

Schull News

Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

News...

What a great **Christmas Season** we have had! It was wonderful to see the lights up and they looked great. Thanks to the CCC, S&DCC, SB&TA and to Denis O'Leary for all contributing to the project. On the 13th we welcomed Santa & Mrs Claus, brought into Schull by the O'Callaghans, the Scoil Mhuire N.S. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special; Tomás Lannin, the Grimes family, Goretti!, Jack Murphy, Damien Cogan, Carol & Con O'Sullivan, The lights were sponsored by SB&TA/SDCC, the tealights came from Brosnan's the hot chocolate from the Bunratty and thanks to the Fire Brigade for making sure we were all safe and finally congratulations to Leah O'Donovan who turned on the Tree of Light! The **Shop Local Christmas Raffle** was a great success, over 30 shops and businesses contributed to 5 super hampers. Out of over 4000 tickets, the **winners were**; (in no particular order) Roisin Walsh, Mary Hellon, David Norris, Mrs Hearn, & Collette Coughlan. Well done and thank you for shopping in Schull. Despite the weather there about 85 who braved the **Christmas Day Swim**, as usual the funds raised - over €1200 and counting - went to COPE Foundation (please drop your sponsorships into the Post Office if you haven't done so). Thanks go to SCIRS for being there. The annual **SVP food appeal** was successful too - there were 130 hampers distributed to the families in need. Thank you to Brosnans Centra, the people of Schull & surrounding areas for their generosity. SVP provide a wide range of services from help with education fees, Social Housing, Personal Visiting to name just a few! So all in all it was a Great Christmas!

(This item missed the deadline for the December issue - but it is still relevant!)

The Irish Water Safety held their **Annual National Awards Ceremony** on the 17th November at Dublin Castle. Irish Water Safety is the statutory and voluntary body established to promote water safety in Ireland. **Schull Community Inshore Rescue Service** is a voluntary marine emergency rescue service run under the auspices of Irish Coastguard and Irish Water Safety. Members of SCIRS were **honoured** for their huge commitment and dedication over the last 11 years.

SCIRS, initiated by Ger Prendiville in 2004, has grown and developed into a strong and reliable marine rescue service. Many of the crew who responded to the first call for volunteers have remained with the service to this day. The record of the past 11 years tells it's own story in the detail of the following incidents.....

- Dec '08- boat with 10 people on board overturned in Long Island Channel one dark and stormy night.
- Feb '10- Search for missing Egyptian fisherman off vessel Janireh, who fell overboard, south-west of Fastnet Rock
- Jan '12 - Schull crews involved in search in the aftermath of the 'Tit Bonhomme' fishing boat tragedy, Union Hall.
- Aug '14- Sea tragedy at mouth of Schull Harbour.
- June '15- Sea tragedy off rocks at the Beacon, Baltimore.

All these incidents involved loss of life, and, indeed, there have been many more incidents, which could have involved similar loss, but for the prompt and committed response of the close-knit community of the many voluntary emergency response teams scattered around the country.

Events

January

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| 3 | Launch of MCP website @ 3pm
Schull Harbour Hotel |
| 6 | Eileen & Marilyn Do New York -
8.30 Schull Harbour Hotel |
| 7 | SCC/Scoil Mhuire N.S. resume |
| 13 | Schull Business & Tourism AGM -
8.15

Schull Harbour Hotel |
| 26 | Café Cois Cuan 1 st Anniversary Party |

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Random Requests

Café Cois Cuan will be celebrating its 1st Birthday on **January 26th**. Brittany & Kevin wanted to thank all of Schull for the fantastic support and invite everyone to call in for the festivities, special offers and more!

Schull Business & Tourism Association AGM is planned for January 13th, if anyone is interested in joining the committee they would be most welcome. The SB&TA is dedicated to promoting the village and local businesses nationally and internationally and to creating an exciting and dynamic environment for entrepreneurs and small business to flourish. They would welcome fresh ideas, new voices and any support you can give!

It has come to attention of the authorities that there has been some **new construction** along the Butter Road. Over the last few weeks tiny bijoux residences have sprung up and the area is proving very popular with the little people who, we all know, live amongst us. If you have information or have noticed any strange activity you might contact us or share photos on the 'I love Schull' facebook page!

