were recently successful in opposing the motion that 'Smoking should be banned in Ireland' at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island.

The motion was proposed by Middleton Senior Debaters. The team will now progress to the quarter final of the competition, which will take place on March 23rd.

Congratulations to all involved!

The annual Waterford Macra Titles Night was hosted by Cappoquin Macra last Friday night.

Titles such as Mr. Personality, Miss Blue Jeans, Miss Macra and Queen of the Land were bestowed on competitors. Further details next week.

The group have also been invited to a 'Be Green, Be Seen' Fundraising event, hosted by North County Dublin Macra.

The event will take place at the Green Isle Hotel, Newlands Cross this Saturday 16th March. All money raised will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland. Entertainment will be provided by '2morrow's Party'.

If you are aged between 17 and 35 and would like further information about Macra please contact Anita Connolly on 086-0678198.

Farming Tips with Michael Flynn

Safety on the Farm must be Top Priority for 2013

KEEPING the yard clean and ensuring that everything is where it should be can drastically reduce silly accidents.

It is important when you employ anyone that you tell them to think safety first when they are doing any job and point out all possible dangers on the farm that they may encounter.

Show them where the First Aid Kit is and inform them where chemicals and acid are stored.

Most care must be taken when children are about and in some cases forbidding them access to the yard is essential.

Tractor Maintenance

THE farm tractor has come through the Winter and it is a good idea to check how many hours it has done since the last oil change.

I like to change the oil and filter after 300 hours work done, or sometimes if the oil is very black or has metal fragments I may change it before then.

Give your tractor a visual check for tyre pressure and breaks because ignoring a problem will let it get worse.

Electric Fence

A NUMBER of years ago I put three earth rods connected together by a strong electric

insulated wire into the ground for my old electric fence and the difference was enormous.

Spray in under wires when conditions allow and right or replace old stakes that may be rotten at the ends.

Happy Birthday Ned

HAPPY Birthday to Rathgormack's Ned Dalton who turned 92 on March 3rd.

We hope you are continuing to celebrate and send you the very warmest wishes.

Clonea Rathgormack Community Alert

THE Clonea Rathgormack Community Alert met on March 4th to discuss recent burglaries and safety issues.

The following tips were issued in relation to personal safety for any elderly people or people living on their own.

Home Security

- Fit a door viewer and a door chain/limiter. These will allow you to safely check callers and retain control over security.

- Front and rear doors and windows should be kept locked day and night.

- Keep a list of emergency numbers that you can refer to quickly, if required, e.g. family, neighbours, Gardaí, medical or fire service.

- If you have a mobile phone, ensure that you have emergency contact numbers recorded under the ICE (In Case of Emergency) system.

- Keep a Personal Information Pack in your fridge (Age Action Ireland, tel: 01-4756989, for further information).

- Number your house clearly so that emergency services can find you quickly if necessary.

Cash/Financial Security

Thieves and burglars love nothing better than cash. It is therefore important to observe the following:

- Do not keep large amounts of cash in your home. Use banks, building societies, credit unions, post offices etc.

- Keep all credit/debit cards in a secure location as well as financial statements, records etc.

- Out-of-date cards should be destroyed.

- Do not give your credit/debit card passwords to anybody.

- When out and about, avoid carrying large sums of money.

The next Community Alert meeting will be held at 8pm in the Rathgormack Hiking Centre on Monday, April 22nd.

One member of each household is encouraged to attend.

Clonea GAA Club News

THE U-10S were in action under lights against Sacred Heart in Carrignore recently.

Meanwhile, The U-16s

played a challenge match against Portlaw.

Membership is now due for all players at a cost of €15 for the year.

Rathgormack GAA Club News

THE U21 footballers secured another eastern title and qualified for the County Final against St. Olivers or Ballinacourty.

The match took place on Sunday, March 3rd at Kill with the team securing a 5 point victory over Tramore on a score line of 1-7 to 0-5.

Following an average first half performance when Rathgormack were lucky to lead 1-1 to 0-3 at half time, Gavin Nugent suddenly seized the advantage with a goal in the 20th minute.

The second half was much better for the team and they took control entering the last quarter, with the defence keeping Tramore scoreless for over 30 minutes.

Congratulations to all of the U21s involved. Wishing you lots of luck in the upcoming County Final.

Rathgormack Ramblers Walking News

THE GROUP are looking forward to their next walk to the Galtees on Sunday March 24th. The meeting point will be Cahir Castle.

Details of the grade and expected completion time to follow.

The Dingle weekend is not very far away now.

Group members are currently researching the area and it is hoped that a few map and compass walks will be held on a couple of Saturdays in April and May.

The arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time.

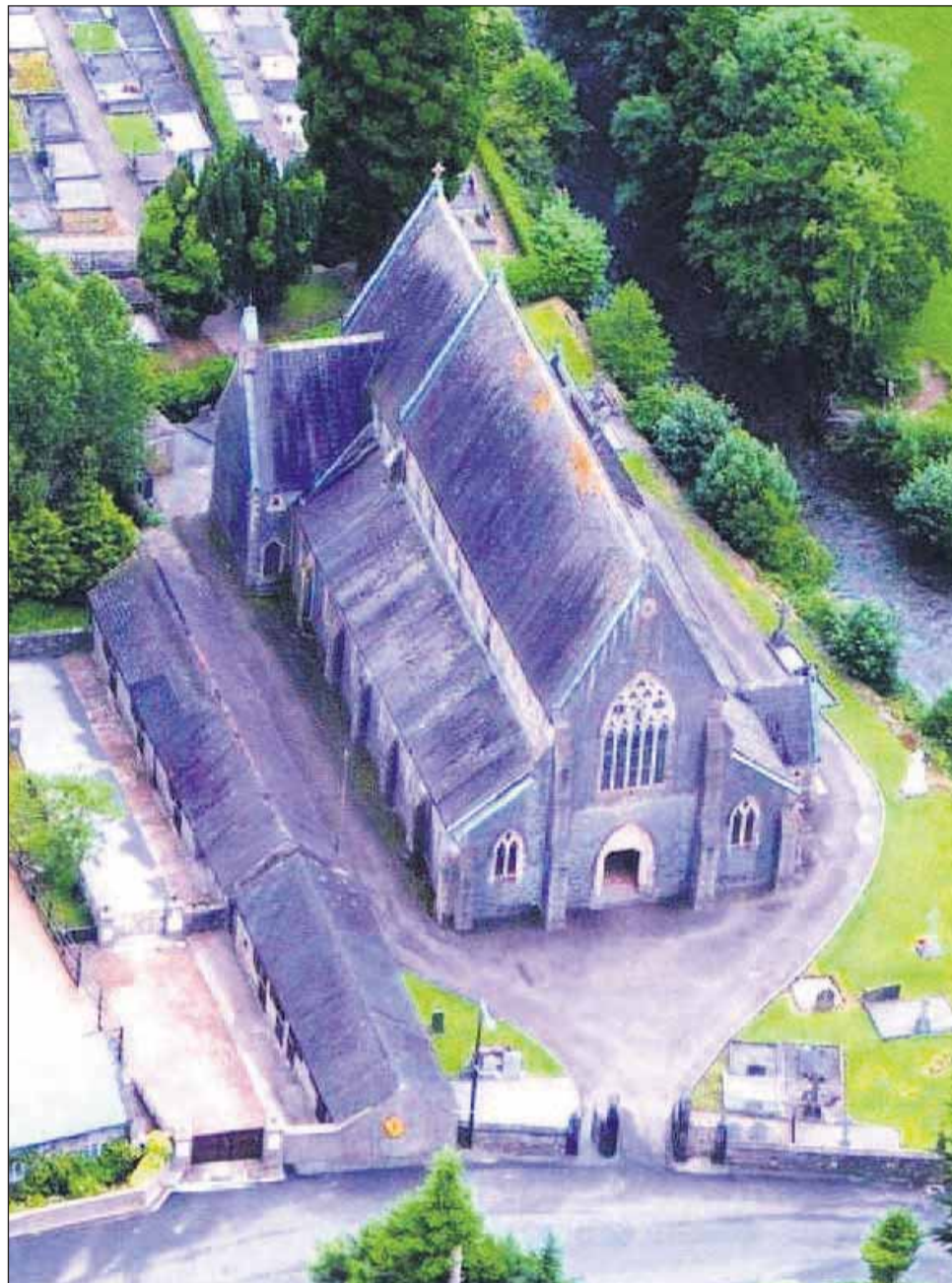
Meanwhile, here are the details of a few upcoming 'mountain walks and talks' that may interest people.

Friday March 22nd: Talk by Kev Reynolds 'A Walk in the Clouds' about his experiences in a number of mountain ranges. Organised by the Peaks club, this event takes place in the South Tipperary Museum, Clonmel at 7.30pm. Entry €5 for MI members, €8 general public.

Saturday March 30th (Easter Saturday): Comeragh Bogtrot organized by Nire Hillwalkers - 16k, 22k and 28k walks. Registration €20. Google 'Comeragh Bogtrot' for further details.

Sunday April 14th: Red Cross Sunrise Summit Challenge. 10 walks organised simultaneously at different locations across the country. Our local one is Coumshingaun.

Registration is €40 and participants are expected to



The Church of Saints Quan and Broghan in Clonea, was built in 1860 at a cost of £6,000 by the Rev. Timothy Dowley, PP. Designed by James Joseph McCarthy, the Church also features stunning stained glass windows produced in the famed Harry Clarke studios.

raise sponsorship.

For more information on the Ramblers check out the blog: <http://rathgormackramblers.blogspot.ie/> or give Mick a call on: 087-2927077.

New members are always welcome.

What's on at Rathgormack Hiking Centre

THE Hiking Centre doubles as a Community Centre and offers a wide range of activities every week.

The building is also available for community gatherings and includes catering facilities. The centre recently hosted a Ceili and a Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

For more information on upcoming events and all other enquiries please call 051-646969 or email info@rathgormackhostel.com.

This week's activities at the Hiking Centre are as follows:

Wednesday, March 13th: Ceoltais - 4.30-8pm, Climbing Wall - 8-10pm, Ladies Soccer - 8.30pm.

Thursday, March 14th: Ceoltais - 6-8pm.

Friday, March 15th: Indoor Hurling - 7-8pm and 8-9pm.

Saturday, March 16th: Karate - 11-12pm.

Tuesday, March 19th: Toddler Group - 9.30-12.30pm, Danzarama Junior 3.30 - 4.30pm, Danzarama Senior - 4.30 - 5.30pm, Geraldine Houlihan - 7.30-8.30pm.

Wednesday, March 20th: Ceoltais - 4.30-8pm, Climbing Wall - 8-10pm, Ladies Soccer - 8.30pm.

Message from the Parish

SINCERE sympathy to the family and friends of Monnie Brophy, Tinvane. Monnie was a former Clonea hurler. May his soul rest in peace.

The Life in the Spirit seminar 'Say Yes to Jesus' continues at Parochial House, Rathgormack every Tuesday night at 8pm, until the end of Lenten season.

The programme is being delivered by Joan Kelly from Tramore and all are welcome.

The Parish Choir is always looking for new members and meets for practice every Wednesday at 8.45pm in Clonea Church.

Mass Times in the Parish are as follows: Clonea: Saturday at 7.30pm. Rathgormack: Sunday at 10.00 am. Usually on Holy

Days a Vigil Mass is celebrated in one of the churches at 7.30.

Details are confirmed the previous week.

Be a Part of this Page

IF YOU have news relevant to the Clonea and Rathgormack area please make contact by emailing karen@ksmoore.com or calling 086-0687982.

Your news items are very welcome, as are photographs.

We provide excellent coverage for local businesses and community groups and would like to include further updates on the activities and issues that are important to you.

The page can be used to congratulate loved ones on special achievements and big days such as Weddings, Christenings, Communion, Confirmations and Graduations. Obituaries can also be featured.

With St Patrick's Day and Easter approaching, it would be lovely to receive some celebratory pictures from members of the community, so do get in touch if you get a good snap! Your items should be sent by the end of Wednesday, in order for the news to be included the following week.

CARRICK focus



Glanbia to be queried on future of co-op field

AT THE monthly meeting of Carrick-on-Suir Town Council, Councillor Sylvia Cooney-Sheehan sought clarification on the ownership of the Co-Op field in Carrickbeg so that the development of this site as a park can be addressed swiftly.

Cllr Cooney-Sheehan was told that the land in question is owned by Glanbia, to which the Councillor replied by requesting the Council to write to the Company asking if it would sell or lease the site.

Mayor Liam Walsh understood that the Council had previously been in contact with Glanbia about this matter and was of the view that it might be better if the Carrickbeg Development Association made direct contact with the Company.

Cllr Pierce O'Loughlin said whoever was responsible for the land needed to manage it in a better manner than its current condition "and gives a very bad impression of the town".

Cllr Cooney-Sheehan tabled a second Notice of Motion requesting the Council to endeavour to secure a commitment from the National Museum that the coin collection found recently in Cooney's Bar would have a public day's viewing in Ormond Castle. She also hopes that the replicas of the coins would have a permanent home in the Castle with the intent of boosting local tourism.

A request has been sent through the County Museum

for information on the process for obtaining replicas of the coins and the cost of same, and this information will be passed on to the members when received.

Cllr Margaret asked if the Council would introduce a Heritage Walkway from the New Bridge to the Navigation Wall incorporating the Bog Well and the Bog Field as a friendly recreational facility/mini-park.

Town Clerk Michael O'Brien said that as most of the land

referred to is privately owned and as it has been established by the Council that a 'right of way' doesn't exist to the Navigation Wall, it would not be possible at this time for the Council to develop a walkway and or a recreational area at the location referred to.

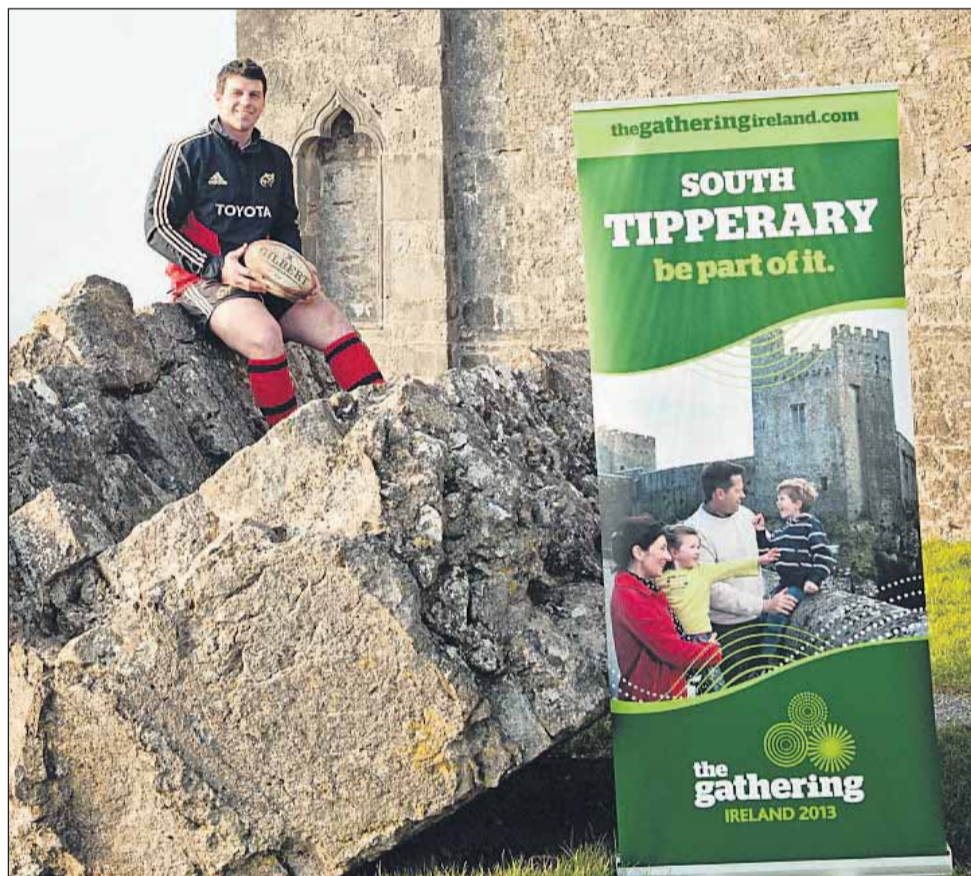
Seconding the motion, Cllr Sylvia Cooney-Sheehan said there seems to be a breach of planning in the area referred to and the Council should follow up on the matter.

Cllr Pierce O'Loughlin also

supported the Motion saying the Navigation Wall has a historic past and should be available to future generations.

Cllr Croke tabled another Notice of Motion requesting the Council to install bollards at disability ramps in Carrickbeg and provide a disabled parking space near Saint Molleran's Church and pedestrian crossing.

Town Clerk Michael O'Brien replied that the Carrick Beg Development Association is dealing with this matter.



Former Munster and Irish rugby international Denis Leamy pictured at the Rock of Cashel during the official launch of the South Tipperary calendar of events for the Gathering Ireland 2013. The Maurice Davin Memorial in Carrick-on-Suir is among a host of events which will be held in South Tipp to mark The Gathering.

Lions Club of the Year

THE Annual Lions Clubs Convention was held in Athlone this year and at which the Carrick-on-Suir Club was represented by President Stephanie Keating and former Cabinet Member Kieran Doran.

They were thrilled to hear the announcement at the Convention that the Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club was selected as the Club of the Year.

This is the second time in three years that the club has been selected as Club of the Year.

District Governor Joe Smith said he was in Carrick-on-Suir during the Lion Club's Awareness Week and was able to see for himself the wonderful service provided to the community.

There was double congratulation in that the club was also successful in

the National under 15 soccer tournament held recently.

Fairtrade Fortnight

THIS year's Fairtrade Fortnight finished on Sunday last and Fairtrade products featured prominently in the main Supermarkets in Carrick-on-Suir.

The Fortnight was officially launched in the Public Library by Melanie Drew, Project Manager Fairtrade Ireland.

Special guests at the launch were Anne Catherine Kane from Senegal who provides advisory services, training and information to the farmers there and Boune Bousso, Director of the National Federation of Cotton Producers in Senegal.

Melanie Drew listed some of the products harvested in Senegal and explained how the farmers there are not being paid adequately for their labour; and how Fairtrade,

Ireland is trying to change the situation.

Melanie has visited Senegal and Ghana and since Fairtrade Ireland has become involved in these countries she says chemicals are not used in the production and farmers are better rewarded for their toil.

Fairtrade has improved facilities for the communities by building schools, furnishing them and providing books for the students.

Fairtrade is a unique international movement with a mission to change the way world trade works.

It is about a better deal for the people in developing countries and it harnesses the power of shoppers, farmers, businesses and campaigners.

When a Company wants one of its products to carry the Fairtrade Mark it has to buy ingredients that comply with internationally agreed Fairtrade standards.



Sean Hahessy (17) of Iverk Produce Carrick Wheelers who was recently named captain of the Irish National Junior (Under-18) team. Sean travelled to Mallorca for a training camp in February where newly appointed Cycling Ireland Head Coach Brian Nugent put the riders through their paces. Congratulations to Sean!

These standards include the payment to farmers and workers of a minimum price and also a premium or bonus that can be used for business and community development.

Launch of Daffodil Day

THIS year's Daffodil Day takes place on Friday, March 22nd and the formal launch took place in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre on Thursday, March 7th.

Chairperson of the local committee Marie Walsh welcomed newly appointed Cancer Society's Munster Community Fundraiser Eileen Kearney and the longstanding local committee members as well as volunteering students from Greenhill Secondary School.

Eileen Kearney thanked the Daffodil Day Committee for the wonderful effort over past Daffodil Day years with the amount collected each year averaging €12,000.

Eileen detailed the many services provided by the Irish Cancer Society assisted by the money collected on Daffodil Day, including free cancer information, home based night nursing service to seriously ill patients and

financial assistance to cancer patients and their families.

Marie Walsh thanked Eileen for attending the launch and she also appealed for volunteers to assist on the day. Marie can be contacted at the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre.

St Patrick's Eve Concert at Brewery Lane

BREWERY Lane Theatre will host a Patrick's Eve Variety Concert on Saturday, March 16th at 8.15 in aid of the theatre's renovation fund.

The concert will be dedicated to the memory of Fr Martin Cleere PP Windgap, County Kilkenny who dies d last year.

Fr Cleere was a well-known and popular musician who was part of the local music scene over many years and performers on the night will include Caroline and Chris O'Brien, Moweena McClean, Marie O'Shea Enright, Mariette O'Keeffe, Dave Cooney, Walter Dunphy, the Windgap Players, the Hearn Sisters, Breege Phelan, Kevin and Colm Power with Tom Nealon as MC.

Admission is €10 and

tickets can be booked at the Heritage Centre telephone 051-640200.

Refreshments will be served.

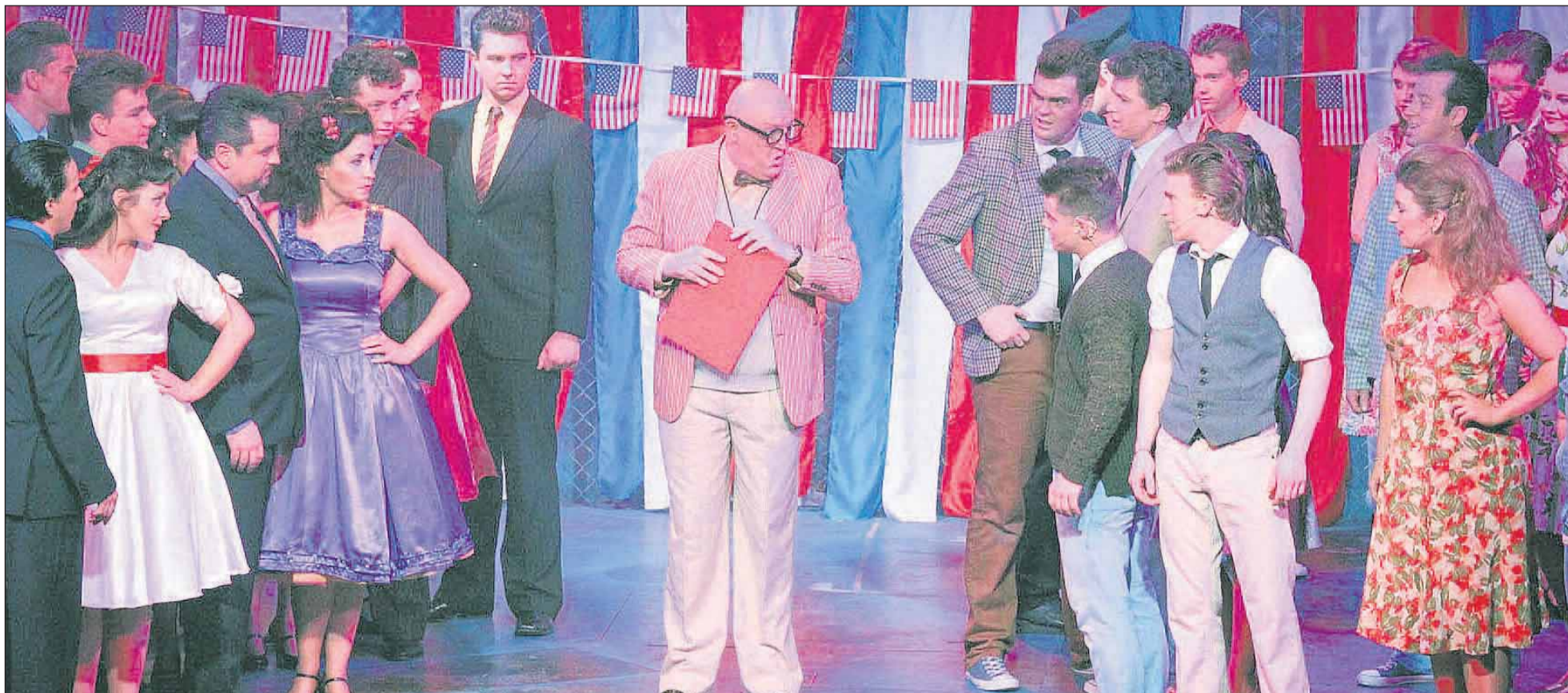
News from the Parishes

THE Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this year on Sunday, May 5th and the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from June 6th to 11th.

Celebrate the Year of Faith in St. Mary's Church, Clogheen for an evening of song, prayer and inspiration on Wednesday, March 27th - a Candlelight Vigil with songs and music by Trudi Lalor and special guests.

Condolences to the families and friends of Pat Butler, Windgap, County Waterford; William Delaney, Portlaw; Susan Healy (nee McCusker), Cregg Lawns, Carrick on Suir; Jimmy Keane, Garravoone, Carrick Beg; Patrick Kirwan, Connolly Park, Carrick Beg; Joan O'Riordan, Lower Ballylynch, Carrick on Suir; Peggy O'Sullivan, St. Mollerans, Carrick Beg and Richard Dunne, Tinhalla, and Bray, County Wicklow.

CARRICK focus



A night in the 'West Side Story' life

DERMOT KEYES

6.40pm: Many of the cast are already at the Strand Theatre by the time I (who played the part of Bernardo for the show's eight-night run) arrive.

A good deal are suited, booted and made up for the night's performance by the time I'm sat in a dressing room seat, getting my hair blow-dried and all manner of hairspray, mousse and what not applied to my scalp.

Then, with microphone strapped in place, I take a handbrake turn over to the make-up artists who turn me from pasty-skinned paddy into a bronze-visaged Puerto Rican.

The facial hair I've grown (all on my own!) for the part adds to the threatening menace I'm expected to exude as Bernardo every night.

He's a highly-pumped kinda guy. If a Jet's knife hadn't finished him off, a heart attack at 45 would probably have done the trick.

7.10pm: The music is pumping through the dressing room stereo as the cast warms up for the night's production.

The soundtrack of choice is decidedly more Beat 102-103 than Lyric, reflecting the youthful age of those on stage, with a few notable exceptions, including this almost 34-year-old! I was just shy of 17 the first time I took to the Strand Theatre stage for a CBS/Scoil Mhuire production of 'Godspell'. Half a lifetime ago for me.

Where has the time gone?

7.30pm: Some extremely

punctual patrons are making their way into the Dick Meany Auditorium while the orchestra, led by Fergal Carroll, descends into the pit for their pre-show limbering.

I've got a script on either side of the stage just in case I need it (you can never be too sure!) while there's even time for us to have a post-production nibble; the cakes all week have been A1- just look at my midriff and you'll see where a lot of it has vanished to!

There's an excited air among the cast as showtime beckons. Director Liam Butler and Choreographer Patricia Woods wish us well as we get ready, well, at least some of us, to Rumble!

8pm: Curtain-up, only there's no curtain as the 'West Side Story' stage is open throughout the 130-minute running time.

A fence is positioned on the front of the stage which will be hauled above us after the Jets and Sharks have their first mini dust-up during the Prologue, a portent of what's to follow come the Rumble at the end of Act One.

Seeing over 20 men dancing on a Strand stage is relatively unheard of, as is the case in most Irish musical societies, as a lack of male participation outside the principal roles is almost a rule of thumb in most cases.

Thankfully, for the second successive year in the wake of last year's 'All Shook Up', there's no such problem in Carrick at present.

And considering many of Jets and Sharks on stage are not yet even 20, the society's future

looks very promising. Very promising indeed.

There are 34 Jets and Sharks girlfriends on stage too, and there's little doubt that principal actresses for future productions lie among them.

There's no concealing the fact that there's some fantastic talent on stage, and hopefully will be for years to come.

The Society, as Liam said at the end of our second dress rehearsal, "is in fantastic shape ... the future looks bright."

9.20pm: Intermission time. In reality, it's two-thirds time in the context of the production's duration, and the show is, as it has done on each other run, just hopped along, augmented by a most receptive audience.

We've had a minor scuffle, a full-blown fight, young love blossoming and two killings thus far.

Leading players Michael Raggett and Louise Mulcahy both look and sound just as one would have hoped Tony and Maria to look and sound.

'West Side Story' is not an easily-sung show - that both Michael and Louise have made it look so easy is testament to how many hours they've put into this since they were cast last October.

And it's been an absolute pleasure to be among their supporting cast, which also features Sandra Power as Anita, as striking a stage presence as ever.

By the way, since Bernardo snuffed it just as Act One ends, I'm moreorless done for the night!

9.40pm: We're off again as Act Two begins, and the sadness of the on-stage tale unfolds and intensifies.

A 'dream sequence' sees peace break out between Jets and Sharks, which brings Bernardo and Riff (played brilliantly by Matthew Williams - a name to watch out for, mark my words) briefly re-appear in a fantasy wedding ballet.

This sequence is the closest 'West Side Story' gets to a happy ending, and is followed by a wonderful number, 'Officer Krupke', featuring the Jets, with proud Saint Mollerans' clubman Bobby Landers producing a rib-tickling, all-energy rendition of the show's most comedic number.

Bobby's a born natural on the stage.

10.25pm: Our tale, as is the Shakespearean-inspired tragedy, ends in further bloodshed when Chino, Bernardo's right-hand man (played by Ray Nolan, one of the Society's hardest working members and a great friend of mine) fatally shoots Tony.

Maria nurses Tony's limp frame as they hold each other for the last time, before the Jets and Sharks carry his body off the New York streets (the on-stage design the brainchild of Chris Hennessy).

Our show has ended, the cast takes its bow, and, perhaps

the greatest validation a cast, production crew and backstage team can ever wish for, the audience rises to its feet.

It's goosebump-inducing stuff.

It's wonderful.

It's what all the nights of rehearsal since October have been devoted to. And we've nailed it!

10.45pm: After the hugs, kisses, handshakes, there's the make-up removal and showering which is, of course, followed by some more hugs, kisses and handshakes, there's some rumination in the Strand Theatre bar.

A few of us are already talking about the pantomime at Halloween, a few social get-togethers in the interim, the 70th anniversary concert to be held later this year and, of course, what we'll sink our teeth into for next year's musical production.

"I don't know how many people begged me not to waste my time on something that could not possibly succeed," said 'West Side Story' composer Leonard Bernstein. "A show full of hatefulness and ugliness."

Well how right Bernstein was to stay the course with his re-telling of 'Romeo And Juliet'.

There are 63 people who appeared on stage for eight nights in Carrick-on-Suir, ending last Saturday with a right good post-show knees-up, who are grateful he did.

We mamboed. We walked tall.

And do you know what? We bloody well rocked.

See you all again next year.



Riff (Matthew Williams) on stage at the Strand.



Portlaw

Late Martin Brophy

THE death occurred recently of Mr Martin (Monnie) Brophy suddenly at his residence in Carrick-on-Suir, formerly of Brown Street Portlaw.

His remains were removed from his residence to St Patrick's Church Portlaw with a guard of honour formed by the GAA club.

Following Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr T Flynn assisted by Fr N Hassett and Fr Corcoran, he was interred in the adjoining cemetery. Monnie was well known and respected in the construction business, had a great personality and always had a love of Portlaw.

In his earlier days he was a valued member of the Portlaw GAA teams for many years before going to America and on his return continued the association with the club and was always interested in all things that were happening in the town. The huge crowds who attended his wake and removal were a fitting testimony to his memory.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Debbie, daughter Jenine, sons Geoffrey and Martin, sisters Mary, Anne, Lily and Geraldine, brothers Kevin, Noel and Eugene and all his relatives and friends.

Dog Fouling

IT is lovely to be able to take your dog for a walk, but surely it is not too hard to bring a plastic bag along with you to pick up what your dog has left behind.

It is hard enough to avoid the fouling in daylight, but you cannot see the mess in darkness.

Remember, children are walking and playing on those footpaths and can pick up germs and bring the mess on shoes into homes.

Enjoy the walk with the dog

but leave the paths clean so others can enjoy walking the footpaths too.

Alpha Lotto Jackpot

JACKPOT €1,300. Winning letters: C, L, O, E. Jackpot winner: Dympna Walsh, Queen Street. €80 Michael Walsh, 24 Brown Street; €50 Breda Flynn, Brownswood; €35 John Corcoran, Georges Street; Jimmy Griffin, Ballyneale; Emily Russell, Coolfin. Promoter's Prize: Thomas Larkin. Next Jackpot: €1,000. Next draw will take place in The Pig.

Portlaw Community Alert

PORTLAW Community Alert in association with County Waterford Community Forum has launched the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme for Vulnerable Households.

Under the scheme, vulnerable households will be supplied, free of charge, with new smoke alarms. For further information contact Liam Walsh, Declan Clune (085-8570506) or any committee member who will be happy to submit an application on your behalf.

Portlaw Community Alert will hold a darts handicap and a 'Proud to be Irish' fancy dress night on St Patrick's Day at The Forge Inn. Darts will begin at 5pm with money prizes (non-darts players with darts players). Dress as your favourite Irish hero, sports player, musician, St Patrick etc. or just wear green as anything goes! Prize for best dressed. Music by Seattle. A fundraising collection will be held on the night.

Last Whist Drive

THE last Whist Drive of the season will be held on Tuesday March 19th in the Parish Hall, Piltown. All proceeds go to Katie's Wish to Walk Fund so



Members of the Irish Red Cross Portlaw Branch Cadet Unit pictured at the branch's recent presentation night.

your support would be much appreciated.

Katie's surgery in America is scheduled for April 4th so hopefully after that and a long spell of physiotherapy she will be better able to walk. All donations welcome to Robert/Ruth Kennington.

Spring Social/ Buffet Dance

THE annual Spring Social/ Buffet Dance will be held on Friday March 22nd in The Rising Sun Mullinavat at 8.30pm. Music by Jimmy Hogan. Tickets cost €20 each and are available from the usual sources.

Hopefully as many people as possible will be able to attend. Any donations to the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

Kiddies Zumbra Disco

A ZUMBRA disco for kiddies takes place on Friday March 15th from 6.30pm to 8.30pm for ages 5 to 11 years in the Community Hall. Admission €3. Shop and spot prizes on the night.

Portlaw AFC

DIVISION 2 B have a great chance of winning their league. They have one game to play and are three points ahead of Hibs who also have one game to play. A draw or a win against Crusaders in the last game would see a win of the league for them. We wish them all the best in that game.

church twice a year.

If this is something you feel you could give some time to please contact Mary Power on 384718 or text your name to her on 087-2913267.

GAA Lotto

THE numbers drawn in the last lotto draw were 1, 11, 16 and 26 and there was no lucky winner. The three winners of €50 each were David Power, Karl Sullivan and Cormac and Gearoid Bolger. The next draw will take place on Monday March 18th at 8.30pm in The Sweep and will have a fantastic jackpot of €4,100.

Sweep News

DURING the Cheltenham festival from Tuesday to Friday The Sweep will open at the earlier time of 12.30pm. There will be live coverage of the races and complimentary finger food served throughout the day. The fun continues throughout St Patrick's weekend when DJ Michael Rockett will play the

There was another great win for Portlaw U14 B soccer team when they beat Railway Athletic four goals to nil. This team is improving with every game.

Last week saw the U16 team lose to Ferrybank 4-2. It was a hard game which could have gone either way but a strong Ferrybank came out on top.

Fundraising Night

A FUNDRAISING table quiz in aid of the Community Hall and Dr Martin Day Care Centre will be held on Friday March 29th in the Community Hall at 8pm. Tables of four €20. Refreshments and raffle on the night.

Owning House Residential Village

A NUMBER of houses are now available for new residents. The aim of the management is to provide the resident with a house which will become their home, where they can live stress free and independently in a secure environment with a good lunch provided each day, a warm house and support available at all times.

For more information contact Canon George Cliffe.

Dr Martin Day Care Centre

WE are starting a new exercise programme which will begin on Wednesday 13th March from 11.30am to 12.30pm. We are also starting a basic computer

class for beginners on Tuesday 12th March from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Anyone interested in these programmes please contact the centre for further information on 051-387111 or Manager Alice Kiersey on 087-0570652.

Portlaw GAA

ANYONE yet to pay their membership, please do so as soon as possible especially players as they will not be insured to play or train until full membership is paid.

Portlaw U11 hurling team played their first game of the year in Carriganore last week. After a very enjoyable game they came away with a narrow victory. It was pleasing to see some of the younger lads playing so well. Well done to the intermediate footballers on their win over Kill in the league - final score 0-11 to 0-9.

Congratulations to the U14 footballers who had a brilliant win over Kilmac. Everyone played their part and they got their reward with a 4-9 to 2-2 win. Dylan Dee and Gavin Nolan got two goals each with some great points from John Power and Shane O'Brian. Well done.

Hard luck to Portlaw U21 footballers who went down to St Mary's in the U21 Eastern Final. Despite being 1-4 to 0-0 down, Portlaw brought the game back level before half time, but a St Mary's went on to

tunes from 9pm on Saturday night while on Sunday Kavan Dee will be on duty.

