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St Patrick's Day Parade

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade, organised by Schull Community and District Council, was an unqualified success. The weather was kind, the sun shone and the bunting, banners and balloons fluttered bravely in the breeze. Thanks to all the people who took part and who spectated so enthusiastically. It was all great fun!

WINNERS

Best Float:	"The Healey-Raes on the Wild Atlantic Way"
Best Junior Float:	(they didn't actually have a title, but it was a clever comment on the ubiquity of plastic and the importance of caring for the environment)
Best Commercial Premises:	Barnett's Drapery.
Best Residential Premises:	Ann Delaney, Main Street.

Thank you to Saint Patrick, alias Donal Mcsweeney, who not only led the parade and schmoozed his large fanbase, but who also provided an apt and witty commentary on the proceedings. He was accompanied by this year's Grand Marshals, Schull Community Care group, Meals on Wheels and Social Centre. They provide an incredible service to our area.

Thanks to David Precious, who provided great music and to Wally (Walden) who amplified him and everyone else.

Thanks to Schull Community and District Council and members Deirdre Tinkoff and Gene Griffin, who organised the day, to Drinagh Co-op and to Tommy Murphy who gave the use of the truck and to Domnic Sheehan, who drove it, An Garda Síochána, Cork County Council, Tom McCarthy, who organised and co-ordinated so many aspects of the event, John Walsh, Denis Minihane, John Barry, Pearse O'Driscoll and Jack Murphy and special thanks to Linda and Pauric Whelton who so generously sponsored the prize for the best junior float again this year. Thanks to the marshals who kept everyone in order and to the Girl Guides and their friends who blew up balloons and painted faces with great good will. The only St Patrick's celebration that was featured on the Credit Union Facebook page was the Schull parade – well done everyone.

Barnetts Shop re-opened on the 30th March and the ribbon was cut by Katie Pyburn, well done to Katie. The opening was celebrated with a wonderful street party hosted by Eddie and Miriam. There was prosecco, at half ten in the morning!, delicious food and lively music provided by Mick O'Callaghan and Liam Kenneally. Thanks guys for a lovely opportunity to wish you well with your new enterprise. This stylish establishment is so well worth a visit.

Brú Columbanus Charity Shop moved to a new central location on Main Street. Their grand opening was on Friday March 29th. It was a wonderful occasion with sumptuous food and a party atmosphere. The opening was performed by Michael Collins T.D. There is not a person in Schull who has not a reason to be thankful to Brú Columbanus and this shop is providing everyone with an opportunity to support this great charity.

Community Council Elections

There has been a very encouraging response to the request for nominations for new members to the SDCC. The closing date for nominations has been extended to April 15th. Nomination forms should be handed in to Schull Post Office on or before that date.

Rita O'Donovan was honoured recently at the opening of our re-roofed Garda station. Many locals were there to honour her service and of course all were delighted to have our Garda station reopened.

Kilmoe Union and the Bishop of Cork Rt. Rev. Paul Colton welcomed Rev. Rosemary Logue to Schull at the Holy Trinity Church on March 10th. On behalf of SDCC may we extend a hearty Cead Mile Failté to Rev. Logue and wish you much health and happiness.

The Cope Foundation Schull Christmas Swim Cheque for €3,485 was handed over to the Cope Foundation, Skibbereen Branch, on Friday 29th March, in the Schull Harbour Hotel.

The cheque was presented to Mary Murphy of Seaview and Finin Mc Carthy of Main Street. We are very thankful to everyone for their participation and generous contributions.

Schull - Le Guilvinec Twinning News We have another group of five families travelling to Le Guilvinec for Holy Week, 2019. They will be hosted by parents from Jean Le Brun primary school in Le Guilvinec. This time our Irish families will drive their own cars to France, and the French have a fabulous programme planned for their Irish guests to make this another memorable twinning exchange. Nothing left to say except, Bon Voyage et [Joyeuses Pâques!](#)

Mizen Care and Repair I have been asked to clarify that this service is NOT means tested, as yet. It may be in time, but it is not a means tested service for now. The guys are inundated with emergency calls, especially for our local residents who may need to be discharged from hospital and need Mizen Care and Repair service, to enable them to go home from hospital to a safer environment. I am sure you are all in agreement, that this is a vital service to our most vulnerable neighbours. €20 for a half day and €40 for a full day, to clean your paths, gutters, grass cutting, painting and to make walk ways in your home safe.

Beehive and Organic Wildflower Garden was launched at Scoil Mhuire National School on Tuesday the 2nd April. This is a very important initiative, as there is a fantastic mix of Organic Wild Flower seeds to attract bees all season long. To clarify, the bee hive in the local primary school, does not contain bees. Nellie Cotter and The Little Way Charity Shop donated the Bee Hive and Organic Wild Flower seeds and artist Hammond Journeaux painted it. The seeds can be bought from your local Primary Schools in Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen. We encourage as many people as possible to plant these Organic Wild Flower seeds to help Bees.

Ballydehob Jazz Festival Launched their 2019 Jazz Festival in Crane Lane Theatre Cork on the 2nd April. This year's Ballydehob Jazz Festival takes place on the 3rd May until the 6th of May. Please join in, as the craic promises to be mighty.

Fastnet Film Festival Launch this year's Film Festival launch will be held in Crane Lane Cork on the 25th April 2019. All Welcome.

