

Schull Drama Group would like to say A BIG HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with their recent production and to everyone in the audience, "You make it all worthwhile!" They are holding informal play reading sessions, no pressure, just for pleasure, and anyone interested is encouraged to join in. Check their Facebook page for more information.

2-Day Christmas Retreat at the **Quiet House Retreat** (An Teach Cuinas) Lissacaha, Schull. From 10am 24th-26th December. Uplifting...Peaceful ...Relaxing. Includes Christmas Morning Meditation with a Loving Spiritual Message from Mata Yoganandaji. Please contact Mariananda on 083 185 2737 or marianandaexley@gmail.com www.quiethousetreat.com

Some of the issues raised and discussed at the November **Schull & District Community Council** meeting were:

- Deirdre Tinkhof-Pyburn takes over as Treasurer from Bridie D'Alton and the SDCC wish to thank Bridie for her work in this role over the past few years. Bridie will remain in her role as liaison between the Business & Tourism Association and the SDCC.
- Ann O'Brien joined the SDCC as liaison with Scoil Mhuire N.S.PA.
- The SDCC is presently liaising with CorkCoCo and the Department of Transport to introduce a 60Km/h zone from the Old Workhouse on the eastern entrance to the village. The aim is to reduce the traffic speed on this stretch of the road as there are several lanes accessing the road and for the safety of walkers and pedestrians.
- There is an open call for **new members** to join the SDCC. If you are (or know anyone else who is) willing to give a few hours of your time each month for the greater good of the community please get in touch.

As always, if you have any concerns or wish to contact the community council ~ email them schulldistrictcc@gmail.com

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nollaig shona agus athshliain faoi mhaise daibh!

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- Include all contact details • Email submissions to schullnewsletter@gmail.com

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The Scoil Mhuire National School Parents' Association Christmas **Wish Tree** will be lit on Saturday 9th of December at 7pm outside the Bunratty Inn. All are welcome to come along, join in the festivities and watch as one lucky child gets to turn on the lights and we welcome Santa, Mrs Claus and their helpers. The Bunratty have hot chocolate afterwards for all the children. Wish Cards (€5) are available throughout the village (The Little Way Charity Shop, Barnetts of Schull, Newman's West, Nicky's Kitchen, the Credit Union, Classic Touch, Mizen Medical Practice, Whizzer Scissors in Ballydehob, and the Goleen Christmas Fair). Remember those who cannot be with us to celebrate this festive time of year with these beautiful cards. For more info contact Irene McSweeney (086 082 2705). Many thanks to Miriam & Eddie Pyburn of Barnett's of Schull who have sponsored the Christmas Tree.

Barnett's of Schull will be having a 20% off promotion for the weekend of the 8th December (excluding school uniforms). Open every Sunday until Christmas -happy to order or source items for you - *keep calm & shop local!*

The **Harbour View Hotel Christmas Bazaar** Saturday 9th December 12pm till 4pm. Followed by Kiddies Disco 4.30pm till 6.30pm. Contact Nellie for more information 086-408-7097.

Schull Business & Tourism Association is hosting a festive afternoon & evening celebrating the different Christmas customs and traditions of our community. On Saturday 16th December from 4-7pm, shops and businesses will be offering a little taste of Christmas from the many different nationalities living in the area, decorations, music, traditional foods, and maybe national costumes. The Schull Country Market will have decorated stalls, mulled wine, mince pies, and live music. Santa & Mrs Claus will be here for young children to visit, whilst a treasure hunt will get the kids searching the whole village for clues. Music, singing and films will take place throughout the afternoon, with many of the shops extending their opening hours for the occasion. Come down and enjoy **Nollaig Around the World**.

Transition year students at **Schull Community College** are busy rehearsing for what promises to be a highly entertaining musical version of "Sister Act". Deloris Van Cartier, a flamboyant singer, must go into hiding in a convent after witnessing a crime. For an enjoyable fun filled family show come along to Schull Community College on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December.

Don't forget the COPE FOUNDATION annual **Christmas Day Swim** 2017 which takes place as usual at 12 noon, regardless of the weather! Sponsorship cards are available from the Post Office and collectors will be on the Pier too! Please give generously to this great and local cause. Hope to see as many swimmers out there this year as there are spectators!

A **Carol Service** will be held in St Mary's Parish Church in Schull on Sunday 10th December at 5.00pm and all are very welcome. The Christmas Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday 13th December, at 7.30 in Schull and at 8.30 in Ballydehob
Christmas Eve: St Mary's Church, Schull, 7.00pm
St Bridgid's Church, Ballydehob 8.00
Church of the Seven Sacraments, Lowertown 9.00
Christmas Day Masses as Sundays. All are very welcome.

Caint, Craic agus Caife 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

Blue House Gallery will open its doors on Friday 1st December for a fantastic Christmas exhibition of affordable artworks by over 30 gallery artists. On show will be paintings, photographs, sculpture and textiles, all priced at €300 or less, including pieces by some of the gallery's most popular and well known artists. The gallery will be open from 11am every day up to and including Christmas Eve. And will also be open from 2~5pm on the 27th~31st. Check out their website for details of the work in this exhibition. www.bluehousegallerieschull.com.

It's that time of year again when our **Schull Community Care** will be gathering at the Schull Harbour Hotel for their Christmas party. On Sunday the 10th December at 1p.m a fun afternoon of food, craic and dancing is planned. Everyone is welcome, for reservations please contact Nuala Hegarty 086 315 9719 or Ellen Logan 085 107 8910.

The **Twining Group** wish everyone a Happy Christmas & a prosperous New Year in 2018, and say a big thank you for supporting their fundraisers over the past year. They are planning to host another visit of families from the LeGuivinec which is scheduled for the May Bank Holiday weekend in 2018. We are looking forward to showcasing our village and continuing to foster a positive and productive relationship with our French counterparts in Brittany.

The **Fastnet Film Festival** Committee are delighted to announce their biggest milestone yet. In October they received notice from the Charity Regulatory Authority of Ireland, that the festival has been approved to be included on the official register of charities in Ireland. This is a very significant development, one that will allow them to continue to grow both the Festival's ambitions and their contribution to the Mizen community. The Festival will celebrate its 10th anniversary in May 2018 and the plans are big! They would love to hear from you if you would like to **get involved** in next year's festival, there are all kinds of jobs that need doing, some big, some small but all are important and help to make the festival what it is.

The **Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure** are looking for warm, friendly and caring hosts (families, singles/couples) for 2018. The school offers English language tuition to kiddies, juniors, teenagers and adults. As part of their experience here, would you like to offer them our famous Irish hospitality? Up to 3 students are placed in each household, consideration is given to nationalities, ages and interests. If you would like to be part of the SEAL family they would love to hear from you, either by email office@atlantic-english.com, by mobile 086-853- 788 or drop into their office on the Main Street.



Nico & Holly Runskel (**Nico's Street Kitchen**) have opened an evening restaurant in Ballydehob. Located in the Oasis Arts Cafe in the village, the restaurant offers fine dining (BYOB) and is open Fridays & Saturdays from 6pm and for Sunday Lunches from 12 - 3.30pm. From December 6th they will open Wednesday & Thursday evenings for parties of 8+, can be booked for private functions (minimum of 25 people) on those evenings. From December 27th ~ 7th January, they will be open every evening. Booking recommended, 086 0875050 or 085 218 0484.