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# Dragons' Secret Den a winner for Kinsale

The Trident Hotel was buzzing recently with positive and constructive ideas at the 1st Kinsale Dragons' Secret Den competition where a prize of €1,000 was presented to Adrian Wistreich for [www.custombreaks.ie](http://www.custombreaks.ie), an online marketing strategy with packages that visitors to Kinsale can book on the web. 'Dragons' for the competition were holiday business entrepreneur Marcelle Spellar, businesswoman and philanthropist, co-founder of [Holiday-Rentals.com](http://Holiday-Rentals.com) and [Localgiving.com](http://Localgiving.com) who featured on the TV series 'Secret Millionaire' and has an apartment in Kinsale; Bobby Kerr, founder of Insomnia coffee shops chain, one time night porter in Acton's Hotel and a judge on the TV series *Dragons' Den*; Eileen Moloney of venture consultancy CorkBic and Ivan McCutcheon, rural development manager with West Cork Development Partnership.

A welcome was extended by Mayor of Kinsale, Michael Frawley who thanked the organisers and sponsors.

Cllr Alan Clayton was master of ceremonies for the competition, the criteria for which was how to make Kinsale a better place in which to live and work, how to benefit the community and what can be done to make the projects happen. There were 18 entries and five finalists, each of whom gave a two minutes presentation and answered questions from the panel. Following a break for adjudication, there were two finalists who then gave a one minute address.

Winner Adrian Wistreich, who founded Kinsale Pottery and Arts Centre ten years ago, said he and computers/website expert Mick McElligott established the online travel agency Custom Breaks Ireland in 2009 because they saw the need for a sophisticated but easy to use web-based marketing tool which offered Kinsale's many fine tourism and activity providers the opportunity to upload their business and products on to the [www.custombreaks.ie](http://www.custombreaks.ie) website and have a link with the existing [www.kinsale.ie](http://www.kinsale.ie) destination website to take instant real time bookings for accommodation, restaurants and attractions and generate more enquiries to a town where tourism is its lifeblood.

Already, 1,000 businesses were presented on the site and since launching it in October, over 200 businesses had registered directly but only five to date in Kinsale even though it presented 'a killer opportunity' for all 190 members of the Chamber of Tourism to have their profiles developed and do online marketing. A delighted Adrian said he would use the €1,000 prize money to upgrade software

and carry out further legwork to promote the new enterprise and Kinsale.

A very creditable runner up was Lucy Hyland, nutritional therapist, chef and owner of Food for Living, with 'Super Snacks' for kids in Kinsale. Comprised of natural seeds and dried fruit, samples were very much enjoyed by the 'dragons' while Lucy pointed out that in conjunction with a community and health programme she devised involving the children at five schools in the locality, it was all about 'healthy kids and a healthy Kinsale'.



Alan Murray made the case for the Compass Programme in Kinsale under the Brothers of Charity, a community development initiative which aims to encourage full inclusion for people with intellectual disability. It operates in two ways, with volunteers to assist users of its day centre at Lower O'Connell Street and through work experience locally under the Fas EmployAbility services. The life-enriching community project broadens social integration, job opportunities, develops new friendships and generates civic pride in this European Year of the Volunteer.

Gerard O'Leary's novel idea was a song to promote the town called 'You'll always find plenty to do in Kinsale'. The Dunderrow man said music was a powerful marketing tool and he had written the words to do just that for Kinsale which had so much to offer, as shown in a powerpoint presentation compiled by his daughter Denise. Words, he added, could be adapted to promote businesses or products in Kinsale and he hoped to have the song recorded and performed by a singer or singers from the locality.

The project from Liz Creed of Transition Town Kinsale (TTK) was to further develop the '50 Mile Menu' which has proved so

successful at the Gourmet Festival in recent years. One of a number of TTK food projects, the aim was to have as many eating places and shops as possible in Kinsale with menus and produce for sale sourced within 50 miles of the town as the crow flies (i.e. all of Co. Cork). This was good for achieving a sustainable local economy, Kinsale's good food reputation, eco-tourism and of course local farmers, producers, suppliers and consumers, said Liz who presented to the 'dragons' a copy of 'Kinsale Cooks' a fundraising book for Summercove NS featuring 50 mile meals.

The winner, Adrian Wistreich, was announced by Marcelle Spellar who presented him with the cheque for €1,000. She stressed that everyone who participated was a winner. The former Murphy-Heineken executive spoke of her deep affinity for Kinsale and her sense of belonging in its friendly community. She advised all prospective entrepreneurs to get it right at the start when small, because, as happened to herself, that was the time one could afford to make mistakes.

Alan Clayton also congratulated all 18 entrepreneurs adding that they would benefit from business advice from Angel Investing. The other entries included a local currency, water taxis, a recycle and reuse shop, a cordless water bottle, a community texting service, daytime five-a-side football for job-seekers and a sports festival, all worthy of support.

He also thanked sponsors and supporters Kinsale Town Council, the Chamber of Tourism, Rebel Corporate Events (Ed O'Leary), Hal McElroy and staff of The Trident Hotel, The Blue Haven Hotel, Fairtrade Ireland (Peter Gaynor and Pdraig Fitzgerald), Tierney's Friars' Lodge, Kinsale Lions Club, photographer Nelius Buckley and fellow organisers Maria O'Mahony, John McGrath and Jack Walsh. Winner of first prize in the raffle, a hamper of local food from Kinsale Green Growers represented by Aimi Pinder, was Liz Lynch.

On what was a good news night for Kinsale at the fully re-opened Trident Hotel, there were many positive vibes among the large audience.

Following on from this highly successful event some of the shortlisted projects are already underway, (5-a-side soccer for jobseekers, the 50 mile meal award, which is being actively supported by the Chamber of Tourism as part of expanding the Gourmet Festival), while the Dragons' Den facilitator, Alan Clayton, has met with some of the other project leaders in an attempt to get their proposals off the ground. Meanwhile it has been suggested that a 'Song for Kinsale' competition might be hosted during Kinsale Arts Week.

The Dragons' Secret Den has been so well received that there is a possibility that it may become an annual event... get your thinking caps on now!

## SOMBRE START TO NEW YEAR IN KINSALE

Staff and management of the Trident Hotel, Kinsale, were devastated on January 9th last when a hotel guest tragically died from suspected carbon monoxide poisoning in the hotel.

Miriam Reidy, from Limerick, was visiting Kinsale to celebrate her cousin's hen party but succumbed to the deadly gas which also rendered her sister Patricia unconscious. This was a devastating blow not only to the families and friends of Ms Reidy, but also to those in the Trident Hotel, which has an excellent reputation at home and abroad. The sense of shock and upset in Kinsale has been palpable in the days, weeks and months since the accident as people try to come to terms with it. The management of the Trident Hotel would like to thank the local community for their ongoing loyalty and their support for the owners, management and staff throughout this very difficult period.

We at the Kinsale & District Newsletter offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Ms Reidy as they face into the difficult days ahead.

## Leading Economist Jim Power to address Kinsale Business Group

Leading Economist, Jim Power, is going to give a presentation titled *New Programme for Government and its Chances of Succeeding together with an Outlook for the Economy for the next 12 months*. The major networking event is specifically for clients, contacts and friends of Fitzgerald & Partners Accountants, Kinsale, the accountancy firm owned by Cormac Fitzgerald FCPA who is a council member of The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland. For details visit [www.fitzgeraldandpartners.com](http://www.fitzgeraldandpartners.com)

It is being held in April at the Blue Haven Hotel and is going to be a networking breakfast to encourage networking in the South Cork area. The event is already booked up and attendees include some leading business people and also political representatives.

An incubation area for Entrepreneurs will take place in the Blue Haven Café for people who are looking for opportunities to generate new business leads and share ideas.

The event is being organised by the team of accountants at the firm, managers Nessa Kelly, CPA office manager, and Gertrude Ahern, CPA Business Centre Manager. They regularly hold information seminars to update the business community with relevant topics such as Green Technology, Budget Analysis and other technical updates.

Cormac Fitzgerald comments "This is a great opportunity for people to exchange business cards, see what the outlook is like for the next 12 months and for people to share ideas with other entrepreneurs over a coffee".

Following on from the dreadful tragedy in the Trident Hotel, townspeople were further shocked on February 10th last when a fatal air crash occurred at Cork Airport with a member of a much loved Kinsale family aboard. Mrs Heather Elliot, daughter of Roma and the late

Canon Oliver Peare, and sister of Nigel and David of the Quay Food Co., was one of six passengers who was rushed to Cork University Hospital as the Cork Major Emergency Plan was activated. Alas tragically the six remaining passengers, including the pilot and co-pilot, perished in the crash. Mrs Elliot underwent surgery and had treatment for fractures in CUH but has since returned to her home in Northern Ireland to recover from the traumatic ordeal.

The Peare and Elliot families would like to extend profound thanks to the emergency and medical personnel, whose actions clearly minimised the number of fatalities, airport staff, Canon Williams and all the community in Kinsale who supported and prayed for Heather and her family.

