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Highways & Byways

After the very informative Clean Coast Roadshow held in the hotel last month it is the responsibility of every man, woman and child to take ownership of the rubbish and litter problems plaguing us. We all need to adopt the mantra of the 5 R's ~

Refuse • Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Repurpose

Here are some simple and easy steps to take.

- when out and about pick up one piece of rubbish and bring it home
- consider buying produce that isn't wrapped in plastic
- buy a insulated cup and bring your own hot drink with you.
- buy a refillable water bottle and forego buying bottled water
- donate unwanted but good condition clothes to charity shops

April is the **National Spring Clean** month, do your part, choose your favourite place and clean it up. Secure the rubbish well and inform CCC of the location and they will collect it.

Work is ongoing on the toilets down by **the pier**. The CCC hopes to have this finished soon and apologises for the inconvenience. As the weather improves, the harbour gets busier, please be considerate of other users, do not park on the pier for extended periods, do not leave your rib/punt where it blocks traffic ~ and once more for good measure ~ take your rubbish home with you! It is hoped that the installation of a new larger floating pontoon will take place before the summer season.

Look out for the new Dog Poo bin and please use it!

Watch for notices of the official launch of the Schull section of the Fastnet Trails walks which is scheduled to take place this month. The walks have all been signposted and the trailhead map will soon be installed. This is a vital amenity that will be huge asset this coming tourist season.

You will also have noticed that the WAW markers now have information placards.

Email submissions to schullnewsletter@gmail.com • **Deadline is 24th of the month**

Schull newsletter

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News...

Thanks are due to everyone who helped at the **St Patrick's day Parade**. It was a great day despite the weather. There were more participants than ever before and the presence of members of the Coastguard was very moving, the audience showed their appreciation of the unassuming courage of the men and women of the service with a heartfelt round of applause. We could not have done it without the support of everyone involved, but a special mention must go to the following; Cork County Council and An Garda Siochana for facilitating the parade, all the marshals who got soaked, to Mike O'Callaghan & David Precious, who provided the marvellous music on the street and at the after-Parade party. Drinagh Co- op and Kieran, who gave up his afternoon to drive their lorry to Schull, the Grand Marshals (Gabriel Rangers Football Team) and to our glorious Saint Patrick who performed his duties with considerable flourish. He never fails!

Thanks too to all the donated prizes, our winners this year went to;

Best Float (1st), Schull Community College,

(2nd), Mizen Rivers - sponsored by Lynda Whelton

Best Spectator Costume, Donald Trump (Alan Draper)

Best Hat, Charlotte Gillespie.

Best Shop Window, East meets West.

A huge thanks to Aileen Maguire, Carmel O'Regan and Lynda Whelton who co-ordinated the highly successful after party in the Parish Hall. Thanks to all who dropped in the fabulous baking and to all the school children who showed us their great musical talents!

Congratulations to **Schull Drama Group** ~ their play, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* by Neil Simon, has proved very successful on the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland festival circuit. It has already got awards for **Best Play** in two festivals, and has picked up several prizes for direction, acting, and costumes. With two more results and one more festival performance to go, there is a good chance that the group could qualify for the **All Ireland Finals**, to be held in Tobercurry in Co. Sligo this year. This would be a first for Schull Drama Group!

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the inaugural **5k/10k run & walk** hosted by Schull Triathlon Club. Funds raised were in excess of €1300 which will benefit Gabriel Rangers Ladies Football.

Congratulations to Schull Community College TY student **Fionn Ferreira** who won first prize in the senior category at the West Cork Regional Final in the Local Enterprise competition. Fionn was also named "Business Person of the Future" at the event; his successful mini-company, *Miniplot*, sells grow-your-own flower & herb kits. Fionn goes on to the next stage of the competition for a chance to represent Cork at the National finals.

News continued.....

Please make these two businesses welcome. **Nickies Kitchen** will be open 7 days a week from Easter serving a wide range of freshly cooked food, home baking, organic coffee to eat in or take away. **Barnett's of Schull** is under new management, the Pyburn's take over from the 3rd with some new Spring/Summer stock. It is exciting to see new businesses starting up on the Main Street. We wish you both all the very best.

