

# Schull newsletter

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## **Welcome to the November edition of Schull District and Community Council Newsletter.**

The year is whizzing by. Observations about the end of summer, the arrival of autumn and the imminence of Hallowe'en have seamlessly segued into exhortations to start preparing for Christmas. Copies of the "Holly Bough" have appeared. There is no surer indication of the nearness of Christmas for citizens of the real capital and its environs than the arrival in the shops of that timeless publication.

October was a busy month in Schull. The joint production by Schull Drama Group and Playacting Theatre of Peter Shaffer's play, "Amadeus" played for 6 performances, gathering bigger and bigger houses for an enthralling production. Director Karen Minihan and her team treated us to a theatrical tour de force. It was some achievement. Well done.

There's no doubt about it, but we're a great race of people. The forecast for Hallowe'en was grim and the forecast was right. Rain swept in over us all day long, it varied in intensity and moisture content, but it definitely rained, all day. Did that stop the citizenry from getting into the spirit of things? (apologies, couldn't resist it) not likely! All the businesses and home-owners in town had wonderfully imaginative window displays. From mid-afternoon groups of unearthly creatures from corpse brides to vampires roamed the streets. They were of every age and size and shape. The costumes were incredible, people showed really impressive ingenuity and creativity. Little people made an impressive haul of highly coloured, sugar saturated treats. I think a long night stretched ahead of many parents, between vampire-induced nightmares, sugar-fuelled hyperactivity and overstretched digestive systems. The younger children were able to release lots of their energy at the Kiddies Disco in the Parish Hall (sponsored by SDCC) and the trick or treating ended with a brilliant fire show, performed, still in the rain, by Fire Inferno. The choreography and production values of this performance were amazing and a really appreciative audience stuck it out until the show came to its spectacular finale. Thank you to Pobal Schull and to Cork County Council for co-ordinating and funding this imaginative piece of street art. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped out on the night.

The broken and absent equipment in the playground has been a bone of contention for well over a year now. It is to be presumed that since the playground is Council property, there is a budget allocation for its maintenance. One of the pieces of equipment has been recently repaired, it is to be hoped that this is an indication of the intention to refurbish the rest of the playground. Our playground enjoys the most perfect situation - it should have proper play equipment too.

It's very heartening to see the formerly empty Waterside premises being brought back to life by its new owners. We wish the O'Driscoll family every good fortune with their new venture The Townhouse O D's. We look forward to seeing it open in the very near future.

**Recent Death** The community of the Mizen showed its support for the Healy and Tuite families in their grief at the tragic loss of their son, brother and grandson, Kodie. The voluntary effort of the rescue services and the general public was tremendous. We wish to extend our sympathies to all Kodie's family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**Schull & District Community Council** (SDCC) had its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a well attended meeting and Paul Phillips (outgoing Chairman) thanked all the members for their hard work and commitment to the community over the last 12 months. The existing officers all stood down and the new officers were appointed as follows: John Walsh - Chair, Paul Phillips - Vice-Chair, Denis Minihane - Secretary, Deirdre Tinkhof - Treasurer, Gene Griffin - P.R.O.

The other members were all re-elected: Katie Ward, Anne O'Brien, Sheila Ellis, Carmel Waddy, Bridie D'Alton, Jenny Pyburn, John Handley, Danny O'Regan, Christian Walden, Finbarr Butler, Simon Nelson.

**Christmas Baubles** The Schull 2019 Christmas Baubles are now available in the shops in the village as well as online. This year's bauble has been designed by Sabine Lenz and features her trademark love of script and the Irish language. These baubles are very collectable and make perfect gifts.

This is a fund-raising project for SDCC and all the proceeds go back to our community.

**Shop Local for Christmas** The Schull Business & Tourism Association is again sponsoring the Shop Local for Christmas campaign. There will be a Monster Raffle just before Christmas and to enter all you have to do is buy locally and support your village. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful and unique shops in Schull. And shopping in Schull has so many other advantages: If you forget a bag or a parcel you are sure to be reunited with it, the danger of pickpockets is minimal, there is a wide range of retail outlets, parking is free, there are no queues and refreshments of every kind are always at hand. What's not to like...? Keep an eye on the All I Want For Christmas is Something Local page on Facebook for more information.

