

# Schull Issue 36, February 2018 newsletter

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The special relationship between Schull Community College and the **Kingdom of Lesotho** was furthered strengthened recently when the Charge d'Affaires and the First Secretary of the Lesotho Embassy in Dublin visited the college. Mr. Pheko Kutloano and Mrs. Mancholu Molemohi were welcomed to Schull with a guard of honour made up of members of the students' council while the college orchestra and choir performed the Lesotho and the Irish national anthems. The diplomats met with a range of year groups where Mr. Kutloano spoke about Lesotho and its long history with Ireland and they met with current exchange programme participants. The group also attended a music and storytelling session with first year students and went to see a star show at the Schull Planetarium. A lot has happened since 2006 when the then Lesotho ambassador first visited the college for the annual prizegiving ceremony and staff and students took up her challenge to set up a cultural exchange programme between Schull and Lesotho. In the intervening years, over 60 students from Schull have visited Lesotho with dozens of Basotho coming to Ireland. The Schull exchange partners have, without exception, been overwhelmed by their experiences in Lesotho and the welcome they received. Mr. Kutloano highlighted the importance of the programme and spoke of ways to expand it. He presented the national flag of Lesotho to Mr. Drinan, principal of Schull Community College and was appreciative of the "wonderful hospitality" that the college and the surrounding community have offered to the Basotho.

Throughout the year we have events that require **marshaling**, from the Triathlon to Calves Week to Halloween, and several things inbetween! Would you consider being put onto a 'registry' so that we have a list people we can call on to help out? If so, we would love to hear from you.

- Please use these guidelines for any submissions
- Include all contact details • Email submissions to [schullnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:schullnewsletter@gmail.com)
  - **Deadline is 24th of the month**

The **Cope Foundation Swim 2017** went off very successfully and to date €3,250 has been raised. A sincere **Thank You** to:

All of the swimmers - both local residents and visitors  
The collectors - Murphy family (Seaview), Newman Family, and Finín Mc Carthy.  
Schull Coastguard.  
Len Lipitch for doing Santa.  
Tom Newman for starting the swim and photographing the event!

Everyone who donated the much needed funds. Cope Foundation are a very worthy recipient, with facilities in Cork city and county. Schull Cope Foundation will handover the cheque shortly, but there is still time if you would like to make a donation (at the Post Office).

Plans are underway for **St. Patrick's Day**, the theme for this year's parade is Heroism ~ recognizing all your heroes! As always, everyone is encouraged to get involved, so get working on a float, costume or headdress. If you would like to help in anyway please get in touch.

**Schull Bridge Club** welcome new members and are offering free lessons for beginners and improvers, singly or in groups. The club meets on Thursdays in the Parochial Hall. Tel 028 28292 for details.

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An exciting new **Three Heads Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP)** is being developed by Fáilte Ireland to encompass the area from Ballydehob to Kenmare, including the Mizen Peninsula, Sheeps Head and the Beara Peninsula. It will be about focusing on experiences for visitors, stories that connect the different peninsulas, promoting all that is fantastic about the region and what makes it such a good place to visit and stay. Its ultimate aim is to increase footfall, number of bed nights and spending in the area by getting visitors to spend longer here, at all times of the year.

As part of the development process, Fáilte Ireland has commissioned international consultants to overview this VEDP. The international consultancy will look at things from an outsider's and an international tourist's perspective. They will also be looking at the digital noise that international visitors are hearing and seeing, i.e. what do visitors see online when planning their holidays?

They are visiting the Mizen on 12<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> February and an itinerary is being put in place for them to experience the Mizen, meet the people and get a sense for the place.

One of the key components of this trip is a community drop in session, to take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4 - 6pm in Grove House, Schull. This is an opportunity for community groups, festivals, organisations, individuals, educators, and businesses alike to come in and meet the consultants - to talk about their own role on the Mizen, the vision for the area, what is so fantastic about the place, what is here for visitors to see and do and experience. For us to give them a real feel for the Mizen. For further information about the **drop-in session** please contact Deirdre Ní Challanáin SBTA 086 2404709

The **Parents Twinning Branch** are busy organising the next Twinning Event. Several families from Le Guilvinec will be visiting Schull in May and a fun schedule of events is being planned. If you would like to host a family they would love to hear from you, it is a great opportunity to learn a little about a

different culture, to help showcase our little piece of Paradise here in West Cork and you can brush up on your French at the same time! The original Twinning Group will support the Parents' Twinning Group to ensure that it will be an enjoyable experience for all. Anyone interested in the upcoming event can contact Linda Morgan or Gemma Logan for information.

The monthly **Scoraíocht & Company** evenings are going from strength to strength with some very entertaining and enlightening sessions. This month's theme is "Intensions". Expect some heart warming stories, fresh songs, recitals and much more. February 16 from 8pm at the Corner House (Newman's) follow them on Facebook for more information.

Spiritual Spa Day ~ Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.30-4 pm at The Quiet House Retreat, Schull. Come and be pampered with Deep Relaxation and gentle Hatha Yoga Sessions ~ Time for You in a Peaceful Place. Cost is €45 which includes a vegetarian lunch and refreshments.  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 11am-12noon ~ Mindfulness For Children, aged 5-11 years. Cost is €10 per child  
Come and Snack on Peace and learn to really be cool.  
Please Call Mariananda 083 185 2737 or  
email marianandaexley@gmail.com www.quiethouseretreat.com

#### **OPEN RECRUITMENT DAY SCHULL HARBOUR HOTEL**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am-1pm

Face to face interviews on the day for a variety of positions from night porter to food & beverage assistants, accommodation to front of house. Please bring two copies of your CV and tell us why we should hire you!

Please remember that it is a busy time on farms again, lambing has begun so if you are out **walking/hiking with your dogs** KEEP THEM ON A LEAD at all times. As the weather improves and the days get just a bit longer more people are out walking so please pick up poo and dispose of it properly!

Don't forget if you are interested in submitting information for the **2018 Schull Guide** you **must** get in touch with the SBTA as soon as possible!