Spring Stations

IT is hard to believe that we are already into the last week of the Station Masses. On Wednesday March 13th at 8pm, the Mass for Blacknock, Powersknock and Carrigadustra will be in the home of Breda Leahy. Thursday 14th will be the turn of Lacka Road, Whelansbridge and Stonehouse in the home of Brendan and Una Counihan at 8pm. On Friday 15th the Mass for Cullinagh, Newtown and Gortaclode will be in the home of Tommy and Michelle Kinsella at 8pm.

Late Bridget O'Leary

WE were all saddened and upset to hear of the death of Bridget (Biddy) O'Leary, Kilmagemogue, Portlaw recently. Biddy was a wonderful, bighearted lady whose first thought was always for her

family. She was a devoted mother to her 11 children, a kind grandmother to 30 grandchildren, a loving great grandmother to 18 great grandchildren and a very proud great great grandmother to baby Darragh. Her legacy of kindness and thoughtfulness was evident to us all in these family members during the past few weeks while Biddy was in hospital when they never left her side and also in the dignified manner in which they carried out her wishes for her wake and funeral Mass.

As the old saying goes, they didn't pick these traits up from the street as it was what they learned from being part of Biddys life. I am very proud to have gotten the chance to be a little part of Biddy's life when my sister Mary married her son Eamonn and they spent their married life living with Biddy. I came to know her as Nanny as even my own children called her because that was the kind of person she was.

She opened her heart to all and

win 1-8 to 1-5.

Baptism Schedule

TWO weeks notice is required to arrange a baptism. The following are the upcoming dates and times of Baptism: Sunday 24th March after 11am Mass; Saturday 30th March at 9pm.

Spring Stations

THE Station for Darrigal and Glenhouse will be hosted by Jim and Teresa Duggan on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm.

Irish Red Cross Portlaw

YOU all did fantastic at our recent CPR Refresher Night. It's great to see that all of you are proficient in all the basic lifesaving skills.

Anyone who would like to see the cadets' skills, come along for our CPR Marathon in Lisduggan Shopping Centre in April which will take place alongside a bag pack to raise funds for our activities and our trip to Laois for the Irish Red Cross National Youth Challenge Day.

We had an incredibly informative evening last Friday when Stacey King from the Waterford County Fire Services told us of the county's Major Emergency Plan. It's amazing how we all can play our part if the need ever arises! We are now looking forward to marching in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade in Waterford.

Also, keep working on collecting those eggs for our Easter crafts day with the Dr Martin Day Centre.

Well done to all responders who attended our second scenario training night last week. Every hour of training vastly improves everyone's confidence levels in acting fast and efficiently.

It's so reassuring to see that so many take the opportunity to keep their skills up. Thank you to The Clodagh Bar for providing one of the venues for our realistic re-enactments.

Our Intermediate First Aid Course is progressing strongly, with all our new members being brought up to speed.

had a great interest in everyone's wellbeing and achievements. Her other great interests were a good game of cards, sports, music (especially our own John O'Shea on a Sunday night) and she was a very proud Fianna Fail supporter all her life and she was known to enjoy an odd smoke and a drop of the queer stuff! We send our deepest sympathy to all her family and we say with great honesty and truth that we feel your pain.

I know that without any doubt she was extremely proud of you all for giving her a wonderful send off and even though she can't be with you here on earth anymore she will continue to guide you and give you strength.

I am sure that she is now enjoying a beautiful reunion with her husband Johnny and her beloved son Willie and I'd say she already has a card classic in full swing. May the Lord now reward her for all the great work she did here on earth and may her sweet gentle soul rest in peace.



Ballyduff & Kilmeaden

Sympathy

WE send our deepest sympathy to Margaret O'Connell, Haughton's pub on the death of her beloved mother Mary Bransfield, Coole West, Whites Cross, Cork. We pray that her gentle soul will now rest in peace and that the Lord will send his comfort and strength to her family in the days and months ahead.

Recent Baptisms

WE welcome all the following babies into our Christian community who were baptised during the past few months: Bobby Reid, Ben Littlewood, Emily Butler, Ethan Butler, David Murray, Darragh O'Shea, Eddie Griffin and Hannah

O'Regan. We wish them all and their parents a happy and healthy life.

Bridge News

THE results of the latest bridge game are as follows: 1st Patsy Roche and Kathleen Collins; 2nd Margaret Power and Sean Hennessey; 3rd Fr O'Byrne and Tilly O'Connell; 4th Geraldine McMahon and Nano Fitzgerald.

Church Cleaning

THE number of people who volunteer to clean our church has decreased in the past few years and so our parish council are now in the process of preparing a new rota. The plan is to have six teams of four people which would mean you would only be asked to clean the

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Ballybricken

Late Margaret (Maggie) Casey

IT IS with sorrow that we record the death of Mrs Margaret (Maggie) Casey, late of Rice Park, College Street which occurred on Saturday March 2nd.

Her remains were removed from her residence on Monday March 4th at 6.30pm to St John's Church, Parnell Street.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Tuesday March 5th at 11am and burial took place afterwards in St Otteran's Cemetery.

May her gentle soul rest in peace. Donations if desired to Waterford Branch Downs Syndrome.

Lions Club Table Quiz

THERE are a number of people currently busy fundraising for the

Strictly Deise Dancing competition which will take place in the near future.

All of those taking part have to raise money to compete and Michael Byrne, Music Manager at WLRfm will stage a general knowledge table quiz in The Grand Hotel tomorrow night (Thursday March 14th) starting at 8.30pm.

Michael is currently busy rehearsing for his stint on the dance floor. Tables of four tomorrow will cost €20 and there will be lots of great spot prizes on offer during the course of the night.

Quizmaster will be Matt Keane and a super night is guaranteed.

Deise Active Retirement Association

DEISE Active Retirement Association will hold a meeting

tomorrow (Thursday March 14th) in The Woodlands Hotel at 11am.

There will be a fashion show also, with their own models, so a super morning will be on offer. All are welcome.

Late William McCabe

IT IS with sorrow that we record the death of Mr William Paddy McCabe, Sexton Street, and late of Dominos, which occurred on Thursday February 28th.

His remains were removed from Thompson's Funeral Home, Barrack Street on Saturday March 2nd at 9pm to The Holy Family Church.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Sunday March 3rd at 11am and burial took place afterwards in St Otteran's Cemetery.



Pat Sinnott, Manager of Caulfield's SuperValu, Hypercentre, Morgan Street, with Keith Molloy of Molloy's Craft Butchers who were recently added to the SuperValu Own Brand Range.



City North

Late Mary Kearns

THE death has occurred of Mary Kearns (née Delanders), late of Cathedral Close, Waterford who died on Sunday 3rd March.

Removal of remains took place from Killure Bridge Nursing Home on Tuesday evening 5th March at 6pm to St Paul's Church.

Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Wednesday morning 6th March at 10am with burial afterwards in St Otteran's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Late Mary O'Callaghan

THE death has occurred of Mary O'Callaghan (née Kehoe) late of Morrison's Road, Waterford who died on Sunday 1st March.

Removal of remains took place from Thompson's Funeral Home, Barrack Street on Sunday 3rd March at 6.15pm to Ballybricken Church.

Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Monday 4th March at 10am with burial afterwards in

Butlerstown Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Late William McCabe

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Sue Ryder Shop

THE Sue Ryder Foundation is a large provider of homes for the elderly.

They support this from their shop in Ballybricken and are totally dependent on voluntary labour and donations.

They would appreciate any clothing, toys, books or furniture that may be surplus to your requirements.

If you have any queries about a donation contact 051-879425.

Pluto Project

THE Pluto Project is a free ten week programme which will take place for two hours each Tuesday morning in St Brigid's Family and Community Centre starting early March.

Pluto aims to provide support to individuals who are experiencing long and short term unemployment.

The project is a fully

funded course which includes workshops on how to identify your own skills, get information, write your own CV and learn vital interview skills.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking part please contact Liz in St Brigid's Family and Community Centre on 051-375261.

Table Quiz

VOCI Ladies table quiz will take place at 8pm in The Cove Bar, on Thursday 21st March.

Table of four €20. Cash prizes for winners.

Raffle and spot prizes. All are welcome.

Waterford Regional Gardening Club

WATERFORD Regional

Gardening Club will hold a meeting on Thursday 21st March at 8.00pm at The Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack Street.

Francis McDonald will give a talk on climbers and wall shrubs followed by refreshments.

Visitors/ non-members welcome.

Admission €5 per lecture (including refreshments). Members free.

Pres Head Girls

PRESENTATION Secondary, Waterford is looking to invite former Head Girls and Deputy Head Girls to their official opening on Friday March 22nd.

Please contact the school on 051-37 65 84 or email office@preswaterford.ie



St Paul's

Late Thomas (Tom) Widger

WE extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr Thomas (Tom) Widger, Hazel Terrace, Lisduggan, who passed away on March 3rd last.

Removal took place from Thompson's Funeral Home to St Paul's Church where Requiem Mass was celebrated before burial in St Otteran's Cemetery.

Ar dheis De go raibh Se.

Library News

BROWN'S Road Library, in conjunction with Waterford

Festival of Learning, will host a free Art Workshop for Adults on Wednesday 20th March at 2.30pm.

Waterford artist Susan Enticknap will give the workshop on different techniques that artists use in creating their work.

She will focus on sketching, pen and ink drawing, acrylics and watercolours.

Materials will be supplied but booking is essential.

Call 849845 to book or for more information.

The Author of the Month for March is Sinead Moriarty. Laugh, cry and enjoy a treat

with one of Ireland's best loved young novelists.

Children's Story Time takes place each Wednesday at 2.30pm for children under six accompanied by their parents/guardians.

Brown's Road Library is open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5.30pm.

St Paul's Whist Club

THE most recent results from St Paul's Whist Club are as follows: Overall Winner - Peggy Byrne; 1st Lady - Renee Walsh; 1st Gent - Nell Cummins; 1st Half Lady - Kathleen Comerford; 1st Half Gent - Peggy O'Neill; 2nd Half Lady - Maura McNeill; 2nd Half Gent - Nell Cummins.

The club meets each Monday from 2pm to 5pm in St Paul's

Parish Meeting Rooms (gate between Credit Union and St Paul's BNS).

New members always welcome. No experience necessary.

More Feis Success

THE Power School of Irish Dancing traveled to Co Kildare recently for the annual Kilcullen Parish Feis recently.

The girls had a wonderful day with great success so well done to Shannon, Katelyn, Hollie, Holly, Caoimhe, Rebecca, Jane, Aisling, Abbie, Sophie, Reanna and Ella-May.

We wish them continued success. Beginners' classes continue each Saturday from 10am to 11am at St Paul's Parish Meeting Rooms, Church Rd, Lisduggan, (entrance between Lisduggan Credit

Union and St Paul's Primary School).

New members always welcome.

Suicide Prevention

FIANNA Fail Area Representative Jason Murphy has welcomed the publication of a new Fianna Fail policy document on suicide prevention entitled 'Actions Speak Louder than Words: A Structural Approach to a Societal Issue'.

The policy, which has been written by Seanad Spokesperson on Health Senator Marc MacSharry, sets out a number of ambitious reforms that should be undertaken to radically change the approach of the government and health service to mental health issues and aims to reduce the incidence of suicide

in Ireland by 30 per cent over 10 years.

Jason Murphy stated: "We are living in an era where suicide is occurring at an unprecedented level. To put it bluntly, this is a public health emergency".

He added: "There are no quick fixes or easy solutions to dealing with mental health issues and suicide but the scale of our response must match the scale of the problem. We have a long way to go to achieve that but I believe this document sets out a clear, effective and fresh policy approach."

News & Views

FOR items for this column, please send your details to stpaulspeople@hotmail.com to reach us by each Friday at 11am. Looking forward to hearing from you.



St John's

Important Meeting

AS part of our Year of Faith, a presentation by Orla Walsh on 'Handing on the Faith to your Children' for parents whose children are being confirmed this year in our Pastoral Area will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, The Folly, on March 20th at 7.30pm.

Orla, who is a mother of three, has been involved in education for the past 25 years. All parents are asked to attend.

Meeting of Liturgy Group

The Redemptorist Fathers recently confirmed to members of our Pastoral Council and Liturgy Groups that the Parish Mission will be from 22nd April - 2nd May 2014.

Three priests will conduct the Mission. As the Friary, St Saviour's and St Patrick's have regular anointing services, it was decided there was no longer a need to have such a service in St John's.

It was proposed that an anointing of the sick could be held at the 10am Mass next year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass for the Feast of St Peregrine will take place on May 15th.

Preparations are ongoing.

Holy Week / Easter at St John's

RECONCILIATION Service - Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm; Holy Thursday 6.15pm - Mass of the Last Supper, including the washing of feet and the renewal of commitment

by Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will remain open after the Mass; Good Friday at 3pm a dramatisation of The Passion followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm and a Powerpoint presentation based on a current Trocaire theme; Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 9pm which will be preceded by the lighting of the Paschal Fire at the entrance to the church; Masses will be at 9am and 12noon on Easter Sunday; confessions will take place during Holy Week on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday after the 10am Mass and on Good Friday after the 3pm and 7pm ceremonies.

Sympathy

ALL in St John's extend sincere sympathies to Ann Johnson, on the recent death of her father Mr Keenan Johnson, who died recently in Sligo. May he rest in peace.

Happy Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs McSweeney, Cork Road, who celebrated her 92nd birthday last week. All her family and friends extend their best wishes to her.

Goats for Africa

ONCE again this year during the season of Lent, St Declan's BNS plans to help raise enough money to send a goat to Africa with the Bothar organisation.

Since the year 2000, St Declan's has sent 26 goats to families in need there. Pupils fundraise by bringing in 20c



Gilbert Lee Meagher (descendant of Thomas Francis Meagher) handing over the sword which belonged to his relative to Mayor of Waterford City Cllr Jim D'Arcy at Bishop's Palace on Friday evening last. |Photo: Mick Wall/Deisepix.

every Friday, which will help send goat number 27 to Africa.

The lucky boy who gets to name the goat will win an Easter egg!

Annual Charity Day

St Declan's annual school charity day was held on Friday 8th February. This year, St Declan's Boys' supported two appeals - one for a little girl from Piltown, Katie Lonergan, who needs a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy operation in the USA and they also supported Cathy Wallis (St Declan's Preschool Manager)

in her proposed charity work supporting children in Cambodia next summer. In total, €760 was raised on the day and this money will now be divided evenly between both appeals. Thanks to everyone who supported St Declan's charity day this year.

Br Anselm Memorial GAA Quiz

THE annual Br Anselm Memorial Primary Schools GAA Quiz took place at the Tower Hotel recently. St Declan's entered two teams and they succeeded in

repeating their victory of last year following an exciting tie breaker.

Team members were Aidan Gannon, Seán Treacy, Lee O'Connor and Adam Dalton and the victorious team members were Eamonn Brosnan, Tadhg Ryan, Cormac Power and Harry White. Many thanks to Mr Fitzgerald who looked after the teams.

St Declan's Indoor Hurlers

ST Declan's indoor hurlers had a good start to their new season when they qualified for the

Allianz Indoor Hurling Final following a successful outing in the first round blitz.

St Declan's won their four games, recording victories over Mount Sion, St Stephen's, St Saviour's and Glór na Mara.

They now face Ballygunner, Holycross and St Stephen's in the final, which takes place at the Butler Community Centre, St John's Park. Panel: Ryan McCarthy, Jay Hearne, Ronan Power, Conor Murphy, Alex Browne, Seán Doocey, Aaron Wymberly, Conor O'Shea, Eoin Hearne and Keegan Power.



Sacred Heart

St John's Park Residents Association

THE Annual General Meeting of the St John's Park Residents Association was held in the Butler Community Centre, St John's Park, on Wednesday 27th February.

The meeting was attended by Mr Noel Walsh, Waterford City Council. Chairperson of the Residents Association Mrs Peg Tebay gave a detailed account of all the activities which the committee was involved in during the last year.

There was an open discussion among those in attendance on many issues which affect St John's Park and on how best to have these issues resolved. Concern was also expressed about the lack of a bus service from St John's Park to Waterford Regional Hospital.

This month marks the 60th anniversary of St John's Park.

The committee is looking at ways to mark the occasion. It was decided that it might be a better option to hold an event later in the summer when the weather is better.

Happy 100th Birthday

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Fagan, German Road, who celebrates her 100th birthday on St Patrick's Day. All her friends and neighbours extend their warmest congratulations to Jo on this centenary birthday and hope she enjoys her special day in the company of family and friends.

Music for Mass

MUSIC for the 11.15am Mass in the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 17th March will be provided by Dulcet and all are welcome to attend.

St Patrick's Day Parade

WE extend our best wishes to

all the various groups and clubs from the parish who will be participating in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade.

A lot of time and effort is put in by volunteers to make sure that the children have a great day at the parade representing their group/club.

Hopefully, the weather will be good and a bit warmer and that there will be a large turnout of spectators and participants.

In Memory of Sean Dunne

ONE of the finest writing festivals in Ireland 'Waterford Writers Weekend' will be held in Waterford from March 21st to 24th. It owes its origin to the memory St John's Park poet and author, the late Sean Dunne. It was previously called the Sean Dunne Writers Festival, but the City Council decided to change the name of the festival in 2011.

The aim of the festival is to promote the art and craft of writing and to celebrate creativity in all generations.

However, there is one section on the festival named after Sean - the 'Sean Dunne Young

Writers Awards'. This is always a very special event with the pupils of Scoil Lorcaín BNS where Sean received his early schooling and where a portrait of Sean hangs proudly on the wall. This event gives a chance to young people to express their thoughts and imagination through the use of words and has given many the courage to develop their talents further.

The winners of these awards will be announced on Thursday 21st March in Greyfriars at 7.30pm. This is a free event and all are welcome. Emily Gillmore Murphy will present the awards.

On Saturday 23rd March at 4pm, Central Library will host Sean Dunne Readings where family members and friends of Sean will read from some of his works, which includes 'In My Father's House' which chronicles growing up in St John's Park and Waterford in the 60s. We wish all the pupils from Scoil Lorcaín and the organisers a very successful festival.

Concert

THE Friends of Waterford

Regional Hospital will host a concert in the Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, on Friday 22nd March at 8pm.

There is a host of musical talent on the programme for this concert including Vanessa Whelan, last year's finalist in The Voice of Ireland competition, Barrack Street Band, Edmund Rice Choral Society, Amish Choir, Hooks and Crooks, Waterford Regional Hospital Choir and many more talented artists.

Tickets are priced at €10 each and €5 for children, and can be purchased from City Jewellers, Fitzgerald's Menswear and The Book Centre.

Late Maria Halligan

IT is with deep regret we record the sad passing of Mrs Maria Halligan (née Graham), Kilcohan House, who passed to her eternal reward on Wednesday 27th February. Condolences are extended to her family, relatives and friends. Removal took place from Thompson's Funeral Home, Barrack Street, on Saturday evening to the Sacred Heart Church, The Folly.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Sunday 3rd March after which Maria was laid to rest in St Otteran's Cemetery, Ballinaneeshagh.

May she rest in peace.

Blood Donors Needed

A BLOOD donor clinic will be held in The Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Road, on Monday March 11th and Tuesday March 12th from 4.30pm to 8pm.

A blood donor clinic will also be held in the Kingfisher Club, Tramore Road on Wednesday March 20th and 21st from 4.30pm to 8pm.

Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.

Coffee Morning Fundraisers

FUNDRAISING coffee morning events in aid of Daffodil Day will be held at the following venues in the parish, and all are invited along to support this very worthy cause: St Anne's Tennis Club on Wednesday 13th at 11am and the Butler Community Centre on Friday 22nd from 10am to 12.30pm.

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St Saviour's

Late Sean Byrne

IT is with deep and sincere regret we record the death of Mr Sean Byrne, Clonard Park who died on Saturday February 23rd at Waterford Regional Hospital. His remains were removed from Thompson's Funeral home to St Saviour's Church on Monday February 25th where they were received by Fr Martin Crowe OP.

Burial took place following concelebrated Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Declan Corish OP PP and Fr Sean Melody, Sacred Heart Church to Kilbarry cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Teresa, his sons John, daughters Annmarie, Mary, Elizabeth and

Bernie, grandchildren Rebecca, Clodagh, Kalyln, and Aaron, brothers Noel and Mick, sisters Betty, Breda and Kathleen, brothers-in law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

Birthday Wishes

CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Cashin, Priory Lawn who celebrated her 50th birthday in great style last week with a party for family and friends. All her family and her many friends send birthday greetings to her.

Congratulations to Joan Connolly, Priory Lawn who celebrated her birthday on Monday 25th February.

Birthday wishes come to Joan from her family and all her friends.

Wedding Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom and Bridie McGrath who celebrated 44 years of wedded bliss last week. Their family and all their friends send their best wishes for many more years of happiness to them both.

Cill Barra Community Sports Centre

OUR gym rates are as little as €3.50 per visit or six months full gym membership is €100. For a limited period we are offering 12 months full membership for €160.

Fitness classes running weekly are as follows: Monday Lunchtime Circuits at 1.10pm, Body Blast at 6pm, Wednesday Ladies Boxercise at 9.30am and Kettlebells at 1.10pm, Friday Kettlebells at 8.30am

and Body Blast at 6pm.

Also, for the Over 55s we have Indoor Bowls running every Tuesday at 10.30am. Our new weekly beginners' running club has just started and it is never to late to join.

We leave the centre every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm sharp. A hi-vis vest, bottle of water, pre and post stretches, plus a core session are all provided for only €4.

All classes are suitable for beginners - don't knock it until you try it! All classes are only €4 and are instructed by fully qualified health and fitness professionals.

For more details contact 051-350800 or check out our Facebook page.

Christened

WELCOMED into the Christian community in St Saviour's by Fr Declan Corish OP PP on Saturday March 2nd was baby Taylor,

son of Annmaria and Trevor Ryan, 180 Clonard Park. The godparents were Emma Ryan and Darren Frampton.

Also welcomed was baby Lily Ann, daughter of Hannah and William Power, Summerville, Tramore. The godparents were Eleanor Geary and Micheal Power.

Baby Micheal Edward, son of William and Lisa O'Reilly, Kilbarry Halting Site was also welcomed. The godparents were Norah and Patrick O'Reilly.

Access IT News

Due to the popularity of our Over 55's computer clubs a new one started on Tuesday 12th March and runs from 4pm to 6pm in Access IT Ltd, Parish Centre, Ballybeg.

This is a complete beginner's course where students acquire the skills and confidence in using computers effectively in a friendly and relaxed

atmosphere and can enjoy coffee and a chat in the centre's canteen. Cost for two hours a week for €4.

If you are interested in joining this class you can contact us at 051-590873/374849 email maeve@accessitltd.ie or visit www.accessitltd.ie.

Easter Raffle

TICKETS will be on sale after all Masses for a giant Easter hamper in aid of church funds.

Your support would be appreciated for this worthy cause. Tickets are on sale at €2 a strip or three strips for €5. The raffle will take place on Good Friday

Mass Times for Lent

MASS will be celebrated in St Saviour's Church at 9.30am and 7.30pm weekdays for Lent. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday evening from 7pm to 7.30pm.

Nuacht ó Ghaelscoil na nDéise

Engineers Week

WE really enjoyed Engineers Week last week. The children were given an opportunity to build a city in the hall using K'Nex, Lego and bricks along with a wide range of other materials.

We couldn't believe the fantastic buildings the children built with various shops and houses to be seen everywhere!

The children thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from this great event organised by Múinteoir Viv.

Young Environmentalist Awards 2013

RANG 5 have been working extremely hard on their Young Environmentalist Award project over the past few weeks under the direction of Múinteoirí Esther and Cian.

ECO-UNESCO's Young

Environmentalist Awards is an all-Ireland environmental awards programme that recognises and rewards young people who raise environmental awareness and improve the environment.

Rang 5 completed two massive projects based on transport and they presented their work using maps, projects, recordings on the iPad, dance and song.

The children submitted their application for award a fortnight ago and were told they had been shortlisted!

Rang 5 travelled to Cork last Friday to present their work to the judging panel and we wish them every success as they wait to hear the results.

Congratulations to our Young Environmentalists!

Waterford Healthy Cities 2013

GAELSCOIL na nDéise was awarded a certificate

last Tuesday for all the work undertaken in the school to promote healthy living.

Waterford is a recognised 'healthy city' and Gaelscoil na nDéise supports it in keeping this status by providing a wide and varied physical activity programme, a healthy lunch policy, the Green Flag Initiative, an effective anti-bullying policy, an emphasis on respect for each other and being mannerly towards each other as well as many other initiatives regularly implemented in the school.

Gaelscoil na nDéise is a co-educational, Irish-medium primary school situated on Gracedieu Road where the child is wholly developed in a happy, motivating learning environment.

Further information can be obtained at www.gaelscoilnandaise.ie or on (051) 843222.



Gaelscoil's Young Environmentalists.

St Joseph's School

Junk Kouture

THE students of Senior 4 were overjoyed to learn that their Rainbow Dress (made from bottle tops) has qualified for the Regional Finals in Limerick on Thursday March 14th. A special thanks to Jamie Wilson for all her hard work on this project. We wish them every success!

Swimming Gala

SEVERAL of our pupils won gold, silver and bronze medals at the recent swimming gala in Cork. However, for many,

the highlight of the day was stopping in Dungarvan for a meal en route home. Congrats to everyone who took part - a wonderful day was had by all.

Football

GOOD luck to our football team who are playing in a Munster Blitz at the University of Limerick this week...well done lads!

We've trained hard every Friday and thank you to the Transition Year pupils of De La Salle College who have trained with us and given us tips.

Basketball

CONGRATULATIONS to our Senior girls who were recent medalists in the All-Ireland Tournament in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght, Dublin.

Hens for Africa

POST-PRIMARY 3 are busy fundraising for hens for Africa this Lent. As Lent draws to a close they are launching a final appeal to reach the target amount. They would like to thank all the pupils for their 'eggcellent' efforts thus far; together we can make a difference.



Hard at work at Engineer's Week.

12 noon on Tuesday is the deadline for placing adverts in The Munster Express.

To book your spot, call 051 500 100 now



Kilmacthomas

Baby Girl

MANY congratulations to Anita Dee and Eoin Darcy on the birth of their baby daughter Kate who was born on on Sunday morning March 3rd.

Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS to the pupils of Kilmacthomas Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 21st February in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Kill. Monsignor O'Mahony administered the sacrament assisted by Fr Keogh, PP, Newtown and Fr Callanan, Kill.

Those who received the sacrament were Hannah-Mei Behan, Michael Connolly, Tommy Carberry, Pádraig Dee, Ben Hanrahan, Dean Kiely, Coady Moore, Jessica O'Connell, Kyle Organ, Stacey Organ, Darragh Power, Laura Reynolds, Jack Sandford, Mísia Tobolska and Dylan Wm. Walsh. Class teacher is Mr Ciarán Ó hÉithir.

Sympathy

SINCERE sympathy is extended to Eileen Mears, Old Road, Kilmacthomas and Kay Barron, Tracey's Hill, Kilmacthomas on the death of their mother Mrs Bridget (Bid) O' Leary, Kilmagemogue, Portlaw, which sad event occurred on Thursday 27th February. Burial took place following her Requiem Mass on Sunday morning in St Nicholas Church, Ballyduff. May she rest in peace.

Lotto Draw

RESULTS for the Kilmacthomas AFC lotto draw for Saturday 2nd March:

letters drawn C, E, H, W. No jackpot winner. Five winners of €20 each to Ronan Kirwan, Kealfoun, Pat McGrath, c/o Mosh's, Danny Sutton, Hillside Crescent, Jessica O'Connell, Glenafooka and Anne Kirwan, Kealfoun. Next week's jackpot €2,900. Be in to win.

Whist

RESULTS for the Ballylanean Whist Club for Monday night 4th March:

Alice Walsh, Pauline Desmond, Kay Veale, Agnes Thomas, Bidy Fitzgerald, Rosie Keane, Linda Dempsey, B. Clancy, Eric Townsend, B. Galvin and Monica Gough. Raffle winners: Monica Gough, Pauline Desmond, Mary B. Bowdren and Bidy Fitzgerald.

Bingo

BINGO in the Rainbow Community Hall takes place each Tuesday night at 8.30pm. We look forward to your continued support. Jackpot and cash prizes to be won.

St Declan's CC

PRINCIPAL Eugene Power recently planted a tree, one of sixty purchased using funds raised from the school's Action Day which encouraged students to bring in €2 and to wear an item of green clothing. The day was a huge success and just under €900 was raised.

The Green Flag we have been working on since late 2011 is the Biodiversity Flag. Biodiversity was hard to understand at first but we soon saw its potential. In brief, biodiversity means the variety of all life which surrounds us.

The committee, which is comprised of members from

every year except exam year students, did numerous things to promote biodiversity. We carried out surveys among students, did a habitat, a map of the school grounds and organised a trip to Fenor Bog, to name but a few activities.

Finally on 28th February, the day of reckoning came. An inspector came from Waterford County Council to talk to our committee and see what work we did.

We told her all about what we had done, which she was very impressed with, and then a small group of us showed her the efforts which we had made around the school grounds to improve biodiversity.

These included a small oak plantation, a bug hotel as well as recycled tyres in which onions, herbs and potatoes had been sown.

Overall, the visit went extremely well and the inspector told us she would definitely be recommending we get the flag, our fifth.

Congratulations to all members of the Green School Committee for their dedication and hard work, Ms Kelly and Mr Meleady for their invaluable guidance, as well as all of the students and staff for their on-going support. Here's to the next Green Flag.

On Saturday 9th March Shane O'Brien (1 Grainne) is representing St Declan's in the All-Ireland Schools Cross Country in Belfast. He is the first student to run in this race since 2006. Best of luck Shane.

This year the Trócaire Lenten Fast will take place around 8th/9th March. The school collected €1,913.90 last year. In total since we started participating we have collected €40,000. This is a fantastic achievement.

Well done to all concerned and best of luck with the fast this year.



Transition Year students from St Declan's Community College dressed as book characters as part of World Book Day. Pictured are Doireann McCarthy as Katniss from The Hunger Games, Petra McDonough as Mary Poppins, Hannah Flynn as Tinkerbell, Elsa Griffin as Alice in Wonderland, Heather Shanahan as Harry Potter, and Jane Butler as Pippi Longstockings



Patrick Whyte, Patrick Kirwan, Michael Behan, Thomas Fogarty, Petra McDonough, Phoebe Bowdren, and Principal Mr. Eugene Power at a recent tree planting ceremony at St Declan's Community College.



Stradbally

Late Dr John O'Connell

THOSE who were acquainted and worked for Dr John O'Connell during his time at Woodhouse Estate in Stradbally were sad to learn of his passing on Friday last.

Dr John as he was known locally served as Ceann Comhairle in the 22nd Dail in 1981 and in the 23rd Dail in 1982 and had a distinguished career as a medical doctor, was founder of the Irish Medical Times, Minister for Health, MEP, Senator and represented his constituents with dedication over a long period of time.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his family on his sad passing.

European Science Olympiad

GER Crowley from Ballydwan, a fifth year student at St

Augustine's College, will travel to Luxembourg City on March 17th with the Irish team of six to take part in the European Science Olympiad 2013.

They will compete against 27 other national teams and the event runs for five days at the University of Luxembourg. We wish Ger and his team a safe and successful trip.

Our Lady of Mercy School

AINE Cummins has completed basketball in Our Lady of Mercy School, Stradbally and we would like to extend to her our very sincere thanks for the six coaching sessions with the pupils.

They enjoyed them tremendously and put their skills into practice every day during playtime.

The pupils also participated in

a basketball blitz for fifth and sixth classes in Waterford last week and although we were not successful it certainly was a learning experience.

Basketball is now over and we look forward to our next coaching sessions moving on to a different sport.

This time it's hockey for the next six weeks. We look forward to learning the skills and rules of the game.

Pupils will be asked to bring a hockey stick to school on Fridays. Please bring one if you have one or borrow one if possible.

We will have some sticks for those who are unable to get one.

Table Quiz

OUR Lady of Mercy NS Parents Association will hold a table quiz on Thursday March 21st at 8.30pm in Stradbally GAA Centre. Please support this local fundraising effort.

Playground Committee STRADBALLY Playground

Committee is on a final drive for funds to complete the playground which is currently making great progress.

A cake sale will take place after all Masses on March 23rd/24th to raise funds.

Please support to make this a fantastic facility a reality for the whole community.

Parish Draw

A REMINDER that the parish draw begins on Monday March 18th.

Promoters have been calling to all local homes looking for support.

The draw costs €20 for 12 weeks with a top prize each week of €150 and five prizes of €25. New promoters are very welcome.

This is the one annual fundraising event for parish funds. Your support is very important and greatly appreciated. If you are not in, you can't win.

Cookery Demonstration ON Thursday night March

14th, Seafeld Parents Association will hold a cookery demonstration in The Park Hotel, Dungarvan at 7.30pm.

There will also be lots of stalls at the event displaying Waterford produce. Admission €10.



Kilrossanty

Comeragh Community Development Group

COMERAGH Community Development Group will hold their Easter Draw on April 15th in Crotty's Inn: 1st prize €200; 2nd €150; 3rd €75; 4th €50; 5th €25; 6th Easter hamper; 7th prize Easter hamper. Tickets €2 each or three for €5. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the group.

Clean Up

THE annual Comeragh Clean up will take place as usual on Easter Monday. More details at a later date.

Comeragh Wild Festival

THE Comeragh Wild Festival will take place in September. A public meeting will be held in Micilins this Thursday night at 8pm. All are welcome.

Confirmation

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated in Kilrossanty Church on 30th April at 11am.

ICA

THE next federation meeting will be in Crotty's Inn on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm.

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Dunmore East

Public Clean Up Day

THE Dunmore East Tidy Towns First Public Clean Up Day in 2013 is taking place on Saturday March 23rd from 10am, meeting at the park main entrance in Dunmore East (opposite The Haven Hotel).

Please come along and lend a hand and bring as many helpers as you can find! Let's help to ensure Dunmore East is looking 'Eggstra' gorgeous for Easter 2013 by giving it a well

earned spring clean. If you have any questions please e-mail detidytown@gmail.com or contact John on 087-6835204.

Table Quiz

THE fundraising committee of St Andrew's Church will hold a table quiz in aid of the spire restoration at Power's Bar on Thursday 14th March at 8.30pm. The quiz master for the evening is Geoff Harris. Table of four €20. There will also be

table prizes and a raffle.

Holiday Weekend Entertainment

AT The Spinnaker on St Patrick's weekend the Neil Diamond tribute act will play on Saturday at 9pm followed by DJ Nicky Bowe 'till late.

On St Patrick's night the traditional band 'Souls of Erin' will play in the main bar from 8pm - 10pm followed by DJ.

Unislim Group

A UNISLIM group meets in the Fisherman's Hall on Tuesdays at 6.30pm.

Late Margaret Phelan

THE death of Mrs Margaret Phelan (née Howlin), Coolum

and formerly of Ballykerogue, New Ross occurred at her home on Saturday last.

The Funeral Mass took place on Monday last in Our Lady's Church, Carbally with burial afterwards in the new cemetery.

Boxing in Haven Hotel

A FUNDRAISER for Dunmore United FC will bring some boxing bouts to The Haven Hotel on Saturday March 16th.

The bouts will feature some local boxers and should provide an unusual form of entertainment for the village. All are welcome.

The DJ is Chris and there is a €10 entry fee.



Dunmore East's Maria Walsh, author of 'The Penguin who got lost', reading from her book at The Book Centre, Waterford as part of World Book Day.



New Ross & Shelbourne

Weekly Litter Pick

NEW Ross Tidy Towns' weekly litter pick will be starting back on Wednesday April 3rd at 6pm. All are encouraged to please come and support. To keep up to date with their activities follow them on Facebook.

Charity Shop

THE Sue Ryder Charity Shop is urgently looking for donations of clothing and bric-a-brac.

The charity shop is mainly seeking donations of ladies and men's clothing as well as good quality household items and bric-a-brac.

No further donations of toys are necessary at the moment as many toys and cuddly bears were generously donated in recent months. Donations are accepted at the Bridge Street

shop from Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm. All monies raised go towards sheltered accommodation for the elderly.

For further information contact 051-448060.

Senior Football

HORESWOOD attacker PJ Banville had a splendid outing in Wexford's 2-13 to 2-10 victory over Louth in the National Football League Division 2 at Drogheda on Sunday last.

Also on the team was Gusserane player Adrian Flynn. Ramsgrange attacker Kevin O'Grady was introduced during the second half.