**Scoil Mhuire Primary School** is bidding a fond farewell to Diarmuid Duggan who is leaving Scoil Mhuire National School to take up a position as Principal in Enniskeane/Ballineen. We extend a warm welcome to our new Principal Maireád Drinan and wish her every success in our well-loved primary school.

**New baby** Congratulations to Clodagh O'Driscoll and Brian Hayes on the happy arrival of baby Fionn, a new brother for Seán and Saoirse.

**Sports News** Well done to Eimear Minihane, Alex O'Sullivan and Chloe Anne O'Driscoll who were Skibbereen members of the Munster Rugby team that won the U18 Interprovincial Final. Eimear also won the West Cork Sports Star monthly award as well as being named player of the tournament. The Gabriel Rangers U12 team won the West Cork Championship while the Gabriel Rangers Intermediate team players were gallant warriors in the Cork IFC Final recently in Páirc Uí Rinn. Defeated by only 2 points, they were heroic. And SCC Transition Year kickboxing instructor Tony Stephenson won the gold medal no less at the WAKO Kickboxing World Championships. We are very proud of you all. And the future would seem to be bright with two Scoil Mhuire pupils – Lucy Hurley and Sam Logan – taking part in a trip to Barcelona as part of the Emerging Talent Programme for the West Cork Schoolboys League.

**The Blue House Gallery** is delighted to be opening in December with an exhibition by Gallery Artists. Along with artworks the Gallery will be selling Blue House Gallery gift vouchers - perfect Christmas present for art lovers! The following are the dates that the gallery will be open before and after Christmas: Thursday to Sunday up to Christmas (5, 6, 7 & 8th - 12, 13, 14 & 15th - 19, 20, 21 & 22nd) and then daily from Friday 27th December to 4th January 2020 inclusive.

The official opening will be at 6pm Friday 6th December.

**Schull/Le Guilvinec Twinning Group** are looking for Hosts for French Adults who will be coming to the Schull area next Easter Week 2020. They are looking for Hosts for 1 week please from April 11th to April 18th 2020. If you would like to host, please contact Catherine Roycroft on Mobile 086-2615999. Merci Bien!

**Scoraíocht & Company's** monthly session in Newman's Corner House will take place on Thursday 28th November at 8pm. The theme for this month is "Three, Triple or Treble" as Scoraíocht & Co is now celebrating its third anniversary. As always everyone is invited to come along and enjoy an evening of shared stories, songs, recitals, recitations and maybe an actor or two. For more information check out the Facebook page Scoraíocht & Company.

**Schull Community College Parent's Association** will hold a Meet and Greet along with its Annual General Meeting on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the school. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa and a chance to meet with the new principal, Sarah Buckley.

**The Hail Holy Queen Conference** On Saturday 23rd November, at 9.30am, the Hail Holy Queen Conference will take place in the Firgrove Hotel, in Mitchelstown, Co Cork. There is a great line up of speakers: Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, James Mahon, Fr. Colm Mannion OP, Fr. Marius O Reilly, Kathy Sinnott,

Méabh Carlin. Confessions and Mass will be part of this wonderful day. This is a Donation only event. Buses will be running from Cork city. Please contact Kay at 087 116 5669.

**Mizen Macra na Feirme** are having their first official fundraising Table Quiz on November 22<sup>nd</sup> in The Bunratty Inn. Start time 9pm, €20 per table of four. There will be a raffle also with some great prizes. All are welcome and you don't have to be a Macra member to take part!

**Mizen Head** opening hours for the winter are Weekends from 11am to 4pm. Enquiries to Mizen Information and e-Centre, Goleen on 028 35000.

**Talks at the Vaults** in Ballydehob on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> will feature Finola Finlay speaking on "Saints and Soupers. Making a difference during the Famine on the Mizen". Start time is 8pm (old AIB building).

**Schull Tidy Towns** very deservedly received Small Village Commendation at the Muintir na Tíre Pride in Our Community 2019 Awards. Our Tidy Town's stalwart Maura Allen received the award on behalf of the committee. Everyone appreciates all the hard work being done by this group all year round and it is only fitting to receive recognition for it.

