

Schull News

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Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

News...

The theme of this year's **St Patrick's Day Parade** is "Our History ~ Our Heritage. All are welcome to take part, either in floats, on trailers, on horses or simply marching. There will be **prizes** for all age groups, and there will be spot prizes for the audience, so get the face paint, costumes and headpieces out for the day. The Parish Assembly will again host their St Patrick's Day Party in the hall from 3 pm. Come along and enjoy the music, the dancing, the tea and the cake. An exciting addition this year is a treasure hunt, guaranteeing fun for everyone. Entries on the day accepted, enquiries to Gene 086 339 5373, or Susan 086 085 9500.

Schull is hosting the **International Schools Team Racing Championships** this month. For the first time ever the competition will take place with teams from around Ireland, the UK and the USA. The American teams will be staying with local families while the other competitors will be renting houses. Over 100 sailors and their coaches will be in the village during the competition, let's make sure they all have a splendid time! The racing will take place right in the harbour so take time to come out and watch the action.

An update from the Box Office of the **Fasnet Film Festival**. The closing date for 2016 submissions has come and gone and we are thrilled with the response, over 240 submissions from 26 countries. Some visually beautiful, some thought provoking, some funny, some informative but all of them worth watching. The standard this year is very high, making for some very tough hours of viewing for the judges. Notifications will be sent out in April to all entrants informing them as to whether or not their film will proceed in the competition. A huge thanks goes out to all the filmmakers who have submitted films this year. Without them there would be no festival. We are humbled but excited by the interest shown in this year's festival. Drop into the Box Office if you are interested in volunteering! Roll on May!

Transition Year Young Social Innovators would like to bring your attention to the worldwid *Global Goals* – launched in 2015 with the aim of improving the quality of life of every world citizen regardless of economic status.... They were created to '...end poverty, halt climate change and fight injustice and inequality'. The 17 *Global Goals* have been agreed upon by leaders of 193 governments and tackle such issues as extreme poverty, quality education for ALL children, resilience to climate related hazards and natural disasters. These problems need solutions, so imagine how amazing the world would be if we solved even a portion of them! Please visit www.globalgoals.org to see what you can do. Join us in our quest to raise awareness around *The Global Goals*, follow us on www.facebook.com/globalwhatnow or www.instagram.com/globalwhatnow.
For The Global Goals to work, people need to know about them!

A lot of work has already been done on the inaugural **Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival** which is taking place this coming July. This should a fabulous addition to the Schull summer. Keep up with all the developments by following them on Facebook; [Facebook.com/SchullBluewayKayakingFestival](https://www.facebook.com/SchullBluewayKayakingFestival).

Events

March

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| 6 | Brownies Cake Sale – after Mass Parish Hall |
| 11-13 | SDG Production – check posters for details |
| 17 | St Patrick's Day |
| 18-20 | SDG Production - check posters for details |
| 18-20 | International Schools Team Racing Championships |
| 26 | First Aid Course. |

The function of the **Cork County JPC** is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Cork County Council administrative area.

The JPC plan is intended to be strategic; it will set priorities and objectives and will be action orientated. It will link with local plans and strategies, and will assist in supporting safety and quality of life in the community. It will focus on areas where cooperative and collaborative actions can add most value to the existing work of relevant stakeholders. In accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and associated Joint Policing Committee (JPC) Guidelines, Cork County JPC has commenced the preparation of a Six-Year Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify high-level strategic objectives and actions which link with other plans and strategies and will guide the future operation of the JPC. Deadline for submissions is March 4 at www.corkcountyjpc.com

Random Requests

Is there anyone out there who is interested in stars and the night sky? Are you interested in Astronomy? Have time to spare? We are looking for new volunteers to help in the summer months at **Schull Planetarium**. Training will be given and for more details contact Susan on 086 085 9500 or susanshields75@gmail.com

Check out www.schull.ie

Sports and More...

Easter Soccer Camp for all boys and girls (ages 5-13yrs) interested in furthering their skills, learning new ones and having fun doing it. March 21st- 25th, Ballydehob Community Hall, 10am-2pm. For more info contact Andi Hodnett 087-767-1860

Schull Fastnet Duathlon 2016 takes place on Saturday March 12th @ 11am from the College. This event has chipped timing and is a Triathlon Ireland Sanctioned Race. You can register by following the link on Schull Triathlon website or by logging onto to Triathlon Ireland and following the Race Link. *Come out and support the athletics – it is always inspiring and exciting.*

If you are interested in taking up **yoga** – here is the weekly schedule at Bella Hancock's Devi Yoga Studio in Ballydehob.

Mondays 10am Hatha Yoga with Bella 086 891 0099

Wednesdays 10.30am Tai Chi/ Chi Gung with Subha 083 806 4402

Wednesdays 7pm Duende Bellydance with Bella 086 891 0099

Thursdays 10am Yoga for Women's Wellbeing with Bella

Thursdays 6.30pm Hatha Yoga with Bella

Fridays 11am Feldenkrais- awareness through movement with Sigi 028 48260

At Café Cois Cuan we have **Crafty Café** days where customers bring in their crafts and work on them with a group that meets from 11-14:00 on Mondays. All are welcome!

Storytelling for kids every Thursday at 11 in **AnnaB's Bookshop**. Free of charge.
Coffee and cake available for parents...and lots of lovely books to browse through!

What's On

The Brownies are holding a fundraising **Bake Sale** in the Parish Hall after Mass on Mother's Day. Any donations of baking greatly appreciated.

There will be a **VILLAGE CLEAN UP** on March 14 between 4-6.30 to get the village looking it's best for the coming season. The Fire Brigade will out to power wash the street and we would love to see as many as possible out to help. Bring brooms, gloves etc and join in! Please avoid parking on the Main Street and down Pier Road at that time.

There will be a one-day **First Aid** course on March 26 at the Sailing Centre. Course is open to all ages, more info at www.schullsailing.ie or contact mark@schullsailing.ie

You might have already seen the posters for **Schull Drama Group's** latest production - Epic Fairytale...Be Careful What You Wish For. The story of a Princess and a terrible wish, of adventure and friendship. A Queen tormented by a dark secret and The Grim Reaper intent on destroying all !! Written and directed by Sally Smart the production has a cast of over fifty and fabulous orchestra. Come and loose yourself in this Medieval Tale, but be warned the witches are Scary!!!!
Performances on 11th 12th 13th and 18th 19th 20th March.

Highways & Byways

A sincere plea to all local drivers – Could you please consider the residents and pedestrians on **South Terrace** and not treat this as a time saving alternative to the Main Street by speeding – there are small children and older people who live here and they need our respect!

The days are getting longer and hopefully the weather better, which is encouraging people out to enjoy walking or cycling – if you are driving be mindful of them, if you are not, please continue to wear hi-vis jackets and take care!

April is the national Spring Clean Up month– but why wait 'til then? If you do some community rubbish collection, get in touch with us (schullnewsletter@gmail.com) and we will arrange for it to be removed, however make sure it is securely bagged up and not obstructing traffic, etc. Reports from Fáilte Ireland indicate that the coming season will be busy with tourists – let's make sure they see the beauty and not anything else!