Schull Community College Parents Association will hold the annual fund-raising table Quiz in Newman's Corner House on Friday April 12th starting at 8.30pm. The inimitable Mark O'Mahony will be the quiz master on the night – mark your diaries.

Gabriel Rangers Ladies Football Team have organised their Annual Fun Pub Quiz for Friday April 19th at 8:30 P.M. at Schull Harbour Hotel. Teams of four €5 per person. Great Prizes.

Schull Harbour Hotel, Leisure Centre & Apartments Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday 21st April from 11am followed by Easter Sunday Luncheon in Chapters. Full bar menu is available in O'Briens from 12:30 daily from the 12th April. We will also be starting a regular quiz night in April (dates & times to be confirmed) Join us for Live Sport - The Grand National, The Masters, FA Cup Semi Finals & Premier League Semi Finals all on in April and shown live in O'Briens Bar. We have a pop up Gaeltacht, who join us every Monday from 10 a.m. in O'Briens Bar all are welcome to join.

WALK FOR DIANE O'DONOVAN TREATMENT FUN Goleen Foroige are organizing a fundraising walk for the Diane O'Donovan Treatment Fund on Bank Holiday Easter

Monday 22nd April at 11am from Goleen Community Centre. The walk is approx 10km and the route will be all road. There are beautiful views of Dunmanus and Goleen Bays. We finish back at the Community Centre where there will be free refreshments and a raffle with fantastic prizes including meal vouchers, Hotel Vouchers plus more. There is plenty of parking available. All Welcome!

Cork County Council Have donated trees for National Tree Week, the trees, Silver Birch, Red Oak, Mountain Ash and Red Alder will be planted around the area.

Sing/Drama Summer Camp All over Cork and in Schull Parish Hall on the 15th to the 19th July. Phone Dawn at 087 1659762

The Village Boutique Susan and Eleanor are happy to announce that they are opening for Easter with their new collection. A must see ladies.

West Cork Literary Festival Are delighted to announce this year's Novel Writing workshop at the 2019 West Cork Literary Festival. Online booking for this workshop is now open at bit.ly/1PcOHKY We can also announce the details of the 2019 J G Farrell Award. Please note that the complete Festival programme will be available in late March. You can find out more about the WCLF workshops at bit.ly/2UWpyPs

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Saturday the 13th April There is a children's Easter Celebration in Schull Parish Hall between 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. This event is sponsored by Nellie Cotter and The Little Way Charity Shop. All children are welcome.

Sporting successes Congratulations to Skibbereen U18 boys' rugby team who have gained a place in the All-Ireland club final on April 13th.

The Bunratty United U12 soccer team defeated Riverside to win their League final. The U15s also won the premier league final defeating Ardfield. Well done Lads.

Con O'Sullivan has always been a generous supporter of both the SDCC and the community. He has very kindly donated 50 street barriers to the SDCC. These barriers will be available to all the local groups when required. Thank you very much Con.

Schull Regatta Easter Egg Raffle A splendid Easter Egg will be raffled as a fund-raiser for this year's Regatta. Lines costing €2 can be bought to have you in with a chance of winning. The Egg can be viewed in all its glory at the Post Office.

Births Congratulations to James and Jessica Johnson on the birth of their daughter Evie, to Denise and Kevin Kennedy who welcomed baby Daniel, on St Patrick's Day and to Aisling Malone and her husband Eamon Kirwan on the birth of their daughter Robyn.

Marriages Wishing every happiness to the newly weds - Seamus Kelleher and Anne Marie Bambrick, Kathy O' Callaghan and David Roycroft, Martin Barry and Amy Collins.

Deaths

Ballydehob Hannah-Marie Hickey (née O'Donovan), Billy Byrne (retired An Garda Síochána), Martin Stephen Graham and Nora Cleary (née O'Driscoll).

Goleen - Paul Sheehan, Anne McKendrick (née Coughlan), Joan Barry (née Collins) and Patrick (Paddy) O'Neill. Deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

What's on in Schull

Schull Primary School Now have a morning and afternoon Club Service available. Contact 087 7754254.

Acupuncturist Schull Lynn Deakin is available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Phone 086 3210291

Melanie Furniss Deep tissue relaxing massage. Phone 0851 192423

Wellness Room Schull Contact the following for details: Susan Keogh MISCSP, Chartered Physiotherapist 0872335292 Jena Malone, Neuro-muscular physical therapist 0863027439 Holli Massey, Nutrition and lifestyle coach 0838665041

Daniel Morgan Fitness 1-2-1 training plan and/or classes for Gym and spinning Phone 086 8756819 or 085 2444706

Schull Bridge Club We have 5/6 tables in the Parochial Hall every Thursday evening at 8 to 11 p.m. cost €5. Cash prizes. Free lessons (individual or group) are available – tel 028 28292.

Schull Parents and Toddlers Group Come and join us Every Wednesday morning in Schull parish hall from 10-12am during term time. €3 per family. Everyone is welcome

Movie Nights at the Fastnet Film Center Every second Thursday night in April 7:30 -9:30pm. All welcome.

Schull Community Council Parent's Association will hold their next meeting on Monday April 8th at the college. All are welcome.

Editors Notes Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's News Letter. Remember please to have your notifications into @schullnewsletter@gmail.com on or before the 24th of each month. I have enjoyed the last six months editing and producing Schull News Letter with Mizen Computers assistance, my grateful thanks to Adrienne and David. However, this is my last issue. I wish whoever takes over from me, the very best of luck. Is mise le meas, Trich

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