

Schull newsletter

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Welcome to the May edition of Schull District and Community Council Newsletter.

Easter always signals the end of Winter and that was especially true this year. Visitors and locals revelled in the wonderful weather and there was a palpable sense of exuberance as we celebrated the Spring.

It was heartening to see so many people taking advantage of everything that the countryside and the sea have to offer here in Schull. There were at least three family fun runs, in Schull, Ahakista and Goleen.

Everyone took part, small people were pushed in their buggies by various (grand)parents, little 5-year-old legs ran gallantly with parents and friends and it was all great fun. Plenty of people took to the water, both on it and in it, and that was fun too.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Fastnet Film Festival, Schull Business & Tourism Association and SDCC was a major hit with hundreds of children and their parents taking part.

Our local first responders in the Fire Brigade and the Coast Guard are always on call to make sure that everyone is safe. They really are our local heroes. We look forward to a Summer of safe and happy outdoor activity.

Schull Darkness Into Light 5km Walk will take place on Saturday May 11th starting at 4.15am at the Parish Hall. This is a first for Schull and we are hoping to make it a memorable event. Each year thousands upon thousands of people walk together

from Darkness into Light all over the world to assist the fantastic work of Pieta House. Before the walk begins, the senior branch of Schull Girl Guides will lead in the singing of "Walk Me Home" by Pink. You can register on www.darknessintolight.ie and select Schull as your venue. Further information can be got by phoning 085 107 8910. If you can't do the walk you can still go on line and donate if you would like to support this very worthwhile cause.

Ballydehob Jazz Festival This year's Ballydehob Jazz Festival takes place from the 3rd to the 6th of May (Bank Holiday Weekend). A super programme of Events is in place and you can find all the details at www.ballydehobjazzfestival.org and you can keep an eye on proceedings on the Ballydehob Jazz Festival page on Facebook.

Local elections on May 24th When the candidates for the local elections come calling on your door asking for your vote please make sure that you ask them about their support of the proposed Harbour Development in Schull. This initiative, which is supported by all the groups who use the Harbour and by all the local community bodies, is in vital need of government funding to get started.

Fastnet Film Festival The festival, now in its 11th year, will run from Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th May. The festival was launched on 25th April at the 'Cinematographer's Party' at The Crane Lane Theatre, Cork. Speakers at the event included Chairperson of the festival John Kelleher and Award winning Director Carmel Winters. The most exciting news announced on the night was the inclusion of Saoirse Ronan in the programme and that Roddy Doyle would host a scriptwriter's workshop and take part in a Q&A. Other guests announced were Paddy Breathnach, Carmel Winters, Moe Dunford, Sarah Greene, Jim Sheridan, Ed Guiney, Hazel Doupe and many more. The line up this year is unprecedented with over 50 expert guests taking part.

Featured at the festival will be in excess of 13 feature length films, 300 short film screenings and Local Interest Films. This Year's World Cinema Programme will focus on Iceland to include three features and a short film programme curated by the Icelandic Film Institute.

Tickets for Festival events are available online at www.fastnetfilmfestival.com and the Box Office will be open at the Film Centre (old AIB Bank) daily from 12 to 4pm from now until Saturday May 12th. From Monday May 13th the Box Office will be open from 10am until 5pm up until the Festival. Full programme details are now available online.

Clean-Up of Schull Village will be Friday May 18th at 5pm in advance of the Film Festival. The Road Sweeper/Washer will clean Main Street at 7am that morning so please keep the street free of parked cars overnight on May 17th/morning of May 18th. A film crew will be on location for the duration of the Festival so we are asking if everyone could please come out and help to make everyplace look shiny and bright to make Schull look even more beautiful. We want to showcase Schull for the beautiful village that it is.

Vitamin Sea The RTE programme which featured Ciara Ferguson and other local swimmers from Schull will be shown as part of the Fastnet Film Festival. There will be a

special screening on Sunday afternoon at the Castlepoint Gallery. The Directors will host a Q&A and some of the participants will also be present.

Sheena Jolley – local wildlife photographer – was a guest on the RTE Today show with Maura and Dáithí on Wednesday April 24th. This show is still available for viewing on the RTE Player. Sheena's Gallery at The Mill House in Coosheen is open to the public from 9am to 5pm daily.

Le Guilvinec/Schull Twinning An action-packed week was organised by the Guilvinec Committee for the recent French-Irish exchange between the fishing town of Guilvinec and Schull. An afternoon of painting of the Guilvinec Lighthouse was just one of the highlights for the adults under the guidance of craftsman, Senta Lécolle. The five families that travelled from Ireland also enjoyed a visit around Penmarc'h, which boasts some spectacular landmarks and views, such as Eckmuhl Lighthouse, the tulip fields, St. Guénolé rocks and the expansive beach of La Torche. Another day was spent at the old town of Quimper with its unique gothic-style Cathedral and Breton Museum.