New Ross in Bloom

ORDERS are now being taken for window boxes/hanging baskets as part of the New Ross

in Bloom initiative.

The Chamber will provide and install the boxes or baskets and will ensure that they are maintained and watered over the summer. They will cost €30 each. To order, contact the Chamber on 051-425077.

Soccer Blank

LAST Sunday was a blank day for the local junior soccer club as all fixtures fell foul of the weather. It's hoped that all fixtures will resume this coming weekend.

Country Markets

NEW Ross Country Markets are in operation at New Ross Rugby Club from 10am to 1pm every Friday.

There are stalls selling home baking, fresh produce and crafts. Teas, coffees and cake are available for €2.

No Name Club Disco

THE Ring of Hook No Name Club will hold a St Patrick's Day themed disco on Friday March 15th from 9pm until midnight in Campile Hall. Admission is

€7 and this event is open to all secondary school students.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

THE Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from May 17th to 22nd. Applications are still being accepted from assisted pilgrims.

If you or someone you know would benefit from a trip to Lourdes, you can obtain an application form from any parish office or sacristy within the diocese.

Alternatively, telephone Aine on 087-9767623. The closing date for receipt of applications is March 1st.

Run for Console

FOLLOWING the success of

last year's 10k run in aid of Console, Kara Katus Doran is organising a similar event this year which will take place on Sunday April 28th.

Sponsorship cards are available or those taking part can simply make a donation on the day.

For further information contact Kara on 086-2366575.

JFK Museum

NEW Ross Tidy Towns is planning to open a community museum as part of the JFK celebrations.

The group is asking New Ross residents to temporarily donate any memorabilia they may have in their possession that is anyway connected with this

historic event.

Items such as photographs, flags, souvenirs, newspaper articles or even parts of the original podium would be gratefully accepted.

All items will be carefully stored and displayed. For further information contact 051-425093 or 086-3642592.

Ladies Football Appeal

THE Geraldine O'Hanrahans Gaelic Ladies Football section are seeking trainers, mentors and selectors for their Junior A and underage teams for this upcoming season.

If you would like more information contact Deirdre on 086-7307621 or Helena at 086-8899427.



Passage East

Late Stephen Grant

THE death took place on Tuesday March 5th of Mr Stephen Grant, Beresford Row, Passage East and formerly of Ballybeg Square in the city.

He had been living with his daughter Mrs Tina Gunnip in Beresford Row for the past year or so. His remains were removed to Crooke Church on Wednesday last and his burial took place in Crooke Cemetery after his Requiem Mass on Thursday.

Sympathy is extended to Tina and son-in-law Philip Gunnip and all other members of the Grant family including eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

St Patrick's Day

A LITTLE reminder to all young and old alike not to be afraid to wear a sprig of shamrock on St Patrick's Day, our very own national holiday. Our forefathers wore the famous symbol with pride.

Dog Night

THE night at the dogs on Saturday March 2nd in Kilcohan Park organised by Passage

National School Parents Council was a great success and many parents and children went along.

The special fancy dress race was the highlight of the night and it was won by a short head by Sharon Elliott. A nice sum was raised by the event so congratulations to all involved.

Penance

FIRST Penance for children in the Passage National School making their First Holy Communion is on this Thursday 14th March in Crooke Church at 7pm.

The First Holy communion date in Crooke Church is Saturday May 11th.

Hurling News

THE following are the fixtures for Passage seniors: Saturday March 16th v St Molleran's in their tournament at 3pm; April 24th v Tallow and April 28th v De La Salle, both in league and both in Passage; May 4th Senior Championship Round One v Abbeyside in Fraher Field 6pm.

Training continues for all players from minor up and all are aware of the schedules and all members are advised that membership fees are now due

and any committee member will accept fees.

Best wishes to our county hurler Noel Connors for a quick recovery after an ankle injury sustained recently.

The scrap collection is ongoing and the first batch was sent off last week. The contacts are Owen Lynch, Donal Quinlan and John Carey.

Both of our quiz teams competed in the county final in Dungarvan last week and the team of Noel Connors, George Larkin, Martin Murphy and Seamus Keating finished fourth overall, just one point behind the third.

The presentation night for the minor and under 21 winning teams of last year in the Community Centre is coming up shortly with a very special guest coming along. More details shortly. New members are required for the monthly draw at just €5 per month.

Scór na bPáistí

PASSAGE will have four acts in the qualifying round of the County Scór in Knockanore on Friday March 15th.

These will be Recitation, Question Time, Instrumental Music and Singing.

We wish all involved every success and hopefully we will have qualifiers for the county final which is as far as this competition goes to.



Bonmahon

Needle Natter News

WE would like to wish Patricia Casey a very happy birthday for March 17th. Thank you to Hamersley Art for accommodating us for the last four weeks. We will be back in our usual home at the Copper Coast Geopark from Tuesday 19th March.

Needle Natters meets every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12pm. Drop in - all are welcome from novice to expert.

The Art Hand

KIDS @ The Art Hand have been working on pop art portraits, map-making, a 20 foot long collaboration and we look forward to a family day during the final classes of the term on March 19th and 21st. The next term starts on April 16th with bookings now being taken.

Anyone who would like to learn mosaic can join us for mosaic Mondays. Please ring in advance on 051-292919.

Copper Coast Geopark

PLEASE note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the model show, which was due to take place on 16th March, has

been cancelled. A new date will be advised in due course.

Film Premiere

THE short film series 'The Miners of Bonmahon' will get its first showing at the Copper Coast Geopark Centre on March 18th.

There will be two showings: the matinee at 3pm and an evening showing at 7.30pm. The film series was commissioned by the Metal Links Project and produced by Copper Coast Productions. Many local people and landmarks will be seen in this recreation of life in a mining community of the 1800s.

The film series will form part of the permanent exhibition at the Geopark Centre which will be opening in April and will be an added attraction for visitors throughout the summer.

Bonmahon Alive and Well

DESPITE recent opinion, Bonmahon is still on the map! It is true that we do not have a shop, post office, health centre or public transport system but hey, look what we do have.

A fantastic community of



Pupils from Knockmahon NS enjoying the dome which was made at the 'Living Willow Garden Workshop' in the school.

people, a spectacular beach, an unspoilt coastline, UNESCO status as a Geopark, a visitor centre, superb children's facilities with a playground and sports court, a GAA club, a community lotto, two primary schools nearby, an outdoor gym, two pubs, a surf school, an art school, a film production

company and several local enterprises. As a community, we can be proud of what we have and focus on what we can achieve when we put our heads together!

Knockmahon NS

CONGRATULATIONS to Fionn Sweeney who celebrated

his birthday last week.

It was a very busy week for Fionn because he also represented the school in the 'Eason Spelling Bee with Tubridy' competition. Well done Fionn, we are all proud of you.

Good luck to our sixth class pupils who are heading to the

Lifetime Lab/ECO Unesco in Cork soon with their project 'Mosaic map of Bonmahon'.

There, they will pitch the project to the ECO Dragons and hopefully win. Best of luck. The Willow Garden Workshop was a great success and everyone had a brilliant time.

The willow structure, which is in the shape of a dome, is standing proud on the school grounds and the pupils get tremendous joy from it.

Congratulations also to St Mary's U21 football team who won the Eastern Final last week. Bonmahon is well represented on this team and we are very proud of our past pupils who played on the night.

Best of luck in the county final from all in the school.

Bonmahon Community Society Lotto

OUR 18th lotto draw took place in Hayes Bar last week. The numbers drawn were 3, 5, 12 and 24.

Once again, there was no jackpot winner but we had four Match 3 winners who receive €25 each. Noel Shiels, Tommy Kilmartin, Ann Whelan and Kate and Finny Buckley were the lucky players.

This week's draw takes place in Hayes Bar on Thursday 14th March at 10.30pm following the launch of the Oliver Lennon Memorial Golf Classic.



Kill

Dunphy's Jottings

THE darts winners on Monday were Seamus O'Rourke and Kieran Whelan. Well done lads!

Congratulations to Seamus Torpey and Linda Barry on the christening of their daughter Mia on Saturday last - a great day was had by all.

The music for St Patrick's weekend is coming all the way from Thurles with One Two on Saturday and on Sunday night we'll be entertained by Town and Country - see you over the weekend!

Kirwan's News

JOIN us this St Patrick's Day with Teddy & Cathal Barry providing the music on Sunday night from 7pm - 9pm.

All big matches are shown on big screen - come along for the craic! Pisces Restaurant serves

a fabulous breakfast every morning and has fabulous dinner offers.

If you haven't tried it, you're missing out on great value and delicious dinners!

Birthday Wishes

A VERY happy birthday to Leanne Browne, Sebrina Flynn and Bridget Kearns who all celebrated their birthdays recently - hope you all had brilliant days!

Also, a very happy birthday to Kelly Murphy for this Sunday - wishing you a very happy first year as an adult!

Kill Roadrunners AC

LET the fun begin! Training commenced recently and is going very well.

We are delighted to welcome new members running with us, some at a frighteningly advanced level, some at the

very start of a getting fit programme.

Everybody is most welcome. Find us on Facebook or contact Michelle on 085-8407498 to keep up to date with training times.

With the evenings still fairly dark, training times are still changing until we can fix days and times that suit everybody.

For anyone who has not signed up yet, membership forms are available from any member of the committee, and we are delighted to say that members not only benefit from the insurance and support of the Athletics Association of Ireland but also from a 10 per cent discount at Woodie's DIY.

Kill GAA Lotto

€4,400!! HOW bad! Wouldn't it be wonderful to win our jackpot? There's only one thing for it...get your ticket for just €2 in Lennon's Shop, Dunphy's Pub or Kirwan's Bar and be in with a chance to win!

Teenage Disco

OUR St Patrick's Day Disco will take place this Friday

15th March. Go green and join us for another brilliant night. Admission is €10. Doors open at 9pm. As always, strictly no alcohol.

Social Initiative

THE social initiative committee is delighted to let you know that the first warm sunshine of spring has woken us from our winter hibernation and all is well. At the moment we are organising a day's outing which will probably take place in early May, and a weekend away in late September or early October. Watch this space for more news next week.

Happy Anniversary

BEST wishes to Linda and Roy in Ceol na Mara on their fifth wedding anniversary last week. Wishing you many more happy years of marriage.

Dirt Track Races

THE first two sets of Kill GAA's Dirt Track Races were held over two days recently and proved incredibly popular with the entire community.

Over 70 runners took part in

the races with all age groups from the very young to the very young at heart participating. Lifelong Kill supporter and Olympian Richard Lennon blew the whistle to start each event.

While some of the 6k participants described the course over fields, wood trails, boglands and some roads as challenging, the feedback by everyone was the same: it was a wonderful track, incorporating all the beauty of our locality, including scenic Ballinlough Lake, a little bit of adventure with a bonus water jump.

The entire course was made safe with plenty of stewards and safety measures. Families were thrilled at having completed the 2k track, with over 50 children taking part - admittedly the big incentive for some were the countless buns and spotprizes awaiting us all after the race!

Kill GAA Club would like to thank landowners Peter Queally and Mick Kirwan for providing their lands for this exciting track. Brendan Mooney, Chairperson of

Kill GAA, also thanked the sponsors of this community event for providing fantastic spot prizes - Azzuri Sports, Kirwan's Bar, Dunphy's Pub, Lennon's Shop, Peter Kirwan Sports Clinic, Martin Kirwan, Orafol, Alfie Hales Sports and the many locals who also gave donations and refreshments and helped on the day.

He went on to express his gratitude to the Irish Red Cross Portlaoigh for providing medical cover on both days, without which events like this could not take place.

Following the success of this first series of events, Brendan hopes to repeat this most enjoyable event again later in the year.

Well done Brendan and all involved for organising such a fantastic event which clearly encouraged everybody in the locality to take part, exercise, have fun while doing it and gave the clear message that everybody taking part is a winner, regardless of how long it takes to cross that finishing line!



Dunhill

Tom Murphy Car Sales Squash Finals

THE finals of the Tom Murphy Car Sales League took place

on Thursday night. The games were played out in front of a great crowd on the night.

This is Tom Murphy's 35th year of sponsorship for the

competition which must go down as a record for any sports competition sponsorship.

In Division 2, Claire Trihey's team defeated Peggy McCarthy's team and in Division 1, Culla Walsh's team defeated Tomas Dunbar's team.

Cards

MICK O'Keefe kept up his impressive recent form by winning on both Friday and

Wednesday to keep the pressure on league leaders Paddy Carey and Freddie O'Brien who also won on Friday night but were defeated by a superior team on Wednesday consisting of Josie O'Riley, Bryan Butler and Seanie Murphy, the latter also winning on Friday with Paddy Holden and Super Sub.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY birthday to local hair

dresser Kim Murphy who celebrated the big 30 last Saturday night in Harneys with a great crowd of family and friends.

Paddy's Day Music

THERE is a great line up of music on St Patrick's Day in Harneys starting off with a trad session with Boxy from 7pm followed by some lively tunes from the newly formed Raggle

Taggle from 10pm.

Food will be served all day on St Patrick's Day as well as Bank Holiday Monday.

Anne Valley Walk

A PUBLIC information meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th March in the Dunhill Enterprise Centre at 8pm about the new Anne Valley walk.



The Mercy Convent Cadette Basketball team who qualified for the All-Ireland Schools' Basketball Quarter-Finals 1981 by winning the Waterford Regional Final and defeating Mercy teams from County Cork. Seated: Karen Storan, Ann-Marie Langford, Adrienne McGrath, Fiona Keating and Imelda Doherty. Standing: Evelyn Hearn, coach, Maria Cunningham, Carol Robinson, Mairead Hooper, Therese Kelly, Geraldine O'Brien and Denise Mulligan PE teacher.

Camrose Trophy

THE second and final weekend of the 2013 Camrose Trophy was hosted by the Contract Association of Ireland at the City North Hotel, Co Meath.

As previously reported, Ireland, as hosts, were allowed to enter two teams. England won most of the trophies.

The combined results of the two weekend competitions, 20 sessions, were as follows: 1. England (182); 2. Ireland (170.5); 3. Northern Ireland (161.0); 4. Wales (146); 5. Scotland (119); 6. CBAI (103).

The Team CBAI members were Lucy Phelan and Louise Mitchell; B J O'Brien and Ronald Milne; Diarmuid Reddan and John Phelan. The fact that two local players are now playing international bridge is a big boost to the local bridge scene!

Team Ireland was missing its top pair, Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann. Team Ireland for the second weekend was Tommy Garvey and John Carroll; Nick Fitzgibbon and Adam Mesbur; Padraig and Micheál O'Briain.

Team England included many of the world's top players - Tony Forrestal, David Gold, Andrew Robinson, Alexander Allfrey, David Bakhski and Tom Townsend. Team CBAI were soundly beaten by Team England in their last match of the completion, and thus were no help at all to Team Ireland. Team England got a stranglehold on Team CBAI from the outset of the match and never let up, so as to ensure as big a victory as possible, and thus beat Team Ireland. Nevertheless it was not all uphill for Team CBAI. After a very poor first session in Belfast last January, this team, except for its last match, performed exceptionally well, particularly in the Cross Imps results.

They are to be very much congratulated for being awarded An Cupa Cairdeas for their defeat of Scotland over the two sessions. Well done John and Lucy.

De La Salle Contract Bridge

Wednesday 13th February
2013 Club Championship
1. Tom Dunford & Helen Fitzgerald

Bridge Matters



2. Kay Carew & Pascal Browne
3. Dixie Daniels & Tice McNamara
4. Willie Rockett & Kathleen Power
5. Brenda Collins & Margery Heylin
6. John McCarthy & Paddy Ryan
7. Phyllis Breslin & Sheila Doyle
8. Mary Murphy & Mona O'Keefe
9. Breda & Tom O'Donoghue
10. Jim Lacey & Kay Lynch
Wednesday 27th February
1. Kay Carew & Tom Dunford
2. Sheila Doyle & Bridget Phelan
3. Mary Lowe & Tom O'Donoghue

Kilmacthomas Contract Bridge Club
Wednesday 20th February
1. Betty Murphy & Tess Cusack
2. Mary Flavahan & Breda Murphy
3. Claire Cummins & Maeve Coughlan
4. Elaine Kirwin & Gertie Drohan

Mooncoin Contract Bridge Club
Wednesday 27th February
1. Noeline Kinsella & Helen Delahunty
2. Mary Mawe & Margery Godhino
3. Joan Hennigan & Anna Walsh
4. René Comerford & Anne Grant
Wednesday 6th March
1. Ann Walsh & Noeline Kinsella
2. Angela Mulronee & Alice Mackey
3. Joan Tobin & Mary Hogan
4. Kitty Barden & Nessa Crispin

Reginald Contract Bridge Club
Thursdays 21st & 28th February
2013 Jacob Cup - Club Championship
Tournament Director: Michael Phelan
1. Anna Denn & Vera Fitzgerald
2. Emily McCormack & Michael Brennan
3. John Spencer & Pat Murnane
4. Michael Fleming & Monica Jacob

5. Larry Mordaunt & Jim Kennington
6. Mary Smith & Mary O'Keefe
7. John Flavin & Bridget Waters
8. Margaret Keane & Melvyn Godhino (2nd session)
9. Fran Freeman & Marina Duggan (1st session)
10. Kathleen Walsh & Hsiping Murphy

Suir Contract Bridge Club
Mondays 25th February & 4th March
2013 Club Championship
Tournament Director: Mr Michael Phelan
1. Sheila Doyle & Phyllis Breslin
2. Tom Dunford & Kitty Fitzgerald
3. Fran Freeman & Bobby Grace
4. Martina Mannion & Tice McNamara
5. John Kearney & Dorothy Ryan
6. Carmel Downey & Marian O'Connell
7. Clare Molloy & Richard Grant
8. Marina & Tom Duggan
9. Danny Keating & Ellen O'Halloran
10. Cecelia O'Neill & Noreen Stubbs
11. Maureen & John Davitt
12. Kathleen Green & Joan Curran

Ferrybank Contract Bridge Club
Thursday 28th February
Handicapped results
1. Phyllis Forristal & Nancy Rochford
2. Nell & Bridie Cummins
3. Joe Fuller & Kathleen Walsh
4. Tony O'Farrell & Mary Grant
Sunday 3rd March
2013 President's (Mrs Patricia Drennan) Day
Granville Hotel

There was great support from the members for their President's Day. The members were individually welcomed by the President Pat Drennan and her Vice-President Teresa Byrne. Before bridge commenced, Pat again welcomed all and thanked them for coming. Then, the 'open-seeded' draw took place, with the usual excitement, 'oohs'

and 'aahs', smiles and grimaces. The Granville Hotel provided an excellent meal, which all enjoyed. This was washed down with some songs, stories and recitations given by the usual suspects but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The President in her presentation speech was very grateful to the hotel.

Prize winners:
1. Michael McGrath & Margaret Walsh
2. Michael Bolger & Kathleen Fitzgerald
3. Margaret Whyte & Hope Healy
4. Eileen Bolger & Bridie Cummins
5. Kathleen Hartley & Nell Cummins
6. Nora Murphy & Alice O'Connor
7. Phyllis Forristal & Bennie Kiely
8. Joan Hennigan & Paddy Drennan
9. Terry Kavanagh & Dorothy Ryan
10. Helena Sinnott & Eileen Cuddihy
11. John Stewart & Ann O'Shaughnessy
12. Rosemary Goff & Dick Dowling

Celtic Contract Bridge Club
Thursday 28th February
1. Sheila Doyle & Phyl Sherrard
2. Betty Cahill & Bridget Phelan
3. Mary Barden & Jerry Cremin
4. Mary Daly & Maria Dower
A charity night in aid of the Waterford Hospice Movement was held in the Celtic Bridge Club on Thursday 21st February. Congratulations and well done to the members of this bridge club. They raised the magnificent amount of €1,100 for their charity.

Tramore '73 Contract Bridge Club
Friday 1st March
Handicapped results
1. Helen Nolan & Ann Barry
2. Julie Richardson & Marian Davenport

3. Nell Breheny & Margaret Cunningham
4. Marbie Kyle & Delores McCurtin

Waterford '68 Contract Bridge Club
Monday 4th March
1. Pascal Browne & Rose Norris
2. Molly & Tony Dalton
3. Ann White & Peggy Holden
4. Pat Breslin & Michael Byrne

Dunmore East Contract Bridge Club
Monday 4th March
1. Mailo Molloy & Rosaleen Walsh
2. Chris Robinson & Paddy Quinn
3. Brighid McNamara & Mary Halley
4. Pat McArdle & Anne O'Connor

Faithlegg Contract Bridge Club
Monday 4th March
North/South
1. Carmel & Chris Farrelly
2. Maureen & Kevin Ward
3. Catherine Nagle & Celia Hill East/West
1. Mary Egan & Katherine Torpey
2. Eleanor Parks & Veronica Fitzgerald
3. Angela Cashman & Ruth Curtin

Waterford '08 Contract Bridge Club
Tuesday 5th February
1. Peter Hughes & Máire Grennan
2. Jackie Purcell & Kit Brennan
3. Hugh & Liz Dobbs
4. Mary Burke & Maureen Connell

Strongbow Contract Bridge Club
Tuesday 5th March
President's (Ms Berna Walsh) Day
Tournament Director: Mr Michael Phelan
1. Joan Curran & Sheila Doyle
2. Joan Curran & Kathleen Greene
3. John Davitt & Breda Power

4. Eileen McKenna & Dora Costello
5. Betty Cahill & Ann Swift
6. Bridget Phelan & Maureen Davitt
7. Michael Phelan & Kathleen Doherty
8. Breda Duignan & Breda Lynch

Waterford Contract Bridge Club, 1927
Wednesday 6th March
1. Rosemary Norris & Monica Jacob
2. Michael Bolger & Elizabeth Morrissey
3. Mary Daniels & Maria Jackman
4. Trevor Phelan & Seamus Roche

Tower Contract Bridge Club
Wednesday 6th March
1. Dorothy Ryan & Agnes Lanigan
2. Mary Cleary & Peggy Flanagan
3. Mary Fitzgerald & Teresa Browne
4. Ann Murphy & Sheila Brennan

Butlerstown Bridge Club
Thursday 28th February
Final results of 2013 Club Championship
1. Patsy Roche & Kathleen Collins
2. Tom Meehan & Anthony Deevy
3. Peggy Murphy & Ann Cox
4. Joan Hartrey & Theresa Greaney
5. Mary O'Brien & Celia Nugent

St Anne's Bridge Club
Thursday 28th February
North/South
1. Catherine O'Connell & Maureen Ward
2. Mary Sheridan & Margaret Breen East/West
1. Ann Phelan & Angela Clarke
2. Phyllis Doyle & Betty O'Connell

St Paul's Bridge Club
Monday 4th March
President's Day
1. Pascal Browne & Tess Flynn
2. Danny Keating & Breda Cowman
3. Kitty Fitzgerald & Maura McNeill
4. Mary Daly & Michael Phelan



Down the Decades



Celebrating St Patrick's Day in the city in 1986.

Photo: Eoin Murphy.

March 1963

Fine Gael Function

THE policy of Fine Gael in regard to industry and agriculture will be dealt with in detail by Mr James Matthew Dillon, President of Fine Gael, when he speaks at the first annual dinner of Fine Gael, Waterford Constituency, at which he will be the guest of honour, at the Grand Hotel, Tramore, next Sunday night.

It will be Mr Dillon's first visit to Waterford since he became Leader of the Opposition. Mr Dillon, who will be accompanied by Mrs Dillon, will meet Press representatives in the hotel at 6:45pm.

The idea of holding an annual dinner by the party in the Waterford constituency, was mooted at the Kilmacthomas district executive, of which Mr. Percy Kirwan, the former noted athlete is chairman.

Waterford ICA

THERE are a few vacancies for ICA members who wish to visit Holland next month. This was announced at the largely attended meeting of the Waterford Town Association, at 30 The Mall, last Tuesday night when the International delegate Mrs Carroll, told of

the exchange scheme which is now operating between the ICA and the Women's Institute in Great Britain.

The President, Mrs Langford, expressed the hope that all members and their friends would be present in the Waterford Municipal Theatre on Wednesday next, when the ICA group from East Waterford will take part in the Drama Competition.

The competition for Best Polished Shoes was won by Mrs T Hutchinson.

Captain's Prompt Action

THE prompt action of the Captain of a Dutch coaster prevented a serious accident at the Dungarvan, County Waterford, pier last Saturday.

The incident occurred when the 500-ton vessel 'Diet' was preparing to berth with a cargo of fertiliser for the local Co-op. As the ship entered the inner harbour on the rising tide, her engines were reversed to reduce speed.

Owing to a mechanical fault, however, she was driven forward and raced towards the Dungarvan Bridge. As the master called out rapid orders, the port anchor was immediately dropped and the speed of the Diet was checked.

As she swung around she struck the jetty and caused some damage to the structure.

March 1973

New Look Parade

THIS year's St Patrick's Day Parade in Waterford promises to be the largest and most varied ever held in the city in honour of the National Apostle.

From 11am on St Patrick's Day, the various participants will be making their way from all areas of the city to the several assemble points from where the groups of units will march to the centre of the city for the commencement of the parade at 12.30pm at the Clock Tower.

At about this time also the Industrial Section of the parade will be assembling along The Quay from the Clock Tower to Redmond Bridge. The parade will be headed by the Barrack Street Band who will lead the Army units from Kilkenny.

Make and Model Competition

THERE will be an interesting evening of entertainment in the Tower Hotel on Thursday, 29th March, when the Junior Chamber, Waterford, are

organising a 'Make and Model' competition, the proceeds of which are to be made for community development. This competition is open to all amateur dressmakers. The emphasis is on an evening wear. It should provide a colourful and stimulating evening for fashion lovers. The younger generation are not forgotten and will have a special section in which they will model their party dresses.

Investigation Promised

A COMPLETE investigation into the allocation of drift net salmon licences for the coming season has been promised by the Taoiseach Mr Jack Lynch, according to the Chairman of the Co Waterford Fishermen's Defence Association, Mr. Jim O'Connor, Ardmore.

Mr. O'Connor was a member of a four-man deputation of County Waterford fishermen who met the Taoiseach during his general election campaign visit to Waterford last week.

The deputation, which represented fishermen in Dunmore, Passage East, Cheekpoint, Ardmore, and other villages around the coast complained that the Waterford Board of Fishery Conservators had refused to

grant them salmon drift net licenses.

March 1983

Locals Only Need Apply

WHEN Fianna Fail Councillor Patrick Cahill, Adamstown, Kilmeaden, agreed to the deletion from his notice of motion of the words 'and nurses in general' the motion was passed on the show of hands at the monthly meeting of the Waterford Local Health Committee of the South Eastern Health Board, held in the City Hall, Waterford.

The approved resolution recommended to the S.E.H.B. that in future the recruitment of student nurses be confined to applicants from this Health Board region.

Seconding the motion, Fine Gael Councillor Patrick Coffey, Portlawn, said he did not see the sense in bringing girls down from Donegal or Mayo.

Barracks a Disgrace

WHEN Fianna Fail Councillor Jimmy Quirke, paid a casual visit recently to the Garda Station in Ballyduff, he was astounded at what he found.

"I was utterly appalled at the conditions under which

the Gardai in Ballyduff barrack's are expected to live and work," he reported to his colleagues at a special meeting of Waterford County Council in Dungarvan.

"I found that there are no proper toilet facilities in the Garda Station at all, only an old dry closet thing," he said. The conditions there are unbelievably bad, he continued, and there was no running water available on their premises. It was a disgrace.

Tramore CBS Extension

QUERIES in relation to two Co Waterford schools were put to the Minister for Education by Deputy Jackie Fahey during Question Time in the Dail recently.

The Waterford Deputy asked the Minister when work would commence on the proposed extension to the CBS in Tramore and the provision of the two extra classrooms at the National School in Faithlegg. The Minister replied that the architectural planning of the new extension to the CBS in Tramore is at an early stage and it's not possible to say when work will commence on the project.



Travel

Escape to glorious Gran Canaria

KIERAN FOLEY

WITH wintry weather wreaking havoc this week, it's now more important than ever to start thinking about planning an escape to the sun.

With year round sunshine and an annual average temperature of 24 degrees Celsius, Gran Canaria has for long been a favoured location for Irish holidaymakers – and it's certainly easy to see why.

Warm trade winds and mild ocean currents offer a welcome break from the increasingly harsh Irish winters.

On a recent visit, I found the holiday hot spot to also offer much more than great opportunities for soaking up the sun's rays.

The traditional image of the island for many Irish may involve parasols and nightclubs, but there's another side to Gran Canaria which is well worth exploring.

The second most populous of the Canary Islands, it has earned itself the title of 'miniature continent' due to the variety of its landscape.

The south of the island (where most of the sun seeking tourists head) contains beautiful golden beaches and impressive sand dunes while the north offers a completely different landscape.

The centre and north of the island feels a million miles away from the activity packed south as you can immerse yourself into experiencing the traditional rural Canarian way of life in a beautiful natural environment.

Lush mountain landscape, remains of ancient volcanic mountains, deep ravines, dramatic coastal landscape, and picturesque woods all combine to create stunningly beautiful



The popular resort of Puerto Rico.

countryside which is often unfortunately overlooked by Northern European sun seekers.

If you've had enough of lounging by the pool and have overindulged in sampling the fantastic native gastronomy, then exploring this magnificent

landscape is a must (www.walkinggran Canaria.com).

Very often, holiday resorts in sun locations seem to strive to imitate one another.

However, Gran Canaria's offerings each display their own individual character and cater

for the specific needs of different holidaymakers.

Party animals need look no further than **Playa del Ingles**.

One of the most popular of the island's resorts (certainly from an Irish perspective) the resort is a constant buzz of holiday activity. An extravagant carnival was taking place during my visit, with the streets thronged with locals as well as tourists keen to join in the fun. The 'Burial of the Sardine' was also happening, which is a Spanish festival marking the end of the carnival season. A float containing an elaborate replica of a sardine (similar to a St Patrick's Day parade offering) was paraded through Maspalomas and Playa del Ingles during our visit, with local men and women taking on the roles of grief stricken mourners.

Despite its apparent sad nature, the festival brims with camp fun. The resort of **San Agustín**



The Dunes of Maspalomas.

offers a quieter alternative but still offers all you would expect from a typical sun holiday resort.

Maspalomas is situated between the two and its character also lies somewhere between Playa del Ingles and San Agustín as it offers plenty of entertainment but also ample opportunities for relaxing. An ideal spot for families, its beautiful sand dunes are also well worth checking out.

Meloneras is quite a sophisticated area within Maspalomas, offering plenty of high-end shops.

Further west, **Puerto Rico** is a beautiful resort built into the hillside, which probably isn't suitable for those with walking difficulties.

However, if you're the adventurous type, the resort and nearby **Anfi** offers plenty of exciting watersports including jet-skiing and paragliding

Nearby **Amadores** is becoming an increasingly popular area, and if you feel you've earned yourself some extra special treatment, head for the **Amadores Beach Club and Spa** (www.amadoresbeachclub.com) where you can lose yourself in an oasis of calm and tranquillity.

Las Palmas, the island's cosmopolitan capital, has an extensive promenade which is ideal for a relaxing stroll.

Availing of a cycling tour is also an ideal way of exploring all that the city has to offer.

With so much on offer, the problem with Gran Canaria is deciding what to do!

So, do yourself a favour – leave behind the snow and ice and escape to Gran Canaria to experience its beauty for yourself!

Visit www.gran Canaria.com for more information.



Carnivals are popular throughout the island.

Where to Stay

Hotel Cordial Mogan Playa

is a luxurious establishment in Puerto de Mogan built in the style of a typical Canarian village (www.cordialcanaries.com).

Gloria Palace San Agustín Thalasso & Hotel

is ideal for families and has an excellent Thalassotherapy centre. The Gloria Palace group also has two other hotels on the island (www.gloriapalaceth.com).

Seaside Palm Beach

(www.hotel-palm-beach.co.uk) in Maspalomas is a luxury contemporary hotel boasting expansive views over the sea. For even more luxury, check

out its sister hotel:

Seaside Grand Hotel Residencia

www.grand-hotel-residencia.co.uk.

Roca Negra Hotel and Spa

in Agaete on the north of the island offers an experience far removed from the bustling resorts on the south. Ideally based for exploring the beautiful countryside, the hotel also boasts a stunning cliff top location (www.hotelrocanegrigran Canaria.com). For something different,

Hotel Las Longueras

is an elegant rural colonial mansion offering an authentic Canarian experience (www.laslongueras.com).



Hotel Rural Las Longueras.

Photos: www.gran Canaria.com.



Enjoying a cycling tour of Las Palmas.

Getting there

Aer Lingus flies three times weekly from Dublin to Las Palmas on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For more information on great fares and schedules, please visit www.aerlingus.com

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DELANEY: Billy Delaney, 28 Beechwood Grove, Portlaoise, Co. Waterford. Died February 8th 2013. RIP

Billy's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss, those who attended the removal and Funeral Mass and those who sent Mass cards and flowers. They would also like to thank Fr. Hassett and Fr. Byrne, P. Coffey & Sons, Gerry Walsh and the choir, Noddy and Stephen Jacob and all the nurses and doctors who cared for Billy. We will always be grateful for your support.

FITZPATRICK: Tony Fitzpatrick, late of Seskin and Bridgetown, Clonea, died 28th January 2013.



Tony's family, his wife Anna, sons Kevin, Anthony and Adrian and daughter Susan along with their families would like to give our heartfelt thanks to those who supported them and sympathised with them on their recent loss. Sincere thanks to all who sent Mass cards, flowers and messages of sympathy and who attended the removal and burial. Sincere thanks to Drs. Anthony and Kathleen Roche Nagle, Fr. Curran, Fr. Ned Hassett, Fr. Cooney and Walsh's Funeral Directors for their help and guidance. A very special thanks to all our wonderful extended family members, neighbours and friends without whom we would have been completely lost. We hope and trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere appreciation.

LAM: Teresa Lam, late of 1 Renoir Close, Norwood, who passed away suddenly on 22nd February 2013.



Teresa's family, husband David, daughter Nicola, sons Neil, David, grandchildren Josh, Mickala, Michael, Leon, Shane, Kieran, Teresa's sisters Eily, Phyllie, Kathleen, Christina, Breda, Mary, brother Oliver, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised and shared in their recent sad loss; thanks to all those who attended the removal, funeral and to all who travelled long distances and those who sent sympathy cards and flowers. Special word of thanks to the paramedics who attended to Mum at the house and the doctors and nurses at The Regional Hospital for their care and kindness they showed to Mum and family. Fr. Art for his words of comfort and kindness and to Dr. Jeffrey Plant and staff of The Keogh Practice for the care they gave to Mum over the years. To Michael Keating and staff of Cleaboy Pharmacy for all their help over the years. To John Thompson Undertaker and his staff for their professionalism and kindness shown. Fr. Tom Rogers for the beautiful funeral service and Donna Roche for the beautiful singing at The Holy Family Church. Thanks to the owners and staff of The Barley Field for the catering and kindness shown to us. Mary Grimes and staff for the catering service and Michael Ryan and staff of the Mount Sion Centre. Special thanks to my ex workmates of The Waterford City Council for the turnout at St. Otteran's Cemetery. Thanks to all our neighbours of Renoir Close and Norwood for all their support. We hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our deep appreciation. Teresa's Months Mind Mass will be offered on Saturday March 23rd at 7.15 pm The Holy Family Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MURPHY: John A. Murphy, 26 Western Bay, Dungarvan, who passed away on Wednesday 13th February 2013.



John's wife Eileen, daughters Jackie, Sharon, Deirdre and Claire, along with the extended family would like to thank most sincerely all who sympathised and supported us on our recent sad loss; we wish to convey our deep appreciation to all who attended the rosary, removal, Funeral Mass and burial; for all the Mass cards, sympathy cards, letters, phone calls and house calls. Sincere thanks for the wonderful tributes in the media, both locally and nationally, all of which meant so much to us. A special mention to all our neighbours and friends who helped at the house, provided food and helped with the catering. We are indebted to all in the medical field who cared for John; particular thanks to Dr. Tom Higgins, Dr. Anne Horgan, nurse Michelle and all the staff at Waterford Regional Hospital. Thanks to Fr. Ryan and all the priests who officiated at the Funeral Mass and burial. Thanks to the Dungarvan GAA Club and Dungarvan Town Council who formed guards of honour. Finally, we would like to thank David Kiely Funeral Director for his professionalism, kindness and support. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our deep appreciation and gratitude. It is of great comfort to us to know that John meant so much to so many. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 15th March at 7.30 pm in St. Augustine's Church, Dungarvan.

