



# Schull Newsletter

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

"Blow, blow thou Winter wind,  
Thou art not so unkind  
As man's ingratitude ...."

Shakespeare was right when he wrote these words 400 years ago and he's STILL right, of course. We are lucky in Schull, we avoid the wintry extremes endured in other parts of the country and we are not prone to ingratitude either. Now that election fever has gripped the country it is to be hoped that we will be in a position to be grateful to our newly elected politicians when (and it is to be hoped, WHEN) they fulfil their election promises. The electorate is not unreasonable. People want a functioning health service, investment in housing and a fair and just government. In the context of local politics the requests are more particular but still invested with the desire for better infrastructures and improvements that will make life better for everyone. Funding for the long overdue development of the harbour would give the badly needed economic boost to not just Schull but all of Mizen. This is a community-based not-for-profit project that deserves government support. The Council's subsidised affordable building sites have been a very constructive initiative. As a result we have dozens of hard working young families living and working here in their own homes. They are paying mortgages and not exorbitant rents. They pay taxes, send their children to school here, work in the area and make a valuable contribution to the community. This is a win-win situation. Other young people should have the opportunity to avail of a similar opportunity. Ask for more affordable building sites. Bantry Hospital has provided a lifeline for the community in the Mizen and the Beara peninsula. Do not allow it to be downgraded. The availability of affordable child care is a huge issue. We have an amazing Pre-school in Schull but the system and the infrastructure need investment, financial, supportive and regulatory.

When the candidates arrive on your doorstep ask about these issues and demand commitment. Look them in the eye and tell them what you want. Give our politicians the opportunity to avoid the unkindness of "man's ingratitude".

**Saint Patrick's Day** is on the horizon. We want this year's parade to be even bigger and more exciting than before. The theme is PRIDE. Interpret it any way you wish. We want everyone, every business, every individual in Schull to be represented in the parade. It's our big day out, make it one to remember. Come along to take part in a really special celebration of Saint Patrick's Day and of Scoil Mhuire.  
So.... tackle the politicians and get your Patrick's Day kit assembled. It's all go!

**Schull Community Care** are looking for volunteer drivers to join the team, who make sure a hot nourishing meal is delivered to everyone who needs it in our community. If you have a car and a little spare time to give on a rota basis, please call Nuala on 0863159719 or Ellen 0851078910. Thank you.

**Fastnet Film Festival** If you are interested in film, Fastnet Film Festival is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming festival in May. If interested, we would love to hear from you. Please follow the link to apply before Feb 24th. <http://www.fastnetfilmfestival.com/festival-supporters/volunteers/> or for more information please email [deirdre@fastnetfilmfestival.com](mailto:deirdre@fastnetfilmfestival.com)

**Schull Business & Tourism Association** has started work on publishing the Discover Schull & The Mizen Visitor Guide 2020. The Guide will be in its usual format but updated for Content, Photos and Advertisements. If anyone has content of local interest or photographs of the Mizen area that may be considered for inclusion please email to [committee@schull.ie](mailto:committee@schull.ie) by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Girl Guides** A new term has started for Schull Guides and already they had a visit to the Schull Coastguard Station. After a most informative tour and a close-up look at the rescue boat the girls had loads of questions that were very ably answered by Maggie, Jackie, Ian and Michelle. They were given a very detailed description of the training undertaken and the job that Schull coastguard does. The Guides say "Thanks for having us and giving so freely of your time. We are so lucky to have such a vital service in our community."  
Enrolments have been held and plans are being made at the moment for an overnight trip in April.

**Hackett's Bar** is holding the Schull Wordsmiths' Scrabble Tournament from Monday 24th to Friday 28th each eve - details on how to enter tba on Hacketts website (high tech) and window (low tech) - guaranteed to be emotionally enthralling and intellectually revealing! Trained Moderator will be in charge. And watch the 6 Nations matches upstairs at Hacketts on our new wide screen TV.

**Fastnet Walking Trails** The AGM of Fastnet Trails will take place at Schull

Social Centre (Old Boys National School) at 8pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. **Three Castle Head** is closed off to the public until April 10<sup>th</sup> in order to let the ground recover from the high number of visitors. Access will be open on Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup> February) and St Patrick's Day (17<sup>th</sup> March)

**Charity Weigh & Pay Clothes Sale** Local UCC student, Louise Legrix is hosting a weigh and pay sale in the West Cork Hotel in Skibbereen on Saturday 22nd of February from 11am to 4pm.

Tickets can be bought for free on Eventbrite by looking up weigh and pay sale or cost €1 on the day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

More information can be found on our Instagram: weighnpaysalee or on Facebook: weigh&pay or by email: [louise.schull@gmail.com](mailto:louise.schull@gmail.com)

**Schull Girl Guides** say Thank you Adrienne: At the end of last year, Schull Girl Guides and Brownies held a party to say a huge thank you to Adrienne Bray who recently retired as a guide leader. All the young women on the Mizen peninsula who were lucky enough to have her as their guide leader really appreciate her immense contribution to them and their development. The love and esteem felt for Adrienne was evident by the presence of so many guides past and present and their parents. The girls presented her with handmade cards, flowers and gifts. Adrienne's party was also attended by the regional commissioner Deirdre Henley, who presented Adrienne with a pin to mark her 15 years of volunteering and service to Guiding. Adrienne, we will miss your easy presence and sense of fun and laughter at meetings.

