

# Schull newsletter

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## What's happening

The **Blue House Gallery** in Schull continues its season with two very different but complementary exhibitions by painters Birgitta Saflund (celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of this remarkable local watercolourist) and Tom Weld. They will be joined by sculptors Fiona Coffey from Wicklow and Carrigaline-based Mick Wilkins. Show runs from 12<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May. The gallery will be participating in the Fastnet Film Festival, holding a group show ~ *Islands*. They will also be showing island-themed films in their upstairs gallery.

The Opening Party of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Fastnet Film Festival** is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May ~ the start of a jam-packed few days of film, seminars, workshops and lots of film makers. The programme is expected to be available shortly but the website has all the details of the events planned for this year's festival. The village will play host to visitors from all aspects of the film world, many of whom will need accommodation. Get in touch with the Box Office if you can help, there are innumerable jobs large and small that need doing or indeed if you have a spare room or two!

## Highways & Byways

If you find **Japanese knotweed** on your property, the most important thing that you can do is prevent any further spread of the species. Do not strim, cut, flail or chip the plants as tiny fragments can regenerate new plants and make the problem even more difficult to manage. It is also advised not to dig, move or dump soil which may contain plant material as this may contribute to its spread. Japanese knotweed can be controlled successfully through the application of appropriate herbicides by a competent person. However eradication of this plant requires planning, as follow up treatments are usually required, and consideration needs to be given to management and disposal of dead plant material, and to the treatment of contaminated soils. It is advised to prepare a management plan, and to get expert help before tackling any significant infestation of this species.

With the fine weather recently we have already witnessed the trashing of the Pier and Parks...don't forget that we do have **CCTV** in the village and that they ARE working! Let's all do our bit to make sure that the village is looking it's best at all times. There will be a litter pick every morning during the Film Festival, meet at the Pier at dawn.

As always we encourage everyone to use one of the **5 FREE CAR PARKS** and not add to the congestion on the Main Street ~ this goes to business owners too!

- Email submissions to [schullnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:schullnewsletter@gmail.com)
- **Deadline is 24th of the month**

## News...

The S&DCC would like to thank Tom McCarthy and Vincent Ahern who have stepped down from the Council after years of tireless work and commitment to promoting the village and surrounding areas. They will be missed but both have assured us that they haven't gone far! We would like to welcome Deirdre Tinkhof who represents Coosheen, Whitecastle, Gortnamona, Dereenatra, Woodlands. If you are interested in working on the S&DCC please get in touch, the Council takes a break over the summer and reconvenes in September and the AGM is in October.

Once the Fastnet Film Festival is over, the Box Office becomes our **Tourist Office**, the last 2 summers have demonstrated that this is a vital visitor amenity. Of course, we cannot run it without your help. Please consider donating an hour or two to manning the office and fielding the countless enquiries and comments. Contact Pauline Cotter if you can help.

**Enibas** is launching a fundraising project for Brú Columbanus. Inspired by Colin Vearncombe 's treasured sun pendant, the numbered limited edition piece, designed by Sabine in collaboration with Camilla and the boys, will be made both in silver and gold. Funds raised will benefit the home-from-home accommodation for families of seriously ill patients in Cork hospitals. If you would like a specific number you'll need to contact enibas through their website or call into the shop to see if it is still available. Orders will be shipped after the official launch date on May 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a very worthy cause and one which benefits many of us in this area. Well Done Sabine & Len.

## This issue brought to you by....

We are delighted to announce that due to the great response to this publication we will be increasing the print run. We will now be printing 500 copies each month, there is a PDF of all the issues on the Schull & District Community Council website.

To help defer the cost (and to generate some much needed income) we are now offering **advertising** space. €20 per month for an ad (due to space restrictions we must limit the size), where possible we will include your graphic (please make it simple and B&W), otherwise we will generate something for you. This is change from the 'sponsor' of the last 2 years, we hope you will support us with ads for your businesses and services, the reach for your money is amazing!

Get in touch if you are interested ~ [schullnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:schullnewsletter@gmail.com) ~ deadline for each month is the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## News continued.....

A great night was had at the **Schull Regatta** fundraiser night where Eileen & Marilyn entertained us with song, wit and humour. The Regatta Committee would like to thank all who attended and to all who donated raffle prizes:

Courtyard Crafts, Skibbereen Tool Hire, Ceramix Ireland, FOTOmizen, Brian & Marie O'Sullivan Fast Food, Digitalforge, Logan Fitted Furniture, Gloun Stone Quarries, O'Driscoll Fresh Fish, Carbery Oil  
And a big thanks to Schull Harbour Hotel for their support .

### SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for their next fundraiser is The Regatta Dance on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

In April the **Schull~Le Guilvinec** Twinning Group went to our friends in France. Our Schull travellers spent one week in Le Guilvinec, where the hosts arranged a week of cultural interchange, daytrips, nights out, sightseeing, trips to neighbouring towns and sites of historical and cultural significance. Unfortunately the French schools were on holiday that week so our children didn't have an opportunity to attend the local school, they were delighted! One of the key objectives of the twinning is the exchange of cultures and knowledge, this was highlighted when one of our SCIRS members joined the local Coastguard for a training session. A wonderful time was had by everyone. If you have any enquiries about the Twinning Group in Schull email either [lindamorgan85@gmail.com](mailto:lindamorgan85@gmail.com) or [florencenewman@hotmail.com](mailto:florencenewman@hotmail.com).

Congratulations to everyone involved in the transition of our own Community Inshore Rescue unit into the **Irish Coastguard**. We can all rest easy knowing that this dedicate group of men and women are looking out for us and are there if we need them.

Local artist **Hermann Brunner** is opening a small studio~gallery on the Main Street. Selling original artwork, prints, cards, posters and local souvenirs. The Galley opens from late May through the summer season. Samples of his watercolour works and oil paintings can be seen on his website. [www.hermannbrunnerart.com](http://www.hermannbrunnerart.com).

## Sports and more.....

Get more out of your walking

Walking with poles is growing in popularity due to its many benefits for fitness and mobility. These include increased heart rate, using more muscles thereby burning more calories, along with better posture ~ reducing strain on the back, neck and shoulder, whilst also reducing impact on hips and knees. We are delighted here in Schull and West Cork to be rolling out workshops, programmes and classes on **Nordic Walking**, along with the use of Activator poles ~ fantastic tools for compromised mobility and balance. Remedial exercise classes using the Activator poles, run by community physiotherapist Suzie Keogh, are already a huge success, whilst local fitness and adventure activity provider, and facilitator with the Cork Sports Partnership, Deirdre Ní Challanáin, is starting a series of programmes on Nordic Walking on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. For further information or to book a place on our upcoming programmes please contact Deirdre 086 2404709 or Suzie 087 2335292.

The **Schull Rowing Club** are holding a fundraising Table Quiz in the Bunratty (8pm) 19<sup>th</sup> May. The usual rules apply and the usual fun will be had. Please support in any way you can.

**Quiet House Retreats**, Lissacaha, Schull ~ offering Personal Retreats with Healing, Counseling/Coaching and Meditation available. Also Open Meditation time Sundays 7.30pm ~ All welcome, No Charge. Call Mariananda 083 185 2737

Many of the recent newsletters have been proofread by **Karen Minihan**. She offers this service for writing of all types (no pun intended!): novels, non-fiction, business literature, essays... Contact 085 749 2060 for details.

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