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Birthday Remembrance

BARRETT: Remembering Mary Barrett, nee Nicholson, late of 4 Leamy St. Waterford, whose birthday occurs on 17th March. Mass will be offered in The Holy Family Church, Luke Wadding St. on 17th March at 9.30 am.



You're always in our minds
No matter what we do
All the time within our hearts
There is the thought of you
Remembering when life for us
Was rich and good and sweet
Wondering how many days
Must pass before we meet
Never for a moment
Are you very far away
Absent and yet near you seem
And dearer every day
Love is like a bridge
That spans the spaces that divide
Parted yet in a dream we walk
Together side by side
Lovingly remembered by her family.

BARRY: Birthday Remembrance of our dear friend Yvonne Barry, whose 40th Birthday falls on 12th March.

Instead of a card
We send our love
Instead of a gift a prayer
To someone we thought
The world of
And miss beyond compare
Thinking of you
On your birthday Yvonne
We talk of you still
We haven't forgotten you
And we never will
Your loving friends, Siobhan, Liam,
Carmel, Jenny and Annie.xx

CANTWELL: Special Birthday Remembrance of Greta Cantwell, late of 32 Kennedy Park, Tramore, whose 80th Birthday occurs on 13th March.



Happy memories keep forever
Of the days we were together
We cannot bring the old days back
But loving thoughts will last forever
Happy Birthday Gee, love from your husband Ted.

A flower may die
The sun may set
But someone like you
We will never forget
Your name is precious
It will never grow old
It's engraved in our hearts
In letters of gold
Happy Birthday Mam, loved and remembered always, from your daughter Chris and son-in-law Tommy.

Special 80th Birthday wishes
We send today, To a star in the sky
Not far away
Engraved in gold on a cloud above
Just for you Nanny with all our love
Always in our thoughts, love from your granddaughter Edwina, Hayley and Alex.

Deep in our hearts
Your memory is kept
To love to cherish
And never forget
Happy Birthday Nan, your grandson Niall, Michelle, Keelan, Sophie and new great-grandson Thomas.

With an ache in my heart
I whisper low
Happy Birthday Nanny
I miss you so
Happy Birthday Nanny, your granddaughter Jackie, Sean, Emma and Stephen.

Birthday Remembrance

CANTWELL: Special Birthday Remembrance of Greta Cantwell, late of 32 Kennedy Park, Tramore, whose 80th Birthday occurs on 13th March.

No further away than a picture
A smile or remembered phrase
Our loved ones live in memory
So close in many ways
Happy Birthday Nan, your grandson Bryan, Trish, Adam, Rachel, Sarah-Jayne and Ryan.

Happy memories keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
Happy Birthday Nanny, love from your granddaughter Gillian and Aoi bhinn.

Even though you're not around
Love will overcome all bounds
Pain and tears may fade away
But memories will always stay
Happy Birthday Nanny, your granddaughter Elaine, Sean, Alanna and Nicole.

Another Birthday has come around
No cards or presents
Can we get for you
But we have so many loving memories
Of the way things used to be
Happy Birthday Nanny, love from your granddaughter Kristin, Aidan, Gavin, Ali and Jay.

Your book of life stands open
At its most important page
May good luck be by your side
On this your coming of age
Happy Birthday Nanny, love from your granddaughter Siobhan, Davey and Lily.

Memory has a magic way
Of keeping loved ones near
Ever close in mind and heart
Are the ones we hold most dear
Happy Birthday Gee, your sister Yvonne, Birmingham, England.

Deep are the memories
Precious they stay
No passing of time
Can take them away
Happy Birthday Auntie Gee, your nephew Andy, Katrina, Marion and nieces, Birmingham, England.

CONDON: Remembering Sally Condon, late of 16 Abbey Lawn, Ferrybank, Waterford, whose birthday occurs on 13th March.



Nothing can dim the face we love
Or the memories of your smile
The countless things you did for us
To make our lives worthwhile
We feel a warmth around us Sally
Your presence is so near
We close our eyes and visualise
Your face when you were here
We think about you every day
The cups of tea and the chatter
You filled our lives in so many ways
That nothing seems to matter
Sadly missed by your loving husband John, your pet dog Timmy and your sister-in-law Kate.

Once we had something special
That money could not buy
We had a special sister
But had to say goodbye
Photos of you we treasure
They're all we have to touch
Of a sister we loved so dearly
And how we miss so very much
Loved and never forgotten, from your sisters Mary, Bridie and Ann.

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Birthday Remembrance

MULLANE: Remembering Ronnie Mullane, late of St. John's Park, Waterford, whose 80th Birthday occurs on 4th March.



Granddad
Memories are something
No one can steal
Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal
To love and cherish forever
When I am sad and lonely
And my heart is torn with grief
I sit and look into the past
And turn back every leaf
And when I seem to see you smile
And then I wish that you were here
To talk to you for a while
The happy hours we once enjoyed
How sweet their memories still
But death has left a vacant place
This world can never fill
Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind
Happy Birthday Granddad, love from your grandson David, your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SCHITTOWSKI: Birthday Remembrance of Patricia Schittowski, late of 29 Shortcourse, Waterford, whose birthday occurs on 17th March.



In heaven you rest
No worries no pain
In God's own time
We will meet again
Simple words but very true
We will always remember you
Always remembered by your loving husband Sigi.xx

She was a Mother so very rare
Content in her home
And always there
On earth she toiled
In heaven she rests
God bless you Mother
You were one of the best
Always remembered by your loving daughter Sabina, son-in-law Brian and grandchildren Patricia and David.xx

Of all the gifts in life
However great or small
To have you for a Mother
Was the greatest gift of all
Always remembered by your loving daughter Jean, your sons Jason and Heinrick and grandchildren Dean, Charlotte, Ava and Ella.

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Birthday Remembrance

WALSH: Birthday Remembrance of Pat Walsh, Kilnagrange, Kilmacthomas, whose birthday occurs on 12th March. In loving memory.



Dad
Three little words forget-me-not
They don't say much but mean a lot
Forget you Dad we never will
Because in our hearts
We keep you still
No matter how we spend our days
No matter what we do
No morning dawns
No evening falls
Without thoughts of you
Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses you more than us
And when old times we do recall
That's when we miss you most of all
Your loving sons Tom and Davy,
daughters Kate, Alice, Biddy, Marie,
Trisha and Helen, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Footprints

One night I had a dream...
I dreamed I was walking along
the beach, With the Lord
And across the sky flashed
scenes from my life, For each
scene I noticed two sets of
footprints In the sand,
One belonged to me and the
other to the Lord
When the last scene of my life
flashed before us
I looked back at the footprints in
the sand, I noticed that many
times along the path of my life
There was only one set of
footprints, I also noticed that
it happened at the very lowest
And saddest times in my life
This really bothered me
And I questioned the Lord about
it Lord you said that once I
decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the
way, But I have noticed that
during the most troublesome,
Times in my life, There is only
one set of footprints, I don't
understand why in times when
I needed you the most, You
should leave me, The Lord replied
my, precious precious child,
I love you.....

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IN MEMORIAM

BRENNAN (15th & 4th Anniversary): In loving memory of Tommy and Stella Brennan, late of St. Killian's Place, Ferrybank. Tommy's Anniversary occurred on 6th March and Stella's Anniversary occurred on 22nd January. Mass is offered on Sunday 17th March at 11 am in Sacred Heart Church, Ferrybank.



Happy memories keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
Sadly missed and never forgotten,
Renee, Eamonn, Nuala and families.

DELANEY (12th Anniversary) : In loving memory of Maggie Delaney, late of Sallabheen, Curraghmore, Portlaw, who died on 17th March 2001. Mass offered.



We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us
Throughout our lives
Until we meet again
So Rest in Peace dear Maggie
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won
Loved and missed always by your
son Wattie, daughter-in-law Marion,
Derrick, Claire, Elaine, Tyrone and
great-granddaughter Mia.

DUNGAN (4th Anniversary): In loving memory of Martin Dungan, late of Glendonell, Mullinavat, who died on 20th March 2009. Mass offered in St. Beacon's Church, Mullinavat, on Monday 18th March at 10 am.



If we could make one lifetime wish
And one dream that could come true
We would pray to God
With all our hearts
Just to see and speak to you
A thousand words
Wont bring you back
We know because we've tried
And neither will a million tears
We know because we've cried
You left behind our broken hearts
And precious memories too
But we've never wanted memories
We only wanted you
Always remembered by your Mam
and Dad.

Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words
We will never forget
When thoughts go back
As they often do
We will treasure the memories
We have of you
Our lives go on without you
But things are not the same
Its hard to hide the heartache
When someone speaks your name
From your sister Michelle, brother-
in-law Kieran, nephews Sean, James,
niece Ella.

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DUNGAN (4th Anniversary): In loving memory of Martin Dungan, late of Glendonell, Mullinavat, who died on 20th March 2009. Mass offered in St. Beacon's Church, Mullinavat, on Monday 18th March at 10 am.

We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care
But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there
So many things have happened
Since you were called away
So many things to share with you
Had you been left to stay
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent you are ever near
Still missed still loved and always dear
Sadly missed by your brothers Brian,
Damien, Anita and niece Lily.

FOX(22nd Anniversary&Birthday Remembrance): In loving memory of Niall Fox, of Aghlish, Carrigeen, who died on 18th March 1991 aged 13 years and Birthday Remembrance of Joan Fox (mother) who died 26th July 1983, aged 41 years and whose birthday occurs on 29th March.



We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
Nothing can replace you
Nothing ever will
God has you in his arms
We have you in our hearts
Loving and missing you always, from
Dad (Rusty) sisters Carolyn, Sinead and
brother Michael.

HALLIGAN (6th Anniversary): Thomas Halligan, Ardmore Park, Ballybeg, who died on 13th March 2007.



There is no one in the world like you
I've looked in every street
I've searched the faces one by one
But you're not there to meet
I see a vision of you
In the teardrops in my eyes
Reflecting all the memories
I have of you and I
I was there to see you die
I held you close and kissed you
Goodbye
I will always remember
My whole life through
The very last night I spent with you
In Heaven you rest no worries no pain
In God's own time we will meet again
Simple words but very true
I will always remember and pray for you
Always loved and remembered, from
your daughter Bernadette and John,
grandkid JJ and Molly.

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HALLIGAN (6th Anniversary): Thomas Halligan, Ardmore Park, Ballybeg, who died on 13th March 2007.

Lots of things have happened
Since you passed away
Things you could have shared with us
If God had let you stay
But a heart of gold stopped beating
Two smiling eyes took rest
It must be true when it is said
God only takes the best
I know all my life I will miss you
For you meant all the world to me
I have many precious memories
That others cannot see
They are mine to keep forever
From which I will never part
I'll hold them very close to me
Locked inside my heart
In Heaven one day I'll find you
And all the hurt will go
Then I'll put my arms around you
And say I love you so
Always loved and never forgotten by
your daughter Shirley and Mark.

A tribute of love to a Granddad so dear
So close to our hearts
Each day of the year
We will always have memories
To cherish and hold
Of a wonderful Granddad
More precious than gold
Always loved and never forgotten, from
your grandchildren Tom, Padraig and
Luke.

Lots of things have happened Dad
Since you went away
Things you could have shared with us
If God had let you stay
But a heart of gold stopped beating
Two smiling eyes took rest
It must be true when it is said
God only takes the best
I know all my life I will miss you
For you meant the world to me
I have my precious memories
That others cannot see
They are mine to keep forever
From which I'll never part
I'll hold them very close to me
Locked within my heart
In heaven one day
I will find you Dad
And all the hurt will go
Then I'll put my arms around you
And say I love you so
Sadly missed by your loving daughter
Diane and grandkids and great-
grandkids.xx

Have you ever lost a Father
Who was everything to you
One you loved like I loved mine
And miss him like I do
Have you ever felt
those bitter tears
That drop like falling rain
For when God takes your Father
Life can never be the same
Though absent you are always near
Still loved still missed still very dear
Your thoughts are always with me
Your place no one can fill
In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
I know all my life I'll miss you
For you meant the world to me
And when my life is through
I pray that God will take my hand
And lead me straight to you
Always remembered, never forgotten by
your heartbroken daughter Linda.xx

Granddad
Me and my Granddad
We were a great
combination
He always gave me loads of love
Care and consideration
He was strong and always there for me
Standing proud like a big oak tree
He was a strong man wise and a
survivor
Always handy when I needed a fiver
We always saw eye to eye
Not everyone could
But we had a special bond
Not everyone understood
Now I know what tore us apart
Is the day my Granddad's soul
Gave up on his heart
Now he is gone to a place up high
My dearest Granddad
We never said goodbye
Sadly missed by your loving grand-
daughter Rebecka.xx

IN MEMORIAM

HALLIGAN (6th Anniversary): Thomas Halligan, Ardmore Park, Ballybeg, who died on 13th March 2007.

Dear Granddad up in heaven
I hope you are hearing this
I never got to meet you
But I blow you a little kiss
I know I'll be told things about you
That you were honest and true
But the one thing I'll be proud of
Is that I was named after you
With love and kisses from your grand-
son Tommy Junior.xx

I hide my tears
When I speak your name
But the ache in my heart
Is still the same
Though I may smile
And seem carefree
No one misses you
More than me
Inserted by his loving Mother.

In heaven you rest
No worries no pain
In God's own time
We will meet again
Simple words but very true
We will always love
And remember you
Inserted by his loving brother Eddie,
Rita and family.

No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts
You are always there
A silent thought a quiet prayer
For a special person in God's care
Inserted by his loving sister Kathleen,
Johnny and family.

HANRAHAN: Cherished memories of our parents, Richard and Josephine Hanrahan and their dear daughter Nuala, late of Butlerstown, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Mass offered on 17th March in Saviour's Church.



Memories have such lovely ways
Of bringing back our yesterdays
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you are always there
Loved and missed by your loving sons,
daughters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law
and their families.

Sister
To us you were someone special
What more is there to say
We only wish with all our hearts
That you were here today
Loved, always missed by your loving
sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law,
sister-in-law and their families.

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HANRAHAN (6th & 3rd Anniversary): In loving memory of the late Bridie Hanrahan, of Ballyhest, Clonea-Power, who died on 20th March 2007 (6th Anniversary) and the late Pat Hanrahan, of Ballyhest, Clonea-Power, who died on 18th March 2010 (3rd Anniversary).



We miss you from your fireside chair
Your loving smile and gentle air
Your vacant place no one can fill
We miss you Mother and always will
Two tired eyes are sleeping
Two willing hands are still
The one who worked so hard for us
Is resting at God's will
Love always, John, Joan, Breda, Katie,
Willie, Jo, Joanne, Jessie, William,
Kathlyn.

He never thought when leaving home
He would never return
That he in death so soon would sleep
And leave us here alone
No farewells were spoken
We did not say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
But we always will remember
Our whole life through
The last words we had with you
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
Love always, John, Joan, Breda, Katie,
Willie, Jo, Joanne, Jessie, William,
Kathlyn.

HODGSON MURPHY (2nd Anniversary): In loving memory of Gertrude (Trudy) Hodgson Murphy, late of Ballinudud, Waterford, whose 2nd Anniversary occurs on 15th March. Mass offered in St. Mary's Church, Ballygunner on Saturday 30th March at 7 pm.



It was a sudden parting
Too bitter to forget
And think of how you died
To think you could not say goodbye
Before you closed your eyes
Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories you left behind
The blow was hard the shock severe
To part with someone we loved so dear
Our loss is great and we'll not complain
But trust in God to meet again
Your resting place we visit
We place some flowers with care
But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there
The family chain is broken
Nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The links shall join again
Loved and sadly missed, God bless,
from Finola and family, Leon and
family.

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JONES (5th Anniversary): Treasured memories of a loving father and grandfather Billy Jones, whose 5th Anniversary occurs on 17th March.



You were a Father
With a heart of gold
I know that because
I was your daughter
You never saw me
Want for anything
No matter how big or small
You were always there
To put your hand out to me
I've been through rough patches

Since you died
But you were with me all the time
No one knows how much I miss you so
Loved and remembered every day, Matt
and Ger.xx

Billy
We might be far away
But we think of you every day
Loved and miss you more
As time goes on
Rory and Martina, Perth.xx

KEARNS (15th Anniversary): In loving memory of Richard Kearns, Kilaspy, Slieverue, and late of Ardera, Mooncoin, who died on 14th March 1998. Mass will be offered on Thursday March 14th at 9 am in Slieverue Parish Church.



Love endures Forever
Always remembered by Mam, Dad,
sisters, brothers, all the family and
Frances.

KELLY nee Fitzgerald (3rd Anniversary): In loving memory of Tess Kelly, nee Fitzgerald, late of Gregaridda, Dunmore East, whose anniversary occurs on 17th March. Mass offered for Tess at Killea Church on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30 pm and will also be remembered at St. Patrick's Day Mass.



As I held your hand that day
I knew I would have to part
With a kind and loving Mother
Whom I loved with all my heart
To your graveside I often travel
And picture your face so dear
In silence I stand in sorrow
For a Mother I loved so dear
The flowers I place upon your grave
May wither and decay
But the love I buried with you Mam
Will never go away
They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way I feel
So God forgive me if I weep
For the one I loved and wanted to keep
Dear Jesus up above
Give my Mother all my love
Dearly loved and sadly missed, your
daughter Abigail and Meindert.

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Mummy
Sometimes I think I see you
As I walk along the street
Sometimes I hear you call me
As I'm drifting off to sleep
Always I want to tell you
Of the things that I have done
As I listen to the words of a song
That you have sung
Often I feel so sad
And the tears start to flow
It's then I really miss you
More than words can ever know
Sometimes I feel so lonely
And shed a silent tear
I seem to hear you whisper
Don't worry I am here
I tell you that I miss you more
With every passing day
Again you whisper to me
I am never far away
Loved and always remembered, your daughter Marcy, John and Roisin.

Those we love we never lose
For always they will be
Loved remembered treasured
You're always in our memory Tess
From Ann, Annette, Val, Nora, Ed,
Alan and families.xx

KNOX (16th Anniversary): In loving memory of John Knox, late of Kildalton, Piltown, who died on 17th March 1997.



We hold you close
Within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us
Throughout our lives
Until we meet again
So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won
Always remembered by your loving family.

LACEY (30th Anniversary): Treasured memories of today and always of our darling daughter Fiona, late of 341 St. John's Park, Waterford, who died on 10th March 1983.

As time goes by without you
And days turn into years
They hold a thousand memories
And a million tears
Love always, Mum, Dad and all the family.

LEE (17th Anniversary): In loving memory of Craig Lee, late of 168 Clonard Park, who died on 11th March 1996.



When God held out his
precious hand
To take you from your pain
You stretched your weary
hand right back
As he softly called your name
Come home with me
he quietly said
Your pain will leave you soon
Just close your eyes
and take my hand
We'll quietly leave the room
Love and miss you so much, Mam
and Dad.

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LEE (17th Anniversary): In loving memory of Craig Lee, late of 168 Clonard Park, who died on 11th March 1996.

You had a smile for everyone
You had a heart of gold
You left the dearest memories
This world could ever hold
From sisters Shanice and Anita and brother Brandon.

Happy memories keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts you today
Love Rob.

Memories are something
No one can steal
Death is a heartache
No one can heal
Some will forget you
Now that you are gone
But we will remember
No matter how long
Love always, granddad, Mary, Nicola
and Brian.

I can't get over losing you
No matter how I try
I will always keep you in my heart
Until the day I die
So always stay beside me
It helps to know you're there
Thank you for the memories
And the times we loved and shared
Always loved and remembered by
Nanny.xx

Out of the world of suffering
And into a heaven of rest
May the love of God be with you
And grant you eternal rest
Always remembered by Uncle Wayne
and Baue and Paul.

No special day is needed
For us to think of you
For you were someone special
And we thought the world of you
Remembered by Uncle Chris, Debbie
and Shannon.

Precious memories hold you dear
As time goes by another year
Will those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say
Remembered by Auntie Tessy, Mick
and family.

Dear Craig
All I can say is you were everything
A nephew should have
And could have been
You were so kind and caring
I only wish my little soldier was here
With me now
You will live in my
heart forever
I love and miss you so much, your loving
uncle Paul, Nadia and Rihanna.

Deep in our hearts
Your memory is kept
To love and cherish
And never forget
Always remembered by uncle Paddy,
Margaret and family.

In heaven you rest
No worry no pain
In God's own time
We'll meet again
Always remembered
by uncle William, Kirsty and family.

God looked around his garden
And saw an empty space
He then looked down from heaven
And saw a tired face
He wrapped his arms around you
And whispered Come to Rest
His garden must be beautiful
Because he only takes the best
Loved and remembered by
Auntie Mags and Johnny.xx

We think about
you all the time
We talk about you too
We have so many
memories Craig
But we wish we still had you
Time may go and
years may pass
But memories of you will always last
No more tomorrows for us to share
But yesterdays memories
Will always be there
Loved and missed by your
cousins Sean and Chloe.xx

IN MEMORIAM

MAHER (4th Anniversary): In loving remembrance of Eric Maher, 42 St. Nicholas Park, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary. 31/05/1944 - 16/03/2009. Mass offered in St. Nicholas Church, Carrick-On-Suir at 8.30 am on 17th March.



Though we need to weep your loss
You dwell in that safe place
In our hearts, Where no storm or night
Or pain can reach you
We look towards each other
No longer, From the old distance
Of our names, Now you dwell
Inside the rhythm of breath
As close to us as we are to ourselves
Let us not look for you
Only in memory
Where we would grow lonely
Without you, You would want us to find
you, In presence, Beside us when beauty
brightens, When kindness glows
And music echoes eternal tones
Fondly remembered by your wife
Kay, sons Edward, Patrick and Owen,
daughters Marie and Cora and partners,
grandchildren Sarah, Shannon, Eric,
Ryan, Aaron, Jake, Nathan and little
Eric.

McGRATH: In loving memory of my dear parents, Donal and Mary McGrath, nee Cosgrave, who passed away on March 17th 2006 and March 16th 1984.



In our home they are fondly
remembered
Sweet memories cling to their names
Those who loved them in life sincerely
Still love them in death just the same
Remembered by your loving daughter
Roisin, grandson Oran, brothers, sisters
and friends. Mass in their memory
will be held in Butlerstown Church on
March 19th at 9 am.

MILLEA (5th Anniversary): In loving memory of Johnny Millea, late of Ballyduff East, Kilmadeen, Co. Waterford, whose anniversary occurs on 19th March.



No matter how I spend my days
Regardless of what I do
Before I close my eyes at night
I always think of you
Sadly missed, Ted, Mag and family.

MORAN (48th Anniversary): In loving memory of Ita Moran, late of 16 Bridge St. Waterford, who died on 17th March 1965.

Sweet is your memory
Dear is your name
Deep in our hearts
You will always remain
Always remembered by your brother
Frank, Kay and Anita.

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To be with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
Will those who think of her today
A little prayer to Jesus say
Sadly missed by your sister Breda,
brother-in-law Eric and niece Carla,
nephew Derek.

IN MEMORIAM

MORAN (6th Anniversary): In loving memory of Joan Moran, nee Butler, late of St. John's Park, who died on 12th March 2007. Mass will be offered at 7 o'clock in Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, on Tuesday 12th March.



Three little words forget-me-not
They don't say much
But they mean a lot
Forget you not I never will
Because in my heart
I keep you still
No matter how I spend my days
No matter what I do
No morning dawns
No evening falls
Without a thought of you
Loved and missed, your daughter
Rose, son-in-law Philip, Gary, Siobhan,
Emma, Shay, Will, Lisa, Jake and Grace.
xx

Our hearts are full of memories
With pride we speak your name
Though life goes on without you
It will never be the same
Those special days will not return
When we were all together
But the love and memories of you
Will walk with us forever
A smile for all a heart of gold
One of the best this world could hold
Never selfish always kind
These are the memories
You left behind
Missing you always, your daughter
Kathleen, son-in-law John, Mark,
Stephen, Johnathon and Clara.

I'd give the world if I could say
I'm going to see my Mam today
To hear her voice to see her smile
To sit and talk with her awhile
Put your arms around her Lord
Treasure her with care
For you have in your possession
A Mother beyond compare
Loved and missed, your daughter Joan
and CJ, Peter, Luke, Grace and James.

Although we smile
And make no fuss
No one misses you more than us
And when old times we do recall
That's when we miss you most of all
Loved and missed, your son Tommy
and family.

Sweet is your memory
Dear is your name
Deep in our hearts
You will always remain
It does not take a special day
For me to think of you
Each Mass I hear each prayer I say
Is offered up to you
Missing you always,
your son Billy, daughter-in-law
Siobhan, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren, Fiona, Jessica,
Billy Dean, Rebecca, Josh, Rubin, Leah.
xx

Today we light a candle
And say a little prayer
We take a trip down memory lane
And know you will be there
Monday is your Anniversary
You wouldn't want a fuss
Just to be remembered
And loved by all of us
From Frank, Margaret, Laura, Jason
and Sarah Jane.

We thought of you
with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
And often speak your name
All we have are memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts
Thinking of you always,
Carmel and Paul.

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Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure
Lots of love Nanny, from Tara and
Niamh.

As we look upon your picture
Sweet memories we recall
Of a face so full of sunshine
And a smile for one and all
Sweet Jesus take this message
To our dear Mother up above
Tell her how we miss her
And give her all our love
Always remembered by your son Pascal,
daughter-in-law Elizabeth, grandsons
Kevin and Stephen, great-grandsons
John, William and Kian.

Once I had something special
That money could not buy
I had a special Mother
But had to say goodbye
Photos of you I treasure
They're all I have to touch
Of a Mother I loved so dearly
And how I miss so very much
Love always from daughter Maria,
son-in-law Mark and granddaughter
Sheena.

March is here with sad regret
The day the month
We will never forget
You left us quietly
Without a fuss
And broke the hearts
Of all of us
Memories are something
No one can steal
Death is a heartache
No one can heal
Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts
You are never gone
No special day is needed
For us to think of you
For you were extra special
And we thought the world of you
A bouquet of beautiful memories

Sprayed with a million tears
Wishing God could have spared you
If just for a few more years
Always remembered, love from Tina,
John, Trevor, Claire, and Joni, Shane,
Mikaela and Jack, Clive, Susan and
Darragh.xx

MURPHY (18th Anniversary): In loving memory of Bernard (Bernie) Murphy, 43 St. Nicholas Park, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary, who died on 15th March 1995. R.I.P. Mass offered.



If memories keep us together
Then we are never apart
For you are always in my mind
And forever in my heart
From your loving wife Biddy.

Eighteen years have passed
Since that sad day
You closed your eyes
And slipped away
No need for words except to say
You are loved and remembered
every day
Your loving son Michael, Nurten and
Shauna.

You always had a smile to share
A laugh a joke a time to care
A wonderful nature warm and true
Those are the memories
We have of you
Loved and remembered always by
your daughter Helen, son-in-law Jim,
grandchildren Caroline, Jamie, Paul,
Mark, Niamh, Amy, Lynn and great-
grandchildren Dean, Aaron, Carly
and Zak.

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MURPHY (18th Anniversary): In loving memory of Bernard (Bernie) Murphy, 43 St. Nicholas Park, Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary, who died on 15th March 1995. R.I.P. Mass offered.

Dad
My heart still aches with sadness
Secret tears still flow
Just how much I miss you
No one will ever know
No one sees the broken heart
That lies behind the smile
No one knows the loneliness Dad
That's with me all the while
A silent tear falls gently Dad
Because you meant the world to me
From your loving daughter Cathleen,
son-in-law Jim, grandchildren
Gillian, Marie and Bernadette, great-
grandchildren Nathan, Jordan, Carrie,
Darren Wayne, Tia and Cameron.

I'd give the world if I could say
I'm going to see my Dad today
To hear his voice to see his smile
To sit and talk to him awhile
Forget you Dad I never will
For in my heart I love you still
Years may pass and tears may dry
But memories of you
Will never die
From your loving daughter Brid, son-
in-law Nicky, grandchildren Jonathan,
Nicola, Orla, Jennifer and Nicholas
and great-grandchildren Leah, Billy,
Michael, Cian and Katie.

The gates of heaven opened wide
The angels lined up side by side
A special guest was on his way
The day they took Dad away
If we could visit heaven
On this our saddest day
Maybe for a moment
The pain would go away
We could put our arms around you
And whisper words to you
That living life without you
Is so hard to do
So we hold you close in our hearts
Until we meet again
Always in our thoughts and prayers,
love and miss you, from your daughter
Angela, son-in-law Pat, grandchildren
James, Catherine, Siobhan, Elaine,
Adrian, Letitia, Mickey and great-
grandchildren Aoife, Tara, Ellen, Jack,
Conor and James.

MURPHY (27th Anniversary): In loving memory of a loving father and grandfather, John Murphy, late of Raheen, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, who died on 16th March 1986. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17th March at 9 am in Templeorum Church.

Dad
You were always there
With a helping hand
To listen advise and understand
Your pleasures were simple
Your wants were few
If we were happy so were you
To us you were someone special
What more is there to say
We only wish with all our hearts
That you were here today
Never forgotten by your son Seanie,
daughter Lilly, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.

MURRAY (15th Anniversary): In loving memory of Jackie Murray, late of Ballycroddick, Dunhill, who died on 28th March 1998. Never forgotten, loved and remembered always. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17th March at 11 am in Dunhill Church.



Memories of you
Will never grow old
They are locked in our hearts
In letters of gold
Silent thoughts tears unseen
Wishing your absence
Was only a dream
Always remembered, your sons and
daughters.

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Happy memories keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
Loved and remembered always, sons
and daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

We cannot bring the old days back
When we were all together
But loving thoughts and happy days
Will live with us forever
Always remembered by your brothers
and sisters.

MYERS (17th Anniversary): In loving memory of Aggie Myers, late of Belmont Heights, Ferrybank, who died on 18th March 1996, aged 77 years.



Too dearly loved to be forgotten
From Marilyn, Richard, Luke, Jane, Liz,
Bill and family.

NOLAN (1st Anniversary): In loving memory of Bridget (Biddy) Nolan, late of Rathcurby, Carrigeen, whose 1st Anniversary occurs on 17th March. Mass in St. Senan's Church, Kilmacow on Saturday 16th March at 7.30 pm.



Happy memories keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
Always remembered by your loving
husband Mick.

No special day is needed
For us to think of you
For you were someone special
And we thought the world of you
Always remembered by Pat, Nancy and
family.

Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind
Always remembered by Helen and
family.

A smile for all a heart of gold
One of the best this world could hold
Never selfish always kind
These are the memories
You left behind
Thank you for the times we shared
The love you gave and the way
You cared

You left a place no one can fill
We miss you now and always will
Always remembered by Mary and
family.

She was a Mother
so very rare
Content in her home and
always there
On earth she toiled in
heaven she rests
God bless you Mother
You were one of the best
Always remembered by
Tom, Hillary, Billy and Tom.

The gates of Heaven
opened wide
And angels stood
there side by side
A special guest was on her way
The day God took our Mother away
Always remembered by Paul and Eileen.

IN MEMORIAM

O'KEEFE (20th Anniversary): In loving memory of William O'Keefe, late of Chapel St. Mooncoin, who died on 27th February 1993.



There is no night without dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond deaths dark horizon
Our hearts once more will sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless careworn world
Into a brighter day
From your nephew Michael.

ROSS & CASEY (9th & 1st Anniversary): In loving memory of Mark (Murphy) Ross, late of Connolly Road, Portlaoise, whose 9th Anniversary occurs on March 16th and his sister Siobhan, whose 1st Anniversary also occurs on March 16th. RIP. Mass will be offered at St. Patrick's Church, on Saturday 16th March at 6.30 pm.



Mark and Siobhan
You both will always be loved
Both sadly missed
By your Mam, sisters Debbie,
Suzanne, Di, Colleen, Shirley, brothers
Barry, Dennis, Siobhan's children,
Quentin, Darran, Lee, Kirsty, Katie.

ROWE (21st Anniversary): In loving memory of Alice Rowe, late of Chapel St. Mooncoin, who died on 3rd March.



God must have thought you special
To take you the way he did
They say he only takes the best
And this he surely did
Look around your garden Lord
For an angel with a smile
She wont be hard to recognise
She must stand our a mile
So put your arms around her Lord
And kiss her smiling face
For she is very special
And can never be replaced
They say that time heals everything
But we cant believe that's true
For the ache in our hearts
Is still the same as the day we first lost
you
From your son Michael and Diana,
grandsons Christian and Max and
granddaughter Maisie.

SHEEHAN (31st Anniversary): In loving memory of Ellen Sheehan, 68 Griffith Place, who died on 11th March 1982. RIP.

All the pain and grief is over
Every restless yearning past
I am now at peace forever
Safely home in heaven at last
Sadly missed by Breda, John, Ray,
Catherine and Nick.

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SLATTERY (10th Anniversary): In loving memory of my dear husband, Michael Slattery, late of 2 Corrib Drive, Avondale, who died on 17th March 2003.



Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words
We will never forget
As thoughts go back
As they often do
We treasure the memories
We have of you
Your loving wife Marion.

You left us lovely memories
That made us laugh and cry
The time we shared together
No millionaire could buy
Never forgotten, David, Anne and Alan.

The happy hours we once enjoyed
How sweet the memory still
But death has left a vacant place
This world can never fill
Never forgotten, Michael, Val, Erika,
Jasmine and Michael Jnr.

TOBIN (17th Anniversary): In loving memory of our daughter Sandra Tobin, who died on 15th March 1996, late of Elsinore and Closegate. Mass offered.



You had a nature so loving Sandra
A heart that was purer than gold
We who love and miss you
Your memory will never grow old
There is always a face before me
A voice I would love to hear
A smile I will always remember
Of a daughter I loved so dear
Today I light a candle Sandra
And say a special prayer
And go down memory lane
And know that you are there
Our hearts are full of memories
With pride I speak your name
Though life goes on without you
It will never be the same
From your loving Mammy Phyllis.

To Mammy
Seven short years we had together
I didn't know so long ago
How little time I had
I miss you Mam every day
And wish I had you there
I love you Mam
And miss you every day
For the last 17 years
Love and miss you always and forever,
your loving daughter Jennifer.

Precious people are very few
That is why there was only
One of you
Call her name out softly Lord
And when she looks your way
Tell her that we love her
And miss her every day
Always remembered by your loving
sister Jean, Paul, Aaron, Craig.

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TROY (6th Anniversary): Treasured memories of a much loved husband, father and grandfather, Francis Troy, late of 2 Hillside Drive, Crooke, Passage East, whose 6th Anniversary occurs on 16th March 2009. Mass offered in Crooke Church, Passage East on Sunday 17th March at 11.30 a.m.



It was a sad March morning
I stood by an open grave
I watched them lower
The Husband I loved
And tried so hard to be brave
I knew then I could not awaken
Your silent remains in the clay
So I laid my heart down beside you
And painfully walked away
For no one knows the heartache
I hide beneath my smile
No one knows how many times
I have broken down and cried
Sometimes I feel so lonely
And shed some silent tears
It's then I hear you whisper
Don't worry I am here
I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
My shattered heart aches
From losing you
Burning tears upon my cheeks
I just cannot get over losing you Francis
I don't even want to try
You left your footprints in my heart
Until the day I die
While there's a heart in me
You'll always be a part of me
Your loving wife Marie.xx

March comes with sad regret
It brings a day we will never forget
You fell asleep without saying goodbye
But memories of you will never die
Sadly missed, your loving daughter
Emma and son-in-law Nicky.xx

If I could have one wish today
I would never ask another
I would ask the Lord above
To give me back my Father
It broke my heart to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of me went with you
The day God called you home
Your loving daughter
Lisa and Eamonn.xx

I have a book of memories
Its not upon a shelf
Its deep within my heart
And I keep the key myself
I turn the key quite often
And think of bygone days
I miss you so very much
In oh so many ways
Loved and remembered always, your
son John.xx

A Father's love is something
That no one can explain
Its made of deep devotion
Of sacrifice and pain
My Father's love was
all these things
It's the greatest treasure known
And the greatest Father in the world
Was the one I called my own
Love and miss you always, your son
Niall and Carla.xx

If roses grow in heaven Lord
Pick a bunch for us
Place them in our
Granddad's arms
And tell him they're from us
Lots of love, your grandchildren Leah,
Abbi, Lily, Dylan, and Ella.xx

Falling tears and aching heart
Are things we have to bear
Losing you the way we did
Will always seem unfair
May the wind of love blow gently
On a quiet and peaceful spot
Where the Brother we love lies sleeping
And will never be forgot
Sadly missed, from your brothers and
sisters, sisters and brothers-in-law,
nieces and nephews.