They ask that the families and friends of those who lost their lives continue to be remembered in your thoughts and prayers.



## GO-AHEAD FOR TWO NEW MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN KINSALE TOWN

Planning permissions for two major developments in Kinsale concerning Acton's Hotel and Super Valu were granted under manager's orders circulated to members of the town council at their March meeting.

Full permission, subject to 40 conditions, was granted to Tolbaz Ltd, c/o John Crean, Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, planning consultants, Cork for the partial demolition of Acton's Hotel, Pier Road, and 14 Lower O'Connell Street, for its reconstruction as a boutique hotel and apartment development.

The new development will comprise a 15 bedroom hotel with leisure centre, lounge bar and meeting rooms plus 30 residential apartments in the original Acton's Hotel building, three detached houses, refurbishment of 14 and 15 Lower O'Connell Street, an additional 32 apartments and houses in two blocks separate to the hotel with one block in the area currently occupied by the leisure centre which is to be demolished. There will also be an underground car park with up to 157 spaces and a landscaped plaza.

Conditions include a full archaeological impact assessment and public access to the leisure facility. It's understood the distinctive slate frontage of the hotel will be retained. Jack Walsh is manager of the popular hotel established in 1946.

Permission was also granted, subject to 23 conditions, to I and G Stores Ltd, c/o Colman Cotter and Co, consulting engineers, Ballincollig, for construction of a two storey mixed use retail and community facilities development at the Glen and New Road with a gross floor area of 5,763 square metres.

The development, spearheaded by Super Valu, will include a licensed supermarket, a retail unit on the upper floor, a lower ground floor car park and storage area and upgrading of the existing surface car park. Conditions include €213,186 each in respect of water and sewerage development charges, a contribution of €29,363 towards amenity and environmental works and €199,639 toward road and footpath repairs and improvements; an information plaque to highlight the former use of the site as a gas works and blacksmith's forge, the services of an archaeological monitor and a report to assess the stability of the rock face on the eastern boundary of the site to see if a retaining wall is required.

On a general point, it should be pointed out that while a local authority can grant planning permissions, it is open to people to appeal against these to An Bord Pleanála.

# LIONS ACTIVE THIS SPRING



## Kinsale Lions Club enter a busy period in the early spring.

On the 5th & 6th of March, a Church gate collection was held at The Friary and St John's Parish Church for the upkeep and development of the six defibrillators in town, raising a fantastic €1015, thank you to all who helped and contributed. The Lions organised the installation of these potential lifesavers last year and placed them at Summercove, Pearse Street, the Garda Station, Haven Bay, the Harbour Office and near to The Spaniard. There will be a revision of the training programme within the next few weeks, held at the Red Cross premises near St Multose. An open Meeting and further publicity

## Christmas Day Swim

Over €4089 was been collected. A sincere thank you to all those who braved the water on



the day, and those who generously donated. Pictured is Aidan Lynch, (11), with (L) Mayor of Kinsale, Michael Frawley and (R) Deputy County Mayor, Kevin Murphy.

about the defibrillators is also planned for the spring.

On Thursday March 10th, the popular bi-annual Table Quiz was held in Actons with some challenging and some not-too-serious questions and music rounds, with a local flavour. Thanks are due to the regular team who helped the Lions Club members on the successful night.

Kinsale Lions would like to thank the Blue Haven Collection for sponsoring the Coffee Morning on Friday 11th March, and providing the Front Lounge as the venue. Proceeds go to the Lions' local charities.

Recently, President Tony Cierans handed a cheque for €12,000 to John Looney (pictured right), Chairman of the Children's Club of Cork City Hospitals, being the proceeds from their joint effort Cycle Rally last autumn in aid of the sick children.

Kinsale and District's Twentieth Annual Charter Dinner is on Friday, 20th May, in the Trident. There is a certain sense of achievement at this milestone as the Kinsale Lions are still eager to Serve Our Community.

# ON YER BIKE!



Kinsale Lions Club are organising their second annual cycle challenge. This year they have chosen a challenging coastal route for **April 16th 2011**

The Lions Club have organised changing facilities at the Kinsale Rugby Club. The Run proceeds through the town towards the Old Head, Garrettstown, Coolmain Bay, and along the coast road to Timoleague. Then it follows the road on the other side of the bay to Courtmacsherry, Butlerstown, The Seven Heads, Dunworley Bay, Clonakilty Bay and Harbour and on to the GAA in Clonakilty for a soup and sandwich lunch. At this stage, the optional performance trials will take place.

After lunch, the Run returns via Timoleague, the coast road, Ballinspittle and across the Bandon River back to Kinsale Rugby Club to shower down.

This, their second expert Cycle Rally of over 100 km, is organised and marshalled by the Lions and is in aid of the sick children of four Cork hospitals, providing a brief holiday for them in Disneyland Paris.

Check out [www.kinsalecyclechallenge.com](http://www.kinsalecyclechallenge.com) if you want to enter.



Pictured are Barry Moloney (L) with Rick Steves (R)



Last year the famous American travel writer, Rick Steves, chose local man Barry Moloney (of Don & Barry's Kinsale Historic Stroll) to lead some of his 'Best of Ireland' tours, which were a big hit.

In January this year Barry was invited to Seattle, Washington, to take part in Rick Steves' annual Tour Reunion. He was invited on Rick Steves' radio show to speak about travel in Cork with particular emphasis on Kinsale!!

You can listen to the full radio interview on Don & Barry's new website [www.HistoricStrollKinsale.com](http://www.HistoricStrollKinsale.com)

Don & Barry's Kinsale Historic Stroll is back daily at 11.15am from the tourist office.

## New bid for extension of Kinsale's town boundary

Area engineer Mr Brendan Fehily was commended by members of Kinsale Council at their monthly meeting for initiating a fresh bid for a town boundary extension. Stressing that it was 'just an idea', the recently appointed engineer said there was an obvious need to extend westwards in the town to cover many new housing developments. He acknowledged it would be difficult to expand eastwards since this would involve Cork County Council losing out on revenue from several rate-paying businesses in that area of the town. Mr Fehily, who circulated a map of the existing and proposed new boundary, said he would endeavour to bring the matter to county manager level. Cllr Dermot Collins said the issue was very dear to himself having raised it a number of times over the years. Unfortunately, Kinsale TC, hadn't got anywhere with it but he was glad that 'a new pair of eyes could see the logic of it'. Some housing estates, Mr Fehily noted, were half in the town and half in the county council area and added that a town boundary extension would enable Kinsale TC to embark on projects such as shoreline boardwalks.

## Kinsale win All-Ireland B Vocational Schools Final

In a pulsating game in Mallow GAA complex on Saturday March 26th Kinsale Community School won their first ever All-Ireland hurling title. Winning by the narrowest margins, Kinsale saw off the challenge of Nenagh Vocational School on a scoreline of 1-17 to 4-07.

On the path to the final, Kinsale came up against Nenagh and on that occasion Kinsale again beat the Tipperary school by only a single point so it was no surprise that this hard fought game would be a close fought encounter.

Kinsale's never say die attitude, along with their on-field discipline, ensured that they kept ahead for most of the game. Whilst it was a whole team effort on the part of Kinsale, strong performances from captain Colm Daly and midfielder Alan Gould helped the Kinsale side over the line. Indeed it was Gould's goal in the first half that would be the ultimate difference between the teams.



Team: Paul Allen (Ballymartle), Brian Collins (Coursey Rovers), Jack O'Reilly (Coursey Rovers), Patrick O'Leary (Ballinhassig), Seán Coleman (Ballinhassig), Colm Coleman (Sliabh Rua), Ryan O'Leary (Ballinhassig), Colm Daly (Coursey Rovers, Captain), Alan Gould (Kinsale), Mark Eaton (Kinsale), Daniel O'Leary (Ballymartle),

Rickard Cahalane (Sliabh Rua), Ken O'Callaghan (Sliabh Rua), Andrew Daly (Sliabh Rua), Ronan Nyhan (Coursey Rovers). Subs: Mark White (Coursey Rovers), John D. O'Callaghan (Sliabh Rua), Liam O'Keefe (Coursey Rovers), Ronan Connery (Coursey Rovers), David McCarthy (Valley Rovers), Seán Og Gately (Coursey Rovers), Eoin Kingston (Tracton), Jamie Daly (Belgooly), Gavin Sheehan (Ballinhassig).

## On The Book Shelves

The Kinsale Bookshop has had a busy time since Christmas, starting with a three day Charity Book Sale at the end of January which raised €500 for the Haiti Earthquake fund. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

The shop also had the honour of hosting the current Irish Ambassador to Russia, Philip McDonagh. Philip is a well known Irish poet and he read a selection of poems from his book 'The Song the Oriole Sang'. The evening was introduced by Derek Mahon and was followed by a question and answer session with Philip.



Robert and David Briscoe chatting to Philip McDonagh at the poetry evening.