Volunteers meet every Saturday morning at 10am to do a Litter Pick. Extra hands are always welcome. Meet at the front of the Pier Road Car Park – it's only for a couple of hours. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

**Schull Rowing Club** is seeking new members. If interested please contact the following emails: [chair.schull.rowing@gmail.com](mailto:chair.schull.rowing@gmail.com) or [secretary.schull.rowing@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.schull.rowing@gmail.com)

**Schull Community College** as always has lots going on. Among the bigger things happening, the history and geography classes from fifth and sixth year went on a trip to Italy before mid-term break in October and the Transition Year German students are on an Exchange trip to Germany at the start of November.

# Lets support our local shops this Christmas!



# What's on in Schull

**Acapellabella Community Choir** is a women's choir that meets weekly at The Old Bank House in Schull from 7.30-9.30pm every Thursday. New members are very welcome - no previous experience needed. Contact Caz on 0831425599 or by email at [cazjeffreys@gmail.com](mailto:cazjeffreys@gmail.com) for more info.

**Country Market** The Schull Country Market has now finished up for the winter months. We will keep you posted on any special markets happening at Christmas, closer to the time.

**Pop-up Gaeltacht** over coffee every Monday morning at 10am in Schull Harbour Hotel. Open to all and you only need a cúpla focal to participate.

**Schull Bridge Club** meets every Thursday evening at 8 to 11 pm at the Satellite Centre (Old Boys School) Cost €5. Cash prizes. Free lessons (individual or group) are available – tel Martin on 028 28292 for info.

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

**Parking in Schull** Free car parking is available in all the car parks in Schull. If you must park on the Main Street please observe the parking regulations and especially do not park on double yellow lines! There is a Traffic Warden on duty who carries out spot checks at random and will issue fines for parking offences.

**Schull Primary School** offers a morning and afternoon Club service. Contact 087 775 4254.

**Schull Toddler Group** meets every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Katie Ward on 086 35 65 276.

**Shut Up & Write West Cork** This writer's support group aims to build community and inspire you to write! The group meets every Saturday from 10:30-12 @Newman's West upstairs. It's free admission but please arrive early and order food or drink. After introductions, the timer goes off and everyone writes without talking for an hour. Stay after to celebrate and socialize. Please RSVP or message organizer Jeanne Sullivan Billeci at [www.meetup.com/Shut-Up-Write-West-Cork](http://www.meetup.com/Shut-Up-Write-West-Cork)

# 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.

**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 Bank). Also check Bus Éireann on line for up-to-date information. Route number is 237.

**Free Wi-Fi** There is free Wi-fi access in Schull village which is available by connecting to the **Free\_WiFi** internet connection. This service is provided free of charge by our local internet service provider DigitalForge.

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

**Drinagh Pharmacy Schull** – 028 - 28108

**Defibrillators** are located outside Brosnan's Centra on Main Street, outside Schull Harbour Hotel, at the Pier and at the Garda Station.

**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.

**Mass Times** – Mondays and Fridays 9 am in Schull, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am in Goleen, Wednesdays 10 am in Ballydehob. Saturday night Lowertown 8 pm. Sundays – Ballydehob 9:30 am, Schull 10:30 am and Goleen 12 noon.

**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-5.30-pm. Saturday – 9.30am-1:30pm. Closed on Saturdays of bank holiday weekends. Closed Mondays. Phone number 028 - 28290

**Schull Garda Station** – Office (028) 28111 or Mobile 087 980 2865. In the case of an emergency always call 999.

**Recycling Facilities** There is a collection point at the pier for bottles and cans. Clothing (ONLY) is accepted at the textile recycling point at the rear of the playschool/Church car park.

**Public Toilets & Showers** are located close to the Pier. Open from 8.30am to 8.30pm everyday. Showers cost €2 for a five minute shower.

**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.

## Editor's Notes

A big thank you 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.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about the news and happenings in Schull. All feedback is much appreciated to any member of SDCC or by email to our email address below. If you wish to place an Ad in the Newsletter it costs €10 for a Text only Ad and €20 for a quarter-page Ad (discount for multiple ads).

Special mention to Master JJ Doherty who distributes the newsletter all over town each month.

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