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offices, GAA, meals-on-wheels, etc. This service works hard to pick up the shortfall of the state in providing much needed assistance to local communities. The Skibbereen Education and Environment Project has 30 participants working throughout the Mizen, Cape Clear, Sherkin & Heir Island. In the next few months they will be recruiting for many positions, but at present they are looking for people to join Skibbereen Tidy Towns and for a caretaker in Ballydehob. If you are interested in taking up a position, please give Joanna a call on 085 221 2428. You need to be over 21 and generally be in receipt of a benefit for the last 12 months.

The **Tourist Office** is only open when there are volunteers available and at the moment we are short of people to do a couple of hours over the weekends. Anyone interested should give their name and number in at the tourist office or contact Paul on 087 359 3905.

A huge round of applause for everyone who has contributed to Schull looking so fine! It makes us all so very proud to see the many visitors enjoying the village, to see their social media posts and to hear the really positive feedback received in the Tourist Office and from accommodation providers. During Calves Week there will be early morning clean ups Wednesday through Monday. Meet in the East End Car Park at 6.30 am, bring gloves and a sense of humour! We would strongly encourage parents of young people attending **Club Piero** to ask them to pick up after themselves, that they should take some responsibility for themselves and the environment. Of course, we would love to see some of them helping to tidy up in the mornings too!

The annual **Heir Island Mass** will take place at An Cilín at 2:30pm on August 19th. Ferries from Cunnamore Pier from 1:30pm. All welcome.

September will be Julia's last issue of the Newsletter and the S&DCC is looking for someone to take over. Julia also manages the two Schull Facebook pages, Instagram account and Schull.ie calendar and **she is taking a break**. Tough ask, but is this something you would be interested in contributing to, maybe take just over one area? Get in touch with her if you would like more information on what is needed. Thanks and enjoy the rest of this awesome summer.

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Schull Agricultural Committee would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved in making the **Schull Show 2018** such a success and a highlight of our summer. A special mention must go to the local fire brigade, vintage run, Schull Garda, the Red Cross, Tim O'Leary (vet), Ger's Mobile Pet farm, Mike Ronan, Schull Country Market, Triona McCarthy, Miriam Pyburn, the parents who manned the kids corner, to all the category judges, all the marshals, to the many sponsors, exhibitors and most of all to the many visitors who joined us in the Town Park. The dog show was great attraction with some very fine canines taking part. It was great to see so many young people taking part in the horse and pony classes, we appreciate the time and work you put into turning out so smartly. A great show of work by children and adults in the Art, Flower Arranging, baking, photography, vegetable and needle work sections, again a lot of effort was made by all, thank you very much. Thank you to Michael Collins (IND TD) the master of ceremonies on the day who kept all updated on events during the afternoon, and for his fine interview of Robert Splaine (ex chef d'équipe for the Ireland equestrian team) who spoke of his time with the Irish Team and his love and support of local shows. Plans are already being made for new attractions for next year, so mark your calendars now and start planning on being here next July!

There will be a **fundraising Art Auction** in aid of the Save the Kelp of Bantry Bay. Viewing of the donated artwork will be in the Schull Harbour Hotel on August 22nd and 23rd and the auction will be held at 8pm on the 24th. For more details check out either their website (www.bluehousegalleryschull.com) or their facebook page.

It has been a long time coming but we are delighted with the new **pontoon** installed in the harbour, it will provide much needed access to the harbour and a safe place to load/unload small vessels (ribs/dingies). Could users please ensure their boats are not left unattended for long periods of time.

With over 60 confirmed entries at present, the **2018 Calves Week**, organised by Schull Harbour Sailing Club, is again shaping up to provide competitive and exciting racing for the annual West Cork festival of

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sailing. This year will see principle sponsor Frank Whelan of Gas Analysis Services hoping to continue his winning streak on his Grand Soleil *Eleuthera*, when he will again go head to head with Connor Phelan's *Jump Juice* in class one. This year's event incorporates a race in the SCORA offshore series, and will feature racing for six classes, with new principle race officer Alan Crosbie promising a variety of laid Buoy's and the natural marks of Roaring Water Bay. The traditional overnight, SCORA race, starts from Crosshaven on Friday night August 3rd. On Monday, the Baltimore regatta race will provide ample opportunity for skippers and crews to familiarise themselves with Carbery's Hundred Isles. The opening reception and registration takes place from 17.30h at the Fastnet Outdoor Education & Marine Centre on Monday August 6th. The first 'round the islands' race is on Tuesday and on Wednesday the fleets will sail a variety of courses in Long Island Bay. Thursday will see the combined fleets head for the Fastnet Rock, with the smaller boats starting first. The series finishes on Friday with racing in Roaring Water Bay, followed by the overall presentation of prizes and closing ceremony on Schull Main Street. Local racing on Saturday continues with Crookhaven Regatta, and for those who still have some stamina left, Schull Regatta Committee finish off the week in style with an all in Cruiser race and an impressive display of shore side activities on Sunday. As always we are looking for **marshals** for the evening prize giving ~ please get in touch by email if you can help us out.

Schull Regatta Festival weekend takes place August 11th-12th, it promises to be another great weekend of family fun. There are a few events that you need to get ready for; this year sees the return of the raft race, so get cracking on your raft, the greasy pole is always draws a huge crowd, if you want to wear a crazy costume make sure it is safe! On Sunday the theme for the Fancy Dress parade is Pirates so get creative and polish off your peg legs and train the parrot! Then there is the ever popular tug-o-war, so get your team together and start training. Expect a busy weekend with lots to do. The programme is widely available so make your plans now! If you can help out as a marshal, get in touch with the committee, otherwise enjoy the fun.

In the coming months a new service will be rolled out on the Mizen Peninsula. The goal of the service is to help enable older and vulnerable people to remain in their own homes, in their own communities, living as independently as possible, through the improvement of their housing conditions and their level of comfort, security and wellbeing. The project will be operated and managed by **Mizen Care & Repair** who will bring together local agencies, tradesmen, An Gardaí, our Community Alert, farmers, and other concerned parties. To deliver this service there will be a staff of three provided by Community Employment Scheme through the Skibbereen Education & Environment Project Ltd. The project will be promoted through direct contact with Community Alert projects on the Mizen peninsula, community call (Care Ring), Public Health Nurses, Garda, GP's etc. The types of jobs carried out will range from hanging curtains and blinds rails, to small painting jobs (doors/windows/sheds), changing lightbulbs and cutting lawns. All requests for small jobs will be considered. This will be hugely beneficial to members of our community who do not have the means to carry out such jobs, Look out for fundraising events to raise the money towards the cost of the van, equipment and running costs.

You will have noticed all the work that has been carried out in the **Graveyard**. It is now looking fine and our thanks go to Tommy Jermyn and his crew who carried out the work.

The monthly **Scoraíocht & Co** evenings are going from strength to strength, the theme this month is Wild Water, anyone and everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun, entertaining and sometimes educational session. Despite the name this is not a specifically Irish evening, there is always some Irish but plenty in other languages too! An enthusiastic audience is essential and very much appreciated! Thursday August 23rd.

We were contacted through the LoveSchull facebook page, Birgite Eichhorn is a German woman who would like to improve her written english and is looking for a **correspondent** from Schull, she visited the area earlier and fell in love with the people and the landscape. Get in touch if you would like to write to her!

The Schull branch office of the Community Employment scheme and opened recently. The aim of **Community Employment** is to help disadvantaged and long term unemployed people back into the workforce. Nationwide about 25,000 people are currently employed by CE providing free labour and support for many community organizations; youth projects, creches, play schools, welfare information