

Schull newsletter

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Volunteers in the Tourist Office get asked this all the time, so they have compiled a list of the top things **to do with children**.

- grab some fishing nets, some ham and try your hand at crab fishing.
- borrow tennis racquets (Tourist Office) and enjoy the two tennis courts
- or likewise, borrow the basketballs and hit some baskets...
- there is a football pitch just past the tennis courts- organise some friends for a match or even a game of rounders?
- swim in our crystal clear water, either from the beach at Trá na Oileáin, any of the beaches along the foreshore, or from piers all along the coast.
- did you know our playground was listed in the top twenty in Ireland by the Sunday Times?
- grab a Wildflower map from the Tourist Office and have a treasure hunt finding as many as you can.
- pick up a picnic, head to Trá na Oileáin, or explore the countryside nearby.
- head to either Ballyrisode or Barley Cove for swimming, surfing, kayaking or building sand castles.
- practise kite flying – Heron Gallery sells little ones!
- most of the smaller roads in the area are perfect for cycling.
- Goleen Harbour have archery tag, check their website for details

If it is wet....

- swim! Either in the swimming pool at the hotel- just pop in and pay as you go or in the sea ~ after all you'll be wet anyway!
- eat! Loads of places in town to have a snack/breakfast/lunch and dinner menus ~ remember we have free wi-fi in the town. Sometimes it's ok to let the kids have some screen time!
- browse in Anna B's Bookshop, enjoy a coffee while the kids look at new books.
- play good old fashioned board games available in Present Company.
- browse in the two excellent charity shops, give the children a budget and just see what they come home with!
- Tree House Indoor Play Area (Skibbereen) is a lifesaver, serves great coffee.
- Cré Pottery (Skibbereen) has drop in workshops for little ones.
- Don't forget the excellent cinema in Bantry.

Schull & Fitbones

August Summer Adventure Camps

Fun and adventure in the great outdoors!

July 31 - Aug 4 (ages 6 - 13) 09.30 - 14.00

Aug 8 - Aug 11 (ages 6-13) 09.30 - 14.00

Aug 14 - Aug 16 (ages 4 - 8) 10.00 - 13.00

Aug 21 - Aug 22 (ages 6 - 13) 09.30 - 14.00

Join for the camp duration but single days also an option.

Contact 086 240 4709 or www.fitbones.ie



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Schull Drama group is putting on 3 plays this month, a wonderful opportunity to catch these performances again ~ don't miss them!

The Bear & The Dumbwaiter will be performed August 3rd & 17th (8pm).
The Last of the Red Hot Lovers will be performed August 11th&12th (8pm)

The Bear by Chekov is a romantic comedy telling the story of the young widowed landowner, Elena Ivanova Popova (Anna Bracken), and her encounter with the irresistible Gregory Stepanovitch Smirnov, (Anthony Harris), an older landowner who has come to collect a debt. Romantic mayhem ensues as tempers flare and hearts flutter. The hapless old servant Luka, (Len Lipitch), is caught in the middle. *The Dumbwaiter* by Harold Pinter is a humorous and provocative story of two hit men, (Mark O'Mahony & Paul Flatman), as they wait in a basement for their next assignment. *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* is one of the most amusing of Neil Simon's comedies. It focuses on Barney Cashman (Caleb Cairns), a forty-seven-year-old owner of a seafood restaurant who is afraid that the sexual revolution of the 1960's is passing him by. Over the space of nine months, he invites three different women (Terri Leiber, Faye Upton & Joan Giller) to his mother's Manhattan apartment in an attempt to have an afternoon of extramarital sex. None of the affairs is consummated, however, and Barney decides after the last one that he would prefer a romantic afternoon with.....

Raising the Roof ~ a fundraising (for the roof repairs) concert in the Holy Trinity Church, Colla Rd, will be held on Wednesday 9th August @8pm
Tickets available on the door €15 includes a glass of wine in the interval.
Raffle with wonderful prizes (tickets available in Present Company)
Camilla Griehsel & Maurice Seezer ~ Voice and Piano
Duo Diantando: Diana Llewellyn & Antoinette Baker ~ Cello and Piano
And some very Special Guests

We welcome any content, announcements, comments, concerns you might have. We also have a very attract advertising rate ~ €20 per ad per issue.