This event was supported by Poetry Ireland. The evening ended with a trip to The Tap Tavern and a lovely fireside chat.

On February 25th author Joseph Horgan read from his new book 'The Song at your Backdoor'. Taking his backdoor as a starting point, he sets out to explore the natural world, bringing with him the words of writers, poets, naturalists and scientists who roamed and wrote about the Irish countryside.

On Saturday, 5 March 2011, two days after World Book Day,

they celebrated World Book Night where, along with thousand of other bookshops across Ireland and the UK, a million books were given away. Two customers, Alannah Hopkins and Cameron Ryle, gave away 48 copies each of 'Cloud Atlas' by David Mitchell and 'A Life Like Other Peoples' by Alan Bennett.

In March the Book Club read 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. New members are always very welcome. Poetry evenings continue on the first Friday of the month at 8pm and they are looking for new faces to join the ever growing gathering.

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## DEFIBRILLATOR NOTES

### HEART ATTACK

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Signs and symptoms of a heart attack:

Persistent central crushing chest pain that does not go away with rest. The pain may radiate to jaw or throat or left arm.

The person may describe feeling weak, nauseated, and dizzy and may sweat profusely. Action Ring 112/ 999 immediately

### STROKE

What is stroke? Either a ruptured blood vessel or a blood clot within the brain causes a stroke. Signs and symptoms include:

#### (F) Facial weakness

Can the person smile or have the eyes or face drooped.

#### (A) Arm weakness

Can the patient raise both arms equally and hold for five seconds

#### (S) Speech problems

Can the patient speak clearly and understand what you say.

#### (T) Time to call 112/999

Call 999/112 if facial or arm weakness is identified or if there is a speech problem.

Ballinspittle are fortunate to have such a supported group of people, 44 members in total, who are up to date with the current research and practice within or defibrillator group. This is an excellent facility for the people of the parish. Should any individual experience or witness someone who has either collapsed, is experiencing chest pain or is experiencing some or all of the symptoms of stroke call 112/999 immediately. The ambulance control will immediately dispatch an ambulance to that person, but they will also contact us the local defibrillator group to attend to the patient until the ambulance arrives. We have the necessary skills to deal with the patient if he presents with stroke, heart attack or has collapsed.

Defibrillators are situated at:

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Barryroe Co Op, Ballinspittle  
The Speckled Door, Old Head  
Liam Coughlans Home, Garrettstown.  
The Dock Bar, Castlepark.**

Anyone who wishes  
to join our group  
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## Denice On Her Way To Kenya



Fundraising has begun for Denice Cronin of Kinsale, Co. Cork, a second year psychology student in Trinity College Dublin. Denice has been working with an Irish NGO, Suas Educational Development (CHY: 14931) and has been selected to represent them in one of their partner schools in Mumbassa in Kenya for a ten week volunteer placement this summer. Suas is a movement dedicated to supporting high quality education in targeted under-resourced communities. Suas works in partnership with local organisations and believes in addressing local problems with local solutions. This year Suas will support the education of over 14,000 children across Ireland, India and Kenya.

Denice currently works with students in inner-city Dublin, volunteering in a homework club assisting primary school children from a marginalised community with their homework in a supportive learning environment. She also volunteers in the Capuchin Day Centre for the homeless.

The summer volunteer placement will involve Denice working in Maweni Primary School in the Kongowea slum north of Mombasa town. She will be working as part of a team of teaching assistants aiding the teachers in creating a stimulating, fun and engaging learning environment for the children whilst helping deliver high quality education. A recent government target of universal primary education, despite the extremely limited resources, has led to a rapid increase in student teacher ratios, now at 100:1 in this school. Additionally, Denice will provide one-to-one support for some of the children and also be involved in organising and running a number of extra-curricular activities for the children through various sports, music, drama and art.

Suas receives funding support from Irish Aid which helps fund her place on the Volunteer Programme but Denice also has committed to raising €2,995, some of which goes to the school in which she will be working.

'The programme affords me a unique opportunity to work in the developing world and to fulfill a long-held desire to understand the challenges, educational and otherwise, that exist there' says Denice, who is particularly interested in pursuing a career in Educational Psychology. 'This is something I have always wanted to do and I just can't wait for it all to begin'.

Denice began fundraising with an extremely successful coffee morning and jumble sale in Kinsale and is almost half way to raising her target amount. You can support Denice by donating easily and securely at her page online at [www.mycharity.ie/event/denice\\_cronin\\_suas\\_volunteer/](http://www.mycharity.ie/event/denice_cronin_suas_volunteer/). Any donations no matter how small are greatly appreciated and are going to a worthwhile cause. Everyone's support and generosity so far and in the weeks to come is greatly appreciated.

## EARLY REQUEST FOR FREE PARKING IN KINSALE FOR CHRISTMAS 2011

Free parking should be made available leading up to Christmas 2011 to help local business in the town, declared Cllr Tony Cierans at the January meeting of the town council.

Stating that he was contacted by several hard pressed traders who asked if free tickets could issue from pay parking machines next Yuletide, he added; 'We need to make a gesture of support because there is a feeling out there that the council doesn't really care'.

The manager, Ms Mary Ryan however, said the by-laws as adopted, left no leeway for free on-street parking. She pointed out that the cash starved local authority had already faced hard decisions ahead of its 2011 budget adding that it was revenue from pay parking that had prevented an increase in the rates at a time when local authorities were generating less income.



## KINSALE BROWNIES HOST WORLD THINKING DAY CELEBRATIONS



Kinsale Mayor, Michael Frawley, with leaders and helpers of the Kinsale Brownies. Pictures - Dermot Ryan



On 15th February 2011 over 150 Ladybirds, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders from Kinsale and Bandon celebrated World Thinking Day at St. Joseph's School, Kinsale.

World Thinking Day was born in 1926, the date February 22nd was selected because it is the mutual birthday of Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement and his wife Olave, who served as the World Chief Guide. This day each year gives Guides the opportunity to celebrate the fact that we are one in ten million members of the biggest global family and to think of those less fortunate.

World Thinking Day 2011 focuses on the theme Gender Equality and Empowerment for girls and young women as it is important to know what challenges girls and young women face today.

Each year, The World Thinking Day Fund will be used to empower girls in their communities to make a difference. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has identified Nepal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cyprus, Bolivia and Yemen to benefit from the fund – one from each continent.

Special Guests who attended the ceremony included Cllr Michael Frawley, Mayor of Kinsale, Fr Robert Young, Parish Priest, Kinsale, and Canon David Williams of St. Multose Church of Ireland, Kinsale.

Also, Theresa McCarthy from Bandon Guides was warmly welcomed as she is also the Irish Girl Guides International Commissioner for 2011.

The Ladybirds (aged 5-7), Brownies (7-11), Guides (11+), Rangers and Young Leaders (16+) all shared in the various readings and songs and the World Thinking Day Fund Collection, that was followed by refreshments.

### ALAN JAGOE IS ELECTION CANDIDATE FOR MACRA NA FEIRME NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Local man Alan Jagoe is currently running as a candidate for election for Macra na Feirme National President. A member of Carrigaline Macra since 2003, Alan has moved up along the ranks over the last 8 years from club level to regional level holding posts such as Secretary, Chairman and President of Carrigaline Macra, and Treasurer, Vice-Chairman, Chairman and President of Seandún Region in Cork. He has also held membership in the Strategic Review Committee and Agricultural Affairs Subcommittee.

Macra na Feirme has a National President as well as a National Executive and National Council. The term for Macra President and Vice-Presidents to serve is two years. Traditionally, the presidential candidates attend hustings or debates throughout the country. This is an opportunity for Macra members to meet the candidates and ask them questions. Alan is currently canvassing at the various Macra clubs all over the four provinces.

Closing date for receipt of Ballot Papers will be Tuesday April 5th. The new Macra National President will be announced later that day.  
JJ Hurley

## KINSALE CONTINUES TO LOOK FORWARD!

The business community of Kinsale has always strived to offer their customers more than just great value and quality and with these challenging times it's clear that the "support local business" initiative is stronger than ever. The town has now introduced the "Kinsale Gift Card" which allows the purchaser to shop in over 40 retail shops and services in Kinsale. The Kinsale Gift Card was launched at Christmas, the perfect time for the traders of Kinsale, bringing a boost to the challenging winter season. The card highlights the importance of supporting local businesses by spending money within the community.

The card is suitable as a gift for all ages with over 40 outlets accepting it. Those who would like to purchase the Kinsale Gift Card, can do so in the Seaview Café, Pier Road, Bolands Gift Shop, 1601 Off Licence, Pearse Street, and Footloose Shoe Shop, Main Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork.



Pictured above at the Carrighoun indoor girls football blitz which was won by girls from Dunderrow N.S. on Thursday 17th February in Riverstick Hall are back row: Sophie Neville, Aisling Hurley, Dara Tyner, Aoife O'Leary (all 3rd class), and front row: Sarah Murphy, Katelyn Forde, (2nd class) and Hannah Kellett (3rd class).