IN MEMORIAM

TROY (6th Anniversary): Treasured memories of a much loved husband, father and grandfather, Francis Troy, late of 2 Hillside Drive, Crooke, Passage East, whose 6th Anniversary occurs on 16th March 2009. Mass offered in Crooke Church, Passage East on Sunday 17th March at 11.30 a.m.

You never said a last farewell
Or even said goodbye
For you were gone before we knew
And only God knows why
We often sit and think of you
And think of how you died
May times we've talked of you
And many times we've cried
Always remembered, from your father-in-law Seamus and mother-in-law Ann.

A bright star shines in heaven
It comes out every night
That bright star is Uncle Francis
Who comes out to say goodnight
Remembered with love, Conor, Katie
and Anna-Mai.xx

Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words
We will never forget
When thoughts go back
As they often do
We treasure the memories
We have of you
From your friends Pa and Joan.

WHEELER (7th Anniversary): In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Wheeler, late of 39 Ballytruckle Green, who died on 15th March 2006. Mass offered on Friday 15th March in The Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, at 7 pm. Saint Anthony pray for her.



For a special Mother
Who gave us everything
Asked nothing in return
But to love and help each other
As long as this world turns
No matter what we asked for
A favour big or small
It was never too much trouble
Your family was your all
We can clearly see you Mother
With a smile upon your face
Heaven must be much nicer
With you around the place
For you were someone special
Someone set apart
God holds you in his keeping
We hold you in our hearts
So sadly missed by your sons John,
Mick, Charles and Tucker.

We thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And the days before that too
We think of you in silence
And often speak your name
All we have is memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is a keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts
Always remembered by your daughter
Mary, son-in-law Sean, granddaughter
Rachel, great-grandchildren Daniel,
Jordan, Noah and Cillian.

You gave us everything you had
And held nothing back
Your time your love and care
You never asked for anything
And you were always there
You lived your life unselfishly
With your gentle loving ways
And now all we have to treasure
Are the memories of those days
Loved and remembered by your
daughter Paula, son-in-law Jack, grand-
daughter Grace.

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We were honoured and privileged
To have a Mother like you
A kind and gentle person
A loving Nanny too
Your heart was always open
Your smile so warm and sweet
Your arms so full of love
You made us seem complete
Loved and missed by your daughter
Rose, son-in-law John and family.

WHITTLE (6th Anniversary): In loving memory of Peter Whittle, late of 98 Lr. Yellow Rd. Waterford, who died on 9th March 2007. Masses offered.



Happy memories keep forever
Of the days we were all together
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today
Will those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say
Always remembered by your brothers,
sisters, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law,
nephews and nieces.

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 Matt Keane meets...

Sean Dower has seen it and done it all

SEAN Dower is in many ways an extraordinary person. Born on the 14th of September 1947 he is first and foremost a proud Waterford man, and for many years he has worn that pride on his sleeve.

He has been deeply involved in politics, sport, light entertainment and many other walks of life and he has at all time strived to do what ever he could for the city he adores.

Sean's parents, James and May (née Power) lived at 7 Andrew Street (New Lane) as indeed did his brother Michael.

Last week I sat down with Sean and his story proved to be enlightening to say the very least.

"I began my education in the Convent of Mercy under the guidance of Sr Anthony up to my First Holy Communion. I then went to Mount Sion Primary and Secondary School and later on I was honoured to serve as Secretary and President of the Past Pupils Union," said Sean as we began our conversation.

He married Margaret James on the 27th March, 1974 and the happy couple have two sons, Jamie and Adrian and one daughter, Corinna.

They are proud grandparents of Gabriel (8) and Jack (6) who are the sons of Jamie, and Olivia (2) who is the daughter of Adrian.

Jamie is employed with Ernst and Young while Adrian works with M.K.Brazil. Corinna is a valued member of the Azzurri Ltd.

Sean and Margaret reside at 60 Morrisson's Avenue in the heart of the old city.

Sport had always played a big part in Sean's life as he explained.

He said: "I played soccer at Under 12 and 14 with a club called Maryville who were run by the late Tommy Walker. I also played hurling with Ballybricken in the Street League's and junior hurling with Gael Og.

"I was present when Waterford played Kilkenny in the 1957 All Ireland Final and the FAI Cup final between Waterford and St Patrick's Athletic in 1959, which went to a replay.

"We lost those games in both codes, but thankfully I was present when Waterford won the All Ireland in 1959 and the Blues won the cup in 1980.

"My love affair with Waterford FC stretches back



Sean Dower, who has been involved in sporting and political aspects of Waterford life for many years.

Photo: Noel Browne.

a long time.

"I worked in the ACEC from 1963 to 1974 and that was a great time for the club.

"They won the league in 1965-66 and Don Kennedy was the chairman during that period.

"Mr Kennedy was the boss at the ACEC and he asked me to help out the soccer club and it proved to be a wonderful time.

"I travelled with the team to Cyprus when they played Omonia Nicosia in the European Cup and also to many other places as Tour Manager.

"Another of my duties was to keep a check on the gate receipts at league and cup games.

"In those days the home club would keep 70 per cent of the takings and the away club 30 per cent.

"The away fixtures proved to be interesting to say the least.

"Sean Carroll at Shamrock Rovers and Dan Morrissey at Cork Hibernians were true gentlemen to deal with, but we did run into trouble with some of the other clubs.

"I can recall one day in Donegal when we played Finn Harps.

"We noticed lots of people streaming into to the ground in one corner of the ground.

"When I went over to check what was happening I saw a man with a bag collecting money and ushering the fans through a hole in a ditch," laughed Sean as he recalled that particular occasion.

"I served until 2004 and I would like to think that I worked hard for the people in my ward during that five year period"

On that day the legendary David Herd, the former Manchester United (a club Sean has supported since the mid 50s) player was playing with Waterford.

Sean's voice became one of the most recognisable in the South East during the glory

days of the Blues because he was also the public address announcer at Kilcohan Park for many years.

Sean makes no secret of his love for the GAA in his native city.

"I am proud to say that I have been a life long supporter of Mount Sion Hurling and Football Club and I also support all of the county's hurling teams.

"Politics has at all times played a major role in his life, and he is a card carrying member of Fianna Fail.

"When quizzed on his area of his busy life, Sean informed me of his rather dramatic election in 1999.

"I joined the party in the late 60s and I did all I could to help out on the local scene.

"I was asked to run for the Waterford City Council in 1999 and I was elected at my first attempt.

"That was a proud day not only for me but for all of the family.

"I served until 2004 and I would like to think that I worked hard for the people in my ward during that five year period."

Sean worked in the ACEC from 1963 to 1974 and he then moved on to the Waterford Ironfoundry where he remained until 2000.

During his period of time on the City Council he built up an excellent working relationship with Martin Cullen and when his Fianna Fail colleague was appointed Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2002

Sean was asked by Martin to become his personal assistant.

Sean jumped at the opportunity and the two Waterford men formed a superb partnership which became widely acknowledged by friends and foe alike.

Sean expanded on what proved to be eight exciting years.

"Martin went on to become Minister of Transport (2004-2007) Minister of Social and Family Affairs (2007-2008) and Minister of Arts, Sport and Tourism (2008-2010) and I learnt a lot during that time.

"Some people might have wanted a pot-hole outside their home to be fixed while others would require a life saving operation quickly.

"Martin retired from politics in March 2010 due to a chronic back ailment and I believe he worked extremely hard for Waterford during his time in office.

"He remains a good friend of mine I am happy to say."

Sean became synonymous with the Waterford International Festival of Light Opera for many years and concluding our conversation he lamented on how this wonderful event came to an end.

"I am a former Chairman and Vice-Chairman of The Theatre Royal and I was involved with the Opera Festival from 1980 until 2009.

"During those 29 years I worked voluntary as House Manager, General Secretary, Chairman and Vice-Chairman and it saddens me that it no longer continues as an annual event.

"It was a fantastic success and it is something else that hopefully can be brought back in some shape of form in the future," he said.

Sean is now a member of the Dunmore East Golf Club and he plays a couple of times a week with his friends Tony Browne Snr, Jim Griffin and Pat Simpson.

As stated at the outset he is a proud Waterfordian and he has served the Deise superbly for many years.

In many ways perhaps he does not get the credit he deserves, but in truth he is not the sort of person to seek credit for all he has done.

The exact dimensions of his work in many areas may never be fully revealed, but he can be justifiably proud of putting a great deal more into life that he will ever take out of it.

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MINORITY REPORT

Catherine Power's call for fair play

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QUOTE of the WEEK: "Massive respect to Eoin Reddan for trying to play on with broken ankle. Collapsed for the cause trying to run on." - Ronan O'Gara's Twitter tribute to the Irish scrum-half whose season ended against France

HAPPY HISTORY MAKER!

Abbey's Niamh Briggs celebrates her first half try in Ireland's Six Nations victory over France at Ashbourne on Friday last. This weekend, Ireland travel to Italy hoping to add a Grand Slam to their first ever Six Nations Championship title. | Photo: Ken Sutton.



National Hurling League Division 1A

Shares split after Fraher quagmire

» Waterford 0-15 Cork 1-12

■ Thomas Keane

FOR the second successive League outing, Waterford required a late point to secure a positive outcome, with Sunday's draw with Cork at Fraher Field leaving them as joint leaders with the Rebels after two rounds.

This game was played in, to be put it mildly, terrible conditions. Heavy rain fell in the area overnight and continued to come pouring down throughout the game. Rarely, even in this part of Ireland well accustomed to a biting wind, has a game gone ahead in such treacherous elements.

Indeed had this game been called off, few if any would have complained, chief among them the players of course.

But such a call would surely have had to have been made early in the day as once supporters began to enter the ground, it would be hard to pick who had parted with their cash to return it to them from those who'd entered using official passes.

This proved the proverbial game of two halves, largely due to the strong wind blowing in from the riverside.

Waterford captain Kevin Moran won the toss and wisely with the conditions the way they were opted to play with the winds at their backs.

The feeling was that the Deise needed to be seven or eight points up at the break and that's exactly how it transpired.

The home side made full use of the elements in the first half, retiring to the warmth of the dressing room with an eight-point lead at the break.

Pauric Mahony, who put in a massive shift all afternoon long, finished the first half as the game's leading scorer, registering a hat-trick of frees between the first and the 33rd minutes.

Brian O'Halloran, who produced a magnificent National League debut against Clare finishing the game with four points also impressed in this game, hitting two points in the opening half.

Meanwhile, Seamus Prendergast seems to be revelling in the roll as the side's most experienced player hit three points from play.

Pauric Mahony got the scoring under way inside a minute of the game starting when he rifled over a free, and just a minute later Brian O'Halloran doubled the home side's lead.

Cork pulled a point back on three minutes through Cian McCarthy but within seconds, Seamus Prendergast put two between the side once more with his first of the afternoon.

Brian O'Halloran and Paudie Mahony from a free extended Waterford's lead to four on the quarter of an hour mark.

Seconds later it looked as if this lead was going to be dramatically cut as Patrick Horgan raced through on goal and just as he was about to pull the trigger while staring Stephen O'Keeffe in the white of the eyes.

But Liam Lawlor illegally stymied his progress and from the resulting free the Glen Rovers man split the posts to leave three between the posts at the end of the third quarter.

The second quarter was totally dominated by the home side. Shane



Muddy marvels: Shane O'Sullivan and Daniel Kearney tussle for the sliotar while contesting with Sunday's inclemencies at Fraher Field.

| Photos: Sean Byrne

O'Sullivan put over a delightful point from 65 metres after 20 minutes and a minute later his name sake – Brian put over an equally delightful score from wide on the right.

Seamus Prendergast hit his second score of the afternoon seven minutes from the interval before Pauric Mahony got his third of the afternoon, putting over a free to give Waterford a seven-point lead.

But Waterford weren't finished scoring in the first half, with goalkeeper Stephen O'Keeffe landing a monstrous free from inside his own 45-metre line to give the home side a 0-10 to 0-2 lead at the break.

Both sides didn't exactly burst back out of the dressing rooms, given the appalling weather, but when they did, it was Cork who settled much the quicker.

Six minutes into the half they cut Waterford's lead dramatically when corner-forward Stephen Moylan reacted quickest to Paudie O'Sullivan's cross-field ball, whipping it into the net for the games only goal.

Pauric Mahony pulled a point back for Waterford but Cork enjoyed a period of dominance as Patrick Horgan put over three scores and Moylan got his second score of the game to leave Cork trailing 0-11 to 1-6 11 minutes into the second half.

Pauric Mahony and Brian O'Sullivan registered scores for Waterford within seconds of each other to extend Waterford's lead to four by the end of the third quarter.

Cork introduced Conor Lehane at the end of the third quarter and quickly began to make an impact.

Horgan put over a free with a quarter of an hour to play before Lehane got his name on the score sheet two minutes later. Shortly afterwards, Horgan again found the range with a free to leave the minimum between



Spot the ball. Seriously, because we can't!

the sides with 12 minutes remaining.

Waterford needed to score now to steam the tide of Cork scoring and were presented with a good change in the 28th minute of the half when they won a free 30 metres from goal but slightly to the right. Pauric Mahony took responsibility for the free but he saw his effort go wide of the far post.

Five minutes time Patrick Horgan put over a 65' to draw the sides level for the second time in the game, and seconds later the visitors went in front when Conor Lehane got his second score of the game.

Peter O'Brien soon doubled the visitors lead and it looked like the game was getting away from Waterford.

However, Waterford refused to give up and with his last act in the game

Brian O'Sullivan pointed to leave just one between the sides with two minutes to go.

The Deise continued to lay siege at the Cork goal and Anthony Nash had to be at his very best to keep out efforts from Seamus Prendergast and Maurice Shanahan.

But he and the Cork defence was powerless to keep an effort from the big Ardmore man going between the uprights on 70 minutes to give Waterford a deserved share of the spoils.

Waterford: S O'Keeffe; S Fives, L Lawlor, S Daniels; J Nagle, M Walsh, K Moran; S O'Sullivan, D Fives; B O'Halloran, S Prendergast, J Dillon; B O'Sullivan, S Walsh, P Mahony.

Subs: P Prendergast for D Fives (25 mins); J Barron for S Walsh (43), M

Shanahan for B O'Halloran (62), R Barry for B O'Sullivan (68).

Scorers: P Mahony (0-6f), B O'Halloran and S Prendergast (0-3 each), B O'Sullivan (0-2) and S O'Sullivan (0-1)

Cork: A Nash; S O'Neill, S McDonnell, C O'Sullivan; S White, L Mac Lochlann, C Joyce; P Cronin, D Kearney; C McCarthy, P O'Sullivan; S Harnedy; S Moylan, P O'Brien, P Horgan.

Subs: C Lehane for Harnedy (49 mins), W Egan for S McDonnell (55), T Kenny for Mac Lochlann (62), M Walsh for D Kearney (65), L O'Farrell for P O'Sullivan (66).

Scorers: P Horgan (0-8; 0-5f, 0-1 65'), S Moylan (1-1), C McCarthy, P O'Brien and C Lehane (0-1 each).

Referee: Alan Kelly (Galway)

Deise in fine hurling health

■ Brian Flannery

UNBEATEN and Division 1A table topper is the lot of a Waterford senior hurler these days, hardly a shoddy position to occupy as we approach Saint Patrick's Day.

First off great credit to both teams last Sunday who managed to produce committed displays on a ground that was barely playable.

Incessant rain left the Fraher Field surface more like a skating ring and with freezing temperatures it must have felt like one to the players.

I'm not sure if cancellation ever crossed referee Alan Kelly's mind before the start of the game but it must surely have as the game progressed with the flow of play oft became a lottery.

As it was, Waterford elected to play with the considerable aid of the elements in the first half. It sometimes resembled what appeared more like a rugby game than a hurling match as the conditions inevitably caused a number of 'rucks' and 'mauls'.

That said, the Déise set about their task in a whole hearted manner with Brian O'Halloran, Brian O'Sullivan and Seamus Prendergast best at holding their bodies in an upright position long enough to register vital scores from play.

Pauric Mahony also managed to do well to register important scores from placed balls while goalkeeper Stephen O'Keeffe added a long range effort from inside his own half to give Waterford an eight-point half-time lead.

The big question was whether an eight-point advantage would be sufficient given the strength of the wind which Waterford would have to defend in the second half.

The breeze was hugely significant but the underfoot conditions meant that any score would be hard to come by so I was happy enough that without a goal Cork would struggle to reel in the local team. There was long delay in both teams returning for the second half but in fairness who could blame them.

The minute that Stephen Moylan's ground stroke hit the back of the Waterford five minutes into the second half, Cork became favourites to garner the two league points on offer.

While it seemed inevitable it wasn't until the 64th minute that Cork took the lead through an excellent score from substitute Conor Lehane and immediately after full-forward Stephen O'Brien appeared to set Cork on the road to victory.

The now trademark Waterford strong finish kicked into the gear and we witnessed a frantic last five minutes.

During this period, Waterford actually put Cork to the pin of their collar to hold on with Jamie Barron, Brian O'Sullivan and Seamus Prendergast all attempting shots on goal that required two fantastic saves from Cork All-Star keeper Anthony Nash and the cross bar to keep the resurgent Déise at bay.

In the end it was two late scores from Brian O'Sullivan and Seamus Prendergast that ensured a share of the spoils.

It would be unfair to judge any player harshly given the conditions but there were many stellar performers.



The Waterford team standing for the national anthem ahead of Sunday's NHL match at Fraher Field. | Photos: Sean Byrne

Stephen O'Keeffe couldn't be faulted for the goal and even managed to register a score with the elements behind him in the first half. Shane Fives and Stephen Daniels were both tenacious in battle, just as you would want from your corner backs and gave little away.

In between them Liam Lawlor was competent but will have to be careful with his discipline. A number of indiscretions resulted in easy scores for Cork's Patrick Horgan and a yellow card followed for the Fourmil' player due to the persistent fouling.

The half-back line of Nagle, Walsh and Moran held the advantage for most of the hour although the introduction of Conor Lehane did occupy Nagle far more over the last quarter.

A hamstring problem forced Darragh Fives off in the first half and his replacement Paudie Prendergast from Lismore fitted in fine and didn't look out of place.

Shane O'Sullivan was very industrious and fought hard around the middle and also managed to get on the score sheet.

Pauric Mahony is one of the most skilful young hurlers in the country but last Sunday he proved that he has the commitment to dig deep and rough it with the best of them when required.

Seamus Prendergast was my man of the match with three top class

scores from play together with a huge amount of work completed around the park.

O'Halloran continued where he left off in Ennis two weeks ago with another fine all round display. Jake Dillon may not have scored but his work rate in attack and sometimes even in defence was immense.

Shane Walsh looked every bit the player in his first competitive outing of the year as he got little change from his opposite number but again no faulting the effort.

Brian O'Sullivan's registering three scores from play on a day that just holding your feet was an achievement speaks volumes for the Ballygunner mans performance.

Both Jamie Barron and Maurice Shanahan contributed on their introduction and are live options for next week.

All in all plenty of positives as Waterford remain unbeaten and top of Division 1A of the National Hurling League.

The trip to Nowlan Park will be approached with a degree of confidence as we now have a unique opportunity to consign the All-Ireland champions to the relegation play-off. Now there are two words you wouldn't normally think would go together, Kilkenny and relegation!

The pressure is really on champions and they can't afford another defeat. Michael Ryan will have extra options

with Maurice Shanahan back to full fitness and rarely have Waterford been in better shape travelling to the Marble city.

Postscript: Shortly after returning from Dungarvan last Sunday evening the news that another great Waterford Gael, Tony Mansfield has passed to his eternal reward, emerged. Over the last 20 years or so I have met no prouder Waterford man than Tony Mansfield.

He managed the Under-21 team to their only All-Ireland title back in 1992 and went on to manage the senior team as well. Irrespective of who was playing on the team or over the team, Tony was Waterford first and last. He is a great loss to both his club Abbeyside/Ballinacourty and his county. May he rest in peace.

Pauric Mahony demonstrated a level of commitment to match his all-round hurling ability in treacherous conditions on Sunday last.



Ryan 'almost disappointed' as Waterford snatch result

■ Dermot Keyes
at Fraher Field

WATERFORD manager Michael Ryan admitted that he was 'almost disappointed' despite his side's joint lead of Division 1A in the wake of Sunday's draw with Cork at Fraher Field.

"I felt we could have won the game, to be honest, but having said that, with three minutes to go, we were two points behind against a Cork team that were on the rise, playing against a strong wind, and I thought we put in a fantastic finished, scored two great points and fully deserved the draw."

One of the notable aspects of Sunday's display was Waterford's tremendous fitness levels, given that the match was effectively played in conditions more suited for cross-country running in nearby Saint Augustine's.

Time and time again they dug deep, and the manner of their late rally was a source of great encouragement to the Deise faithful.

"We've worked very hard in training over the last 18 months," Ryan felt. "We've a lot of young lads, we've a good blend of youth and experience and I think we're starting to show the benefits of the efforts that these guys have put in over the last while."

He added: "Physically, I'd say there's still more work to be done but we'll just get on with things now and move onto the next game in Nowlan Park on Monday week."

When asked if the match should have gone ahead, Michael Ryan had this to say.

"Conditions were very poor, there's no question about it. I'd a brief conversation with Pat McAuliffe (RTE) before the start of the match and, particularly at the far end of the field, there was an awful lot of surface water.

"Maybe it shouldn't have been played, but now that it's over and we both have a point, I think we're probably glad with that, because there's a lot of fixtures coming up and the last thing we'd want is fixture congestion, so I'm glad we got a point."

Ryan said he was disappointed with the manner in which Stephen Moylan's 41st minute goal came about given that Waterford lost possession of the ball just seconds earlier.

"We'd spoken about this before the game, a goal was going to be a huge score today and whoever got a goal was going to have a serious amount of momentum.

"But having said that, we kept battling away, we kept at it and at it and at it; and as I've always said, the only score line that matters is the one at the final whistle."

Admitting that he would have taken three points from a possible four before the start of the campaign, Ryan said he was encouraged with how his team had dealt with two tight finishes against Clare and Cork.

"We could have lost either of those two games, but we didn't. We battled very hard, and that's going to be very important for the development of these lads going forward.

"But having said that, Nowlan Park on Monday week represents a severe test for our fellas.



"So we'll prepare well during the next week, move on, go down there, give a performance and see where that takes us."

Waterford manager Michael Ryan has been enthused by how his team has rallied in the closing stages of both Division 1A outings to date.

| Photos: Sean Byrne



Captain Kevin Moran produced another top-class display in Waterford's half-back line last Sunday.



Michael Walsh closes in on Cork full-forward Peter O'Brien at a rain-lashed Fraher Field.



Shane Walsh and Lorcan McLoughlin in a treacherous pursuit of the sliotar.



Waterford's Shane O'Sullivan wins the race for possession against Cork's Patrick Horgan.

National Hurling League Division 1A

Waterford thinking big as scalded Cats await

» Kilkenny v Waterford
(Nowlan Park, Monday 2pm)

■ Thomas Keane

WHEN the fixtures for this year's National Leagues were released last winter, some voiced disappointment with the scheduling of some fixtures on the March Bank Holiday Monday.

Some opposition came from supporters in the Déise who recalled a trip to Thurles for a Munster Championship match against Clare on the June Bank holiday, a date which failed to generate too positive a response at the turnstiles.

Given the All-Ireland Club Finals' sacrosanct position on March 17th, which on this particular occasion falls on a Sunday, Croke Park scheduled the meeting of Kilkenny and Waterford for 2pm next Monday in Nowlan Park.

The wisdom of such a decision, with Galway facing Tipperary at the same time in Salthill, shall only be assessed in due course. No doubt we'll have one or two things to say on the matter next week!

Waterford will, of course, go into this game in a buoyant mood. Against all the odds they have collected three points from a maximum of four in their opening two games in this year's League, three points more than what was secured after two games last year.

The impressive but hardly unexpected win (well, at least in these parts) at Cusack Park was followed up with a draw against a Cork side which had annihilated Tipperary in round one.

In both outings, Waterford did remarkably well to take three points from a maximum of four and will be looking to take some further points this weekend.

Some will see this as the perfect time to take on an injury-hit Kilkenny side in the wake of narrow successive defeats to Galway and Tipperary and some may suggest that confidence is somewhat low in the Kilkenny camp right now.

However, a scalded cat never stays off its paws for too long, and Kilkenny could well be at their most dangerous in front of a home crowd demanding victory.

Manager Brian Cody doesn't like losing games, be it a Walsh Cup match in January or the big one in September, and he will not want to see his side succumb to a defeat to their neighbours on Monday next.

Given that there are only six teams in Division 1A and with five of those sides having collected points after the opening two rounds of games, Cody knows it's important that they don't drop any more points. If they do, they could well, remarkably, find themselves in a relegation dog fight.

Kilkenny know they have to start winning games, starting with the visit of Waterford and one expects them to treat their three remaining games like



Kilkenny and Waterford go head-to-head on Monday after contrasting openings to their respective League campaigns.

Championship outings.

The reigning League and All-Ireland champions have experience aplenty in their panel, and have, for most of Cody's reign, been able to draft players into the team that other counties can only dream of.

They have a sensational ability to register goals, and are readily capable of hitting 25 to 30 scores per game.

If Kilkenny do set about making up for the defeats against Galway and Tipperary, they have a psychological edge over Waterford.

While confidence will be high in the Waterford camp, especially having come from behind against Clare and Cork to get results.

However you can't but feel, if Kilkenny click on the day, they should have too much for Waterford, but Waterford cannot be counted out easily. All the ingredients are in place for an absolute belter on Noreside.

Admission at Nowlan Park shall be as follows – adults: €13; pensioners: €5; students: €5; with children under-16 free Stiles will be open at 1pm and cash will be taken on stiles.

GAA Season Ticket Stiles will be located at Stile Numbers 17 and 18 New Stand Side on the Hebron

Road and at Stile 37 Old Stand Side near McGuinness's

Tickets costing €13 can be purchased in advance from the following outlets in Waterford: Caulfield's SuperValu, Waterford City,

Kelleher's SuperValu, Cappoquin, and Quish's SuperValu, Tramore.

Car parking will be available along the Ring Road. Patrons might also consider Mc Donagh

Junction, immediately beside Nowlan Park, where three-hour parking is available for €2.



Left: Brian Cody and his lieutenants Martin Fogarty and Mick Dempsey know a win next Monday is vital if Kilkenny wish to avoid a relegation play-off.

Waterford GAA mourns loss of Tony Mansfield

■ Thomas Keane

IT is with regret that we record the death of well-known Waterford Gael Tony Mansfield who passed away at the Bon Secours Hospital in Cork on Sunday last following a brief illness.

Tony was a man who adored the GAA. He filled many roles in the association, as a player, a manager and of course as a reporter with the *Dungarvan Newspaper* where he had a weekly column dating back four decades.

As a player, Tony played with his beloved Abbeyside club and was part of the Waterford panel that won the 1963 Munster Senior Hurling Championship before losing a classic All-Ireland Final to an Eddie Keher-inspired Kilkenny.

Once his playing days were over he turned his hand to coaching.

He guided the Abbeyside/Ballinacourty club to many successes and was involved in different sides that captured titles from Under-14 to Under-21.

While Tony may be best known as a hurling man, at a club level he tasted most success in the big ball game.

In the late 1970s he took over as manager of the Ballinacourty club and guided then to three County Finals. He later took up a manager/trainer position with the Colligan Rockies and guided them to County Final glory in the mid-1980s.

Tony was also one of Waterford's most successful ever inter-county managers, leading the Deise to



The great Tony Mansfield, who passed away in Cork on Sunday last.

three major successes, the Under-21 Munster hurling title in 1974, defeating Clare in the final before

losing to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final.

In 1992, Tony was again in charge

when Waterford beat Clare in the Munster Under-21 Final before going on to claim the All-Ireland title at Nowlan Park after victory over Offaly.

He also had stints in charge of the Waterford senior hurling teams, taking over following the historic low of the mid-1980s, guiding the team to the Munster Final against Tipperary, having seen Cork after an epic semi-final replay.

In the mid-90s, Tony again took over as senior bainisteoir and was, prior to Michael Ryan's appointment, the last Waterford native to manage our senior hurling team.

For over four faithful decades, Tony Mansfield served as GAA correspondent with the *Dungarvan Observer* and built up a network of fellow Gaels whom he could call upon to assist with reports for matches which he was unable to attend himself.

Like his fellow reporter Johnny Murphy who died less than a month ago, he was very generous with his time and was able to provide comprehensive reports to colleagues when they too were unable to locate.

Even when Tony was away on holiday, he'd often ring someone he knew would be at a particular game to receive updates, and was known to contact a second, even a third person to see if they were of the same view!

His views on the game were well respected and from time to time Tony would take a call during a match from someone that wasn't present enquiring as to how it the game was going.

He was forthright. He was straight.

He was honest. And he was widely respected.

Tony was also a mind of information. At times when it was felt in the press box that a sub coming on may be wearing a different numbered shirt to which he was named on the programme, Tony would up sticks, head for the bench and enquire about which player was going on was.

Not only would Tony come back with his name but with a mini-biography! His was a marvellous talent.

Henceforth, the Fraher Field press box in particular shall be a much different place to what it once was for so many eventful, entertaining years.

Only a few weeks we lost John A Murphy and now Tony, two men that loved the banter that goes on in the press box during the course of a game.

To his wife Moira, his daughter Caroline, his sons Michael and Brendan, his daughter-in-laws and extended family, we extend our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

Dermot Keyes adds: Tony Mansfield was an exemplary clubman, an outstanding Deiseman and a thorough gentleman.

His depth of knowledge was virtually unparalleled from a playing and managerial perspective, and his well-humoured press box jousting with his recently deceased colleague John A Murphy has left both our trade and games permanently diminished. May the sod of his beloved Waterford rest lightly upon him.

National Football League Division Four

Disaster for Deise in Ruislip

» London 0-14 Waterford 1-10

■ Thomas Keane

We can't say that this result was not coming. The Exiles, while they had won any of their games up to this past weekend, had been playing well. It's just a pity that Waterford had to be the first team they picked off in what's becoming a most competitive Division Four.

The home side got off to a very good start in this game as Cathal McGee, Ciaran McCallion and Mark Gottsche hit early points to give them an early lead, but a Robert Ahearn effort brought Waterford back into the game. Two points from Padraig McGoldrick, and one from Caolan Doyle soon helped extend the Londoners' lead and they would have gone even further ahead but for a timely intervention from Conor Phelan to deny Greg Crowley.

But Waterford came back into the game before the break and they hit the

game's only goal of the game courtesy of Robert Ahearn who rifled the ball home following some good work by Liam Ó Lionáin. At the break, they went in two points in arrears.

Waterford came out for the second half looking the hungrier of the two sides. A brace of Gary Hurney points and one from Padraig McGoldrick for London left Waterford trailing by just the minimum.

Cathal McGee and Gary Hurney exchanged scores to keep the minimum between the sides, and it looked as if Waterford would go ahead shortly after when Liam Ó Lonáin jinxed his way through the London defence, only for his effort to sail narrowly wide. Ten minutes from time, Gary Hurney left just one between the sides, and when Paul Whyte followed up with a brace of scores for the visitors it was looking as if the points would be crossing the Irish Sea.

However, two mistakes in the closing two minutes were punished by Lorcan Mulvey who raised two white flags to help the home side to a slender one-point victory. Waterford now travel to

Leitrim next Saturday, knowing they must emerge from the long trip to the north west with something.

London: Gavin McEvoy; Dave McGreevy, Kevin Lynam, Stephen Curran; Seamus Hannon, Eamon McConville, Danny Ryan; Caolan Doyle, Greg Crowley; Ed Finnegan, Mark Gottsche, Ciaran McCallion; Cathal McGee, Padraig McGoldrick, Lloyd Colfer.

Subs: Tony Gaughan for Ryan (HT), Lorcan Mulvey for Finnegan (44 mins), Kevin O'Leary for Colfer (53), Aiden McTigue for McGoldrick (56) and Mark Cahalane for McCallion (69).
Scorers: Cathal McGee, Padraig McGoldrick (1f), Lorcan Mulvey 0-3 each, Seamus

Hannon, Caolan Doyle, Mark Gottsche, Ciaran McCallion, Lloyd Colfer 0-1 each.

Waterford: Stephen Enright; Conor Phelan, Stephen Prendergast, Maurice O'Gorman; Tony Grey, Shane Briggs, John Hurney; Shane Ahearn, Tommy Prendergast; Liam Ó Lonáin, Paul Whyte, Patrick Hurney; Darren Guiry, Robert Ahearn, Gary Hurney.

Subs: Sean O'Hare for Tommy Prendergast (HT), Gavin Nugent for Darren Guiry (50 mins), Andy Doyle for Gavin Nugent (64) and Niall Walsh for Patrick Hurney (64).

Scorers: Paul Whyte (0-4; 0-1f), Gary Hurney (0-4; 0-2f), Robert Ahearn (1-1) and Patrick Hurney (0-1).

Referee: Brendan Rice (Down).



Left: Not even the return of Gary Hurney could prevent Waterford from a surprise defeat to London.

Under-21s footballers take on Tipp in Thurles

THE Waterford team to face Tipperary in tonight's (Wednesday) Munster Under-21 Football Championship in Semple Stadium at 7.30pm has been named.

It reads: Sean Barron (Ardmore); Lorcán Ó Corraoin (An Rinn), Darren Foley (Clashmore/Kinsalebeg), Conor Sheridan (Dungarvan); Ross Dunford (Ballinacourty), Ronan Sheehan (Ballinacourty), David Hallahan (Kilmacthomas); Kevin Phelan (Ballinameela), Ray Ó Ceallaigh (An Rinn); Gavin Nugent (Rathgormack), Donie Breathnach (An Rinn), Kevin Sheehan (Sliabh gCua); Michael Kiely (Sliabh gCua), Paul Whyte (Kilrossanty), Shane Ryan (Nire).

We'll have a full report in next week's edition in what looks like a decidedly difficult assignment for the team managed by Niall Cronin of Kilmacthomas.

The Squinting Eye

(with Norman Freeman)



Leaving before the final whistle



YOU won't believe this. He didn't see one of the great scores of the year. "Jaysus, just as Ken McGrath held the ball on the hurley before sending it over the bar from near the sideline, a big heifer of a one from Feakle who was leaving early got in front of me," said an irate Waterford man after a stirring game against Clare.

A woman from Newtown missed one of the great feats of catching and clearing by Brick Walsh in a key game. "At that very minute some duffer got up to leave and blocked my view. Not alone did I miss the action but he stood on my bunion as well."

And this infuriating obstruction can happen in a collective way. Only 10 minutes to go and one side seems on top.

This is a sure signal for the 'Early Leavers Brigade' to head for the exits. They file along the

steps of the stand, impeding the view of those sitting out the game. Then it gets worse; the underdogs rattle the net and the game hangs in the balance.

The Early Leavers now remain on the steps to watch the neck and neck finish. The ball flies into the corner and the corner forward and back battle furiously for possession.

"Sit down, sit down, for f*ck's sake," said one.

"Go home if you're going – don't stand there like spares at a wedding" bellowed another.

Even those who have attended mass that morning are now roused to a hoarse outpouring of the most vile and blasphemous language. Everybody has to stand up.

As if that's not bad enough, some are so anxious to get an unimpeded view that they stand up on the concrete seating. It ends up with everybody balancing themselves on the concrete, swaying precariously

as the ball flies up and down the field. Except for one sour-faced man.

An old hurling injury to one knee prevents him clambering up. He can hear the roars of excitement but can see nothing except the heaving backs of those in front of him; he totally misses the riveting finish.

"If I had John Wayne's two Colt 45's I'd blow away a good few of them early leavers," he said with simmering vengefulness as the final whistle went. "That's the last time I'm coming to this hole to try to see a game."

Who are the members of the Early Leavers Brigade? Some are team followers only; they're not really lovers of the game of hurling with all its skills.

If their side is well on top they head for the exits, smiling delightedly. On the other hand if their team is being beaten out of site they don't want to be around to see the coup-de-

grace delivered.

Perhaps the most famous episode of fans leaving early to celebrate a victory was in the All-Ireland of 1994 between Offaly and Limerick.

The Munster champions were the better side by far and with six minutes to go they were five points up. The Limerick followers, starved of success since 1973, were elated.

Some decided there and then to head out to Gill's pub to begin the celebrations and to watch on TV the presentation of the Liam MacCarthy cup to the Limerick captain.

Making their way from Croke Park they heard two volcanic roars followed by a series of explosions of cheering; they presumed it was Limerick finishing off the hapless Offalymen. They rushed into Gill's and looked at the TV just in time to see a man in an Offaly jersey going up to accept the cup.

"Wouldn't you think the Limerick captain would keep his own jersey on for the presentation instead of swapping it with one of the losers," uttered one fan disapprovingly.