Sports and More...

What better time than now to start getting fit and healthy? There are lots of options here in Schull.

- **Outdoor fitness classes** Wednesday and Friday at 7am-8am have now been running for over 2 years. Class includes small amounts of slow jogging and various exercises set up *somewhere* around Schull, maybe one of the car parks, the Pier, the playground or the tennis courts; who knows? It's somewhere different every time! (only indoors in very wet weather). Wednesday 6th January is a **FREE** taster class and all are welcome, men and women over 16. Meet at 7am in car park opposite Schull Harbour Hotel.
- **Indoor Functional Strength Training and Overall Conditioning**, suitable for all. Ballydehob Community Hall, Mondays at 7.15pm-8.15pm Starts. January 11th Contact Caleb Cairns 087 356 6280 for all the above.
- **Pilates/Yoga** combination class. Intermediate - mixed levels, but beginners welcome. Schull Parish Hall 9:30-10:30am, Tue & Fri €12/class Drop in basis Please bring a mat if you have one, phone Caroline Cumming: 087 928 1582 or visit www.ccphysiotherapy.ie for more information.
- A New Year – A New You @ **Schull Leisure Centre** is the Mizen Peninsula's primary fitness center. If you feel it is time to shed those unwanted pounds or narrow up that expanding waist-line after the festive period, Schull Leisure Centre Manager Michelle McCarthy and her staff will be more than willing to help devise a program to lose weight, and more importantly maintain your new found figure. Call down to Schull Leisure in Schull Harbour Hotel and get a free consultation from Michelle. 028 28801 - leisure@schullharbourhotel.ie or find us on Facebook for the best and up to date special offers.
- **Boxercise** is one of the best fun fitness classes, yet very effective in giving you all body fitness. A six week Boxercise programme for all ages and fitness levels commences Monday 11th Jan in Schull Parish Hall 7.30 - 8.30pm. Contact 086 240 4709.
- **Morning Outdoor Fitness** classes in the gym with the best views. Perfect for after school drop-off fitness: Wednesdays 09.30 -10.30. Meet by Schull tennis courts. Suits all fitness levels. From Wednesday 13th January. Contact 086 240 4709.

Highways & Byways

The **Mizen Community Partnership** (MCP) is delighted to announce the launch of their new website 'www.ourmizen.com' on the 3rd January at 3.00pm in the Schull Harbour Hotel. Aimed at communicating events throughout the peninsula as well as promoting the area to a national and international audience. The website provides a platform for links and information about all things 'Mizen'.

MCP Development Officer, David Precious says the objective of the site is to create a 'one stop shop' for information about the Mizen peninsula. "Eventually we want to have a complete rundown of all that the Mizen has to offer with detailed information on the many events, facilities and services and of course the stories and history of the place". The website uses interactive maps to help users discover places to eat and drink, heritage sites, nature trails, and even favourite places to swim and launch small craft. Using links to community web sites and facebook pages, 'ourmizen.com' offers a great starting point to find out about the areas surrounding Ballydehob, Schull, Goleen, Crookhaven and Mizen Head itself.

All businesses, and other organisations throughout the Mizen are encouraged to send in their internet links, and a brief description to 'info@ourmizen.com'. Videos, photos, and in-depth content are also welcome. MCP will also welcome blog post content from the community. Photos and comments from festivals, video clips and short essays about a favourite hill walk – all content that illustrates to the viewer how uniquely beautiful and vibrant the Mizen peninsula is will be shared. "If you send it to us we will post", says David.

As the website will be constantly updated to remain fresh and current there is no deadline for new content. "We want to aim this at all travellers and the Irish diaspora world-wide to make this a busy hub of information on business, agriculture, commerce, tourism - all that Mizen has to offer." The website is dynamic, and easy to follow. It is believed that with full participation from the Mizen community that the site will attract traffic from all over the world and eventually gain potential for generating income through advertisement and donations.

The website will go live during the launch event at Schull Harbour Hotel at 3pm on Sunday 3rd January. All welcome.

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