**Fund-raising events at Schull Harbour Hotel** this month include a Table Quiz in aid of Schull NS on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm and the Louise Kennedy Fundraiser Dance on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**Le Guilvinec Twinning Group** is busy at the moment organising fund-raising and social events in the lead up to a visit from our friends in Le Guilvinec at Easter. A big planning meeting with committee and all the new host families will be held on Monday 3rd February in the hotel. The twinning are having a Jewellery-making workshop with Agnes Lefebvre on Friday 7th Feb at 11am in Schull parish hall. Booking is advisable as limited places. Cost €15, you will bring home your jewellery. Refreshments will be served. Agnes' work can be seen on [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) Agnes vintage 14. Then a table quiz is planned for Sat 14th March @ Schull Harbour Hotel, tables of 4 so "save the date", get your friends together and put in a table. Watch this space for more info next month.

### **Schull Community College News**

Six students from the SCC Class of 2019 were honoured by the Cork Educational Training Board at a special awards ceremony in the Radisson Blu Hotel last week.

Hollie Collins, Fionn Ferreira, Gabrielle Hogan, Orlaith O'Donovan, Malachy Reynolds and Aleesha Wiegandt were recognised for their hard work and their outstanding Leaving Cert results. All at SCC are very proud of the award recipients and wish them best of luck in their future endeavours.

First year SCC student Eveanna Goulding has been selected to be one of Ireland's Climate Ambassadors. The Climate Ambassador programme is Ireland's first ever initiative to train and support individuals taking action on climate change.

Two projects from SCC were selected to exhibit at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS recently. Transition year students, Ella Collins and Jasmine Kelly investigated the environmental knowledge of different age groups and how different levels of environmental knowledge may be a reason to lower the current voting age. Fifth years, Daisy Seaward and Clíona Riordan examined using a common West Cork plant, Bracken, as an alternative, environmentally sustainable source of Phosphorus for agricultural crops.

In the meantime, the College Community Incredible Edible garden, is waking up to Spring, and there are plans to make it more sensory for students. Any help from the Community is appreciated, just get in touch with Ms Quinn.

**Scoraíocht & Company** is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February in Newman's Corner House. For the month that's in it the theme is Lovely Love, L'Amour, Grá. Join in if you want to, or just come down and be part of the audience. As always, expect a fabulous evening of shared stories, songs, poems. Starts at 8pm. For more information follow the facebook page.

## **Regular Happenings 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.

**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 11pm 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.

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

**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.

**Schull Tidy Towns** 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.

**Shut Up & Write West Cork** takes place Saturdays 10:30am - noon at Newman's West pub (2nd floor). This international group offers a productive, safe space for writers anywhere in their process, whether they're working on a novel, poem, journal, etc. There's no critiquing. Show up, state what you're working on, write quietly for an hour, then tell us how it went. Stay after the meeting if you feel chatty. It's a fascinating mix of people. Feel free to join the group on Meetup to get updates at <http://bit.ly/3aI7fX7>.

## **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. Phone 028 37048

**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-5.30pm. 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

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.

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).

Please email your news items, ads or notification of upcoming events to [schullnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:schullnewsletter@gmail.com) on or before the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.



**SEEKS CARING HOSTS.**

FAMILIES, SINGLES AND COUPLES WELCOME TO APPLY FOR 2020  
UP TO 3 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT ONE TIME  
OR LARGER FAMILY GROUPS

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Contact Annette  
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| Wellness  |  | <b>THE WELLNESS ROOM SCHEDULE</b>                          |  |  |   |  |  |  Wellness |
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| — OUR CLASSES ARE SMALL SO BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL —  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY   |  |
| 9.30-10.30am   | Dynamic Stretch<br>10-11am<br>Jena Malone<br>086 302 7439  | Pilates<br>10-11am<br>Fiona<br>061 522996                  | Gentle Yoga<br>9.30-10.15am<br>Uta<br>061 742717           | Body Work<br>by appointment<br>Jena Malone<br>086 302 7439 | Pilates<br>10-11am<br>Fiona<br>061 522996 | Body Work<br>by appointment<br>Jena Malone<br>086 302 7439 | Body Work<br>by appointment<br>Jena Malone<br>086 302 7439 |  |
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| 1.00-2.00pm  |  |  |  | Body Work<br>by appointment<br>Jena Malone<br>086 302 7439 |   |  |  |  |
| 2.30-4.00pm  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| 4.00-5.00pm  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| 6.30-7.30pm  | Sephology<br>6.30-7.30<br>Marie<br>062 8719426             |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| 7.30-8.30pm  |  |  | Mindfulness<br>Techniques<br>Kia 8.15-9.15pm<br>061 522996 |  |   |  |  |  |

The Townhouse O D's  
GASTROPUB



Saturday, 8th February  
Paudy Hourihane  
at 10pm

Saturday, 15th February  
Left Hand Drive  
at 10pm

Call us on 028 28692



Valentine's  
Dinner

*Friday 14th February*

Share a Romantic Dinner for  
Two, specially prepared by  
our Head Chef Peter Marshall  
Enjoy a Three Course Meal  
accompanied by Prosecco  
€40 per person

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028 28625

**HACKETT'S JAN/FEB  
SUNDAY SESSIONS**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: Max Vearncombe

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bean Dolan

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>: Stuart Wilde

Sun 16<sup>th</sup>: Shanti

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>: Between The Storms