Congratulations also to the Senior girls camogie team who got through to the Carrighoun Camogie Final on March 7th last.

## Rainbow International Surges up Entrepreneur Magazine's "Franchise 500" Rankings

Entrepreneur Magazine has listed Rainbow International No. 129 in its 2011 "Franchise 500" list. Entrepreneur's Franchise 500® is recognised as the world's first, best and most comprehensive list of franchises. The magazine bases its rankings on financial strength and stability, growth rate and overall system size.

"We could not have received this honor without the commitment of our entire franchise network and their efforts to set the highest standards in customer service and satisfaction," said David Bethea, President of Rainbow International. "I'm proud of the achievements our brand has made, particularly in today's challenging economy. It's both rewarding and inspiring to see our franchise owners recognized by Entrepreneur Magazine."

Entrepreneur Magazine also ranked Rainbow International No. 49 in "Fastest-Growing Franchise Rankings for 2011" and No. 108 in "America's Top Global Franchises for 2011." Keith Spencer is Managing Director and fire restoration and technical expert with Rainbow International in the Republic of Ireland, based in Kinsale Commercial Park. "I believe Rainbow brings international best practice standards to Ireland," Keith added. "Utilising the most advanced equipment, innovative technologies and a built-in accountability system, our professional staff completes every job rapidly to assure an uncompromising commitment to service excellence and customer satisfaction. Ultimately, we don't just restore homes and businesses; we restore value, stability, and peace of mind."



Patrick Cox is water restoration expert and sits as Operations Director with the company. "The Rapid Structural Drying system that Rainbow International utilises is at the forefront of new technology and our business," Patrick added. "Furthermore as we are part of a global organisation we receive regular on-going training and support in restoration standards, security, safety procedures, field

operations and best practise from world headquarters. These influences are what set us apart from competitors and local tradesmen."

Rainbow International started franchising in 1981 and now has 330 franchised units worldwide. It is a global franchise organization dedicated to providing residential and commercial fire and water restoration and cleaning services. In 2010 Rainbow International opened 75 new franchise locations and completed construction of a state-of-the-art fire and smoke damage restoration facility in Waco, Texas.

Rainbow International is part of The Dwyer Group, an international franchise organisation that also owns franchise companies The Drain Doctor, Mr. Electric, Mr. Appliance, Glass Doctor, Aire Serv and Dream Maker Bath & Kitchen Worldwide.



**Spring is here!  
Junior Infant pupils in St. Joseph's N.S. planting some Cress seeds!**



## 35th Bollinger Kinsale Gourmet Festival 7-9 October 2011

2011 marks the 35th anniversary of the renowned Kinsale Gourmet Festival. Sponsored by the prestigious (and delicious!) Bollinger champagne, this year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Festivities commence on Friday October 7th with a Cook Off on the streets of Kinsale which will be followed by the official opening. Festival goers will then dine at one of the 12 Good Food Circle restaurants before making their way to the Bolly Ball where music will be provided by the Strauss Orchestra.

The ever popular Mad Hatters Taste of Kinsale will take place on Saturday afternoon. Guests will be taken on an escorted tour of the 12 members of the Good Food Circle who will present spectacular dishes displaying their culinary skills in four tasting venues. The divine food will be accompanied by selected wines from festival sponsors Nash's, Gleasons, Gilbeys and Karwigs or beer compliments of Heineken Ireland. Tipperary Water will also be in plentiful supply! As is now tradition, guests are invited to wear a Mad Hat!

A superb afternoon of fun and frolics with MC Derek Davis is promised for Sunday October 9th. A magnificent Fruits de Mer lunch will be accompanied by wines sponsored by Torres Mas Rabell. Bewleys will provide freshly roasted coffee for the event, which might be needed for those who wish to stay on and dance the evening away with the Magnetics!

Don't miss this spectacular weekend of fabulous food and fun in Kinsale. Tickets are now on sale at [www.kinsalerestaurants.com](http://www.kinsalerestaurants.com) or call 021 477 3571 for further details.

## ALPHA AID TRAINING GETS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Alpha Aid Training - the Kinsale based First Aid Training company has increased its profile and national recognition by the securing of the prestigious FETAC (Further Education Training Awards Council) recognition as a Registered Training Provider in first aid training programmes in Dublin. This acknowledgement of the excellence of quality as well as the required controls on training activity, compliments the existing PHECC (Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council) approval, as a recognised Training Institution which was achieved by Alpha in 2009.

Commenting on the presentation of the award by Sean Haughey, Minister for Lifelong Learning at Clontarf Castle in Dublin, Owner and General Manager Helen Johnston expressed her pride and pleasure at the achievement and complimented all of her colleagues at Alpha Aid Training on their professionalism, experience, and commitment to excellence in the provision of first aid training. "Team efforts always yield the greatest results," said Ms. Johnston "and the team at Alpha Aid Training is second to none"

Alpha Aid Training was formed in 2008 by Ms. Johnston following many years experience in the design and provision of first aid training courses, from Basic Courses through to CFR / AED Defibrillator and Occupational First Aid training. Having completed this activity across various sectors from professional business organisations to sporting groups as well as the general public throughout Munster, Ms. Johnston identified a niche for herself and her business in the element of unique personal involvement and flexibility within the design and provision of the training itself, while simultaneously being able to demonstrate to clients, the competencies and professionalism of both herself and her staff – hence Alpha Aid Training was formed.

The website at [www.alphaaidtraining.com](http://www.alphaaidtraining.com) offers full details of all courses provided by Alpha in both a Public as well as Professional/Business perspective.



Helen Johnston of Alpha Aid Training being presented with her FETAC Award by Sean Haughey, former TD and Minister for Lifelong Learning and Stan McHugh, CEO FETAC Ireland.

### St. Joseph's N.S.

3rd and 4th class pupils in became actively engaged in Fairtrade fortnight. Their artwork can be seen on display around Kinsale town.



## SCIENCE SHOWCASED AT BELGOOLY

Students from Belgooly NS recently showcased their scientific talents at the annual Science Fair held at the local school.

Organised by the students from sixth class, under the supervision of the class teacher, Mrs Geraldine O'Connor, the boys and girls certainly impressed their fellow students, teachers and parents with a wide variety of projects.

Beginning in January, the students worked tirelessly over the past few months, ironing out and overcoming many obstacles in developing their projects.

Mrs. O'Connor, who is also the Vice Principal, described the exercise as a very important learning experience for the students.

Paying tribute to the 37 students taking part in the day's activities, Mrs O'Connor said: "While we teased out and identified potential projects in the classroom, inevitably it was the students themselves who completed the work at home."

With two former students claiming the National Young Scientist of the Year Award in 2009, John D O'Callaghan and Liam McCarthy, Belgooly, is fast becoming a nursery for those who ultimately will work in the technology sector.



JJ Hurley

## Permission for Lidl store for Kinsale is welcomed by Kinsale TC

The granting of planning permission by An Bord Pleanala to Lidl for a discount store in Kinsale was welcomed by members of the town council at their January meeting.

The Charleville based supermarket chain, which has outlets in Bandon and Skibbereen and many other towns nationwide, was finally given the go ahead for the construction of a discount foodstore incorporating an off-licence with two entrances and 115 car park spaces at Trooper's Close, Barrack Hill, in December.

The board considered an appeal from Admiral's Walk Residents and RGDATA against the decision made by Kinsale TC last February to grant permission. It held that having regard to its location in reasonable proximity to the town centre and the zoning of the land for enterprise and employment, the development would not adversely affect the viability of the town centre, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or property in its vicinity.

The permission however, contains 14 conditions including traffic and safety measures, a mini roundabout, an archaeological appraisal of the site and an information plaque about the former infantry barracks.

## KINSALE'S COOKING



Pictured above are the Culinary Arts students of the Kinsale College of Further Education with Martin Shanahan and their tutor Leona Robinson for Martin's up coming RTE series *Martin's Still Mad About Fish*. They were involved in a fish pie cook off with the I.C.A. Left to right: Valerie McAuliffe, Faye Bolger, Dillen Pattison and Colm O'Sullivan

Pictured below are pupils of St. Joseph's N.S. making some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!



AGE ACTION'S CARE & REPAIR PROGRAMME

## Free Handyman Service for Older People in Kinsale

Are you 65+ years of age and living in the Kinsale area? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done for you?

Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves. Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, tacking down carpets, minor painting and decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For your bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide for you. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people. All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards.

You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the

**Age Action Care & Repair number, which is 1890 369 369**



## BALLYMARTLE CLAIM FAMOUS VICTORY

Ballymartle Intermediate Hurlers wrote themselves into folklore in February with a one point victory over Dicksborough, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland Final of the Intermediate Hurling Club Championship, played at GAA headquarters.

Deep into injury time and trailing by two points, the dream of All-Ireland glory seemed to be slipping away for the Riverstick men but up stepped Darren McCarthy and he smashed a 30m free to the roof of the Kilkenny team's net.

