

Schull News

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Schull & District Community Council Newsletter

News...

The FotoMizen Photography Festival 2017 is a new all-inclusive festival in West Cork, bringing together all aspects of photography, from capture to publication and everything in between. Experts with many different photography skills will be hosting practical and hands-on workshops; discussion panels with leading personalities will cover relevant and trending topics, photography exhibitions will be held. Most importantly, there will be plenty of opportunities to network, share your passion and learn more about the exciting world of photography. As part of the fundraising campaign the organizers of the festival want to inspire everyone on the Mizen Peninsula to document their day on **Sunday 7th August**. Photographs taken and submitted will be collected and assembled into a book and published in time for Christmas. So no matter what is happening anywhere on the Mizen (defined as anywhere west of Ballydehob-Durrus), a photographic record will be here! This project will illustrate our life and the area that we all know and love ~ a fitting celebration of our first century as a nation and an exciting chronicle for the next 100 years. So whether you are a professional, a keen enthusiast or someone with a camera phone – take part in this fascinating project. Check out the website for all the details www.fotomizen.com or follow this new festival and the journey to the inaugural event in 2017 on Facebook/FotoMizenFestival & Instagram /fotomizen.

As always the first week in August is our busiest. The **Calves Week Sailing Festival** takes place. We understand there is another big fleet this year, with boats from all over Ireland and some from the UK. There will be the usual prizegiving each night with live music, hopefully lots of sunshine and plenty of people. Please note that there will be **traffic diversions** in place and that the volunteer marshals are there for your safety – your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

The **Schull Regatta** takes place on the 6th & 7th August with a full schedule of exciting events for all the family. The committee have been busy putting together a fun filled programme of events including; soccer skills, animal road show, longest puck, a net mending competition, the fun 2-oar dingy race and of course, we have the forever popular swimming races, tug o'war (so get your teams ready ladies and gents) and the highlight for most will be the greasy pole! There will be prize giving on Sunday evening followed with music on our 'party street' with *Bog the Donkey* and then it's off down to the pier to watch a fantastic fireworks display which has kindly been sponsored by Sean & Rose O'Driscoll. A huge thanks go to the organisers, their generous sponsors, contributors, helpers and the local community for their continued support. If you would like to get involved in any way over the weekend, as stewards or helpers contact Ellen on 085 107 8910. Contact Susan on 086 085 9500 if you have a small **blow up dingy** for the race, she only needs them for a couple of hours on the Saturday afternoon.

Events

August

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| 2-5 | Calves Week Sailing Festival |
| 3 | Big Pier Clean up @ 7pm |
| 6-7 | Schull Regatta Festival |
| 7 | Mizen on a Sunday Photo day. |
| 8-12 | Bunratty Summer Camp |
| 8-12 | Swim Safety Week |

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Working for the benefit of the village and surrounding area ~ would you have something to offer? Consider joining this committee! **AGM in October.**

Call out for donations and volunteers ~ a new charity shop is opening in Schull (where Fushchia Boutique was, at the top of the village). Funds raised will benefit **Brú Columbanus** - "home from home" accommodation for relatives of seriously ill patients in any of the Cork Hospitals and the Hospice. The shop will be open daily so if you can help in anyway they would love to see you.

Random Requests

With everything that is happening over the next couple of weeks and the extra visitors in and around the village we need to make sure everywhere is looking it's best. If you can spare an hour or two early mornings (Week of August 1) we would love to see you down by the Pier (around 6ish) Wear gloves and we will provide the rest. Contact us if you want to know more! Mick Barnett is also looking for marshals to help during the evenings of Calves Week, drop into him in the shop if you can help then too!

There will be a Big Clean Up on the Pier – Wednesday 3rd @ 7pm. The more the merrier, the quicker the job done!

AS ALWAYS, REMEMBER THERE ARE 5 FREE CAR PARKS IN THE VILLAGE!

Check out www.schull.ie

Sports and More...

The **Bunratty Soccer Summer Camp** takes place August 8th-12th for girls and boys aged 6-16 years. 5 days from 10am-2pm. Run by professional FAI qualified coaches. All Garda vetted and trained in child protection and first aid. Registration €75 per child €65 for siblings (includes Bunratty shirt) For details contact Martina 086 377 5194 or martina.mc@live.ie

Irish Swim Safety Week takes place August 8th -12th. Venue is Trá an Oilean, Schull. Contact Sarah 087 918 7624 or Schull Watersports Centre 28554

Try **Archery Tag** the fast growing new combat sport, think Hunger Games meets Nerf or Paintball meets Dodgeball. It's safe and a lot of fun for all the family from 8 years old and up (minimum height limit 1.1m). There will be sessions most days of the week come rain or shine, as there is an indoor space. 1.5h+ €15 children under 16 & €20 adults. Contact Goleen Harbour for more details +353 (0)87 799 0607

What's On

The **Festival of Music**, now in its 36th year, is held in the beautiful setting of St. Barrahan's Church in Castletownshend. The church, well-known for its' Harry Clarke stained-glass windows, boasts exceptional acoustics, which makes it a very special musical venue. Proceeds from the Concert series help to contribute to the upkeep of this historic church.

On 4th August, 'The Collailm Duo', sisters Karina and Aiveen Gallagher

On 11th August One of Ireland's foremost pianists, Dublin-born Thérèse Fahy performs Debussy Preludes.

On 18th August Camilla Griehsel, & Maurice Seezer will present 'Songs from all over the World'

Further details for all concerts: www.barrahanmusic.ie

Off the Ground Theatre Company will present 'Zorro' in early August. This is the group who delighted audiences in Schull previously, performing Shakespeare in the park. "The Viceroy of New Spain, aided by the evil Ramón family, has turned New Spain into a tyrannical, poverty-stricken wasteland for the townspeople. Their legendary hero, Zorro, is their only hope of relief and resolution. As the rebel group The Alliance attempt to fight back, Zorro must be smarter than he has ever been to stop the Ramóns from turning his beloved people against him. Can he change his ways to stop them?"

Performances will be in:

Bantry House, Wed 10th @ 7.30pm

Glebe Gardens, Thurs 11th @ 6pm Islander's Rest,

Sherkin island, Sat 13th @ 2.30pm

Inchydoney Hotel, Mon 15th @ 7.30pm

Tickets €15, concessions €10, Under 21s €8 - available at the door or at www.offtheground.co.uk

Highways & Byways

At time of print, work on the Tennis courts is finally underway. Hopefully the weather will improve so the newly refurbished courts can be enjoyed.

A new Defibrillator is in place on the Main Street between AnnaB's Bookshop and Brosnan's Centra. All businesses have the access code in case of emergency. Shortly, a second one will be installed outside the hotel.

If your property has road frontage, please be aware that you are responsible for maintaining this area, ensuring that vegetation does not obscure any traffic signs or line of sight for road users.

We are very lucky here, the open swimming in the area has to be some of the best in Ireland. There have been a **few sightings of jellyfish**, mostly the harmless kind, but keep an eye out for any others. We would love to know what sort you come across:

- By-the-wind-sailors – little purple floating ones, mild sting
- Compass – light brown with dark markings, mild nettle like sting, but can cause an allergic reaction.
- Blue Fire – small bright purple, bee-like sting
- Lion's Mane – a nasty looking mess of tentacles, can get quite large, severe sting.

The jury is out as to how to treat stings, some say vinegar, some say simply wash the stung area with salt water. It seems to be a myth that peeing on a sting helps!