- Include all contact details • Email submissions to

schullnewsletter@gmail.com

- **Deadline is 24th of the month**

Schull Regatta takes place on the **12th & 13th of August** and is now in its 134th year, since the Revival in 2014 it has been going from strength to strength. Its a weekend of entertainment for both the young and the not so young. Saturday will kick off with soccer skills with Bunratty United, then there will be Orienteering with Deirdre ni Challanain for all the budding Harry Potter fans, down at the Pier there will be crab fishing, swimming races, animal road show, face painting and balloony. The Blarney Brass & Reed band will play for us on the Pier, getting the competitors warmed up for the famous greasy pole competition. Sunday will start with the traditional Blessing of the Boats and then the coastal rowing races take place from 12 noon. All along the Pier there will be lovely craft and food

stands. The Fish Factory field will be full of fun activities with vintage wooden swing boats, bouncy castles, running races and much more. The tradition of net mending drew a big crowd last year and we expect only the highest of standards yet again this year or you can try your luck with the new Heaving Line throwing competition. The fancy dress parade (All that you See in the Sea) will be led by the **Ballingeary Pipers**, expect lots of sea creatures, pirates, sailors and much more. This popular fancy dress will be judged by a celebrity judge, so get creative (see below). The Tug-O-War brings in fierce competition and this year we are hosting the battle of the villages so Schull, Ballydehob & Goleen ~ get your team involved ~ will Smoky & the Bandits retain

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their title for the fourth year running? After all this excitement it will be up to Newmans corner for prize giving and t the street party with music from the band **Bog the Donkey**. The finale of the night will be the fire works off the head of the Pier at 11 pm. Thanks go to all the sponsors and supporters without whom the weekend would not be possible. The full Regatta programme will be available shortly.

The new **limited edition 2017 Regatta mugs** have arrived and will be available for €10 from Ellen 085 107 8910 or from Michelle in Harbour Bay Flower shop.

Brú Columbanus Charity Shop is holding a costume workshop in support of the Regatta Fancy Dress Parade. €10 per person and you will be guided through the process of creating a fabulously sea-inspired costume from the rich pickings of the shop. August 7th from 5-7pm. Check out their facebook page for more details.

Bunratty United Soccer Summer Camp
14th-18th August 10am until 2pm. 5-day **soccer camp** featuring ball skills, training and fun for children 6-16 years old. The camp is run by professional FAI qualified coaches, all trained in child protection and first aid. Registration €75 per child, €65 per sibling, includes Bunratty shirt for each participant. For more details call Martina 086-377-5194, martina.mc@live.ie

The **Blue House Gallery** has another two stunning shows lined up for August – check out their website for details www.bluehousegalleryschull.com

The nation wide **Culture Night** is on Friday 22nd September and there already several events planned for the night. If you have an idea for a free cultural event get in touch so we can make sure things don't overlap.

The annual **Ballydehob/Schull ICA Producers Summer Market** is now up and running. Fresh home produced vegetables, free range eggs, jams, chutneys and craft items will be on sale. Every Friday 11.00 to 12.30 in the Community Hall, Ballydehob. The ICA ladies will be serving teas/coffees and delicious scones/apple tart.

The busiest week of the year is coming up **CALVES WEEK 2017** and the village will be bustling and bursting with people (hopefully!). PLEASE TAKE CARE WHERE YOU PARK, be patient with any traffic jams and pick up any rubbish you see. If you can help with marshalling during the nightly prize giving drop into the Tourist Office. There will be the usual post Club Piero **clean up** every morning at 6am, bring gloves and a super positive attitude! But most of all...*have a great week!*

Caint, Craic agus Cainte ag Newman's West, Main Street, Schull

Every Monday morning from 10am to 11am a lively group chat as Gaelige takes place upstairs in Newman's West over cups of tea & coffee. We call it the "Pop-up Gaeltacht". You don't need to be fluent - and beginners are more than welcome. Bíonn comhrá agus craic agus uaireanta ceol chomh maith! Fáilte roimh cách...everyone is welcome to join us for the fun!