In what has been an exceptional season for the local club, the late Ballymartle winner had its legion of supporters looking on in disbelief and for many the magnitude of the club's achievement had still not sunk in, even when the fans had returned to the busy hamlet.

Before the team arrived to parade their newly acquired piece of silverware, the fans waited patiently in the cold February air digesting the day's events.

Local resident Eileen Cronin, who is the widow of the late Ballymartle stalwart Pa Joe Cronin, said: "It had been a nerve-racking experience listening to the game on the radio and the few candles I lit in the local church seemed to have done the trick." Before the team finally arrived under a Garda escort, former Ballymartle net-minder, John Webb described it as one of the proudest days of his life, a point also emphasised by former Ballymartle great and current minor selector John Butler.

Martin Fitzpatrick, who had been the talisman of much of the club's success in the late 80s and early 90s, said: "It is an historic and fantastic day for the local club." Arriving on the winner's podium, the victorious players received a tumultuous welcome from the large number of fans who had waited patiently for a glimpse of the returning heroes.

Club chairman, Joe Hallissey paid tribute to the supporters, who he described as the fifteenth man, he also thanked the selection committee, backroom team, team manager, Anthony McCarthy and coach, Eddie Murphy, as well as paying tribute to the late Mattie Murphy. Team manager, Anthony McCarthy, in return thanked the club chairman, Joe Hallissey and club PRO, Sharon Cronin for what he described as her exceptional organisational skills. He paid a special tribute to team coach, Eddie Murphy for instilling such self-belief in the team. The Tralee-based teacher, Mr Murphy, addressing the massed ranks of supporters said: "Beating a Kilkenny team in an All-Ireland Final was something to be treasured." PRO of the Munster Council and Carrigdhoun divisional treasurer, agreed wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by the Ballymartle Coach.

The loudest cheer of the evening was reserved for team captain, Patrick Dwyer, who raised the newly acquired trophy into the late night sky and thanked the team, management and supporters for working together as a single unit to achieve the club's success.

JJ Hurley





## Turning over a new Leaf...

Tracy Keohan opened her café, The Lemon Leaf, on October 20th 2010 at 70 Main Street. Her aim was to run a café serving well-priced good food made from local produce in a relaxing atmosphere. It is bright and comfortable with tables well spaced out and a calming muted colour scheme. The courtyard is a great outdoor seating space backed by rock face and old arched walls. The food is delicious and the staff are friendly and attentive.

As well as standard fare such as scones, soups and sandwiches, the menu is quite international serving American pancakes, feuille de brique, Croque Monsieur/Madame and spicy chicken bagels to name a few options. 'We pride ourselves on freshness and good produce', says Tracy 'and try make everything healthy, especially the kids menu which includes lasagne and fish cakes. There are no chips or deep fried food. We take orders for takeaway also and we try to accommodate peoples busy schedules as much as we can.'

Tracy's parents owned Creole's pub in Kinsale, so she grew up with a good knowledge of the service industry. She worked in the private yacht industry for twelve years as an interior manager and sailed all over the world. When she returned in 2004 she started work in interior design. Then, like many people in the recent financial climate she decided to change career paths.

The Lemon Leaf supports local producers; the ingredients they use include meat from Lordans in Ballinspittle, bread from Tom's Artisan Bakery in Kinsale, Durrus cheese, Clonakilty Black Pudding, free range eggs from Beechwood Farm near Kinsale and Katie's Bandon Chocolates including the very popular sticky hot chocolate. Though they make most of their own confectionary, they also serve delicious cupcakes made by Sweet Obsessions, who specialise in celebration and novelty cakes which can be ordered from the Lemon Leaf.

There is a little chalkboard above the coffee machine saying when the coffee being served was ground. It comes from Irish coffee roasters Ariosa, based in Ashbourne in Dublin, where it is freshly ground every week. They buy the coffee directly from the growers and pay them fairly. The Lemon Leaf is the only café in Cork serving Ariosa. The ground coffee is for sale in the Lemon Leaf shop as well as G's jams and other artisan products such, lemonades, juices, granola and the very popular Java Teas – a must-taste for tea lovers!

Of the décor which customers are constantly admiring Tracy says 'it's just a lick of paint'. To an interior designer it might be just that, but to the customer the effect is very welcoming. On her first day in the premises she sat down and sketched out the vision she already had in her head. The colour scheme is very much influenced by her affinity with the sea and time she spent in American homes.

Tracy opened The Lemon Leaf five weeks from the day she saw it. As a single mum of a one-year old with a lot of juggling to do, she hardly had enough time to catch her breath. 'It was tough starting off', she says 'and nerve racking in that economy. January and February were the months I was most nervous about but local businesses have been very supportive as have my friends and family!' Tracy has loads more ideas for her café and is looking forward to developing them – as soon as she has the time!

**Opening Times: 8.30am – 5pm in winter with extended hours in the summer. Tel: (021)4709792**

Niamh Prior

# Adrian Wistreich is Kinsale's Top Dragon

In 2006, following a tourism business networking course, Adrian Wistreich, who runs Kinsale Pottery and Arts Centre, set up a tourism business co-operative called West Cork Calling, comprising about 35 companies across the region which marketed themselves together. This folded in 2008 for lack of a commercial structure, and when Kinsale Chamber of Tourism met in 2009 to talk about ways in which Kinsale's tourism business could be developed, Adrian resurrected the idea as an online travel agency business called Custom Breaks Ireland.

With development funding from West Cork Development Partnership, [www.custombreaks.ie](http://www.custombreaks.ie) has been built as a sophisticated web-based marketing tool which allows Irish tourism suppliers to generate enquiries and bookings individually, and aggregated into exciting local 'packages' of activities, accommodation, food, transportation etc.

At the Dragons' Secret Den, Custom Breaks Ireland won the competition with proposals to build a Kinsale travel itinerary menu within the [custombreaks.ie](http://custombreaks.ie) website offering inbound tourists the chance to build their own itinerary for their stay in the town, and to book the elements in real-time. It will also allow Kinsale holiday packages to be marketed and sold online.

Businesses in Kinsale which offer tourism activities and services can already upload their business and product profiles to the [custombreaks.ie](http://custombreaks.ie) website, and following the win, Custom Breaks Ireland aims to

develop a special software add-on for the site which will allow all suppliers to maintain allocations so that visitors to the site can not only search, browse and enquire about their specific requirements, but can also check availability and book immediately through the site.

Custom Breaks Ireland will help local businesses to upload information and train them in running their allocations. There will also be meetings in town to bring together various members of the Chamber of Tourism to form special packages for tourist visitors in 2011, which will feature on the [custombreaks.ie](http://custombreaks.ie) website. It will market these packages online and offline, and Kinsale Chamber Of Tourism will be able to build a gateway from the [www.kinsale.ie](http://www.kinsale.ie) website direct to the relevant section of the [custombreaks.ie](http://custombreaks.ie) website, ensuring a seamless search and booking experience for the consumer interested in visiting Kinsale.

"Kinsale needs a significant uplift in tourism numbers, and this can be achieved economically in the current recession by strong online marketing, as other international media are outside the town's budget." Says Adrian Wistreich "Greater numbers of tourists, staying in the town for longer as a result of being offered value for money packages, will benefit the Kinsale community on every level... More income for the town allows more to be spent on enhancing the environment and amenities, and this in turn will encourage more visitors."

Enquiries for Custom Breaks Ireland to [Adrian@custombreaks.ie](mailto:Adrian@custombreaks.ie)

## Celebrate Cork Craft Month 2011 this August

**Cork Art and Design, the organisation which represents professional craftspeople in Cork County, is busy planning for the second official 'Cork Craft Month' celebrations.**

Last year's inaugural festival included a whole host of craft events, exhibitions, workshops and trails throughout the county which were enjoyed by both locals and visitors alike.

This year, with the generous support of the County and City Enterprise Boards, Cork County and City Councils, Leader groups, Fáilte Ireland and the Crafts Council of Ireland, Cork Craft Month promises to provide an extravaganza showcasing the rich vein of creative talent from Beara to Ballycotton. Feedback from all involved last year was glowing and indicated that a 'Craft' presence increased visitors to the county, added extra vibrancy and colour to the visual landscape and appealed hugely to the "cultural" tourist, from both home and abroad.

The month was also beneficial to craftspeople in the region who, like many other sectors, are finding things challenging at the moment. The Craft Month initiative offers an innovative way to bring their work to the marketplace. It also offers the consumer the opportunity to see craft makers at work and get some 'hands-on' craft experience for themselves!