They were utterly shell-shocked when they were told that Offaly had scored two quick goals followed by a succession of points in the last minutes of the game to win the All-Ireland.

Of course, there has always been a totally legitimate tradition of leaving games before the final whistle.

"Ah, I want to get on the road before the traffic builds up. We have a long journey to Bunmahon"

"The cows are waiting to be milked."

"We have to catch the five-o'clock excursion train"

However, there are some reasons that do not stand up to scrutiny. There was a man

famous for leaving before the end of the game in Walsh Park, disturbing others as he did so.

"I can't hang around. I've work to do," he'd say to anyone who complained. He gave the impression of having serious duties to perform, difficult tasks to undertake.

However, one day a group of fellows who knew him happened to go into Flynn's Pub where they found him, sweat running down his face, well into his third pint.

He was beginning to clear his throat, a sure sign that he would soon inflict The Castle of Dromore in his hoarse tones on those within earshot.

"Work to be done, ay?" they threw at him as he grinned somewhat sheepishly.

'The Squinting Eye' originally appeared in www.anfearrua.com, the online brainchild of Deise native Liam Cahill.

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BALLYDUFF LOWER

Minor Football Championship

LAST Sunday, Ballyduff and Bunmahon took to the field to play this game, and it was end-to-end stuff in difficult conditions, with both sides missing chances. A draw was the fairest result.

U11 Hurling

OUR U11s were in Carriganore on Friday where they had a match under lights against St Molleran's. In a closely fought game where both sides played great hurling, Ballyduff came out on top.

Shane Reade and Keith Millea were strong in the backline. Our midfield of Jack O'Donnell, Reece Halley and Josh Burns dominated after a slow start. Cathal Daly, Aaron Cheasty and Mochuda O'Liaghan played their best games for Ballyduff.

Our goal scorers were Cathal (2), Reece, Josh and Matteo Mary. Best wishes to Devin Kehoe, Cian Bolger and Ian O'Donnell who missed the game through illness.

U9 Hurling

OUR U9s played an impressive St Mary's team in Kildermody on Saturday. Both teams played well.

U8 Hurling

OUR U8s took part in a hurling blitz last Saturday in Carriganore. We played Butlerstown, St Saviour's and An Gaeltacht and won all our matches.

Condolences

EVERYONE at the club would like to extend their condolences to the O'Leary family on the passing of Bridget last weekend.

BUTLERSTOWN

Fixtures and Results

THE minor footballers are playing Brickey Rangers on Saturday 16th March at 3pm in Dunhill. The U16s are playing Ballyduff Upper on Monday 18th March at 11.30pm; this is a home match. All supporters are welcome.

Membership

A REMINDER that membership is now due: this is €100 for players, €50 for non-players, and the usual concessions apply for students. Players will not be eligible for selection if membership is not paid.

Thanks

THANKS to Angela and Michael who coordinated the recent table quiz at the Holy last Thursday, and congratulations to Smiley & Co and Michael Costello's team who were first and second.

Lotto

THE current jackpot is €2800. The yearly and six-monthly Lotto tickets are available now also, club members will calling to doors selling over the next few weeks.

Facilities work

WORK has commenced on the all-weather surface which is due for completion sometime mid-April.



Patrick Curran (17) was rewarded for a busy month in February, which included a Harty Cup win, when he was honoured at a lunch in the Granville Hotel in Waterford City. Patrick is pictured with the Munster Craobh Corn Phádraig Cup won with Dungarvan CBS and the Harty Cup won with Dungarvan Colleges and is also pictured with Liam Cusack (Granville Hotel) and Neil Gough (WLRfm).

| Photo: Noel Browne

CARRICK DAVIN

Seniors

OUR seniors started their Tipperary challenge cup with a loss against a strong Borris-Ileigh side under lights in St Molleran's.

It was always going to be a tough ask with the North Tipp team fielding all their inter-county stars and this being only our second outing of the year. However, our lads hurled very well and but for the lacking of accuracy with our frees, we could have come away with a win.

Final score: 1-10 to 0-16. Our second challenge cup fixture was to be last Sunday against Clonoulty-Rossmore but the Davin Park was worse for wear and the game had to be postponed to a later date (TBC).

U21

THE season for the U21 football combination with Grangemockler came to an end last Saturday in Monroe as we were defeated by Killenaule in the south semi-final, losing by 1-10 to 2-5. We came under a lot of pressure in the first half but managed to keep the game level at half time thanks to Jack O'Hanlon and Kyle Walsh.

We started bright in the second half with a goal from Jack O'Hanlon but Killenaule played some great football and managed a late goal to put them 2 points ahead.

CARRICK SWAN

Senior

ON Saturday last our senior hurlers

played their Round 1 Challenge Cup game vs Drom & Inch in Davin Park. It was a tough game played in terrible conditions and although we played some good hurling we lost out by seven points, 2-13 to 0-12. We play Knockavilla Donaskeigh Kickhams next Sunday in Dundrum at 12pm in Round 2 'B' of this competition.

Underage

ALSO last weekend two of our underage teams were in action. Our U12s tried hard in their match vs Moyle Rovers on Friday but were defeated while our U8s attended a blitz held by Clonmel Commercials on Saturday. On the day our team played 3 games which all ended in a draw. Our games were against two Kilsheelan teams and a Clonmel Commercials team.

Under 21

ALSO on Saturday next, we play in the U21 B Championship Semi-Final vs Clonmel Óg/Clerihan at 4pm in Kilsheelan. Killenaule await the winners in the final and we wish our lads well in their quest to bring back our first silverware of 2013.

Get Well Soon

THE club would like to wish U14 mentor and club Treasurer Sean McDonnell a speedy recovery after his recent stay in hospital.

CLONEA

Membership

ANOTHER reminder to players who have not yet paid their membership of €50 to please do so ASAP.

Field Maintenance

THE club would like to thank Paddy Kavanagh for all his work and help in the upkeep of the club grounds and facilities over the past three years. It was much appreciated.

Weekly Panel Review

THE U10s played under lights in Carriganore again last Friday night vs Kilrossanty. The U8 panel played in Carriganore on Saturday vs Mt Sion, DLS and Roanmore, winning all their games. The U16s' first game in championship was postponed. This panel will now play on Monday 18th March away to St Patrick's, with an 11.30am throw in.

Indoor Hurling

THE last night of indoor hurling takes place for girls and boys this Friday March 15th in the Hiking Centre in Rathgormack. Children born in 2008 from 6pm to 7pm, born in 2006 and 2007 from 7pm to 8pm. Cost is €3 per child. Indoor hurleys will be supplied but all children must wear their own helmets. Please note that children born in 2004 and 2005 commence outdoor training this Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on the pitch in Clonea (weather permitting).

CNOC SÍÓN

U16 Championship

Cnoc Sión 7-10 St Saviour's 2-6

THE first championship game of the 2013 calendar kicked off with an excellent win over St. Saviours last Saturday. A first-half scoring blitz, including four goals, paved an early

path to securing our first two points on the table. Saviour's never-say-die attitude was always a threat.

Well done, lads: good team performance. Keep up the hard work in training. Next up is Brickey Rangers in Mt Sion on Sunday 24th March at 4:30pm. Best of luck.

5 Mile Road Run

THE Annual 5 Mile Mount Sion Road Race took place last Sunday. Well done to all those who took part. Full list of results and a large selection of pictures are available on the club website. <http://mountsiongaa.ie/news/fun-runroad-race-2013/>

Senior Tournament

BEST of luck to our Senior Hurlers in the St Molleran's Tournament on Wednesday night (13th) when they take on Mullinahone of Co. Tipperary in St. Molleran's (Carrickbeg) at 7:30pm.

Fixtures

U16 CHAMPIONSHIP on Sunday 24th March v Brickey Rangers in Mount Sion at 4:30pm.

All fixtures are available on the club website calendar.

DE LA SALLE

East U14 Football Championship

WE played our second game of the U14 Football Championship last Sunday against a stronger and more determined Rathgormack team.

We started off well in and opened the scoring with some well taken points by Thomas Douglas and our

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captain Luke Walsh. Our hosts soon settled into the game and went in front following a number of good scores. Approaching the short whistle, Eoghan Rea helped in setting up a well worked goal following a great catch in midfield and soon after Stephen Power raised a white flag to leave us trailing by two points at the interval.

In the second half Rathgormack ran out convincing winners and only a late penalty goal from Chris Kong put a better reflection on the final scoreline. Best on the day were Donal Carey, Conor Giles Doran, Joshua Campus, Kalum Walsh, Stephen Power and Thomas Douglas.

County Minor Football Championship

DLS 0-2 Dungarvan 0-4

OUR understrength minor footballers suffered their second defeat in this championship when they went down to Dungarvan in dreadful conditions in Cleaboy last Sunday morning.

Condolences

WE would like to extend our sympathy to Mitchell Casey and his family on the death of his grandmother Maggie Casey. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sí.

ERIN'S OWN/ SACRED HEART

U14 Hurling

WE played our first game of the year in this grade against Tramore last Wednesday night and won a very good sporting game by a couple of points. Thanks to Tramore for coming in to us on a cold wet night. Panel: S. Robinson, S. Cleary, A. Oseni, C. O'Brien, D. Byrne, D. McAuliffe, T. Gough, J. Hunt, J. Kennedy, M. O'Connor, L. Coady, J. Lacey, K. Coady, D. Haley, A. Ryan and D. Flynn. Training now on Tues. nights at 6pm in Poleberry.

Fixtures

U14 FOOTBALL away vs. St Saviour's on 23rd March at 4.30pm.

Junior Hurling

TRAINING continues Tues. and Fri. nights at 7pm in Poleberry

Under 8

WELL done to all the U8s who were brilliant in their three-game blitz in Carriganore on Saturday morning last.

The kids are really beginning to develop their skills and are getting great enjoyment from competing in proper games - big well done also to all the U5s, U6s and U7s who had a great turnout at coaching in the Ursuline Hall also!

Coaching continues every Saturday from 11am to 12.00 at the Ursuline secondary school; newcomers always welcome.

GAULTIER

Intermediate

THE intermediate team was beaten by a very determined Kill side in a very wet Ballymabin on Saturday by a final score of Kill 1-11 Gaultier 0-12. The team started very well and went ahead, but squandered a number of scoring opportunities and left Kill back into the game.

A soft goal early in the second half gave Kill the lead and although

Gaultier brought the game level with just 5 minutes left, two late frees gave Kill the points. The team's failure to make the most of their chances, coupled with some lazy defending, proved their undoing, but there were also a number of positives to take out of the game and the lads have another league game this Saturday at 4.30pm in Portlaw.

Minor Championship

THE minor team travelled to Clashmore on Sunday but this proved a wasted journey as Clashmore's pitch was deemed unplayable. The game has now been refixed for this coming Saturday at 3pm, again in Clashmore.

U14

THE U14s away game versus Tramore was called off last Sunday due to inclement weather but the lads will be in action again this coming Saturday when they travel into Waterford City to take on DLS.

JOHN MITCHELLS

Intermediate Football

RATHGORMACK visited Fews on Sunday morning last on one of the coldest days of the year. It is a credit to our field staff that the match was played after such a heavy night's rain on Saturday. The conditions made the game a bit of a lottery but a good first half performance had us leading at half time, this helped us go on to win 1-10 to 0-2.

League game

OUR next game is this Saturday in Kill against Kill at 2:30pm.

Underage

DUE to the horrendous weather last Sunday's training was cancelled. There will be no training this Sunday as we are taking part in the St Patrick's Day parade. Everyone will be notified of the itinerary later in the week.

Scor

GOOD luck to Taigh, Evan and Thomas who take part in the quiz this weekend and to Rebecca who takes part in the singing competition.

Deise Draw

TICKETS are now available from all club members. This is a very important revenue stream for all clubs and ours is no different. Tickets are €90 and it can be paid in instalments of €10 per month. Please make an effort to support this draw.

NA GAÉIL

St Patrick Day Parade Tramore

The club will be taking part in the St Patrick's Day parade in Tramore again this year. All club members, young and old, are asked to be at the church car park at 1pm where club jerseys will be handed out on a 'first come, first serve' basis. All parents are reminded to collect their children at 2pm after the parade in the car park opposite the Majestic Hotel.

U11 Hurling

OUR U11 hurlers played Sacred Heart last Friday in Carriganore and were victorious with a 2-0 scoreline. Many thanks to the seven U10 players who turned up so we could field a team. All gave a massive performance against

strong opposition and it took 40 minutes of hurling to seal the victory. It was a fiercely fought battle by both teams with some tremendous displays of individual skill.

Goal scorers were Conor Burns and Joe Manning, and Ben Wilmott in his debut for the U11s showed everyone what a talent he is for the future. Team: Mark Murphy, Ben O'Shea, Owen Dunphy, Tom Breen, Ben Willmott, Shane Doyle, Charlie Binions, Fintan Ledger, Joe Manning, Conor Burns.

PASSAGE JUVENILES

U8 Hurling Blitz

OUR U8 team took part in a blitz in Carriganore on Saturday, March 9th. Our first match was against DLS, and although slow to start, we soon got into the game and played some nice hurling. Our second game was against Mt Sion, where we improved further passing the ball more to each other.

Team: Aron Pepper, Ciaran Power, Annie Purcell, Sam Tiernan, Thomas Carey, Noah Lynch, Aron Reid, Dillon Hart, Keelan Furlong.

U11 Hurling

THE U11 team had their second match of the season on Friday last, March 8th against Portlaw in Carriganore. This turned out to be an excellent game between two evenly matched sides. We started sprightly in the first half, and were on top going in at half time, how ever Portlaw came back in the second half scoring goals in quick succession. We responded well and finished on top against a good Portlaw team.

Team: David Corcoran, Mikey Cummins, Aoife Fitzgerald, Anna May Drohan, Mark Fitzgerald, Cormac Cadigan, Cathal Power, Conor MacDonagh, Milo Cox, Jack Furlong, Eoin Walsh.

Training

FOR the U13 and U14 teams is on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm with Max Flanagan.

PORTLAW

U11 Hurling

PASSAGE were our opponents last Friday in Carriganore. Our opponents were a much physically stronger team, but our lads matched them for most of the game. Passage started off strongly and scored the opening 2 goals of the game before Jack Boylan and Killian Dee scored to draw level.

We fell behind again, when strong Passage pressure yielded 3 goals without reply, but once again we came storming back to draw level. Another exchange of goals meant we were all level deep into the second half. However Passage claimed the spoils with another couple of goals.

Intermediate Football

OUR intermediate footballers were beaten by a point last Saturday in Portlaw against Bunmahon in the Intermediate Football League.

Despite the loss, it was a good work out for the team as we prepare for the upcoming championship with a lot of players getting games. Next up we play Gaultier in Portlaw this Saturday at 4:30pm.

U14 Football

UNFORTUNATELY our U14 footballers were beaten by St Marys last Saturday in Newtown by 3 points. We battled hard but just could not convert our chances into scores. We play St Saviours at home this Saturday at 3pm.

Get Well Soon

WE would like to send our best wishes to Kenny Reade, who is currently in hospital.

RATHGORMACK

U14 Football

OUR U14s secured their first win of the championship last Sunday against DLS in a match in Clonea. Following a spirited performance in poor conditions, they improved hugely on their previous week's outing to win by 4-5 to 3-3. They play again next Saturday 16th March, at home to Tramore, with a 4.30pm throw-in.

Minor Football

LAST Sunday's minor championship match against The Nire was called off as our pitch was unplayable. Their next match is away to Roanmore on Saturday 23rd March.

Intermediate Football

OUR intermediates played John Mitchell's last Sunday in Fews in the intermediate football eastern league. Played in miserable conditions, we dominated possession early on but kicked a number of early wides to hand the initiative to the opposition, and they duly obliged, leading at the break 1-4 to 0-1 with their goal coming from a soft penalty just before the break.

When Mitchell's kicked 4 points in a three-minute spell midway through the second half the game was over as a contest, and they won on a scoreline of Rathgormack 0-2, John Mitchell's 1-10. Our next match in the league is away to Tramore next week, Bank Holiday Monday, March 18th, with an 11.30am throw-in.

ROANMORE

Minor Football

OUR minor footballers went down to a strong Ballinacourty side last Sunday in very difficult conditions in Gracedieu.

Juvenile Training

ALL training will be in Cleaboy until further notice:

Academy for U4 to U8: Saturday, 12 noon (hurleys & helmets provided); U9s and U10s: Saturday, 1pm; The U11s have been out in Carriganore the last 2 weeks and they're training hard every week, normally on a Saturday at 1.00pm; U12 to U14: Fridays, 5.30pm; U15 and U16: Wednesday, 6pm.

St Patrick's Day

DEBBIE has been busy organising the GAA, camogie and ladies football clubs' joint efforts to show what the club is all about.

All members, non-members and friends should come along. All children young and old should wear their colours and meet at the centre at 11am. Bring your hurleys. Those of you who think you're too old, think again.

Camogie

CONGRATULATIONS to all the girls that took part in our first outdoor session of 2013. Although the weather wasn't ideal the girls enjoyed themselves and trained hard. Training on Thursday at 5.30pm for our older girls. New members always welcome. Ages 5 and upwards. Contact 086-0654072 for more details.

ST SAVIOUR'S

U14 Football

OUR U14 football team play Portlaw away next Saturday at 4.30pm in our second game in the championship.

Nursery Programme

THEN programme for 5- to 7-year-olds continues every Saturday from 11am to 12 noon.

Deise Draw

THE first of this years Deise draws takes place on Friday March 29th, tickets cost €10 a month with a top prize of €10,000 and all players are been asked to sell two tickets. Any parents or non members wishing to buy a ticket should contact any committee member.

U16 County Hurling

WE played Mt Sion in the first round of the County U16 hurling championship on Saturday last, but had to give way to a much stronger outfit on the day. We play Brickey Rangers away in our next game on Monday morning next at 11.30am.

Club Quiz

THE club quiz on Friday evening last was a great success and we'd like to thank Ollie Ryan for organizing it, also thanks to our quiz master Tommy to everybody who supported it.

TRAMORE

Circuit Training

WITH John Frost every Tuesday at 8pm. All welcome to attend.

Astroturf

IS up and running and is proving to be an excellent facility for members and visitors alike. Anyone wishing to book it should contact our sports and social manager, Charlie Ryan at 086-8232021.

Membership

IS now due and should be paid to Club Registrar, Anne Bohan ASAP.

New Members Welcome

IF you are new to Tramore or would like to play hurling and football, please speak to any committee member or drop into our club centre in Riverstown (051-381188).

Alternatively, contact us at secretary. tramore.waterford@gaa.ie .

Pat Flavin Benefit

A BENEFIT night is being held in the Grand Hotel this Saturday, 16 March, for Pat Flavin, who was seriously injured in an accident at his Lake Tour Stables, Carriganantray last September and is currently a patient in the National Rehab Centre in Dun Laoghaire.

Pat and all the Flavin family have been brilliant members of the club all their lives and we urge our members to support this worthy cause.



Front row L to R : Katherine McNamara, Nicola Morrissey, Lucia Ondrejova, Michael McGrath (team Manager/County/Munster President), Aine Morrissey, Aoife Maher, Jemma Fitzpatrick. Back Row L to R : Martin Morrissey, Colin Coleman, John Pratt, Darragh Wilkinson, Gary Alcorn, Kevin Fahy (captain), Azhar Syed.

■ ■ ■ WATERFORD COUNTY BADMINTON

Brewster Cup

WATERFORD defeated Cork, Kerry and Limerick to win the Brewster Cup in Cappoquin on Sunday last. Waterford got off to a good start

with a 6-3 win over Kerry and continued their winning format by going one better against Limerick.

Waterford, who had accumulated 13 points going into their final game against Cork, needed to win five

games to take the title.

The match was closely contested, with the teams level after six games.

Waterford held their nerve to take all remaining points in the mixed doubles thus winning the title with

19 points with Cork as runners-up on 17 points.

Congratulations to Michael McGrath (manager), Kevin Fahy (captain), Aoife Maher, Azar Syed, Lucia Ondrejova,

(Lady Lane), Nicola Morrissey, John Pratt, Gary Alcorn, Colin Coleman, (Lismore) Katherine McNamara, Aine Morrissey, Jemma Fitzpatrick, (Dunmore), Darragh Wilkinson (Tourin).



A group of prize winners from the Piltown Karate club that took part in the recent open events in Piltown Community Center, celebrating 30 years of the Karate club.

■ ■ ■ WATERFORD CRYSTAL GYMNASTICS



Liam Kervick, Diego Garduno and Dean Kelly pictured with club chairman Anthony Walsh and coach Stephen Walsh.

THREE young gymnasts from the Waterford Crystal gymnastics club competed at national level for the first time in four years when they took part in the Spring Cup, a one day event for the country's best young male gymnasts, in Dublin recently.

Dean Kelly, Liam Kervick and Diego Garduno along with coach Stephen

Walsh represented the club with great distinction and to cap a brilliant day Diego took the silver medal in the boys under 12 category.

The club would like to thank chairman Anthony Walsh and the parents for their support and to congratulate the three gymnasts on their performances.

■ ■ ■ CARRICK-ON-SUIR TRIATHLON CLUB

WELL done to Gary Kelly and Kenny Curran of Carrick Triathlon Club who took part in the Limerick Duathlon.

The winter training is paying off and some great times were achieved.

We had a great running session last Saturday morning with thanks to Kenny Curran for his time.

We would encourage anyone who is considering taking up the sport to come along to one of our many weekly training sessions.

All levels are catered for and we love

seeing new members joining and taking on the unique challenge of Triathlon.

For those interested in joining and would like to know more, please contact us through our facebook page and we will be delighted to answer your questions.

Swim training

SWIM training takes place in Clonmel Swimming Pool on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm and Newtown Swimming Pool in Waterford from 8pm to 9pm on

Wednesdays, both sessions are coached by Swim Coaches.

Cycle training

A GROUP cycle takes place every Sunday morning departing from the Railway Station in Clonmel at 9.30am, every Thursday night and Sat/Sun mornings in Waterford (see Facebook site for regular updates).

Run training

RUN COACHING takes place at the

Windmill Complex in Waterford at 6.00pm on Tuesdays, and Run Coaching in Clonmel on Saturdays at 10.30am at the Tipperary Institute.

Upcoming events scheduled:

A SUPER sprint triathlon series will take place in Carrick-on-Suir starting at the end of March through to May.

This is a great way to dip your toe into Triathlons and get a feel for the sport in a semi competitive environment. Dates for the series will be announced shortly.

Carrick Triathlon Club Group Cycle will take place on the 10th of March, leaving the Sean Kelly Centre at 09.30am, this will be approx a 1.5hr to 2hr spin, with the emphasis on the social side of things, nothing taxing, with a coffee break!!

More information to follow in the coming weeks, keep an eye on our facebook page for more details.

For those interested in our Carrick Tri gear also check out our facebook site for more info.

Carrick AC summer series to expand



CARRICK-ON-SUIR AC's 3 Counties Challenge has firmly established itself in the South East running calendar since its inception in 2007 with the series growing from a single race with 100 runners to last year's successful four-race series with close to a thousand participants.

One of the keys to this success has been the club's ability to change and improve the series and 2013 will continue that trend with a new race (making the Challenge a five-race series), a new venue and some new sponsors.

Because of the expansion, the series will now start on Friday, April 26th with the first running of the Faugheen 5km road race, kindly sponsored by Bobby FitzGerald Accountants.

This flat course will be held on the famous Faugheen 50 motor bike circuit in the pretty Tipperary village

and is sure to become a runner's favourite very quickly.

This will be followed closely by the second new addition in the series, the O' Neill Pharmacy 5-mile road race on Friday, 8th May.

This race has been organised by the Portlaw Red Cross for several years with the help of Carrick AC, so it was a natural progression to include this fantastic County Waterford course in the series. Runners' feedback has been extremely positive about this route and we think many athletes will be eyeing this event for a PB time!

The third race in the series will see us return to County Tipperary for the ever popular Carraig Hotel 'Deadman's 5' road race.

Now in its eighth year, this race starts outside the historic Ormond Castle in the centre of Carrick-on-Suir, taking in a scenic 5-mile run around the

Deadman's Boreen and finishing on a lovely straight stretch passing the tree-lined Town Park.

The penultimate race in the series sees us visit the picturesque village of Rathgormack in County Waterford for the AutoPower Rathgormack 5 on July 14th. This challenging, undulating course is an ever popular addition to the series, thanks to the beautiful scenery of the Comeragh Mountains and the superb home cooking which can be sampled post-race in the Hiking Centre.

Finally, the series will conclude in County Kilkenny with the MorrisOil Piltown 10k road race. On another scenic route, the race starts on the grounds of Kildalton Horticultural College and winds its way down by the lake and tree-lined avenue before taking in a circuit of the flat roads around Piltown. A firm favourite in the

series, the 2013 race will be the sixth Piltown 10k.

The club is delighted to welcome back local specialist running store Outfield Sports, Carrick-on-Suir, as the series sponsor for the seventh year (now promoting its new website, hence the outfieldsports.ie 3 Counties Challenge title).

We are delighted that International Sports Brand Adidas is also involved as title sponsors. We are very grateful to our sponsors for their continued support of our series year after year. As usual, the message from the club is for all runners to return the support of these businesses who have been good enough to support us despite the harsh economic climate.

The prize fund for the series will be in excess of €10,000 with €200 first prize for all Men's and Ladies' races and prizes in all the usual age categories.

There will be a team prize at each race as well as spot prizes down the field. There will also be a souvenir for anyone who runs four of the five races as well as a €25 voucher for Adidas running footwear at Outfield Sports.

Pre-entry can be availed of at <http://www.runireland.com/> and up-to-date information will be available on the club website, <http://www.carrickroadrunners.ie/> and on our club Facebook page.

While there are some changes, the 2013 series will remain one that is ideal for new runners to progress from 5k to 10k through the summer with well-stewarded, accurately measured courses, good food post-race and the famous Carrick AC welcome for all our runners. Looking forward to meeting all our friends (old and new) this summer in the sunny South-East!

Carrick Wheelers Cup to be held this Sunday

CIAN POWER

CARRICK-ON-SUIR'S renowned cycling club Iverk Produce Carrick Wheelers will once again play host the Carrick Wheelers Cup on Ireland's National Holiday, St. Patrick's Day.

The race, which dates back to 1955, will be the 59th staging of the event and makes it one of the oldest fixtures on the Cycling Ireland calendar.

Each year, top riders for the southern half of the island of Ireland target the Carrick Wheelers Cup as their first goal of the new season, having participated in what are mainly early season handicap races prior to this.

In fact, such is the caliber of the race, an amazing five winners from the past decade have been full-time professional athletes, a statistic that is truly evidence of the quality of the field that this Irish cycling classic attracts.

Iverk Produce Carrick Wheelers Chairman John Dempsey spoke of his excitement of securing sponsorship for the event, as Thompson Funeral Directors Waterford come on board for what will be their fourth year



backing the event.

"I was delighted to hear that Thompson Funeral Directors will be sponsoring the event for an amazing fourth year," he said.

"Thanks to the support of John and Andre our event has had record numbers entering in recent years and 2013 has all the signs of an increased entry on 2012. Cycling is booming in the sunny south east."

This year's race is on the usual circuit of Carrick - Glenbower - Kilheffernan - Kilsheelan - Carrick, and three laps gives the riders 100 kilometres of testing racing at this

early stage of the season.

It is a great circuit for spectators as there are many back roads that can be used to cross over and back allowing you to see the cyclists at different points of the circuit, and with the tough uphill finish there is sure to be some great racing.

There will be three separate races, with the first and second category riders in the main event; while there will be two support races, one each for both the third and fourth category riders.

All races will start and finish at the top of the hill on Sir John's Road for safety reasons, and sign on will be at the Carrick United Clubhouse, Coolnamuck Road, Carrickbeg from 9am, with racing starting at 11.30am.

Picking a winner of this Cycling Ireland Classic provides much debate with former winners such as Waterford local Robin Kelly and Kerryman Sean Lacey, always among the favorites.

However, with some of Ireland's professional riders making surprise appearances at this event in recent years calling a winner is never easy.

Hopes of the promoting club rest with

club member with Martin Mizgajski, a polish native who famously came to Ireland with his wife 10 years ago with only a few hundred euro between them, no English and no place to stay.

Martin, now in his second year with the club, showed his class in 2012 with impressive performances in top domestic races such as Rás Mumhan and the Suir Valley 3 Day, and would dearly love to add his name to the winners list of this prestigious event.

In the 'B Race' the Carrick-on-Suir club will have a strong chance of a home town victory with Irish International Junior rider Sean Hahessy and local postman Ray Cullen among the favorites to win the event.

This makes for an entertaining day in Carrick-on-Suir and with the races due to finish between 1.30pm and 2pm; you can easily catch the parade afterwards!

So, best of luck to all the local riders, and hopefully we will have a safe day's racing, and that all cyclists and spectators visiting Carrick will enjoy yet another cycle race on St. Patrick's Day in Carrick-on-Suir!

Waterford Community Games

CONGRATULATIONS to all participants in the Art and Handwriting County Finals at the weekend. Well done to all winners and good luck in the National Finals in May.

Any outstanding paperwork Panel Forms, Birth Certs, Photos, and entry fees, to be handed in ASAP as entries for National are to be in immediately.

Swimming County Finals on Tuesday, April 2nd in Splashworld, Tramore 6pm sharp.

Athletics County Finals on Monday, June 3rd in Waterford, entries to be in for the next meeting.

All draws for Team events will follow next week, all games to be played as soon as possible to allow time for panel forms and birth certs to be handed in.

Congratulations to Dungarvan U-13s and Lismore U-10 Indoor Soccer Teams on winning the County Finals and good luck in Tralee for the Munster Finals.

Wildcats lose to Rockets in quarter-final play-off



Terran Condrey (Wildcats) about to score a three pointer for her side. | Photos: Noel Browne



Niamh Mullally (Wildcats) tries to block the way of Ulster Rockets' Caroline Stewart.



Mairead McNally (Ulster Rockets) in possession with Wildcats' Sinead Deegan in defensive duty.

WIT WILDCATS had a disappointing end to the season last Saturday evening when they lost to Ulster Rockets in the quarter-final play-offs.

This was the fourth meeting of these sides this season with Wildcats narrowly winning all three previous games and so the Belfast girls were out to prove a point.

The Mercy secondary school gym was packed to capacity to support the home team and they were treated to a competitive and close game of Basketball but unfortunately the result did not go their way.

In the opening quarter it was the Ulster side who started the better and went into a lead they did not relinquish for the entire game.

If WIT Wildcats had managed to finish the many opportunities they created then things would have been different. Niamh Mullally was the main offensive threat as Wildcats found it difficult to penetrate the Ulster zone and yet were only trailing 14-11 at the end of the opening quarter.

Cathy Kavanagh hit a purple patch with eight points-in-a-row to keep WIT Wildcats in contention, leaving just one basket between the sides at half time (27-29).

The third quarter, as so often is the case, proved crucial as Kavanagh ran into foul trouble and Rocket's Megan Houlihan was unerring in her shooting - hitting 11 points in this quarter to finish the game's top scorer on 24

points.

The only player scoring for WIT Wildcats was American Terran Condrey, despite her receiving very close attention from the Ulster guard.

Wildcats trailed by eight points going into the final quarter but excellent defense from the Belfast girls frustrated the Wildcats.

Despite excellent work from Sinead Deegan and some fine outside baskets from captain Jenny Coady, Ulster Rockets advance to the semi-final on a scoreline of 71-61.

Underage update

It was another busy weekend for our underage teams with the U-12 Kittens and Cubs getting the ball rolling with victories on Saturday in the Kilkenny

league. In the afternoon the U-13 team had a comfortable win over an improving Middleton side. This was good preparation for the following day when the U13s took on league leaders Brunell.

There were four Cork league games in the Mercy Gym on Sunday afternoon and first up were the U13 team. This was a great game of basketball from two talented teams and Wildcats ran out deserving winners by 44 to 36.

This should give this young team confidence as they travel to face the same opposition next weekend in the cup semi-final.

The U-16s were up next and put up a great performance but were edged out in the end by Brunell. The third

game saw Wildcats U12s take on Ballincollig and this young Wildcats team gave a great display in front of a big home crowd to win by 15 points.

In the final game of the day Wildcats U13 team proved much too strong for Ballincollig. A special mention to Abby Flynn and Robyn Morrissey who played three games on Sunday and looked like they could have played another three!

Fixtures

Thursday, April 14th, 8pm in Mercy gym: U-18 Cup v Brunell; Saturday 16th at 1.30pm in Mercy U-16 v Old Leighlin; Saturday 16th at 6:30pm in Parochial Hall U13 Cup semi final v Brunell. Monday 18th: U-13 tournament in Mercy Gym.

■ ■ ■ DUNMORE BADMINTON CLUB

Brewster Cup

WELL done to the Waterford County Brewster Cup team who won the competition for the first time since 1995 in Cappoquin on Sunday, March 3rd.

Waterford beat Kerry 6-3, Limerick 7-2 and Cork 6-3 to finish on a total of 19 points. It was a proud moment for team manager Michael McGrath (Melleray) who in his role as President of the Munster Badminton Association, presented the cup to Waterford Captain Kevin Fahy. Three Dunmore ladies Aine Morrissey, Katherine McNamara and Jemma Fitzpatrick were part of the panel.

Waterford County Badminton Mixed Leagues

Section D
DUNMORE 1 beat Kilmacthomas away 4-3 and scored a significant 5-2 victory over rivals Lismore at home. Team: Peter Fleming, Barry Cantwell(C), Jackie Dunne, Aine Morrissey, Katherine McNamara, Jemma Fitzpatrick and Michelle Briggs (sub). Dunmore 1 will face Drangan, Co. Tipperary in the final league match this week. Dunmore 1 will also play Lady Lane in the Premier Section on Friday 15th March.

Section E
DUNMORE 2 lost 5-2 to Kilmacthomas away but recovered to beat Tourin 4-3 at home. Team: Pat Chapman, Mick Kennedy (C), Seamus Hearne (sub), David O'Leary (sub), Margaret Oates, Bernie Maher

and Oonagh Drohan (Sub). They face a tough match at home to Waterford this week.

Section F

IN Section F Dunmore 3 lost 7-0 to Waterford and 4-3 to Kilmacthomas. Team: Greville Madden, David Flynn (C), David O'Leary, John Wesley (sub), Jeanne McNamara, Grainne Maher, Lillian Healy, Deirdre McCarthy (sub) and Iris Graham (sub). Dunmore 3 will take on Waterford away in Round 4 this week.

Section H

IN Section H Dunmore 4 lost 7-0 to Ballyduff Upper. Team: Kieran Harrington, Tony O'Keefe, David Abbott, Iris Graham, Deirdre McCarthy and Vanessa Phelan. Dunmore 4 will be hoping for a better result when they play Kilmacthomas in the next round.

County Finals Night

AINE Morrissey is through to the Grade 2 County Mixed Doubles final playing with Gary Alcorn (Lismore). They will face David Nolan and Eileen Keoghan (Kilmacthomas) in the final. David O'Leary will contest the Grade 6 Men's Singles final against Peter Phelan (Kilmacthomas).

Jemma Fitzpatrick will play Aoife Bennett (Waterford) in the Grade 2 Ladies Singles final and Eileen Keoghan (Kilmacthomas) in the Grade 3 final. All finals will take place in Cappoquin on Tuesday, March 18th. Best of luck to all club members involved.

Mercy School teams reach League Finals

MERCY Waterford played host to Pres Thurles last Thursday in the Midland Basketball League semi-final at both First and Second Year levels.

The first year team and they got the day off the a bright start as they managed to run unto a 17-2 lead in the first quarter this was down to some great team played finished by scores by Cliona Murphy and Emily Frisby.

The second quarter was quite slow with Mercy failing to close the game out and some sloppy defending let Thurles in for some easy scores, Ciara Jackman and Shauna Fitzgerald begin to get life back into the Deise girls and they regained composure and held a handsome lead at the break (23-10).

The 2nd half was more of the same

with Mercy dominating the boards and making some great stops on defence to deny Thurles any hope of a victory, Sarah Lyons and Katie Ryan saw on the game in style with Mercy winning on a score line of Mercy 35 Thurles 18

In the second year game, Thurles got off to a good start with some great outside shots, but Emily Frisby and Emily Wadding got Mercy back into the game, trailing by four at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Thurles were first to find the net from a lay up and this was quickly followed by a good steal.

Mercy were finding hard to stick with Thurles pace but through Aishling Madigan, Mercy got back

into the game with some great drives and some fine defence (HT: 11-19 in Thurles' favour).

