

Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

News...

Welcome to the second issue of the Schull & District Community Newsletter. February was busy and with St Patrick's Day just around the corner, it's beginning to feel a lot like Spring.

- First up we must thank **Denis & Mary Ryan Car Sales** for their generous donation of a new van to the Schull & Goleen Social Centres. The van will be of great help to the *meals on wheels* service that operates on the Mizen Peninsula. Also thanks to BHP insurance, Biggs Oil Company, and Carbery Plastics.
- Fastnet Short Film Festival took a trip to London where the Ambassador hosted a reception in their honour. The aim was to enhance international cultural relations and give this little gem of a film festival some exposure in the U.K. The festival is on the **20th-24th May** and the team is busy behind the scenes preparing for another busy weekend. Keep up to date on their Facebook page.
- Plans are underway for the St Patrick's Day parade in Schull. Several floats are already committed to joining the fun and competition will be fierce for the €100 **best float prize**. There will also be prizes for spectators so dress up – the theme is **The Wild Atlantic Way**, and don't forget the free face painting in the Parish hall from 12.30. This will all be followed by a Social in the Parish Hall from 3pm. Contact **Gene Griffin (086 339 5373)** if your group wants to join the parade or if you can help marshaling.
- On Friday the 13th February pupils and parents from Scoil Mhuire N.S. enjoyed a trip to the Mexican Embassy in Dublin. They presented a display of fabric tapestries depicting the life of William Lamport, a Wexford native whose fascinating life left a great impression on the history of Mexico. The Ambassador, Carlos Garcia De Alba, was an excellent host and a warm welcome was received by all who travelled to Dublin. For more information and photos check out the NS website www.schullns.com
- **Schull & Le Guilvinec Twinning** group are hosting a visit to the French town in May 2015. Anyone interested in joining in on the trip contact Mary ODriscoll Murphy, Jim Carrig, Linda Morgan or Frank Fleming.

Events

March

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| 7 | Schull Duathlon –
11am Race Starts
<i>always fun to watch!</i> |
| 8 | Grove House Quiz
8pm
<i>(funds raised go to
Schull Yawl Rowing)</i> |
| 17 | St Patrick's Day |
| 22 | Daffodil Day – 11am
Parish Hall
(Contact Ellen Logan) |
| 27 | BBC Antiques
Roadshow Specialist
Marc Allum –
Whytes Books
7.30pm. |
| 28 | Gabriel Rangers
Rummage Sale
Collection –
<i>Ballydehob Pitch</i> |
| 29 | "Rummage for
Funds" 11- 2pm
Parish Hall |

This issue brought to you by.....

Don't forget we would love to put your name here!!!!!!

Contact us if you are interested in 'sponsoring' an edition.

Sports and More...

Schull Community College Sailing News

2014 has proven to be one of the most successful years to date at the FMOEC Sailing Centre. Our motto 'Beginner to Olympian' is now beginning to show tangible signs of fruition. All students enrolled at Schull Community College are eligible to participate in sailing, membership is now approaching 70 students. Sailing is an integral part of the transition year curriculum, and, is open to all students every Saturday.

Our senior sailing team achieved a remarkable run of successes during 2014. Winners of the Munster Team Racing Championships, Irish Schools Team Racing National Championships, and, British Schools Team Racing National Championships. Remarkably, with close to 50 races overall, their success record was close to 100%, with only one defeat. The same team, with just one member substitution, competed at the Senior Level Irish Team Racing Championships, recording another accolade for Schull, in adding their name to a trophy, which, has long been dominated by Dublin teams. In addition, a further Senior Level competition to decide participation for the 2015 ISAF Team Racing World Championships, saw the Schull team again to the forefront, finishing first. Now, for the first time in the history of the ISAF Team Racing Worlds, both Senior, and Youth teams representing Ireland, are represented by Schull Community College. Our 'Beginner to Olympian' motto, aligned with our student sailing programmes, now sees three recent past pupils as serious contenders for the 2020 Olympic Games, with Fionn Lyden in preparation for the Laser Class, and, Mark Hassett and Oisín O'Driscoll in preparation for the 49er Class.

One of the achievements of 2014 saw the FMOEC come runners-up as ISA (Irish Sailing Association) Training Centre of the Year. Schull, with its ideal sailing environment, and recognised aspiration for excellence, is now widely noted as one of the best sail-training centres in Ireland, attracting most of the ISA National squads to undergo training programmes at the FMOEC Sailing Centre.

Fastnet Duathlon

Another well- subscribed race this coming weekend – show your support of our local club and the competitors by watching the athletes perform. Race starts at 11am at the FMOEC slip.

What's On...

Come down to Whyte Books on **Friday 27 March** and listen to Marc Allum BBC's Antique Roadshow antique expert. He will be in the bookshop from 7.30pm.

Gabriel Rangers are looking for donations of toys, books, clothes (*all in good condition please*) for a fund raising sale. Donations (Ballydehob pitch) on **March 28th** Contact Jack Murphy 086 843 3183

Have your got stuff that you no longer want ... have a clear out of old toys (in good condition please) and bring them down to the Scoil Mhuire N.S. (from **March 2**). The Parent's Association will be having a massive cake and toy sale to raise funds for the school, mark your calendars for **Sunday 29th March** 11-2 Parish Hall

Highways & Byways

Great to see the Schull playground getting a power hose and are in place for new equipment, will keep you posted.

The lights in the East End car park are now fully functioning!

Derryconnell landfill **new opening hours** Tuesday & Thursday 0900-1630 (closed for lunch 12.30-13.30) and Saturday 0900-1300

If anyone sees any illegal flytipping please contact 021427 6891 and ask for the environment section.