

# Schull News

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Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

## News...

A huge *Thank You* to the organizers of this year's **St. Patrick's Day** parade. Not only did they arrange a superb parade, decorate the village but they also laid on the perfect weather! The parade is getting better and better, this year there were over 30 groups participating and the effort made by everyone was impressive. Thanks as always to those who supported the day in so many ways.

Best Adult Entry - "Tapped Dancers"

Best Junior Entry - Schull Community Playgroup and Schull Parent & Toddler Group.

Best Hat - Ber O'Sullivan, Ardmanagh.

Best Hair & Make up - Elizabeth Murray, Colla.

Best Spectator Costume - Eleanor Scully, Air Hill.

Best Business Window Display - Enibas.

The **2016 Discover Schull Guide** has been published and distributed throughout the area. The Schull Business & Tourism Association needs to be congratulated on another superb publication. Once again it is informative, beautiful and this year there are some great new maps. Well done! As always everyone is encouraged to donate €2 per copy, a small price for such a vital tool in marketing the area. (committee@schull.ie for more info)

The **Fastnet Film Festival's Cinematographer's Party, Festival Launch & Programme Reveal** is taking place in Dublin this year and everyone is invited to join the movers and shakers of the Irish film world for this night of networking! "Arthur Mayne's Bar" Donnybrook, Dublin 4, from 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Let's bring Schull to Dublin!!

If you have some time to spare in May, the **Fastnet Film Festival** committee would love to hear from you – go on line ([www.fastnetfilmfestival.com](http://www.fastnetfilmfestival.com)) and sign up to volunteer. This year's festival looks like it will be another great few days, lots of exciting things happening and some really great films.

The **Schull – Le Guilvinec Twinning Group** is hosting an exchange of primary school children. 11 students and 8 adults will be in Schull for a week from April 9<sup>th</sup>, they will be staying with host families and the children will be attending N.S Scoil Mhuire. If you bump into them please make them feel welcome, this is another step in the eventual twinning of our two communities. Thanks go to everyone who has made this possible.

The inaugural **Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival** is taking place this coming July. A weekend of fun and challenges is planned for both, the novice or young paddler as well as the more seasoned and experienced open water kayaker. As always events like this depend on the support of volunteers, if you would like to get involved contact them through their facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SchullBluewaterKayakingFestival](http://www.facebook.com/SchullBluewaterKayakingFestival)) and definitely like-n-share posts leading up to the event. This should be a wonderful addition to the Schull Calendar – can't wait.

## Events

### April

- 3 Regatta  
Fundraising Bingo -  
3pm Parish Hall
- 9-10 ISSA Team Racing  
Nationals
- >21 The History Show –  
Blue House Gallery
- 12 Flag Day for Schull  
Defib Group
- 21 Fastnet Film  
Festival Launch –  
Dublin
- 24 **Deadline for May  
Newsletter!**
- 30 Schull Defib Group  
Flag Day

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## Random Requests

Café Cois Cuan are looking for a **Midweek Kitchen Porter** – drop in and see Brittany if you are interested.

Plans are underway to develop a **community garden** for both the very young and the older members of the community – a suitable (about 1 acre within walking distance of the village) site is needed. If you have any ideas or suggestions or know of such a spot – please get in touch with us ([schulldistrictcc@gmail.com](mailto:schulldistrictcc@gmail.com))

Check out [www.schull.ie](http://www.schull.ie)

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## More News...

The **International Schools Team Racing Championships** was a huge success, with the event being the first time this number of schools from the United States, England and Ireland competed together in Team Racing. 15 teams sailed in ideal conditions; winter switched off and summer switched on. The competition was fierce between Schull Sharks and Presentation Brothers Cork from Munster and Tabor Academy and Cape Cod Academy from the United States, all taking races from each other. The final outcome was not known until the second last race, when Cape Cod Academy lost to Tonbridge College from the UK allowing PBC through as the overall winners.

1st PBC (Ireland)

2nd Cape Cod (USA)

3rd Tabor Academy (USA)

4th Schull Sharks (Ireland)

5th International (Ireland & USA)

6th Tonbridge college (England)

The **Schull Defib Group** are always looking for participants who would like to train in the use of the defibrillators – contact us if are interested. They are holding a flag day on the 30<sup>th</sup> – Please support them!

It is a little early to start thinking about it, but that said, it is never too early to get the ball rolling on what is fast becoming a Schull tradition – **Halloween!** After the resounding success of last year it is hoped that this year be even better. There is an idea to develop a 'spooky trail' through West Cork...maybe starting in Leap, to Ballydehob and finally here. Would you like to get involved at this early stage to start planning? Get in touch or even just start talking about it!

Once the Film Festival is over the Box Office morphs into the **Tourist Office** and as always we are looking for volunteers to help man it. If you enjoy meeting people, know a little about the area and would like to give a couple of hours a week please get in touch with Pauline (28600).

SCIRS are running a coastal **Skipper Navigation Theory Course** for crewmembers and they have 4 extra places. If anybody wishes to join the course, please come for the introductory lecture by Niall McAllister from West Cork Sailing and Powerboating Centre, Adrigole.

Date : Wed April 6th 19.00hrs.

Venue : SCIRS Boathouse (behind Schull Garda Station).

Cost : reduced fee - €250

As the season gets under way take advantage of the various platforms available to promote events, gigs, openings, etc. Julia Zagar manages the calendar on the Schull.ie website and will put up details of things happening. She is also the admin on the 'I love Schull' and 'Discover Schull' Facebook pages – again she will post stuff there when relevant. (contact her: Julia@zagar.ie). If you want to do your own promoting, use the hashtag **#discoverschull** on both Instagram and Twitter. Let's tell the world how great it is here!

## What's On

Café Cois Cuan 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!

**Tidy Towns Clean-Ups** are starting again. Meet @ Pier Road Car Park.

Thursday – 7-8pm

Saturday – 10.30-11.30 am

Bags and equipment all provided.

The **Blue House Gallery** has opened again after the winter. They have been busy, the space has all been renovated and expanded. The opening exhibition – *The History Show* is a fascinating show of many different responses to the brief – well worth seeing. Open everyday except Monday's

## Highways & Byways

The **Sunday Market** is back! Every Sunday from now until Halloween, all the same stallholders you know & love and one or two new faces are there. Please remember not to park your car in the Pier Road car park from late on Saturday nights!

April is **National Spring Clean** month – so get out and do your bit! Bags and picker-uppers are available in the Tourist Office. Contact us if you need filled bags to be collected (schulldistrictcc@gmail.com)

The season is sort of kicking off which means there is more traffic in the area. **PLEASE PLEASE** be mindful of where you park on the Main Street! One car parked in the wrong spot can bring everything to a stand still, There are 4 car parks – use them!