In the second half, up stepped Frisby and Madigan as they slowly turned the game on its head to leave Mercy trailing by just two going into the last quarter.

The last quarter was a ding dong battle going scores for score for the last five minutes but the big difference was Madigan who was becoming unstoppable as she hit score after score and Thurles had no answer. Mercy just about held on at the end to win a remarkable game on a score line of Mercy 44 Thurles 43. Both teams play in Midlands Final next week against Kildare's Rathangan in Portlaoise.

ATHLETICS

British Masters title and Euro record for Joe Gough



Fintan Walsh

IN the Lee Valley Stadium in London on Saturday and Sunday last the British Masters Indoor Championships for men and women in various age groups was held and a number of athletes from Waterford and Carrick-on-Suir competed.

The ageless Joe Gough who competes practically every week of the year had an absolutely brilliant run in the 800 metres over 60 to take the title in a spectacular time of 2 minutes 14.49 seconds which turned out to be a European record in that age group.

Joe has had an amazing career in Masters athletics in every age category winning scores of Irish titles over 400, 800 and 1500 metres, as well as British, European and World gold, silver and bronze medals and his appetite for the sport is unending.

Also in London, three athletes from Waterford AC came home with British medals.

Tom O'Brien was second in the High Jump O-45 with a new Irish record of 1.72 metres in that age group and he was third in the long jump. Brendan Leahy was second in the O-35 200 metres with a PB and Diane Behan was again second in the 800 metres O-40 in 2 minutes 42 seconds. Martina O'Dwyer of Carrick-on-Suir won the 3000 metres O-35 with a new Irish record in that age group.

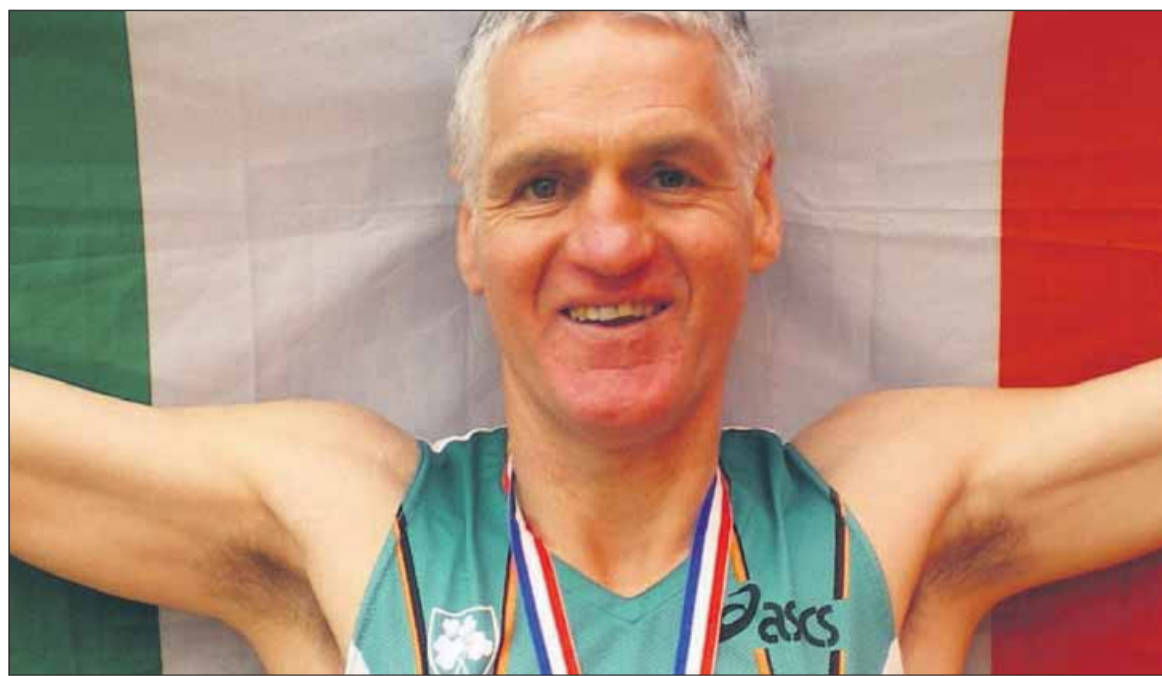
Irish Schools Cross Country

AISLING Quinn of the Ursuline Convent had the best local result at the All-Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships in Jordanstown, County Armagh last Saturday when she finished sixth in the Intermediate race.

Other good performances came from Aoife Hamilton (Mean Scoil San Níoclás, ninth in the junior race) and Mícheál Power (Saint Augustines, 10th at junior level also).

Waterford AC win Munster Juvenile Relay

IN Nenagh on Saturday last at the Munster Juvenile Indoor Relay Championships the Waterford AC Boys Under-11 team took the 4 x 100 metres title.



Joe Gough: a great athletics champion who literally shows no signs of slowing down!



Pictured are: Diane Behan (Waterford AC, silver medal in 800 metres), Ken Deevy (KCH AC, silver medal in 800 metres), Martina O'Dwyer (Carrick-on-Suir AC, gold medal in 3000 metres), Patrick Roche (Carrick-on-Suir AC - 09:46 for 3000 metres) and the magnificent Joe Gough (Gold medal and new European record for the 800 metres).

The squad comprised of: Jack Deegan, Evan Hayes, Victory Eddy and Saviour Abugu.

Bronze medals were won by two other Waterford AC teams the Boys Under-12 4 x 100 team comprising Ethan Flynn, Cathal Scanlon, Garvan Blair and Victory Eddy and the boys U-14 4 x 200 metres team of Favour Eddy, Fergal O'Brien, Kyle Hutchin-

son and Hugo Blair. Ferrybank AC girls U-12 team were also third.

In the combined events also at the same venue two Ferrybank AC athletes performed well.

Tom Gallagher was second in the U-13 grade with 1373 points; the winning total was 1410. Sinead O'Regan was third under 15 with 2261 pts the winning total here was 2402 pts.

Mount Sion Race won by Quinlan

A FIELD of 150 competed in the five-mile run and walk in the city on Sunday morning last in aid of the Mount Sion Juvenile Hurling Club.

Frank Quinlan (Waterford AC) won it easily in a time of 28 minutes 3 seconds, Noel Murphy (Dunhill) was sec-

ond in 29.21 and John Nolan (Waterford AC) was third in 30.21. First lady home was Eileen O'Donovan in 38.04, Michelle McGrath was second in 38.25 and Jane Murphy third in 38.52.

First man Over 40: Dermot McCarthy, O45: Tom Doherty, O50: Derek Tebay, Junior: Ben Flanagan, First lady O35: Collette Fanning, O40: Deirdre Chapman (Waterford AC), O45: Assumptia Kirwan. Well done to all involved in the organisation of the event and the refreshments prepared and served by the ladies afterwards were top class as usual

Road Races coming up

SUNDAY, March 24th, 1pm in Moyglass, Co. Tipperary Munster Masters Road Championships. Sunday, March 31st 5 Miles in Waterford City 11am in aid of Cancer Society, registration at Kingfisher Club, Tramore Road. The third annual WIT AC/Waterford AC 5K run/jog will be held at the WIT Sports Campus on Friday, April 5th at 7pm. Friday, April 12th, Marine Climb race Ger Wyley Sports Series 1. Friday, April 19th Butlerstown 10K Ger Wyley Sports Series 2.

All-Ireland Juvenile Indoors

ABOVE are fixed for Athlone on Saturday and Sunday March 23rd and 24th and the World Cross Country Championship shall be held in Poland on Sunday, March 24th.

Kilmacow Open Sports

AN early reminder of above, coming up on Easter Monday, April 1st at 1pm with lots of events from Under-8 up to senior. See St Senan's AC website for more.

European Youth Olympics

THE OCI has given Athletics Ireland an allocation of 14 track and field athletes that will be taken to European Youth Olympic festival 2013. The policy and guideline standards are clearly set out.

Please note that achieving the guideline standard does NOT guarantee selection – as only 14 athletes can be selected.

Only one athlete is allowed per country in each event and athletes may only compete in one event (excluding relays) Any athlete born in 1997 or 1998 that believes they will achieve (or who has already achieved) the Guideline standards as set forth in the EYOF Policy is asked to please fill in their personal details on the on-line Advance Data Capture Form before March 15th - this Friday) See Athletics Ireland website for all details.

ST SENANS AC

Isabel Morgan walks tall to Leinster Gold

THE Leinster Juvenile Indoor championships took place last weekend at the new arena in Athlone IT and there were some superb performances by the St Senan's team.

With huge fields in all events, medals were going to be hard to come by but the St Senans team rose to the challenge.

In the Under-15 walk, Isabel Morgan turned in a brilliant gold medal winning race and looked back to her best ahead of the new T&F season.

Cian Kavanagh had the look of a young Bob Beamon as he leaped to silver in the U-12 long jump, while Katie Murphy struck bronze with a superb sprint in the U-14 60m.

In the U-12 age group Tara Ramasamy had an excellent run in the 600m, while Hannah Lacey was well placed in the long jump.

In the U/13 age group Shauna Finn, Emily Kleijn, Alice Monaghan and Aoife Allen all had fine runs in the 60m event, as did Aoife Redmond, Lorna Monaghan and Molly O'Shea in the U/14 age group. Aoife Redmond also raced well in the 800m event.

Let's Hear it for the Boys

AS well as Cian Kavanagh, there were some fine performances from the boys. In the U-12 age group Tadgh Knox showed lots of potential in his first outing at the shot putt and could be a future star at this event.

Brother Fiachra is a natural sprinter and was unlucky not to make the fi-

nals of the U/12 60m but should do well in upcoming county championships. Aaron Redmond was also in good form in the U-14 800m and will gain valuable experience from these championships. Well done to all who travelled and our coaches on the day.

Open Sports on Easter Monday

ANOTHER reminder that the annual St Senan's Open T&F takes place on Monday, April 1st (we're not foolin'!) with a huge range of sprints, long races and field events for all ages from U/8 to senior. Once again we will have walking events following the success of these in the past two years. Full details will be available on our website www.stsenansac.com.

The event starts at 1pm in the Sports

Complex in Kilmacow, which is in superb condition following a big upgrade in the past year. There's a big welcome for all clubs, athletes and parents so make a note of it and we'll see you there.

St Patrick's Day Parade

THE club will be walking in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade in Waterford and we hope all our athletes young, old, elderly and infirm will be turned out in the club colours. It's a great chance to show off our talented young members and be part of the festival.

Nil by Mouth

THE Eigse Players production of 'Nil by Mouth' in support of Kilmacow last Saturday night was a rip roaring success. Starring PJ and Marley Irish as

well as young son David and a host of tasty thespians in nurses' uniforms, it brought howls of laughter from a full house. In fact at one point Maggie Lacey in the front row nearly had to have medical intervention by Dr Michael Shalloe and the cast when she nearly burst herself laughing. Well done to all on a superb production.

Fixtures

April 1st : St Senans AC Open Sports, Kilmacow, 1pm.

“ If you're not sure what to do with the sliothar just stick it in the net and we'll discuss it later ” ”

GOLF CLUBS

sport@munster-express.ie
DEADLINE: Midday Monday

○ DUNMORE EAST

Men's Notes

Results

Fri / Sat 13-hole open winter league
1st Bob Murphy (22) 33pts 2nd
Seamus Culbert (22) 30pts.

Sunday 18-hole singles

1st Adam Phelan (8) 41pts 2nd Pat
O'Reilly (12) 39pts c/b.

Upcoming Events

Fri / Sat 13-hole open winter league

This is the 3rd last competition of this series and climaxing to a great finish as there's only 2 points separating the top 3.

Sunday 18-hole singles

weather permitting

Ladies Notes

Ladies Winter League

1st Cecelia O'Neill; 2nd Aileen
O'Donnell; 3rd Josie Sinnott

○ FAITHLEGG

Tuesday 5th March

GREAT turnout for our Three-Person
Scramble Competition

1st: Lady President Celia Hill (17),
Maire O'Leary (25) and Clare Brady
(36) 71.2 pts; 2nd: Lady Captain
Rosemary O'Carroll (24), Vera
Harding (13) and Angela McCanny
(36) 74.3 pts; 3rd: Gillian Hogan (18),
Joan McCrum (28) and Aisling Cross
(36) 75.8 pts

Sunday 10th March

WELL done to all who braved the
weather for our Sunday Competition.

1st: Elizabeth Kinsella Kent (19) 18
pts; 2nd: Lady President Celia Hill
(17) 15 pts

Three-Person Scramble Competition on Sunday

17th March

TUESDAY and Winter/Spring league
competitions are running as usual.
Please reserve a Tee Time on Webgolf.

○ GOLD COAST

Results

Tuesday 5th March: Open Seniors, CSS 42

1st: Dermot Wall (12) 44 pts Cahir
Park; 2nd: Michael Nugent (18) 41
pts Cahir Park; 3rd: Tom Considine
(10) 40 pts

Saturday-Sunday 9th/10th March: Open Competition, 3-Man Waltz

1st: Pat Morrissey (9) West Waterford,
Martin O'Driscoll (12) Lismore,
Kevin Foley (18) Lismore 88 pts;
2nd Michael O'Donoghue (7), Gerry
O'Keefe (22), Mick Glavin (13) 85
pts

Leg of Lamb No 15: Tom Considine;
Leg of Lamb No 16: Tom White; Leg
of Lamb No 17: Michael O'Donoghue

Fixtures

Friday 15th March: Open 18 Holes
Singles Stableford

Saturday 16th March: Open 3 Man
Waltz

Sunday 17th March: Open 3 Man
Waltz

Monday 18th March: Open 18 Holes
Stableford

Tuesday 19th February: Open
Seniors, 50+, Ladies and Gents.

Spring League

THIS league continues to progress



Pictured at Tramore Golf Club for the Launch of the Tramore Golf Club and WIT Golf Partnership were, back from left: David Jackman (WIT Golf Club Team Manager), Riach Walsh (WIT Captain) team members David Whitty and Sam Power with Ian St John (WIT Golf Coach). Front, from left: John Mitchell (Tramore Golf Club Vice-President), Tom Corcoran (Tramore Golf Club Captain), Doctor Derek O'Byrne (WIT Registrar), Anthony Condon (Tramore Golf Club President) and Michael Murphy (GUI Munster Branch).

| Photo: Maurice Hennebray

well and after 3 weeks Tom White's team are still holding on to the lead with 213 pts.

Maurice Fennell's team have been joined in second place by Brian O'Connor's team on 202 pts.

Brendan O'Brien's team is in 4th place with 197 pts, Mick Cronin's and Jim Maitland's teams are tied for 5th place with 195 pts each.

Andy Travers team is on 192, Dermot Ahern's team is on 172, Tony Sheehan's team is on 171 and Martin Murray's team is on 123.

First team to reach 400 pts win league section. Second will be the second team to reach 400 etc.

Top four teams to contest match-play in semi-finals. Match-play will be played as fourballs over 18 holes and in the event of a tie holes won will count.

Merrymen Golf Society

THE first outing of the Merrymen Golf Society will take place on Wednesday 20th March in the Gold Coast, starting at 11 a.m.

This society is open to anyone who plays golf and players can join at any time by contacting Bob O'Brien or Tom Considine. There is an outing once a month from March to October with all three local courses having one outing each.

Main Golfing Season

SUNDAY 24th March will kick off the season when the first 'Golfer of the Year' tournament takes place and hopefully Summer Rules will be in play by then.

Dawn International Mixed Foursomes

THE draw for the Club Mixed Foursomes will take place on Sunday 31st March. Following on the success of last year we will once again play the first round on a round robin basis with the first game to be played on or before 19th April.

The selectors (Tom White and Teresa Queally) for our club team to play in the Irish Mixed Foursomes are

anxious that all players take part in the club match-play foursomes. Entry is €5 and the entry sheet is now posted in the kiosk.

Mick White Club Foursomes

THE draw for this tournament will take place on Sunday 7th April. John Hallinan and Tomas Wall took the title last year in a great final against Michael Whelan and Johnny Hughes and I am sure that they will be hoping to retain it again this year.

Entry is €5 and is now open. This tournament carries points for the 'Golfer of the Year'. This tournament is very kindly sponsored by the White Family.

Ladies Notes Fixtures

10 hole ongoing Lamb competition
LADIES still time to win that Leg of Lamb for your Easter dinner.

13 hole ongoing Easter Hamper competition

OUR Easter Hamper competition is a 13-hole 2-card event and is sponsored by Garvey's SuperValu who has come on board this year. We are running this to the week before Easter, so keep those cards coming in.

ILGU Inter Club Championship

THIS year we are delighted to have entered four categories in the above competition, Junior Cup 8-15, Intermediate Cup 16-22, Minor Cup 23-29, and Challenge Cup 30-36. Team managers will select a panel of players over the next couple of weeks. Match dates and times are now posted on the ILGU web site.

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○ MOUNTAIN VIEW

Inter Club Competitions

THIS year Mountain View will take part in the Junior Cup, Pierce Purcell Shield and the Provincial Towns (Leinster) Challenge Cup. On Saturday May 25th they are in Courtown GC for the Junior Cup and on the same day the club will be represented in the Pierce Purcell Shield at Wexford GC. They take on Killerig GC in the first round of the Provincial Towns which must be played by April 28th.

Spring League

THIS year's Spring League is going to be run as a singles. There will be 3 Single Stableford and 3 Single Stroke with the first round starting on weekend 30th & 31st of March. Entry Fee will be €25.00 per person for the six rounds.

Participants must be registered and be paid up before they take part. Details of the competition can be viewed on www.myviewgolf.com. Registration sheet now on the notice board in the clubhouse.

Results

Sunday Mar 10th Single Stableford
Cancelled due to bad weather.

Tuesday Mar 5th MV Seniors (GOY) Single Stableford
1 C. Donovan (17) 42 Pts. 2. J. Leahy (23) 39 Pts. 3. F. Nolan (14) 38 Pts. 4. M. Hoyne (21) 37 Pts. 5. J. Murphy (16) 35 Pts.

Diary

SUNDAY Mar 17th Fourball Better Ball

Tuesday Mar 19th MV Seniors Competition

Wednesday Mar 20th MV Ladies Competition

Sunday Mar 24th Monthly Medal
Sunday Mar 31st Spring League Round 1

○ NEW ROSS

Fourball

DIFFICULT conditions prevailed at New Ross Golf Club last weekend, but it did not deter around 150 people from taking part in an 18h Aggregate Fourball, that took place on both Saturday and Sunday.

The competition was sponsored by Four Star Pizza, who generously donated nearest the pin prizes on each of the par 3's and longest drive prizes on two of the par 4's.

The winners of the competition were Pat Fitzharris (18) & PJ Doyle (5) with an excellent score of 75 pts. The father and son combination of John Harrington (17) & Ted Harrington (12) took second place with 74 pts. In third place were Noel Cowman (11) & Tom Fenlon on 73 pts.

Nearest the pin winners were PJ Doyle (2nd), Richard O'Grady (9th), Colm Kehoe (11th) and Phil Lynch (14th). The longest drives went to Derek Ronan (15th) and Phil Lynch (18th).

The presentation of prizes for this competition takes place on Monday 18th March at 19.30 sharp. All prize winners are kindly asked to attend. All members are invited to the presentation to show their support for our sponsors. There will be finger food served and a prize draw for non-prize winners attending this presentation.

This is the first year that Four Star Pizza have sponsored a competition in New Ross and we are extremely grateful for their support

Next weekend, the St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend, Dermot Kehoe DIY sponsors an 18h b/ball Fourball. The competition takes place on Saturday, Sunday & Monday. The competition is for men and women (any combination) and is open to visitors. Tee times can be booked online.

Entries are now being taken for the



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Men's Foursomes matchplay. You can enter in the pro-shop. Entry cost €15 per pair. The closing date for entries is Tues 2nd April.

Seniors

LAST Thursday's outing was played in unfavourable conditions. In the Number 1 spot were Patsy Farrell (14), Tony Redmond (17), Tony Wallace (18) and Michael Long (19) with a winning total of 89 points. Beaten on a count back (41/38) on the last nine holes were the second team of Nigel Morrissey (13), Willie Naddy (18), Sean Ryan (22) and "Mr President himself", Brian Dolan (22), that quartet also registering a total of 89 points.

The 85 points garnered by Hughie O Connor (14), Noel Kehoe (16), Peter Goggin (17), and Michael Brennan (19) was good enough for a third place finish.

Nearest the pin prize on the 9th Hole was won by Brian Dolan-you just can't keep that man out of the news. A warm welcome was extended to long time member, John Kennedy, on his return to action after being immobilised by a recent Achilles tendon injury. Best wishes go to John Monahan and Tom Kent both of whom are indisposed and out of commission at the moment.

Our outing next Thursday is a special one with all entry fees (€5 per person) going to the Ladies Committee who are raising finance to fund the provision of a much needed lift in the Golf Club. An added attraction on the day is a smashing raffle prize of a dinner for two very kindly presented by Pdraig Murphy of our new caterers They are setting a very high standard in the preparation of food and the presentation of same. Thank you Pdraig, for this lovely prize, which is well worth winning. Also on Thursday we will take names and green fees (€10) for our first outing of 2013 which is to Tramore on Thursday the 4th of April.

TRAMORE

New for 2013

JOIN our Newtown 9 Hole Golf Facility for €399 including a GUI Handicap & €40 credit on your bar card. Also includes full use of our Top of the Range Short Game Practice Area, Bar, & Restaurant. Also avail of a special rate to play in our Friday Open Singles. Contact the Office on 051 386170 for an Application Form, Terms, & Conditions.

Annual Subscriptions

TO be eligible to play in Club Competitions annual subscriptions must be paid by Sunday 17th March unless by prior agreement with the Management Committee.

Seniors Results

Thursday 7th March: Champagne Scramble

1st John Hayden, Tommy Kavanagh, Michael Canty 61 pts; 2nd Kevin Murray, John O'Neill, Michael Hannigan 56pts

Open Singles Friday 8th March

1st Kevin Murray (7) 41pts; 2nd Eamonn Keating (17) 36pts; 3rd Ernie Rice (1) 35pts c/b; Visitor Tom Dunphy Tipperary (6) 35pts;

Sunday 10th March: 3-Man Rumble
1st Damian Musgrave (15) Michael Byrne (18) Declan O'Gorman (21) 80 pts; 2nd Eddie O'Shea (4) Kieran Dalton (14) Blaize Hannigan (20)

79pts

Ladies Results

Monday 4th March: 9-hole

Stableford Winter League

sponsored by Dr Sorcha White

1st Rebecca O'Reilly (34) 23pts; 2nd Anne Marie Thomas (14) 22pts; 3rd Kathleen Mitchell (31) 20pts

Saturday 16th March

A RUGBY Special 18-hole Shotgun Competition will take place at 9.30 on Saturday 16th March open to ladies and gents. Sunday 17th March Gent's Singles, Monday 18th March we will hold an Open 4 Person Team Event to ladies and gents. Time sheets are placed on the main noticeboard.

Find the Joker

ON Saturday, Ann Gleeson was the lucky winner of €50. Envelope number 36 was selected but did not contain the Joker. The jackpot next week will be €2,412

30s Results

Thursday 7th March

PETER Martin, Tony Condon, Pat Hearne

Newtown 9

PLAY our Newtown Nine Hole course for €10.

WATERFORD CASTLE

Men's Club Results

10/03/2013

MARTIN O'Callaghan & Gerry Brenner were the leading qualifiers for the Bid Cullinane Sponsored Fourball Matchplay with a score of 40pts in very testing condition.

All pairings with 31pts or better qualified to join holders Liam Coady & Paul Green in the first round. The draw will be up on the website this week & the first round must be completed by April 27th.

The sheet for the Liam McCarthy sponsored Scratch Matchplay is now on the Notice Board & will be there until the end of March with the draw taking place on April 1st.

Fixture books are now available from the Pro-Shop.

WEST WATERFORD

Gents Notes

Competition results

Open Spring Singles Wednesday March 6th: 1st Denis Conway (13) - 36pts

Club Competition Fri/Sat/Sun March 8th, 9th, 10th, 1st Eddie Glavin (18) - 46pts, 2nd. Liam Grace (9) - 39pts .Winter League semi finals: The Rebels vs Kinsalebeg, Knockadoon vs Canty.

Fixtures

WEDNESDAY March 13th - Spring Open 16 Hole Stableford. Visitor entry €15, subsequent entry €10 - continues every Wednesday for the spring season.

Friday 15th /Sat 16th/Sun 17th March - Club Competition - 18 Hole Stableford.

Monday March 18th - Mixed Scramble at 2.30pm followed by presentation and Traditional Irish Music in clubhouse.

Saturday 23rd March - Final Challenge Cup

Sunday 24th March - South East Junior Alliance - Captain's Prize 9.30 - 12.15

Sunday 24th March - Comeragh Oil Winter league Final. - 1 pm

Sunday 24th March - Ladies Winter League Final - 2 pm.

Monday 25th March - Sunday 31st March - Sunshine Classic. Booking now available.

Comeragh Oil Winter League

THE semi finals got underway during the week. Tommy Butler defeated Kieran Murphy and Conor Morrissey defeated Ger Murray to leave The Rebels and Kinsalebeg tied at one match each.

In the other semi, John O Connell overcame Mark O Sullivan on the 22nd hole, while Johnnie Curran beat Willie Fitzgibbon to give Canty a two match lead over Knockadoon.

However, Brian A Murphy defeated Joe Byrne to bring the tie back to two matches to one.

We anticipated two close contests and if the early matches are anything to go by we could see both going down to the wire.

All will be revealed on Sunday evening 17th March which is the deadline for all semi final matches. The final is scheduled for Sunday 24th March at 1pm.

Junior Alliance

CAPTAINS Prize (Martin Morris) takes place in West Waterford Golf Club on Sunday March 24th. Best of luck to Martin who has had a great year as Captain and plans to finish in style.

Gary Hurley

WELL done to Gary Hurley who finished 2nd with a total of 218 in the University of Exeter Invitational Links Trophy played in Cornwall last week.

Seamus Power

SEAMUS 3rd tournament in Golf Tour was the Irish Creek Classic. Seamus finished 24th place at 2 over par with rounds of 74, 73, 67, and 72. Seamus now goes on to compete in the championship at Ballantyne Country Club next week.

Challenge Cup Leader Board

1ST: Eamonn Power (Old Parish GAA) 34pts, 2nd Shane Dalton (Clashmore Ramblers), Gearoid Breathnach (Marine Bar) and Billy O'Mahoney (Marine Darts), Tom Flynn (Flynn Bus Hire) and Norman Hall (Glanbia) 31pts, 6th: Vinny Coonan (Clashmore Ramblers) 30pts, 7th: Tucker Curran (Old Parish GAA), Peter Deady (Old Still Darts) and John Walsh (Flynn Bus Hire) 29pts. The final is set for Saturday 23rd March.

Sunshine Classic

WITH another hugely successful Comeragh Oil Winter league drawing to a close, our next major event at West Waterford is the annual Sunshine Classic. Book your space on the timesheet now by ringing Austin or Gillian at 058-43216.

Jimmy Bruen/ Pierce Purcell 2013

ANY player who wishes to be included on panel for above teams, please put your name on noticeboard in clubhouse.

JB Carr Trophy 2013

TRAINING has now commenced under the guidance of Team Captain Mr. Terry O'Callaghan. West

Waterford will take on Tramore in the first round.

Paddy's Weekend Scramble

BANK Holiday Monday 18th March, Mixed scramble. Names taken at 2.30pm with a shot gun start at 3pm. Followed by Traditional Irish music and Presentation of prizes in the bar.

Belvedere Trophy

WEST Waterford have been drawn against Faithlegg in the first round. Edward has been studying form throughout the Winter League and rumour has it that there are still a few vacancies on the panel.

Spring Open Wednesday

COMPETITION continues each Wednesday to end of March. Ladies and Gents Entry: Visitors €15, subsequent entry €10 Bookonline www.westwaterfordgolf.com or ring the office at 058 43216.

Al Eile Open Men's Competition

OUR very popular open men's competition begins on Wednesday April 3rd and every Wednesday until the end of September. Our thanks to Al Eile Stud for their continued support in sponsoring this competition.

Open Munster Seniors Competition

THE Munster open seniors will be held at West Waterford on Friday 5th April.

West Waterford will hold an open seniors on the first Friday of the month during the summer period.

Club Scotch Foursomes Competition

FRIDAY/Saturday/Sunday 12/13th & 14th April. Re-entry allowed only with different partners.

Open Left-Handers' Competition

FRIDAY/Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th & 28th April. Kindly sponsored by David Condon.

2013 Fixture List

THE Events Schedule for the 2013 golfing year at West Waterford Golf Club are now available to view at www.westwaterfordgolf.com, by clicking on the Club tab and going to 2013 Fixtures.

Condolences

WE offer sincere condolences to John

Walsh and family on the passing of his wife Celia. Also to Finola Butler on the passing of her mother. Ar dheis De go raibh said.

Junior Notes

ALL juniors please note that play on Saturdays is only allowed after 1.30pm.

Ladies Notes Winter League

THE next round - matchplay - runs from Monday 11th March to Thursday 21st March. Please check who you are playing on the notice-board or on the website. The much anticipated final is scheduled for Sunday March 24th - tee off will be 2.00pm. This final will be over 13 or 16 holes depending on weather conditions.

Prize Giving and Scramble

MONDAY 18th March a mixed scramble competition will be held. Name take from 2.30, with a shotgun start at 3.00pm, followed by presentations of prizes at 6.30pm in the clubhouse to all winners for December, January and February Club competitions. Even if you are not in the winners' enclosure, please make every effort to attend.

Sunshine Classic

THE annual club Sunshine Classic is scheduled for March 25th to March 31st. Time sheets are now up in the clubhouse. The prizes are very good. It cost €100 per team of four.

WILLIAMSTOWN

18-Hole 10/03

1ST John Shanahan 38pts c/b; 2nd Ned O Sullivan 38pts c/b; 3rd Seamus Hearne 38pts c/b; 4th Donal Byrne 37pts

Twos

DONAL Byrne 16th Hole

Diary Note

FOR the month of March our 18-hole competitions can be played on Saturday and Sunday. Tee time from 9am.

Pat Toomey Memorial Cup

THEY first round of this tournament has finished, with some notable victories including Dave Devereux and Tony Dalton, to name but a few.

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Pictured at Kilcohan Park for The Alushield Windows & Doors 730 Final are Jimmy McGuire (Chairman Kilcohan Park Greyhound Stadium), James Kent (Sponsor and Director Alushield Windows & Doors), Fiona Goff (Trainer/owner) and winning connections of winning dog Hickstead.



Pictured at the launch of their benefit night to be held at Kilcohan Park Greyhound Stadium on Saturday, March 15th are members of the Ferrybank Scouts who celebrate their 40th Anniversary on the night. Tickets for the night can be purchased from Ferrybank Scouts. Great fun to be had on the night including face painting.

HORSE RACING

Local trainers to fore at Clonmel race meet

NEIL O'DONNELL

AT the time of writing, the Cheltenham festival is almost upon us and local trainers were to the forefront at last Thursday's Clonmel meeting with Dungarvan-based handler John Queally saddling Ancient Days to oblige in the opening Irish Stallion Farms European Breeders Fund Maiden Hurdle.

The Daylami-sired Ancient Days, who came into this race with a 112-rating, was sent into the lead by Andrew McNamara with three flights remaining and, whilst having to be called upon to raise his effort at the second last, the winning six-year-old asserted on the run-in to thwart Shazner by one and three quarter lengths. A chasing campaign is probable for Ancient Days at some stage.

Eamonn Gallagher, who trains just three horses at present at his Conna base, was on the mark with the teak-tough mare Backinthere in the Comeragh Handicap Hurdle.

The eight-year-old Backinthere, representing Vincent Sheehan from Ballyduff Upper, made smooth progress to lead at the third last.

Whilst challenged by The Shoe Doctor on the run to the final flight, Backinthere still asserted under top-weight to beat Day Dream Boy by one and a quarter lengths in the hands of Adrian Heskin. A chasing campaign

is likely to feature next season for Backinthere.

Liz Doyle, trainer of leading Cheltenham festival bumper hopeful Le Vent D'Antan, was on the mark with 33/1 outsider Glen Beg in the Lisronagh Maiden Hurdle.

The Norwich-sired mare Glen Beg, despite jumping slightly left-handed throughout, took up the running before the second last to dismiss Black Zero by eight and a half lengths in the colours of Dungarvan, Co Kilkenny-based Ian Williams, whose late father Fred bred the winning six-year-old.

Willie Mullins' team can do literally no wrong at present and the Closutton maestro was on the mark with Turnandgo in the closing Ardfinnan Flat Race.

The 1/2 favourite Turnandgo atoned for his defeat by Hawaii Five Nil at this same venue in early-November by never even remotely coming out of second gear here.

He readily powered to the front over a furlong out to slam Mona Agnes by 11 lengths and the son of Morozov remains a smashing prospect for next season.

At Gowran Park on Sunday, local Grangemockler-based handler John O'Shea struck with Novarov in the Support Kilkenny GAA Raceday.

The winning German-bred Novarov made his first start over the larger obstacles a winning one by bravely raising his effort from the final fence to strike the front some 50 yards from

the finish. At the post, he had three quarters of a length to spare over Castle Wings. The latter is trained by Jimmy Mangan and the Conna-based handler's daughter Jane was on the mark later in the afternoon aboard the Gordon Elliot-trained Rockdown in the Bennettsbridge Point-To-Point INH Flat Race.

Rockdown supplemented his recent authoritative point-to-point victory at Killaloe by bravely coming a second time to deny favourite Indevan by a head with a three and three quarter length break to the third-placed Sumos Novios. Rockdown is by the deceased stallion Bandari, who incidentally stood at Pat Connell's Peria Stud outside Tallow.

Mossey Joe, a former top handicap chaser, reverted to winning ways by turning the coveted Tetretema Perpetual Cup Hunters Chase into a procession in the hands of Damian Skehan.

The Declan McNamara-trained Mossey Joe went clear from half-way and he duly had little difficulty in beating Family Official by 19 lengths.

It's probable that Mossey Joe will now contest the Racing Post Champion Hunters Chase at next month's Punchestown festival.

At Naas on Sunday, Liz Doyle once again showed that her string are in excellent fettle by sending out Rich Revival to capture the featured Woodlands Park 100 Club Leinster National Handicap Chase. Running

off a mark of 129, Rich Revival led from the second last to beat Murchu by three parts of a length and the son of Turtle Island will now be aimed at the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on April 1st.

Danny Mullins partnered his second winner as retained jockey to Barry Connell aboard the leading owner's Foxrock in the Sunday Market At Naas Racecourse Maiden Hurdle over

three miles.

Foxrock, the 5/4 favourite, showed admirable battling qualities by making most of the running to thwart Wedding Present by three parts of a length and by doing so, Ted Walsh's charge was vindicating the promise of his stunning debut victory in a four-year-old maiden point-to-point at Loughrea back in October.

Pat Flavin Fundraiser at the Grand Hotel

PAT Flavin from Carrigavantry, Tramore is the well-known owner of Laketour Stables, Tramore.

Unfortunately, Pat suffered a bad fall on October 26th last, which resulted in severe spinal injuries.

The injuries he suffered resulted in Pat being moved to the National Spinal Unit in the Mater Hospital and subsequently, to the National Rehabilitation Centre Dun Laoghaire

where he is currently in recovery.

A fundraiser to be held this Saturday night at Tramore's Grand Hotel with tickets priced €10 and music from the Springsteens from 9pm, which will raise much needed funds for Pat when he returns home.

There has been a huge show of support for Pat and his family, Carmel, John, Debbie, Patrick and Emily, that is very much appreciated.

The night will be a big gathering of family and friends and all funds will go to the much needed assistance over the coming months to help with Pat's return home and on-going recovery. All are welcome.

Please see Facebook page for further details. **Please contact 085 1429116 for tickets. Auction and Raffle on the night.**

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Johnville players, supporters and officials were pictured on Thursday night last at the presentation by Davy Cullen, Waterford Schoolboys League Fixtures Secretary of the U-12 Div C league trophy to the captain Anthony Brown. Inset: Davy Cullen, Waterford Schoolboys League Fixtures Secretary presents Anthony Brown, captain of the Johnville U-12 Div.C league winning team with the shield. PHOTOS: NOEL BROWNE.

Johnville's youngsters on the march again

From little acorns, mighty oaks will grow ...

■ Matt Keane

ONE of Waterford's most respected clubs, Johnville, are back on the roll of honour on the local Waterford Schoolboy League scene and the joy their triumph in the Under 12 C League was clear for all to see when they were presented with the championship trophy on Thursday last by the fixtures Secretary, David Cullen.