Some great friendships were formed between the French and Irish children at activities in the former school at Ty Malamok followed by a friendly kickaround between some of the Bunnahally United AFC players and FC Trefflagat-Guilvinec and their families. There were tears and promises of return visits on the final day at the farewell lunch and a few hours later the Irish families navigated their way to Roscoff port and boarded the Pont Aven to Cork.

Schull Meals on Wheels are delighted and very proud to have Ellen Logan back in the Meals on Wheels kitchen having won the individual category in the Lord Mayor's awards in the County Hall Cork, in recognition of all the work she does in our community. Congratulations and very well deserved Ellen.

Schull Harbour Hotel is now an official Fáilte Ireland hotel on the Wild Atlantic Way. Well done to all the team in achieving this accolade. The hotel is currently hiring Staff for Full time and Summer Positions, contact the reception Team or drop in a CV. Food is served daily from 12 until 9 in O'Brien's Bar, Chapters Restaurant is open Friday & Saturday evening for Dinner and Sunday afternoon for Lunch.

Midweek Madness is available from Sunday to Thursday. The offer includes 2 Nights B&B and one 2-Course Evening Meal for 2 people from €199. This offer is running until the end of May. A 3rd Night can be added for €70 per double room.

Schull Yawl Rowing Club member Bridget Meagher is taking part in the Celtic Challenge from Arklow to Aberystwyth on the May Bank Holiday weekend. She is part of a team of 12 female rowers from across Cork called "Beours with Oars" who are taking part to raise money for the Jack and Jill Foundation and Medicin Sans Frontiers. Best wishes to them. To donate please contact Bridget on 086 0585 490.

Sailing news Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre will host the Irish Schools Team Racing Championships on May 4th and 5th and Schull Harbour Sailing Club will resume its weekly race events from Saturday May 11th. It is heartening to see the Pontoon re-installed now that (hopefully) the worst of Spring weather has passed.

Schull Drama Group – The Amadeus Project Workshop number seven was held on the last Monday in April and this project is developing beautifully. The actors and production team are sharing their work, ideas and time to develop the presentation of the award winning play, Amadeus, by Peter Shaffer. This exciting project is a collaborative effort between PlayActing Theatre and Schull Drama Group and work will continue for the next couple of months and then the team will take a break over the summer with rehearsals resuming in September. Performances will be in Schull Parish Hall in the middle weekends in October. Contact either group through their Facebook pages for more information or if you would like to get involved. Follow the developments on the blog karenminihan.wordpress.com

Congratulations to Schull man Ger Minihane who directed Skibbereen Theatre Society's production of Martin McDonagh's The Beauty Queen of Leenane and won numerous prizes. It made it all the way to the All Ireland in Doonbeg where they were placed fourth.

Cycling Minihan's to Mizen Fun Cycle in aid of Aughadown Community Council and Brú Columbanus (postponed due to bad weather in April) is now taking place on Saturday May 18th. See the Schull Triathlon Club Facebook page for more details.

Tidy Towns has a busy month ahead with the clean-up for the Film Festival and lots of spring planting going on. Every Saturday morning Tidy Towns volunteers do a Litter Pick and additional hands are always very welcome. Meet at Pier Road Car Park at 10am – it's only for a couple of hours.

County Council Sarah Sinnott who has been the Area Engineer for the last number of years is moving on to the Marine Division of Cork County Council. We wish to thank her for her support of local initiatives and the successful projects that she has brought to Schull during her term here. We welcome her successor Niall Chamberlain and look forward to working with him.

Bealtaine Art Work in Schull Library The Thursday Club at Schull Community Care's social centre has spent the past number of weeks working with artist Jackie Nevin to produce a beautiful tile artwork. The resulting artwork is now on display in Schull Library for the month of May as part of the Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. The aim of this project was to engage participants in a collaborative creative activity that involved the exploration and use of new materials and processes. The project began with modelling clay. Each participant produced a clay tile that represented Spring. Moulds were taken of each individual tile and then replica tiles were cast in crushed stone and resin and finished using a combination of paint, powdered bronze and gilding wax. The painted tiles were then mounted on a wooden panel. The finished artwork is really outstanding and well worth a visit to the library to admire! Schull Community Care is grateful to the Cork County Council Arts Grant for the funding which enabled the project to take place.

Scoil Mhuire National School's Fun Run which was held on April 7th was a great success. Over €1400 was raised and this is going towards the purchase of new sports jerseys. The Little Way Charity Shop donated €500 to the event. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and well done to all the prize winners.

