

Best wishes to the **Drinagh Pharmacy** in their new location on the Main St! The same friendly, professional service continues!

**Schull Squash Club** is looking for new members! If anyone is interested in playing squash contact the new club secretary on 085 770 3699.

As part of Biodiversity Week Nellie Cotter of the Little Way Charity has been very busy. With the guidance of Lynda Huxley of **Swift Conservation Ireland** 4 double swift nest boxes were installed in Schull over the last few weeks. The swift is on the amber list of birds of conservation concern in Ireland because its population has declined by over 40% in the last 15 years. At time of print we are still hopeful that the swifts nest in their new boxes, a pair have been circling the area so fingers crossed.



Last Year Nellie also coordinated the Mizen Seed Project which promoted people to collect seeds from their gardens and to hand them into the Little Way Charity. Seeds were received from as far as Holland. The seeds were stored safely over the winter and are now being sown and **seed bombs** being made. The seed bombs will be used to add wild flowers to a number of areas in Schull. Thank you Nellie!

The **Parents' Association of Scoil Mhuire N.S.** would like to thank all the children, families and members of the community again for taking part in and supporting the annual School Fun Run on Sunday, April 22, the event raised €1,700, including the €500 sponsorship donated by The Little Way Charity Shop. Well done again to all the participants who ran and walked Colla Road on that sunny Sunday afternoon and to all their families and friends who sponsored them. All proceeds raised will go towards new digital and computer equipment for the pupils. Everyone within the school thanks you for your continued support. See you on Colla Road again next year!

Email submissions to [schullnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:schullnewsletter@gmail.com)

• **Deadline is 24th of the month**

# Schull Issue 41, June 2018 newsletter

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Another amazing week when the village became the centre of the film world! The **10<sup>th</sup> Fastnet Film Festival** was another huge success and we congratulate the organizing committee on a job well done. Thank you to everyone who made the village look so beautiful, to all shops that decorated their windows, spruced up their premises and generally supported the festival. Visitors really got a great impression of the village. Congratulations to the winning filmmakers and to all the others that were short listed. It was also very nice seeing activity in our old Bank building; it will be the festival office a little longer and then it is hoped that work will begin on turning it into a world class film centre.

**Congratulations to Fionn Ferreira**, a fifth year student at Schull Community College who has had extraordinary success recently at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, winning a tremendous three awards! Following on from his BT Young Scientist successes earlier this year, Fionn, from Ballydehob travelled to Pittsburgh with his teacher Ms. Lara Kelly to represent Ireland at the world's biggest Science fair, which attracts the top young scientists from around the world. Approximately 1,800 students from over 80 countries showcased their talents at the exhibition which makes Fionn's achievement all the more extraordinary. Fionn took second place in the Chemistry category and as a result will have an asteroid named after him. One of the other awards presented to the Schull Community College student was a Special Award from the American Chemical Society with prize of \$ 4,000 and a scholarship to the University of Arizona. Fionn also won the Drug Chemical & Associated

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Technologies Association Award, with a prize fund of \$3,000. Fionn's award-winning project explores how micro plastics could be removed from water using ferrofluids and he measured his findings with a homemade spectrometer.

**Schull Afterschool Club** in Scoil Mhuire National School has been up and running since January this year and is delighted to report growing numbers and plenty of smiley faces every day! We have received lots of great feedback from parents, guardians and club members (the kids!) and are busy putting together our plans for Autumn 2018 based on the community needs with the children's enjoyment, safety and care at the heart of our service. We would like to welcome September's new arrival of Jnr Infants and remind parents that they can collect enrollment forms from the school office or via email. To ensure every child gets the chance to experience the fun, we are currently offering a promotion to all pupils at Scoil Mhuire of a free session from Monday 28 May until Friday 15 June. Vouchers will be given to all children in the school this week. If yours has gone missing, please contact us (see below) and we will email a voucher to you. Schull Afterschool Club is a not-for-profit community based enterprise. With our qualified staff we offer a happy, safe environment where children can partake in varied activities such as sports, dance, arts and crafts, cooking, games etc. with the added bonus of monitored homework time. Please contact us for any further information, to make bookings or to give us your views: email - [schullafterschool@gmail.com](mailto:schullafterschool@gmail.com) or phone 087 775 4254.

Call out for volunteers to help out the **Schull Regatta Festival** with a couple of hours on their flag day, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susan 086 095 9500 if you can help. The festival is on August 11-12 and is always huge fun. Last year there was fierce competition on the tug-of-war! Have you started training yet? And the greasy pole? What will you be wearing?! If anyone wants to get involved or can give the committee a hand get in touch with them. Event marshals are always needed.

Please give generously to the **Schul Defibrillator Group**. There are a number of units around the village and trained first responders, a vital service that needs your support on Flag Day, Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

As soon as the Fastnet Film Festival Box Office officially closes for another year, the space becomes the **Discover Schull Tourist Office**. The office is run by Pauline Cotter who would welcome any help you can give, a

couple of hours a week is all that is needed. If you have brochures/information for the public, please drop off copies to the Tourist Office.

The Brosnan's **Centra Fastnet Triathlon** will be taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June based at the Community College. There will be a large number of people in the village that weekend so please be aware of the increase in traffic and parking on Saturday morning. The cyclists will be on the road shortly after the 10:30 a.m. start time so please do take care on the road to Toormore. The run takes place out the Colla road so please be wary of runners on that route if you have to travel that way by car. If anyone would be available to kayak or marshal on the day please contact Katherine Arundel. Entries will be closing for relay teams and individuals soon so log onto [www.triathlonireland.com](http://www.triathlonireland.com) before it's too late!

Are you good at **social media**? Would you like to join the Schull Team?! We would love to hear from you if you are on either Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Get in touch with Julia, she is admin on most of the Schull sites but feels it is time for someone else to take over...

**Twitter** @discoverschull

**Facebook** @love-schull & @discovermizenpeninsula (there are a number of other pages ~ if anyone knows anything about these we would like to know). The Love Schull page is focused on local news whereas the Discover Mizen page is more for visitors and promoting the villages of Schull, Goleen, Ballydehob and Durrus.

**Instagram** @discoverschull

All of these platforms contribute to promoting Schull in the best possible way. We appreciate all your likes and shares!

Ever fancied being a host or host family but not quite sure if it is 'for you'? **Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure** needs extra hosts particularly for the middle two weeks of July. Why not join their small, select network of hosts who are already earning extra, tax-free income towards summer holiday plans, college fees etc. Contact our Host Family Liaison Officer Gemma: on email [homestay@atlantic-english.com](mailto:homestay@atlantic-english.com) or 085 807 9584 or call the Atlantic SEAL office 028 27714 or just drop in 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon to Fri. Depending on how many students you can accept, you could earn at least €700 just for those two weeks.