For years the club, which is based in St Martin's Park in St John's Park, enjoyed many wonderful seasons at underage level and right through the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's they won every possible honour from under 11 right up to under 16 and they produced international players such as Alan Kirby, Mick McCabe, Mick

Madigan, Peter Daly and Johnny Keane just to name five.

They held their own during the early naughties also but for the past six or seven years they got derailed somewhat and due to a number of different factors they fell off the Schoolboy League radar and as a result the club did not feature in any meaningful way at this level.

The fact that the club got relegated from the Premier League did not help matters and a lot of attention was focused on getting the senior team back into the top grade, something they achieved last season.

Anthony Brown, Maria Hunt and Jim "Dukie" Whelan were determined to get Johnville back playing in the Schoolboy League once again, and they also wanted

to win something, although it must be stressed that they did not come back with a "must win at all costs" attitude.

They wanted the young players from the area to enjoy their football, and if a league was won, that would prove to be a real bonus.

Their dream came through last week when they won the Under 12 C League and they did it in style by winning nine of their eleven games.

Main men

Anthony Brown is the manager of the Johnville team and he did not hide his delight when he spoke on Thursday last.

"We are thrilled to see the Johnville name on the honours list once again. "This means an awful lot to the club.

"We were in a bad place for a long time but we are fighting back and this league triumph means as much to me as anything the club has won in the past.

"We will try and win the Under 13 League next season. We are doing really well in the Under 15 B League also and we have teams in the Under 11 B League, the Under 16 B League and our Youth B team are top of their league so we are going in the right direction," beamed Anthony.

His trusty sidekick and life long friend, Jim "Dukie" Whelan proudly displayed an Under 12 trophy he won with Johnville way back in 1961 and although 52 years have passed since he won that memento, "Dukie" still remembers that league triumph as if it was yesterday.

"That was the first trophy that Johnville ever won and I will never forget the joy of being presented



The Johnville team celebrate after the presentation.

with my trophy. I am delighted to be still working with Anthony and I can understand the pleasure that the players who won this league are enjoying right now.

"It may be an Under 12 C League, but for us it is like winning the Champions League.

"That is what it means to us," said an emotional Jim as he sat proudly with his grandson P.J. Hennessy inside the Johnville committee room.

The players

The following are the amber and black clad warriors who have put this famous club back on the map in underage football once again.

Players: Mark Dalton, Aaron Hayes, Alex Sullivan, Ravini

Kilonda, Jamie Brazil, Anthony Brown (Captain) Earlis Kilonda, Bradley Kirwan, Jakes Keane, Ben Brown, Denny Flynn, Sean Sinnott, Cameron Chesty, Anthony Silvi, Eddie Rochford, Brian Josecolas and Jason Pollard.

This is a heartwarming story, and the sight of proud parents watching their children enjoy their night of glory last Thursday was as joy to behold for a very long time to come.

It may be just a little step on the road back to the glory days of years gone by, but never forget that little acorns grow into mighty oaks and I get the impression that a lot of growing will take place in St Martin's Park during the coming years.



Jim "Dukie" Whelan proudly displays an Under 12 trophy he won with Johnville way back in 1961, with his grandson P.J. Hennessy.

CFAI Cup Final

Heartache for WIT in Tallaght

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Waterford Institute of Technology 0

■ Matt Keane

WIT SUFFERED heartache in the Tallaght Stadium on Wednesday last when they lost out to a strong IT Carlow team in the final of the CFAI Cup.

The Waterford outfit went into the game on the back of two brilliant displays.

In the quarter final they defeated Belfast Metropolitan College 4-0 and in their semi final they repeated that score against Letterkenny IT.

The team, who are managed by the Waterford United manager Paul O'Brien, knew they would find life difficult against a Carlow outfit who were trying to win this prestigious trophy for the third time in four years.

It must have been a bitter sweet occasion for the Blues boss because it was one of his RSC based players Ben Ryan who scored what proved to be the winning goal of a tense decider.

He struck just after the hour mark and his header was good enough to break the hearts of Paul O'Brien's men.

WIT handed IT Carlow an early opportunity as they conceded a penalty after just six minutes.

Ben Ryan was fouled in the penalty area by goalkeeper Cormac O'Brien and the referee pointed to the spot on the advice of his assistant. Barry O'Mahony stepped up but O'Brien got down to his



The WIT side that lost 1-0 to Carlow IT in the colleges cup final at Tallaght.

right to mark a smart save.

Brian Nolan threatened first for WIT, but he couldn't get his long range strike on target after David Cooley's corner kick. Gary Shaw headed over from Noel Heffernan's cross before WIT had a glorious chance for the opener. A long ball from the right found Ian Goulding in on goal but his scuffed strike was saved by Carlow keeper Craig Sexton.

WIT keeper Cormac O'Brien had to be alert at the start of second half as he kept his side in the game.

Firstly he was out well to stop Ray Foy

from getting to Neil Heffernan's through ball, before pulling off a superb save to his right to prevent a powerful 30-yard strike from Carlow's Connor O'Keefe from nestling in the bottom corner a minute later.

IT Carlow broke the deadlock just past the hour mark through Waterford United winger Ben Ryan. Substitute Adam Hanlon beat John Frost for pace down the right before crossing for Ryan to brilliantly head past Cormac O'Brien from six yards.

IT Carlow should have put the game

beyond WIT with 12 minutes to go as Ryan played Hanlon through on goal down the right but he blazed his great chance over the crossbar.

WIT continued to push for the equaliser but couldn't find a way past a resolute IT Carlow defence. Dylan Mernagh, the captain of the WIT team would have made history had his team won the final.

The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins was a special guest at the game, and not a lot of Waterford skippers have received a cup from Ireland's leading

citizen.

IT Carlow: Craig Sexton; Connor O'Keefe, James Darmody, Jamie Carr, James Scallan, Barry O'Mahony, Neil Heffernan (Eric Molloy 91), Gary Shaw (Adam Hanlon 61), Ben Ryan, Andy Mulligan, Ray Roy.

Waterford IT: Cormac O'Brien, Connor Morrissey, John Frost, Adam Heaslip (Gary Delaney 68), Dylan Mernagh, Brian Nolan, David Cooley (AJ Lehane 78), Conor Coad, Mark O'Keefe, Craig Maguire, Ian Goulding.

Referee: Patrick Gleeson.

Waterford Premier League

Piltown's five star show against Bohemians

» Bohemians 1
Piltown 5

■ Matt Keane

THERE was confusion in Ben Wadding Park on Saturday night last prior to the kick-off.

A torrential downpour between 6pm and 6.30pm caused problems and the match official Tony Dunphy and his assistants Gary Fitzgerald and Gavin Keyes appeared to call the game off.

However when the rain relented they decided to play the game. At this stage some people had left the ground, but thankfully the news came through quickly that the game had got the go ahead and no doubt Piltown are very happy that it did take place.

They went into the game rock bottom on five points, three adrift of Johnville and with just one solitary League win to

their name all season.

When they fell behind after 29 minutes it looked as if they would return home pointless once again but they fought back manfully and they went to turn in their best display since they gained promotion to the Premier League last season.

Bohemians began the game in fine style and Jack Maher wasted a good chance after 10 minutes when he shot wide after he was put in the clear by Mark McManus.

Maher was back in the thick of the action once again eight minutes later.

He took a square pass from David Whittle before cracking in a shot from 20 yards but the Piltown goalkeeper Stephen Quilty produced a fine save.

Quilty then denied Stephen Walsh who had moved forward to meet a cross from Andrew Reid.

The hosts eventually broke the deadlock on 29 minutes.

Paddy Kennedy sent over a well

flighted free kick from the right and central defender Adam Heaslip sent a glancing header into the corner of Stephen Quilty's net from 15 yards.

Piltown levelled matters on 40 minutes and the games second goal also came from a set piece.

Michael Walsh floated over a corner kick from the right and the evergreen Glen Conway was given acres of space inside the penalty and he powered a header past the Bohemians custodian Shane Morrissey.

The visitors almost took the lead just before the half-time whistle when Neil Kelly fired in a rocket of a shot from 25 yards, but on this occasion Shane Morrissey dived to his left to save.

Six minutes into the second period, Stephen Quilty did remarkably well to tip a rocket of a shot from Luke Browne over his crossbar as Bohemians tried to regain their lead, but it all went horribly wrong for the home side from there on in.

Piltown went in front for the first time on 54 minutes when Shane Morrissey had the mis-fortune to drop a left wing corner kick taken by Alan Walsh and Glen Conway took full advantage and he tucked home his second goal of the game from four yards range.

The men from Kildalton Park took full control of the game from then on and Mark O'Driscoll should have scored on 63 minutes but he headed wide in front of an open goal after being picked out by Alan Walsh from the left.

However Piltown's third goal did arrive on 85 minutes, and surely this was the goal of the season to date.

Delightful build-up play resulted in the ball finding its way to Neil Kelly and he somehow managed to find the net with a delicious chip from all of 35 yards. The back-pedaling Shane Morrissey did not stand a chance of saving Kelly's magnificent effort.

The roof fell in completely on Bohemians two minutes later when

Neil Kelly turned provider by playing the ball forward to Jack Walsh who rounded Shane Morrissey before planting the ball into an empty, and very wet net.

Substitute Kevin Quinlan rounded off a memorable night for the visitors deep into stoppage time when he ghosted through a punch drunk defence after a sublime through ball from Alan Walsh.

Bohemians: Shane Morrissey, Paddy Kennedy, Luke Browne, Adam Heaslip, Stephen Walsh, Kevin Whittle, Andrew Reid, Mark McManus (Conor Gannon, 69) David Whittle (Ross Fitzpatrick, 86) Gerry Connors, Jack Maher (Gary Wallace, 46)

Piltown: Stephen Quilty, Michael Walsh, Craig Walsh, Kevin Keegan (Kieran Flanagan, 73) Colin Murphy, Neill Kelly, Paul O'Shea (Kevin Quinlan, 88) Glen Conway, Mark O'Driscoll, Alan Walsh, Jack Walsh (James O'Shea, 88)

Referee: Tony Dunphy.

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES	
Friday, March 15th	Ferrybank v Tramore 7pm
Saturday, March 16th	Hibernians v Waterford Crystal 4pm

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Carrick United	11	10	1	0	30	6	24	31
Tramore	11	8	3	0	27	10	17	27
Villa	12	5	4	3	16	13	3	19
Hibernians	11	4	3	4	18	10	8	15
Ferrybank	10	4	3	3	13	10	3	15
Bohemians	13	3	3	7	14	29	-15	12
Saint Saviours	11	2	5	4	21	24	-3	11
Waterford Crystal	11	2	3	6	11	23	-12	9
Johnville	12	1	5	6	15	24	-9	8
Piltown	12	2	2	8	15	31	-16	8

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FAI First Division

Blues denied victory at the death

■ MATT KEANE

» Waterford United 1 Finn Harps 1

A LATE Sean McCarron goal earned Finn Harps a deserved share of the spoils against Waterford United in their First Division curtain-raiser at the RSC on Friday night.

McCarron's strike in the 89th minute cancelled out Ben Ryan's header in a game packed full of chances, but lacking in quality at times.

A late red card for Thomas McBride for a tackle on Francis Rockett didn't take the gloss off their impressive second half performance.

Waterford hadn't beaten the Donegal visitors at the RSC since March, 2011 and they can have no real complaints about this outcome despite conceding such a late goal.

Waterford United started well and good work from Paudie Quinn and Vinny Sullivan almost set eventual goalscorer Ryan up, but his attempted shot was blocked.

The home side was much the stronger of the sides in the early stages and Ryan set up Sullivan, but Harps keeper Ciaran Gallagher was out quickly to smother the ball.

Harps began to have more possession with Shaun McGowan and Tommy McBride growing increasingly involved as the minutes ticked by.

Their resurgence almost brought the opening goal after 18 minutes when Matt Crossan's deep free kick fell to Tommy McGonagle but he blazed over a great chance from 10 yards.

The away side would rue that miss as Waterford United grabbed the opener a minute later.

John Frost made progress down the left before crossing for Sullivan to glance his header toward the back post. Ryan had continued his run from the edge of the penalty and he coolly headed past Gallagher.

Quinn should have doubled the lead one minute later but his header from Peter Higgins' right wing cross went just wide of the target.

Damien McNulty was then the saviour for Harps as he kept them in the game on 22 minutes. The defender got back in time to make a vital interception to prevent Michael Coady



The Waterford United team which drew with Finn Harps at the RSC on Friday last.

from tapping in from four yards from Sullivan's cross.

Keith Cowan kept the score to a minimum just before half time as he got back in time to block Quinn's strike after the attacker had run through on goal.

Dylan Mernagh almost made it 2-0 one minute into the second half, but his header from Ryan's corner was cleared off the line.

Marc Brolly had a great chance to equalise on the half hour but, after being put through by McCarron, his heavy touch allowed Craig Hyland to get to the ball first and smother.

Harps continued to press and Kevin McHugh had a good chance from 15 yards but having set himself for the shot, he allowed John Frost to make a superb block and the chance was gone.

McCarron was again troubling the home defence and his strike from 18

yards forced Hyland to make a smart save at his near post.

But all of Harps' pressure paid dividends in the final minutes as they struck a late equaliser. A long ball from the back evaded a line of attacking and defensive players as the ball found McCarron. He held off the challenge of Mernagh before firing the ball under the body of the Blues' keeper.

Harps almost grabbed a dramatic late winner but Kevin McHugh's 30-yard free kick rebounded back off the outside of the post.

The final minute saw Thomas McBride sent off for a poor challenge on Francis Rockett. The challenge was probably more worthy of a yellow card, but referee Sean Grant went straight for the red card.

It was a deserved equaliser for the away side who showed in the second half that they were worthy of a point

and in the end, it was the half time substitution of McCarron proved the game changing moment.

Waterford United: Craig Hyland; Dylan Mernagh, David Breen, Gavin Kavanagh, John Frost; Ben Ryan, Francis Rockett, Peter Higgins (Kevin O'Connor 82), Michael Coady; Paudie Quinn (Paul Quilty 70), Vinny Sullivan.

Finn Harps: Ciaran Gallagher; Damien McNulty, Tommy McGonagle, Keith Cowan, Matt Crossan; Michael Funston (Paul McVeigh 83), Tommy McBride, Aaron O'Hagan (Sean McCarron HT), Shaun McGowan, Marc Brolly; Kevin McHugh.

Referee: Sean Grant (Wexford).

Blues striker Ben Ryan is all smiles after he opened the scoring against Finn Harps at the RSC.



Boss happy despite late Harps equaliser

MATT KEANE

"I've just come from the dressing room and the lads feel like they have lost the game because their equaliser came so late but I am happy enough," said Waterford United boss Paul O'Brien (pictured), reacting to Friday's draw.

"They came out in the second half with a 4-4-2 formation having played the first with a 4-3-3 setup and it took us some time to get to grips with their new approach. Despite that I am happy enough with the point."

O'Brien continued: "We played some good football in the first half and Ben Ryan finished in style after great work by John Frost and Vinny Sullivan. It's a pity Paudie Quinn did not score shortly afterwards because he would usually score from that distance with his eyes closed!"

The manager admitted that he had to change his plans when Peter White pulled out prior to kick-off.

"He was honest enough to tell us he was not well (flu) and as a result the team had to be changed somewhat as a result.

"We had some new players out there tonight. Gavin Kavanagh did very well as indeed did Vinny and Paudie."

Paul admitted: "I suppose Harps did deserve a draw because they played very well in the second half.

This was the first game of

the season and I saw lot of things that pleased me. Our midfield players worked hard and our defence dealt coped well until the last minute of the game."

The Blues gaffer had special praise for left full-back John Frost. "I thought Frosty was absolutely brilliant. I fact I thought the entire back four were excellent. I know that Finn Harps targeted Dylan Mernagh all through the game with long balls but he dealt with them all.

"Frosty and Gavin Kavanagh played some great long balls forward to our strikers and on another night they would have done better but look, overall I thought we were decent enough considering it was our first game of the season."



Waterford United's Peter Keegan at the announcement of Three's partnership renewal of Waterford United FC. Current partners, Three, have announced the renewal of their association with Waterford United FC, with a further one-year deal. The agreement will see the '3' logo on the front of all Waterford United shirts this season as well as on all club stationery, website and signage at the Regional Sports Centre

| Photo: David Maher / Sportsfile

FAI Inter League Cup Quarter-Final

Brilliant Waterford send» Waterford League 2
Cork League 1

■ Matt Keane

WATERFORD booked their place in the semi-final of the FAI Inter League Cup when they came from behind to defeat the favorites Cork at a wet and cold Ozier Park on Sunday last.

The Leesiders dominated the opening 45 minutes, but the second half saw this gutsy Waterford team come from behind; their post-interval display as good as we have seen from any team at headquarters in recent years.

This crop of players don't know the meaning of defeat, as they showed in Kilkenny before Christmas and manager Anthony Brown and assistant Jim Whelan have a very special squad of players at their disposal.

One of the most crucial moves in this tense match was the introduction of substitute Daniel Pender after 58 minutes. He turned the game on its head.

Pender caused major problems to the Cork defence and it was fitting that he was the player who created what proved to be the winning goal 14 minutes from time.

It was the brilliance of Waterford goalkeeper Matthew Connor that denied the visitors the lead with their first real attack on 17 minutes when James Nagle sent in a cross from the right that was flicked on by Greg Harte into the path of Kieran Kavanagh but his right-footed effort was saved by the legs of the talented netminder.

From the resulting corner kick, Leonard Sexton put the ball on the head of striker Harte with a magnificent delivery from the left but despite peeling off his marker superbly, his free header just flashes inches over Connor's crossbar.

The visitors took the lead on 31 minutes when Craig Harte headed home at the back post after meeting a corner kick taken by Leonard Sexton.

The sides were level six minutes into the second half when Dessie Hutchinson sent a cross from the left that broke to the edge of the penalty area for Dale O'Mahony who drilled a low right-footed shot to the corner of the net giving Cork keeper Stephen Hickey no chance whatsoever.

Waterford missed a glorious chance to go in front on 54 minutes when a brilliant through ball from sent Jamie Hunt into the clear but with only Cork keeper Hickey to beat, his shot from inside the penalty area was superbly saved by the legs of the netminder as the hosts opened brightly at the start of the second period.

Tipperary referee John Maguire turned down a penalty appeal and a potential red card on 58 minutes when Waterford striker Josh Aimihi beat his marker Corey Long before being pulled down in the penalty area. Yet somehow the match official waved away the strong and well merited protests from the Waterford players and management team.

It was a completely different Waterford performance in the second half and they took a deserved lead on



Waterford Youths Dessie Hutchinson (7) peels away after scoring what proved to be the winning goal with team mate Robbie Mulligan about to join in the celebrations.

| Photos: Noel Browne



The Waterford team which defeated Cork in the Inter League Cup Quarter-Final in Sunday last.

76 minutes when Daniel Pender did brilliantly out on the right to race past his marker.

He put the ball on a plate for Dessie Hutchinson, who held his nerve inside the area to stroke a right-footed shot to the corner of the net from 12 yards.

Waterford defender Shane Mackey showed his class with five minutes

remaining when Kieran Kavanagh sent in a cross from the right for Greg Harte. His header beat keeper Connor but was hacked off the line before the netminder made a quite remarkable save late on to deny Kavanagh as Waterford held on for a superb victory and a place in the last four of the national competition.



Dale O'Mahony looks on as his shot rattles the Cork net for the equaliser on Sunday last.



Waterford's Dale O'Mahony battles it out with Cork captain Greg Harte.

Waterford squad: Matthew Connor, Corey Kavanagh, Robbie Mulligan, Adam Sutton, Shane Mackey, Dale O'Mahony, Dessie Hutchinson, Sami Ogayemi, Josh Aimihi, Jamie Hunt, Dean Reidy, Daniel Pender, James Coad, Andrew Phelan, Shane Morrissey.

Cork squad: Stephen Hickey, Cian

Kelleher, Timmy Murphy, Corey Long, Ryan Meaney, James Nagle, Leonard Sexton, Craig Donnellan, Greg Harte, Jonathan Cramer, Kieran Kavanagh, Chris McCarthy, Ben McAuliffe, Jeremy Bridgeman, Eric Baxter, Rob Lynch, Michau Sadys.

Referee: John Maguire (Tipperary)

FAI Inter League Cup Quarter-Final

Cork crashing in the rain



Dale O'Mahony (Waterford) on right celebrates after scoring the equalising goal against Cork.



Waterford's Jamie Hunt went close with this effort in the second half.



Waterford Youths manager Anthony Brown with goalscorers Dale O'Mahony and Dessie Hutchinson.



Waterford manager Anthony Brown directs proceedings from the sideline.



Josh Aimihui (Waterford) was in on goal during the second half but the referee deemed this tackle from Corey Long (Cork) not to be a penalty.



Waterford's Dean Reidy gets to grips with Cork's Cian Kelliher.



Daniel Pender (Waterford) gets his shot away as Cork's James Nagle tries to get across to block him.



Waterford's Daniel Pender takes one for the team as Cork's Timmy Murphy tries to clear.

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DEADLINE: Midday Monday



SOCCER CLUBS

BALLYDUFF AFC

U11 D League

Portlaw Utd 4 Ballyduff 1

WE were missing some players and had a few more returning after illness, but this is not to take from a very good Portlaw side. The home side dominated in the first half, scoring their first on five minutes and grabbing a second ten minutes later. We pulled one back five minutes before half time through a free kick scored by Cian.

Portlaw grabbed their third and fourth late in the second half, and we were unlucky not to get a second when both Josh and Cathal had shots parried by the Portlaw keeper. Well done to all our players; special mention to Shane, Aaron, Cian, Matteo and Josh.

Division 1B

St Otteran's 2 Ballyduff 1

WHATEVER chance we had of winning this league was shattered on Saturday last when we lost to St Otteran's. Despite opening well, we fell behind after 15 minutes. We played some of our best football of the season in the second half, but a lack of cutting-edge play up front was our downfall.

We equalised in the second half through Emmett Power, but poor defending allowed the home side to score the winning goal. Our best players were Jack Lyons, Gary Shannon, Gavin O'Rourke, and Emmett Power, and well done to Barog Kennedy, who made his Division 1 debut.

BOHEMIANS

Football Academy

THE Saturday morning sessions run from 9.15 to 10.30 at the Waterpark Astro Centre. Cost is only €40 for 10 sessions and is open for boys and girls aged 5 to 10 and runs from September to June. Contact any member of the academy staff or any committee member for registration details.

Summer Camp

IT'S early days yet, I know, but Bohemians FC fully intend running our summer camp as usual.

Junior Results

MARCH 8th: Div 4, Bohs 2-0 Piltown (scorer: Paul Hennessy).

March 9th: Premier, Bohs 1-2 Piltown (scorer: Adam Heaslip); Div 2A, Bohs 1-4 MV Celtic (scorer: Steven Hayes).

Junior Fixtures

MARCH 12th: Youth B, Johnville v Bohs.

March 16th: Div 2A, St Joseph's v Bohs.

Division 4 Champions

FOLLOWING the 2-0 win over Piltown on Friday night last, the squad and management were presented with the Division 4 trophy.

Afterwards the lads headed to Nicky's Bar on the Mayor's Walk where an enjoyable night was had by all.

Sincere thanks to Nicky O'Regan of Nicky's Bar, whose generosity on the night was greatly appreciated by those who attended ... thanks Nicky. Well done again to the management of Barry, Muppy and Buttsy and all the squad.



Action from the Waterford United/Finn Harps match played at the RSC on Friday last.

| Photo: Gerry O'Mahony

FERRYBANK

U11 C

Ferrybank 1 Ballinroad 1

WE battled hard on a soft pitch against a determined Ballinroad team. They took the lead early on and defended resolutely throughout.

We had plenty of chances: Billy hit the woodwork twice, while David, Mark and Charlie had efforts saved by the Ballinroad keeper. Kieran kept us in the game with some great defending. In the final minute we were awarded a penalty, and Cathal beat the keeper to secure a point, which makes us champions.

Congratulations to all the squad who worked hard on the training ground all year, and our thanks to Gary Power and all the coaches who played a huge part in the development of these players to date. Well done to Barry and Simone and all the lads

Other Results

U11C LEAGUE: Park Rangers A 5 Ferrybank B 1

U11A: Ferrybank 2 Carrick 0

U15: Ballinroad A 0 Ferrybank A 4

Fixtures

Saturday, March 16th

U12A v Bohemians 10.30; U12B v Tramore B 12.15; U14A v Villa A 11.45; U16A v Tramore 2.30; U16B v St Paul's 2.30; Premier v Tramore 7pm; Girls U16 v Tramore TBC

Monday, March 18th

Youths v Ballinroad 11am (Ozier Park); U13A v DLS 11am; U13B v Dungarvan B 11am; U15A v Villa A 2.30pm; U15B v Bohemians B 2.30.

KILMACOW SOCCER

U13

Park Rangers 3 Kilmacow 4

THIS was a welcome win for this side who have found points hard to come by lately. Short a number of players this was a very good performance by the boys who were there.

They led 5-0 at half time and held out for the win despite a good fight back from the home side in the second half. Dean Scully led the way with a super hat trick. Niall Bowe scored two, with Pa Dollard also on the mark.

Team: Dylan Moore; Patrick Dollard, Patrick Connolly, Liam Walsh, Adam Long, Rory Leech, Fintan Leech (Capt), Niall Bowe, David Colleton, Cormac Suffin, Dean Scully.

U15

Kilmacow 3 Bohemians 0

THIS was a fine victory for the lads and keeps them in the top half of the table. After coming so close to league leaders Johnville last time out this was a welcome three points.

They led 2-0 at half time with goals from defenders Alex Grant and Oisín O'Dwyer. Chief striker Alan Murphy got the third in the second half

Team: Dylan Corcoran; Alex Grant, Oisín O'Dwyer, Stephen Haberlin, Brendan Leech; David Costello, Ciaran Walsh, Robert Moore, Larry Vereker; Dale Carroll Morrow, Alan Murphy. Res.: Evan Duggan; Jacob Green.

KILMATHOMAS

U11

WE played a strong Piltown team in Alaska on a wet Saturday and once again had a great turn-out, making it hard for the managers to pick the team.

We started with Jack Wickham in goal and Tadgh Power, Caomhain Walsh and Evan Power in defence. Across midfield we had Alan Mulcahy, Alan Dunwoody and Aidan Behan.

Up front was Louis Power and Colyn Power. Our subs James Power, Scott Bowdren, Thomas Flynn, Pa Skehan and Dan Hally all played their part. Aidan Behan got our two goals and every player gave 100%.

Thanks to all parents who attended and helped out.

U13

WE created a lot of chances in the first half but went in at the break 1-1 (Jack scored our goal).

Adam put us two up early in the second half and Seathrun made in 3-1 with ten minutes to go. We conceded two late goals and Jack was unlucky not to snatch a winner. Well done, lads. We were short a few players due to illness.

Team: P Dunwoody, E Kiely, T Carberry, D Delaney, C Cleary, S Kiersey, C Kiersey, J Hally, A Dunwoody, J Hally. Next game: Monday 18th at home to Villa.

Birthday Wishes

WE extend birthday wishes to former stalwart Rody Keighery on his 65th birthday. We hope Rody enjoys his bus pass!

PARK RANGERS

U11

OUR U11 B team lost 3-1 to Southend on Saturday. We were always in this game and the performance was greatly improved, with our goal coming from a great Ziggy Galvin finish. Men of the match: Ziggy and Alfie Doherty, who made some great saves throughout.

Well done to our U11A team, who beat Villa 5-1 on Saturday. We weren't ourselves at all in the first half but did wake up in the second against a much improving Ferrybank. Two goals apiece from Callum Stringer and Milo Cox, with the fifth goal coming from an OG. Men of the Match: Callum and Mikey Cummins.

U13

HARD luck to our U13 team, who were beaten by Kilmacow on Saturday despite a brilliant second-half performance. Goals scored by Matthew Doherty and Michael Cummins, with our third goal an OG.

U15

WELL done to our U15 team, who beat Johnville 1-0 in our top of the table clash on Saturday. Alex Cavallari got our goal in a very hard fought game with little between the teams. Well done lads. Thanks also to all the supporters who came down to support the lads today.

SEAVIEW CELTIC

Under 11

Seaview Celtic 2 Railway 5

WE suffered our first defeat of the season against a very strong Railway team. Our man of the match Joe Manning scored two great goals but we were outplayed in most areas of the pitch and were beaten by side playing excellent football.

Under 13

Seaview Celtic 3 Kilmacthomas 3

THERE were plenty of thrills and spills in this game. Adam Whelan, Conor Ryan and new signing Adam Schley scored three great goals. Niall

Power was the man of the match.

Div. 3

Seaview Celtic 2 Piltown 1

THIS game was played in a wonderful spirit by both teams, with no yellow card and very few fouls. We played some of our best football of the season with Niall Burns and Alan Drohan dominating the centre of the park. We conceded an unnecessary penalty fifteen minutes from full time and Piltown took the lead from the resulting spot kick.

Substitute Stephen Rainey came on and changed the game. Five minutes from time Stephen Connors was fouled in the box and James Ellickson converted. In injury time Briany Dunbar headed home the winning goal from Stephen Connors' cross. Centre halves Conor Rush and Neil O'Sullivan were outstanding with Brien Hanrahan our man of the match.

Schoolboys Lotto

NUMBERS: 3, 4, 13 & 29. No jackpot winner; no Match 3; four winners received €20 each: Mark Branigan, Paul McKinley, Andy Gahan, and Donie McDonald; promoters who receive €20: Anthony Whelan Snr and Helen Kiely Byrne.

SOUTHEND

13B

Stradbally 2 Southend 6

LOVELY little game here played in excellent spirit and well refereed by Joe Riordan. We were deserving winners as everyone seemed to be up for it in this game.

Biggest smile of the day came from Nils Ulukaku, who hit four goals for us and was looking dangerous all day. Scoring was completed by the Adaybayo brothers, David and Samuel. Whilst we had a fine performance in front of goal, our defence again was strong; Benjamin was rock solid whilst Max Power was again faultless at centre back and Andrew Cashing was very unlucky when he made a brilliant stop from a penalty only to be beaten by the rebound.

11D

Park Rangers 1 Southend B 3

ANOTHER team who are having a strong finish to the season as the league campaign draws towards a close and the lads gear for hopefully a good cup run. Goals came via Lalue, Aaron and Dylan in a game in which we gain played great passing football. Dennis at right full had a stormer, defending superbly. Everyone gave there all in a tough but fair encounter played in good spirits. Thanks to Stephen, Derek and Frances for helping out.

Adam Bowe

GET well soon wishes to U12 player Adam Bowe, who is recovering from a little procedure and who will be out of action for a few weeks.

Fixtures

Saturday, March 16th

12B: Southend v Kilmacow, 10.30; 1A: Villa v Southend, 2pm

U8 & U9 Development Leagues

Round 3: Saturday 16th March

Bohemians v Ferrybank
Tramore v Southend
DLS v Carrick



The Inside Back

with Catherine Power & Dermot Keyes



Minority sports' struggle for recognition

PICTURE the scenario; Ireland beat England to take third place at The European Championships in France in three years' time and the ensuing celebrations countrywide mirror the exhilarating, crazy days of Italia '90.

The players are feted as heroes and pages upon pages of newspapers and hours of television coverage are devoted to Ireland's magnificent achievement. Twitter and Facebook struggle to cope as Ireland's ascent to the third best team in Europe is tweeted worldwide.

For Ireland's athletes though finishing third in Europe is just another sports story. Ten days ago Fionnuala Britton and Ciaran O'Lionaird won bronze medals at the European Indoor Championships in Gothenburg.

Their accomplishment was dutifully reported over the weekend but the athletes will not expect any further recognition or adulation.

Athletics is a minority sport in Ireland which despite its relative success struggles for recognition behind Gaelic games, soccer and rugby. Yet this country consistently produces athletes capable of competing and winning at the very highest level.

Apart from Britton's and O'Lionaird's medal-winning performances Derval O'Rourke was just outside the medals in fourth while Ciara Everard finished sixth in the 800m final.

Another very promising young athlete Amy Foster reached the semi-final of the 60m while medal hope Brian Gregan was unlucky not to reach the final of the 400m having been tripped in the final.

With the World Championships



Derval O'Rourke's individual athletic feats have been somewhat underappreciated.

scheduled for Moscow in August there's much to look forward to for Ireland's athletes. But athletics isn't the only successful sport struggling for recognition.

Boxing is, by some distance, our

most successful Olympic sport, with our pugilists having won 16 Olympic medals between them, four more than the sum total of all other Olympic medals won in Irish colours. Yet the sport, to be frank, hardly enjoys a high

profile outside of Olympic Year.

Just seven months ago our boxers were the toast of the country as they fought their way to four medals at the London Olympics.

Yet while Katy Taylor remains a

household name it could well be another three-and-a-half years, when the build-up to the Rio De Janeiro games begins in earnest, before we hear the names of John Joe Nevin, Paddy Barnes and Michael Conlon again.

While Katy Taylor did win the RTE Sports Star Personality of the year for 2012 perhaps the awards ceremony for 2006 best illustrates the difficulty minority sports athletes encounter in attaining recognition.

At the 2006 IAAF World Indoor Championships Derval O'Rourke broke the Irish national record twice on her way to winning the gold medal in the 60m hurdles to become the first Irish woman to win a World Indoor athletics title.

Outdoors, O'Rourke broke the Irish record for the 100m hurdles twice and at the European Championships she finished joint second with Kirsten Bolm behind Susanna Kallur in the 100m hurdles final.

And at the same Championships the Cork athlete ran the first leg of the Irish 4x100m relay team which set a new national record.

The 2006 'enlightened' panel of experts which included Eamon Dunphy, George Hook, Pat Spillane, Cyril Farrell, Ted Walsh and Jerry Kiernan overlooked O'Rourke's achievements.

Instead, they gave the award to Henry Shefflin, a supreme talent no doubt, but surely O'Rourke, who has been such a consistent achiever in a global individual sport, merited the honour that particular year.

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ALEX Ferguson should have spoken to the media after Manchester United's Champions League elimination to Real Madrid.

He should also have shaken hands with Chelsea manager Rafael Benitez before Sunday's topsy-turvy FA Cup tie at Old Trafford.

That he did neither says more about Ferguson than it does about any victimisation he occasionally harbours towards either the media or a managerial opponent he feels remotely threatened by.

The irascible manner which Ferguson frequently deploys against managerial foes demonstrates a point that's been repeatedly made by John Giles over the years when assessing the Man United manager's character.

Giles believes that Ferguson's softened attitude in recent years to both Arsene Wenger and Jose Mourinho is based on the following logic (a) Arsenal are no longer a threat to Man United and (b) Mourinho no longer works in England.

Should 'The Special One' return to Chelsea – why he'd want to do this escapes me given the antics of

Ferguson lets himself down again



Alex Ferguson didn't offer the customary pre-match handshake to Rafa Benitez on Sunday.

the Bond Villain who owns the club – will Ferguson remain as pally with Mourinho? I suspect not.

And while Ferguson and the equally truculent Wenger appear to have developed a genuine friendship in

recent years, would Fergie be so friendly with the Gunners boss were the North Londoners still on an equal footing with United? Again, I suspect not.

Perhaps Ferguson still harbours a grudge at Benitez for the Spaniard's infamous 'fact' press conference when both United and Liverpool were neck-and-neck in the 2009 title race.

But, putting that moment of David Brent-like theatre to one side, Benitez uttered those words four years ago, not at a press conference last week, surely something not worth harbouring a grudge over after all this time?

As for Ferguson's refusal to deal with the media in the wake of Nani's highly questionable red card, the turning point in last Tuesday's last 16 clash with Real Madrid? Well, to use a phrase the man from Govan often avails of, what nonsense.

Sending his highly unexcitable assistant Mike Phelan out to face the press, a tactic Mourinho himself has availed of more than once in his time at Real in the guise of Aitor

Karanka, denied the media some undoubtedly explosive copy.

Ferguson should have just come out and faced the music, and referred to his disappointment with the defeat and sending-off in a manner which reflected the experience of a man with over 50 years in the professional game.

Come his weekly press conference on Friday last, Ferguson, as has increasingly been his wont in recent seasons, was banning reporters from Carrington for daring to ask coherent, news-worthy questions over Wayne Rooney's future.

This thorny, irrational persona is totally at odds with the caring, compassionate Ferguson who recently sent a video message to Paul Gascoigne while the former England player was receiving treatment for his alcoholism in Arizona.

"There's nothing wrong with losing your temper for the right reasons," Ferguson said on Friday. Maybe he's got a point there.

But he could surely have extended a hand to his opposing manager last Sunday.

Couldn't he?

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