

Schull News

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Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

News...

The Schull CCTV system is now up and running. Hopefully it will now act as a deterrent for those petty but irritating and potentially harmful incidents that have occurred in the recent past. Rest assured that the system is there for our safety and will only be mobilized if and when needed. The CCTV system is under the secure and confidential control of An Garda Siochana. The footage captured is recorded on a continual basis in Schull Garda Station. Should an incident occur requiring Garda attention the recorded images are available for viewing and downloading, subject to **certain very stringent conditions**. Unless required the images will be automatically deleted after 30 days. The data controller for the system is the Superintendent Bantry Garda Station.

With the **General Election** looming we are sure to see and meet many politicians vying for our votes. This is a perfect opportunity to emphasize our collective needs. You might consider mentioning these points;

- Funding for **local projects** – there are a number of shovel ready projects just waiting for the appropriate monies; the Community Amenity Building, the Harbour Development Plan, & coastal walking trails.
- The numerous empty and **vacant buildings** on the Main Streets of Schull and both Ballydehob/Goleen. Can pressure be put on owners to do something about them?
- Schull would benefit from a **Youth Centre and Hostel**
- **Investment** in local infrastructure - Funds seem to be directed to Baltimore and the islands and are missing the Mizen.

The **SB&TA** would like to remind anyone interested in advertising in the 2016 Discover Schull Guide that the deadline for this is **February 29th**. Details of rates and dimensions etc can be found on the website – www.schull.ie/advertise-with-us. Don't forget that there is a calendar on the website of **all events happening in the area** – send any information to pr@schull.ie for inclusion.

The **Mizen Community Partnership** have launched the www.ourmizen.com website. This website is intended to be an 'umbrella' website – one that's primary purpose is to provide links to the many local Mizen websites, social media sites and information points. They are looking for material to include – contact them through the website.

Hopefully everyone is making plans to participate in the **2016 St Patrick's Day parade!** The theme this year is rejoicing in our past, our culture, our environment, our diversity, our future. Get creating and let's make this year's parade a joyful celebration! If you are not planning on participating, you might get in touch, we would appreciate any help you can give on the day.

Events

February

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| 7 | Schull Regatta
Fund Raising Night |
| 14 | Valentines Day |
| 15-19 | 420, Laser & Topper
Academy Training |
| 26 | SCC PA Quiz |
| 27 | Clothes Swap |

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More News...

Schull Community Care is a voluntary charitable organization providing a number of essential services to the local community. The association was formed thirty-five years ago, initially for the purpose of providing a *Meals on Wheels* service for people in the Mizen area, often living alone in more remote areas. In September 2014 Schull Community Care and Goleen Community Care joined forces with the aim of increasing the *Meals On Wheels Service* - we now supply *Meals on Wheels* 5 days a week throughout the Mizen peninsula. We are most grateful for the support of Denis and Mary Ryan who have provided a Citroen van for the delivery of these meals, BHP insurance who have sponsored the insurance for the van, and all the volunteer drivers. They also run weekly social & activity sessions, open to the over 55's every Thursday at our new Social Centre, Old Boys School, Schull. The funding for this centre was provided by a partnership of local fundraising, Cork County Council and the HSE. We have Bingo in the morning, followed by a three-course dinner, and then activities in the afternoon, including music, singing, art, drama, and various talks. The Social Centre is great fun and anyone over 55 is welcome to join us on a Thursday. We give new participants a very warm welcome! Please ring Nuala Hegarty on 086 315 9719 for further details of how to join in the fun or to help in any way.

Schull & District Community Council has a **clothes collection point** behind the Old Boys School. With spring just around the corner it is a perfect time to clear out your cupboards and donate any unwanted clothes, bags or shoes. In association with the Little Way Charity funds raised are put to good use for many community projects. Please be aware that they are unable to accept any duvets, pillows, blankets or bedding but would appreciate any other clothing items.

What's On

On 27th of February the **Debs Committee** is hosting a clothes swap in the Schull Parish Hall. Bring any clean clothes in good condition that you think need a new home. Entry will be €3.50, and then if you find something nice you can donate what you think it's worth. Tea and coffee will be served on the day, and everyone is welcome; The more the merrier!

Schull Community College Parents Assoc. are hosting a **Quiz Night** in The Bunratty Inn February 26th @8.30pm
€20 Per Team of 4. Raffle on the night.
Please support this very important fundraiser to purchase additional School Laptops.

During **half term** over 90 sailors are taking part in the FMOEC training camps for 420, Laser and Topper Class – let's make them all feel welcome!

Mass and Sacrament of the Sick will take place on Saturday 13th February, 2016 at 3.00pm in St Brigid's Church, Ballydehob. Refreshments will be served in the Bank afterwards. All are welcome.

Highways & Byways

At time of print work on the installation of the new **playground** equipment is just about finished. Come down and enjoy the park with the best view anywhere and check out the new stuff!

The work being carried out up and down the Main Street is part of the run out of high speed fibre optic internet connection in the area. Work should be finished shortly.

Take care driving, after all the recent bad weather there are potholes popping up everywhere!

Be vigilant about **fly tipping** – this is a serious problem and a blight on our beautiful countryside – report any illegal rubbish dumping to the County Council.