The final programme for August is still in development, but will incorporate many locally organised projects and a series of County-wide events including:

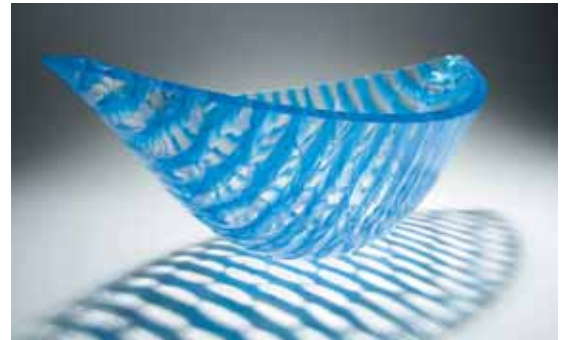
- Three top quality craft exhibitions in prestigious venues including the Mill exhibition venue, Kinsale.
- Four substantial weekend craft fairs across the county – again, possibly including the Mill in Kinsale.
- A trail based on group exhibitions by local craft makers in public spaces or retail galleries – local venues have yet to be chosen.
- Three or four localised and well

planned craft trails encompassing open studios, possibly with bus tours – these would include a Kinsale area tour, as the town has many of Cork County's most accomplished craftspeople as residents.

- Package deals with local accommodation providers including craft workshops.

Cork Art and Design has appointed Claire Graham as CCM2011 Coordinator, and CCM2011 will be supported by an extensive local, national and international marketing and PR programme.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Claire by email at [admin@corkartdesign.com](mailto:admin@corkartdesign.com) or by telephone at 086 3919237. Also see [www.corkartdesign.com](http://www.corkartdesign.com) for Cork Craft Month Programme updates.



## Dunderrow Community Alert

*Dunderrow Community Alert held its Senior Citizens party in Actons Hotel on Sunday 13th February. Although the party had been postponed from last December, it was a huge success. Almost ninety people attended the party, which began with a meal at 2pm. Jack Walsh and the staff at Actons looked after their guests really well, despite the fact that more guests turned up than had been expected. A raffle followed the meal with dozens of prizes on offer*

*including vouchers, electrical items, chocolates and even a few bottles! Musical entertainment was provided by Kevin McSweeney and there was no scarcity of locals willing to give a few verses as well. Among these were Brendan Keohane who kept everyone entertained with some old favourites, including The Banks Of My Own Lovely Lee and Far Away A Light Is Burning, while Katie O'Regan kept it country with songs*

*including The Blanket On The Ground. Fred Treacy and Ger O'Leary received plenty of laughter in response to their annual Topical Song, which is always a big hit with the guests, even the ones who get slagged! Mary Dinneen was the worthy recipient of the Dunderrow Person Of The Year award. Chairman Ger O'Leary said it was more of a lifetime contribution award. He spoke of Mary's dedicated service to Dunderrow Community Alert,*

*her attention to detail and her care for those in the community, especially those who are unwell. While many danced the afternoon away, others took the opportunity to catch up with old friends and there was plenty of chat and craic. Dunderrow Community Alert committee would like to thank all those who contributed to making the day such a success and especially those who donated prizes for the raffle.*

## HONEY HONEY THE SWEETEST SHOW EVER

The town of Kinsale rocked to the strains of ABBA for a week in February when the students of Kinsale Community School took to the boards once more in order to strut their stuff.

Following on from the success of Grease, the last school show, which set an exceptionally high standard in terms of production and performance, Kinsale audiences had high expectations when they crossed the school threshold to see Honey Honey.

They were not to be disappointed as once again the 'wow' factor was abundant and the students performed with ease the rather adult story of the only daughter Sophie who uses the occasion of her wedding to at last find out who is her real father. The cast consisted mainly of Transition Year students who were very versatile in their performances.

The serious story was regularly punctuated with hit after hit from ABBA, the pop sensation of the Seventies. In all, 21 numbers were performed including favourites like Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Our Last Summer, Does Your Mother Know and of course the 1974 ABBA Eurovision winning song, Waterloo. The show was directed and produced by Tony Cierans with musical direction by Brid Kearney and art design by Kathleen Fitzpatrick. This was a whole-school production with a cast and crew of over 100 and huge support by the staff in many areas helped maintain the high standard to which Kinsale audiences have become accustomed.

The expertise of the Rampart Players was once again harnessed with great assistance given by them in areas of set design and construction, costume coordination and lighting. Congratulations to all involved in this upbeat, uplifting production, it was just what everyone needed after a cold, dreary winter!



Pic: John Collins



Pic: John Collins



Ava O'Donnell, Solo Dancer  
at Scór representing  
S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Canon John K O'Mahony will celebrate his  
Golden Jubilee on June 18th 2011.

Mass will be followed by a celebration at the Trident Hotel.  
Tickets will be available from Parish Assembly members.

## Policing Committee

KINSALE Town Council is seeking three nominees from the community and voluntary sector to sit on its soon-to-established Joint Policing Committee (JPC).

In response to repeated calls by Cllr Dermot Collins for the JPC to hold its first meeting, town clerk, Ms Michelle Kelleher, at the recent meeting of the council, said she had contacted Garda Superintendent Eddie MacEoin who was also anxious to see it up and running.

An ad was placed in the local press inviting representatives from the community and voluntary sector to put names forward. At the time of the March meeting there had been one

response. She was also writing to the three newly elected TDs for the area. It was hoped to hold the first meeting in April.

The town clerk added that the council would take the minutes of meetings the first year and the Gardai the second year. A chairperson and deputy chairperson would have to be elected.

On a proposal by Cllr Tomas O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Collins, it was agreed to hold a meeting of the JPC as soon as possible.

The JPC consists of all of the members of the town council, three Oireachtas representatives; three community/voluntary sector representatives, Gardaí and local authority officials.

## NEW MANAGER

County architect, Mr Denis Deasy, was welcomed as the new manager at the March meeting of Kinsale Town Council. A native of Bandon Road, Cork City, who joined Cork County Council in 1978, Mr Deasy is the first non director of services ranked official to be appointed a town manager and continues his role as county architect. His predecessor was former Kinsale town architect Mr Billy Houlihan. Mr Deasy was also formerly town architect for Kinsale and his successor is Mr John Ludlow. Mr Brendan Fehily was recently appointed town engineer.

## 3D Kinsale

The students of Kinsale Community School recently had the opportunity to learn how to utilise Google Sketch Up. Although this software is freely available, it does require a certain amount of training so as to become proficient in its use – this is what the students of Kinsale availed of when local company Viewision, who are Ireland's first accredited training company, came to the school to train 15 students on how to utilise and make the most of the software.

Google Sketch Up allows users to construct amongst other things architectural, mechanical, building and animation 3D models. These models can then be placed on Google Earth, so the plan is that the students of Kinsale will eventually populate Kinsale on



Google Earth with 3D models of some of the town's features. The willingness and expertise of the students, coupled with the school's excellent IT facilities, bodes well for the virtual town of Kinsale.

### 102nd Kilbrittain Scout Troop FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Calling all experienced and enthusiastic kayakers and canoers!!

**GET YOUR KAYAK IN THE RIVER!!**

Kayak from Innishannon to World's End  
BBQ party in Kinsale at the finish

**Date: Saturday 11th June 2011**

Entry fee €25 per person

As the 102nd troop has increased dramatically in size recently we need to raise much needed funds. With that in mind we have come up with an innovative and exciting fund raising challenge. To Kayak from just below the bridge at Innishannon, down the Bandon river and into Kinsale harbour finishing at World's End! This is a distance of about 9 miles, so not a trip for the faint hearted. We intend to start around 1.00-1.30 p.m. on an ebbing tide to help you along! Entrants must be 16 years or older and hold a Level II kayaking certificate or equivalent. Put this date (11-06-11) in your diary now – more details to follow... watch out for posters locally.

## Kinsale Tidy Towns Needs You!



Tidy Towns season is fast approaching and Kinsale Tidy Towns Committee is urging everyone in the town and surrounds to get involved this year! March and April are traditionally the months to start preparing for the Tidy Towns and Litter Challenge and Kinsale has also been invited to take part in the 32 county competition which, along with the Litter Challenge, is judged

in May. Due to cutbacks in local government the council workers are not out at weekends to sweep and clean up litter so the Tidy Towns committee is asking residents and especially business owners to sweep up litter and cigarette butts in their own areas. Judges for all three competitions tend to make early morning visits to the town, generally at weekends, so everyone's assistance in making sure the town looks its best at these times would be very much appreciated by the volunteer committee. Judges also visit housing estates so if residents could ensure that their own estates are litter and weed free it would be beneficial to the town.

**Kinsale Tidy Towns AGM will be held in the Temperance Hall on April 7th at 8pm.** Representatives from all residential areas, clubs, associations, and business people are asked to attend with regards to organising a general clean-up of the town in advance of the season. Last year Kinsale Rugby Club organised a clean up of all approach roads to the town which proved hugely successful and it is hoped that this year more groups will get involved. Also new members are always welcome to join the Tidy Towns committee, which is active right throughout the summer, weeding, litter picking, etc.