A group of 9 adults & 9 children are departing Schull on April 8th for the reciprocal exchange with the families of Le Guilvinec. It is a wonderful opportunity for our local children to travel to Brittany and experience a different culture. A busy agenda has been planned and as they have already met their French hosts and families they will be looked after well. This is the essence of the **Schull-Le Guilvinec Twinning** concept ~ to form new friendships & to exchange visits so that we can enjoy each other's culture, environments and hospitality.

SmART-Up Productions is an exciting new company bringing together the world of theatre, art, film, music & production in a wonderful new studio space. The project team is; Sally Smart, Writer, director and artist with twenty years teaching experience Faye Upton, Award winning actress. Jack Harrington, Stage & Production manager. They are planning a summer program (for adults and children) of workshops, camps and courses, entertaining evenings and much more. The space is also available to rent. Contact. M: 087 676 0734 or E: redfeatherdesign1@gmail.com

The **Fastnet Film Festival** is getting closer and it looks like it will be another fabulous weekend in May. The Committee is working hard and would be delighted to hear from you if you could get involved (even a couple of hours now or later is appreciated). The festival launch ~ Cinematographer's Party & Programme Reveal will be on 25th April from 6pm till late at The Crane Lane in Cork with music by the *PC Quartet* and all are welcome.

Nico's Street Kitchen will be open EVERY DAY 12th ~ 23rd April (12 - 8pm) @ The Pier! Daily Menu changes, gluten free & veggie options, Coffees, Teas, cold drinks and Sweet things too! For more information, phone: 086 0875050 or follow them on Facebook/NicosStreetKitchen

The **Annual Fun Run/walk** will take place on Sunday 23rd April at 12.00pm. The 5km (shorter 2.5km is also possible) route is out the Colla Road and back to SCC. Registration in the Sailing Centre is from 11.00am. €5 per person or €20 per family with proceeds going to **Scoil Mhuire N.S. Parents Association**. Prizes for first placed boys & girls in various age categories. All participating children will receive a medal.

Summer Sailing Courses start 19th June, reduced cost for first week – more info from www.schullsailing.ie or 028 28515"

What's Happening.....

West Cork Choral Singers "ENCORE" including works by Brahms, Dvořák and Jenkins with Guest Soloist Justin Grounds, Violin ~ under the Musical Direction of Diana Llewellyn and Accompanist Annabel Adams – Sunday 2nd April 2017 @ 8pm. Abbeystrawery Church Skibbereen. €10 - tickets available at the Door.

There is story telling with the lovely Sarah McKnight in **Anna B's Bookshop** every Thursday morning ~ drop in and have a cup of coffee and some delicious cake while the children listen to the stories. (from 11am)

The **Blue House Gallery** opens its 2017 season on 14th April with the launch of a beautiful new book entitled Green Wood Stools by Alison Ospina, leading chair-maker and teacher of green wood techniques. This will be followed by a month-long exhibition of Alison's work together with that of three other stool makers featured in the book: James Carroll, Thomas Kay & Eamon Quinn. A large group show by gallery artists entitled 'Interiors' will be upstairs, offering a diverse and exciting mix of interpretations. The Exhibition Opening is at 6.30pm on 14th April and the exhibition runs until 10th May. Plenty of wonderful exhibitions are planned for the summer. For information ~ www.bluehousegalleryschull.com

The **Schull Regatta** committee is already hard at work, their first major fundraising event of the year is on 17th April, "Eileen & Marilyn ~ The Prequel". See their facebook page for all the details and if you cannot be there consider donating a raffle prize, the Schull Regatta brings a huge amount to the village and they need our support and encouragement!

The sign that winter is truly over is the opening of **Schull Country Market**. The market will be back in the usual location on Easter Sunday (16th April). All our favourite stallholders will be there.

Look out for posters about this month's **Scoraícht & Company**, 21st April and the theme for the entertaining evening of song, recitals and more is 'Out of the Blue' Contact Bridie @ Newman's West for details.

The deadline for the public consultation period of the **Schull Harbour Development** is 24th April. This is a major and vital project for the sustainability of our village. Please take a minute to submit support of this initiative. All the relevant details are on our website ~ www.schullcommunitycouncil.ie