First Communion for Schull Mhuire Primary School children takes place on Saturday 4th May. Best wishes to all in Second Class and their teachers – hope they all have a lovely day.

Births Congratulations to Laura Cronin and Martin Hunt on the safe arrival of baby Oisín Oran, to Robyn and Finbarr Sheehan and their new baby Emmet Andrew and to Nora Kingston and Diarmuid O'Callaghan on the arrival of baby Anna-Marie.

Marriages Congratulations to Neil Collins and Sarah Spicer who recently tied the knot.

Deaths Our sympathies to the family of Joe Duggan, Kilbrinogue, who died recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

What's on in Schull

Acapellabella Community Choir New term starts on Thursday 2nd May 7.30-9.30pm. We have recently moved our rehearsals into the Social Centre behind the Schull Parish Hall and Church and are happy to welcome new members on any evening. Come along and enjoy meeting new people and learning a variety of songs. This coming terms' focus will be on songs from countries to include Spain and Africa.

Blue House Gallery opened its new season on the 19th April with a group exhibition and a solo show of David Begley's monoprints in the Boiler Room Gallery - a new addition upstairs. In May there will be two Exhibition Opening's - 17th May - 'Alternative Views' with guest curator Ana Ospina and 'Hands' with Cecilia Thole. Jane Jermyn's solo show is in the Boiler Gallery. On 31st May - 'Artists Spaces Photography' with guest curators Geoff Greenham and Melanie Black with Paul Forde Cialis in the Boiler Room Gallery.

Grove House will be open for lunch from May Bank Holiday weekend. Every day from 12.30. Dinner opening hours as usual. On Sunday May 26th Paul and Tony are having a gig at 8pm. Doors open at 6 for food and wine.

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 MISC P , 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

Country Market The Schull Country Market operates every Sunday from 10am until 2pm in the Pier Road Car Park.

Fastnet Trails There are eight signed Walks branching out from the Schull Trailhead that is located at the entrance to the East End car park in Schull. These walks vary from easy to moderate in grade and they "offer the walker a unique tapestry of landscapes and seascapes, where every turn allows a fresh view of the heart of West Cork"

Outdoor Gym is located beside the Tennis Courts and is free to use by anyone over the age of 16.

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

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.

Schull Tennis Club meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9.30am at the Tennis Courts. New participants are always welcome.

Schull Yawl Rowing Club For enquiries about joining contact Clare on 086 877 3035

Schull Services

Schull Meals on Wheels at the Social Centre or delivered to your home. Phone Nuala at 086 3159719

Schull Credit Union Opening times - Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30 am – 12:30 and 1:30 - 5 pm. Saturday 9:30 am – 1 pm. Phone 028 28666

Derryconnell Civic Amenity Centre – Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm – 4:20 pm. Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm.

Mizen Medical Practice – all enquires and appointments phone 028 28311. Out of hours service phone SouthDoc 1850-335-999

Drinagh Pharmacy Schull – 028 - 28108

Mass Times

Mondays and Fridays
Schull 9 am

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Goleen 10 am

Wednesdays
Ballydehob 10 am

Saturday
Lowertown 8pm

Sundays
Ballydehob 9.30am

Schull 10:30 am
Goleen 12 noon

AIB Mobile Community Banking – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays Ballydehob – 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Schull – 10:45 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. ATMs in Schull outside Brosnan's Centra and inside Centra.

Church of Ireland Services – Sundays Schull 10 am, Toormore 11:30 am, Ballydehob 11:30 am.

Schull Library Opening Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 2.30pm-5.30pm. Wednesday – 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm. Saturday – 9.30am-1:30pm. Closed on Saturdays of bank holiday weekends. Closed Mondays. Phone number 028-28290.

Schull Garda Station – 028-28111

Schull Coast Guard is on call 24/7. Call 999 or 112 if you are in trouble or if you see others that need assistance. 11:30 am, Ballydehob 11:30 am.

Bus Times

Schull to Cork:

Mondays – Saturdays 08:05, 12:40 and 17:50.

Sunday 16:30 only.

Departs from top of Main Street
(outside the Film Centre/Old AIB Bank).

Also check

Bus Éireann on line for up-to-date information.
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10 Main Street, Schull, Co. Cork.

Editor's Notes A very special Thank You and Well Done to Trich Deeney who produced and edited the newsletter over the last number of months – much appreciated Trich.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this month's Newsletter. We are always delighted to receive updates from any club, business, society, group, voluntary committee, etc. Please email your news items or notification of upcoming events to schullnewsletter@gmail.com on or before the 24th of each month.

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