Over the coming weeks, flower boxes in the town centre will be planted up and by June the rest of the town should be blooming. **So please people of Kinsale, get out those brushes to paint, sweep and help our town get back to gold standard!**

## Launch of Kinsale Record by Harbour Board Chairman

It was the best attendance ever for the launch of the biggest annual publication to date of The Kinsale Record, which was performed by chairman of the local harbour commissioners, Tony Lane at Kinsale Bookshop. Volume 18 of the journal from Kinsale and District Local History Society, has a record 114 pages with stories about people and events in one of Ireland's oldest towns in a wide range of interesting articles interspersed with some rarely seen photographs. Tony Lane praised the society for the great effort put into producing 'this very valuable record of

local history', remarking that if it wasn't for the history society, many events and characters of our town would be long forgotten. Referring to some of the pictures in the Record, Tony in particular mentioned the one of Sonny Kearney's recent 90th birthday celebration, describing him as one of the great gentlemen of the area. A welcome was extended by co-editor Dermot Ryan who thanked Kinsale Bookshop represented by Ann O'Regan and Matthew Geden for hosting the launch and Jim Edwards restaurant for refreshments. The journal is excellently

printed by Fintan O'Connell and staff at Inspire, Skibbereen, and in addition to those featured in articles, there are also many interesting photographs from yesteryear including Kinsale footballers, Pioneers on an outing in the 1950s, Kinsale boys' confirmation in 1957, Pallastown House and somewhat derelict looking views of Butcher's Row green and the Guardwell homes.

**Kinsale Record is now on sale in several local outlets.**

**Enquiries to 021-4772729.**





**KAW**

**Kinsale Arts Week  
July 9th – 17th 2011**

**Jubilant Italian  
Gospel Girls  
to sing in Kinsale**

Just when we could all do with a little extra joy in our lives, Kinsale Arts Week is ready to supply it with a special evening of blissful song from the Jubilant Girls Gospel Choir of Italy.

The event takes place on Thursday April 28th, at 7.30pm in Kinsale Parish Church, and the raise-the-roof programme includes contemporary, inspirational gospel and spiritual music as well as jazz styles and music from musicals.

The 18-strong choir, who range in ages from 15 to 23 are travelling from Italy to take part in the Cork International Choral

Festival, and are coming to Kinsale for a special one-off fundraiser for Kinsale Arts Week.

It'll be a fun, tuneful and uplifting evening, and with tickets at just €12, it won't break the bank. Book online at [www.kinsaleartsweek.com](http://www.kinsaleartsweek.com), or by calling the Arts Week office on 021 470 0010. Just the sort of evening we need to firmly welcome Spring to Kinsale, and look forward to the great summer ahead...

Arts Week itself takes place from 9th to 17th July, and the office is busy planning, booking and creating a great programme, including the famous Charles Fort Concerts. Keep an eye on the website [www.kinsaleartsweek.com](http://www.kinsaleartsweek.com) for further details – and if you fancy getting even more involved, how about volunteering, for a truly Arts Week Experience? Contact the office for details.

Kinsale Arts Week are also inviting people to become Friends for 2011. With Friendship starting at just €150, you'll receive invitations, discounts, advance information on the best bands, writers, artists, dining events and drama coming to town this summer, plus all the extra joy of being an Arts Week Friend.

Jubilant Italian Gospel Girls and Kinsale Arts Week – now there's something to sing about!

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**Congratulations to Jason Murphy**  
 Rose Abbey Park, Kinsale, who recently graduated with a Masters in Food, Business & Development from UCC



**Congratulations to Karyn Keohane**  
 daughter of Christy & Bernie, Sleaveen, Kinsale, who recently graduated from Dublin Business School with a 1st Class Honours MBA in Project Management. Karyn also holds a primary honours BSc degree in Food Business from UCC



**Fiona Hurley and John Walsh**  
 who were married on March 3rd 2011  
 Nelius Buckley Photography 021 477 4440



**Deirdre Doherty and Dave Gibson, Kinsale,**  
 who were married on March 18th 2011  
 Nelius Buckley Photography 021 477 4440



Well done to 5th and 6th class pupils from St. Joseph's N.S. who participated in a Sciath na Scol Camogie Blitz in Riverstick Hall.



**Nicola Mullins and Patrick Barry**  
 married on October 25th 2010  
 Nelius Buckley Photography 021 477 4440



Congratulations to Niamh Cronin (4th Class Summercove NS) winner of the Design a Bookmark competition. She received a prize of a €50 book voucher and her bookmark will be used and printed on the bookstór bookmark. Congratulations also to Sarah Causer (Senior Infants Summercove NS) who came 2nd and Aaron Bowles (5th Class Summercove NS) who came 3rd, they each received a €25 voucher. Well done to all involved!



**Niamh Lucey,**  
 Studio 1 Kinsale  
 and  
**Martina O'Donoghue,**  
 C103FM

at the opening of the exhibition  
 'Oculus Animi Index',  
 by Tony O'Connor  
 at 2020 Fine Art Gallery,  
 North Mall, Cork  
 Photo: Stefan Syrowatka  
 085 754 8646

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Denis and Kathleen O'Donovan, Belgooly, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 5th 2010. Denis and Kathleen marked this very special occasion with a Mass in the Parish Church, Kinsale, followed by celebrations with family and friends in the Lord Kingsale. We wish them both many more years of happiness and good health.



Andrew Lynch and Claire Falvey  
who were married on December 27th 2010  
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Shane O'Regan and Tricia Nagle  
with Sheila O'Regan, Kathryn & Maurice Nagle.  
September 2010, Kinsale Parish Church



Cheers!  
Pictured at the opening of Kinsale's  
Newest Night Club, Studio Blue  
Pic. John Allen



Sarah Wright and Gary O'Sullivan  
married on December 18th 2010  
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Members of the Kinsale Brownies at World Thinking Day, February 15th 2011



Celestine McCoy, Hattitude, Kinsale, & Una Plant, Kinsale,  
Best Dressed Lady 2010 at Summercove Fashion Show  
Photo: Sinéad Riome-Gaffney

## Green Flag for S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile



*Congratulations to S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile who were successful in their application for the International Green Flag Award. The Green Flag was presented to team representatives at the Green Schools National Award ceremony in the Lifetime Lab in Cork City recently. The pupils and staff of S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile are very proud of their accomplishments and are looking forward to a big celebration when the flag is raised at the school.*

*Back row, left to right: Green Schools Co-ordinator Julie Gimblett, Saoirse Sheehy, Saoirse Hill, Daniel Horgan, Jack Murphy, Sharon Hutchinson and Liz Creed (parent representatives).*

*Front row, left to right: David Ogden, Darragh Walsh, Saoirse Griffin, Tom O'Connell, Jamie Cadogan, Rachel Fox, Faye Ahern and Ava Barry.*

## Kinsale & Dock Rowing Club

The last rowing event of the 2010 season for the club was the 15 mile Round Great Island Row. This is an annual charity event organised by the Coastal Rowing Association and since it started in 1995 has raised upwards of a hundred thousand euro for various Cork charities. The main beneficiary this year, as it has been for a number years, was Marymount Hospice among others. Club members collected €700 towards €8000 raised this year and enjoyed a great day's rowing in fine sunny October weather.

The AGM of the club was held in January and saw a big influx of new faces onto the committee with some old ones taking a step back. The 2011 committee is follows:- Life President John Thuillier, President John O'Leary, Vice President Bob Murphy, Chairman Owen O'Brien, Vice Chairman Frank Barry, Secretary Donal Gilleran, Treasurer Jane Beckwith, PRO Aaron Steenson, Ast. PRO Mary Cast, Childrens Officers Joey Gimblett and Pam Barry, committee members Kevin and Katherine O'Connell, Diane Hogan, Dympna Steenson, Barry Murphy and Mark O'Leary.

The club has placed an order for a new boat/oars, this will require in excess of €12,000 to be raised and to that end the club is running a raffle with some great prizes, the draw for which will take place in June so please support our ticket sellers when they call. Many other fundraising events are planned also and we hope to take delivery of the new boat in mid-May in time for the first regatta of the season in Crosshaven on May 29th. The club is seeking business/individual sponsors to advertise on the boat outside and inside on the boat and oars including naming rights on the boat itself.

Plans from the clubs annual regatta are well in hand, it will be held on Sunday July 31st above the Archdeacon Duggan bridge at 2pm, this start time to be confirmed.

Evening training commenced on Wednesday March 30th with the lovely bright evenings. Training is done off the slipway in front of the Dock Bar, Castlepark, 2 or 3 evenings a week, please contact any committee member for details or look out for our posters. Coastal rowing is a fantastic sport and is open to everyone from 10 to 50+ male and female and often involves entire families participating. New members of all age groups are most welcome.



## SCIATH NA SCOL CARRAIGDHOUN INDOOR HURLING FINALS

The indoor camogie and hurling finals recently took place in Riverstick. The standard from all teams involved was very high and the future looks bright in the Carraigdhoun division!

The camogie finals took place first. In the 'B' section Dunderrow played Ballyheada. It was a super contest but the eventual winners were Ballyheada who won by a single score! The final score was 4-3. The 'A' final was another very exciting final. Belgooly and Innishannon played in this final having beaten Ballinadee and Gaelscoil Carraig Ui Leighin respectively. It was a very quick skilful game but in the end Belgooly were the victors winning 2-0.

The hurling finals then took place. In the 'B' section St. John's, Kinsale, played Ringaskiddy. St. John's beat Crosshaven and Ringaskiddy Dunderrow to reach the finals. Great speed and skill was shown and Ringaskiddy emerged victors beating St. John's 5-1. Belgooly played Ballyheada in the 'A' final having beaten Innishannon and Gaelscoil

Carraig Ui Leighin in the semi finals. There was a very close encounter with both goalies making a magnificent save but at the final whistle Ballyheada were the winners by a single score. They won 3-2. Well done to all the schools who took part.



# Renowned Tenor, Finbar Wright to perform in Kinsale

**In what promises to be one of the musical highlights of the year, celebrated tenor Finbar Wright, has accepted an engagement to perform with his orchestra at Kinsale Parish Church on Sunday April 10th.**

Entitled 'Songs of Hope and Inspiration' this concert has been organised by Kinsale Parish Finance Committee as a fundraiser toward the Parish renovation debt.

Dedicated to St John the Baptist, the present beautifully ornate parish church was completed in 1839 with assistance from the various religious communities in Kinsale in an early example of ecumenism. The church features a striking sculpture of Reverend Justin Foley McNamara by his friend John Hogan, one of Ireland's best known sculptors.

The church has been totally refurbished since 2004 at a cost of €1.8 million. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Kinsale this debt has been reduced over the years to €95,000. The end is in sight but the final funds are often the most difficult to gather.

Finbar Wright, tenor, songwriter and poet was born in Kinsale and grew up on the family farm in the nearby village of Ballinspittle. His musical education began at the age of 6 when he received instruction on the piano from the dedicated and well loved teacher Maura Hourihane who instilled in him a life long passion for music.

He studied for 2 years in Spain where he was captured by the beauty and colour of Spanish music and performed his first solo song with the University

choir of Palencia.

In later years at his audition for the Cork School of Music, one of the oldest schools of music in the world, Dr Declan Townsend, then head of vocal studies, famously declared that Finbar had 'gold in his throat'. Finbar worked hard at proving him correct while studying singing there with Robert Beare and theory of music with the renowned scholar George Dunne. He also studied piano with distinguished Spanish pianist Angel Climent who was to be his accompanist for many years.

On his path to becoming a professional singer, Finbar

studied with such renowned performers as Ernst Haefliger, Ileana Cotrubas, the beautiful and accomplished Romanian soprano and finally with Ireland's legendary Veronica Dunne.

Having won all of the major singing awards at Feis Maitiu, Cork and at the Feis Cheoil, Dublin, Finbar represented Ireland at the BBC'S Cardiff Singer of the World competition. He began his solo career in 1990 with the release of his first bestselling album 'Because', produced by Phil Coulter.

Since then he has recorded seven solo albums, one of which 'Whatever you Believe', produced and conducted by Mike Bait, was a Christmas Number 1 in 1992 selling more than 100,000 copies in Ireland alone.

He has also recorded eight albums with the world famous

Irish Tenors, who have enjoyed phenomenal success all around the world. Finbar has presented a successful television series, 'Music of the Night', with actress Angeline Ball on RTE. He has also recorded numerous television specials including; 'Live from the Belfast Opera House' on UTV and in 2006 as part of the Irish Tenors he recorded a ten part series for RTE television which included among his guests composer Andrew Lloyd Weber.

Finbar has performed at many historical world events including the proclaiming the gospel in chant at Pope John Paul II first papal mass at the Phoenix Park in Dublin in 1979; the impressive state dinner given in honour of then US president Bill Clinton in 1995 at Dublin Castle and he performed live for 'Good Morning America' during its coverage of President Reagan's funeral on Capital Hill, Washington in 2004.

He has appeared in concert with such musical legends as Montserrat Caballe, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and rock and roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis.

In the course of the evening Finbar will perform many old favourites, both classical and traditional, from his extensive repertoire. There will also be some instrumental pieces from his orchestra in what is bound to be a memorable evening of music.

Parish priest Fr. Robert Young says he is confident that this evening of music with Finbar Wright will be a joyous experience for one and all in these challenging times by bringing us together as a community to enjoy a concert of uplifting music and song in our restored church.

Tickets at €25 are available from Eileen at the Parish Office, Kinsale, 021 477 3821 and also at Bolands, Pearse Street, Kinsale, 021 477 2161.

Local businesses and suppliers are being invited to secure an acknowledgement in the concert souvenir programme by offering a sponsorship of €50. Please contact Eileen as above for more information.

**Finbar Wright**  
*In Concert*

**Songs of Hope & Inspiration  
at Kinsale Parish Church**  
In aid of Restoration Fund  
**Sunday, April 10th 8pm, 2011**  
**Tickets €25**  
available from Parish Office 021 4773821  
for more info email kinsalecatholicparish@eircom.net

### CSI Kinsale

Students in Kinsale Community School were given the chance to play roles associated with the CSI television series when they were challenged to solve a 'murder' using forensic science. 'A Case of Identity' is an exciting and interactive educational experience where observation and deductive reasoning combine with the science that students are learning in the laboratory to solve crimes in the real world.

In a practical and fun way (if murder can ever be such a thing!) the students learned how forensic evidence is gathered, how it is analysed and how the results of these analyses are compiled to provide a detailed picture of the events leading up to a crime and of the criminal even when eye witness accounts are not available. Whilst every student, parent and teacher knows that school can be murder sometimes, this metaphor was given a practical application when TY students were faced with a murder scene.

The high-tech simulation of a murder scene was something that the TY students really enjoyed and they found it most educational and entertaining. Who knows in what direction such an experience may lead to?



Dear Editor

I am researching my McDonnell ancestry in Kinsale and was wondering if your readers could point me in the right direction? I am visiting Kinsale on May 4th and 5th 2011 and would like to follow up on my great grandfather searches while I am in the area. He was Michael McDonnell (born 1835 or thereabouts in the Kinsale area), joined up the army and went to England, on to Corfu where he married a local girl, Adelaida.

They returned to England where he was a recruiting sergeant and whilst travelling they had some 13 children, of which Henry (1868) was my grandfather. Could you possibly help direct me to the best use of my time whilst visiting and getting an appreciation of the past of my family. Thank you so much for your help.

Mrs Christine Powley

If any of our readers can provide information to Mrs Powley on how to trace her ancestry in Kinsale please email her on [poweronthelee@aol.com](mailto:poweronthelee@aol.com)

### CCTV CAMERAS NEEDED AT NEW BRIDGE

A call for closed circuit television cameras at Archdeacon Duggan Bridge was made by Cllr Tomas O'Brien and supported by fellow members of Kinsale Town Council at their March meeting.

The councillor said he was told there were several late night call-outs for the RNLI inshore lifeboat, the Coastguard service and also the Shannon based air-sea rescue helicopter following emergency calls concerning incidents on or in the vicinity of the bridge.

Some of these calls, he was told, resulted from observations by members of the

public at the bridge. Some mistakenly thought they saw people in difficulty.

He suggested the council write to Kinsale Gardai asking if it's possible to have CCTV cameras at the bridge which could be instantly monitored at the Garda station to ascertain if there was in fact an incident because it cost a fortune to call out emergency services.

Cllr Billy Lynch asked that the RNLI be added to the list of bodies on the call-out list for major emergencies in the town.

At the previous meeting, councillors debated a letter received from the doctors at the Medical Centre, in Kinsale which has two free designated parking spaces. The doctors looked for leniency

with regard to parking in the event of emergencies.

Town clerk, Ms Michelle Kelleher told members at the more recent meeting that she and the engineer would be meeting the doctors to discuss the parking issue.

This was welcomed by Cllr Fred Treacy who said paying for parking wasn't an issue. The doctors needed extra space near the surgery in order to quickly respond to emergencies and to be able to bring heavy medical equipment into and out of the centre. He urged the council officials to do all they could to reach a satisfactory arrangement adding that anyone of them could need them at some stage.



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# The Kinsale Farmers Market

...is up and running again on Wednesday mornings at a new location next to the tourist office. A stall new to the market in the last few weeks is run by Joseph Desmond of Orchard Cottage Dairy, Ballinhassig. He sells soft goats cheese which he produces from his herd of purebred Anglo Nubian goats.



The goats cheese is available in jars with sunflower oil and either thyme and garlic or with sundried tomatoes, basil and garlic. The Desmonds grow all their own cereals

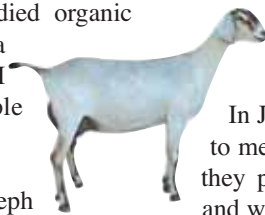
for the goats and other animals' feed on their 120 acre organic farm. Their market stall also has other products from the family farm on offer such as jams, chutneys and free range eggs.

Joseph worked in sales up until a few years ago but was eager to get back into farming, especially when the family farm went into conversion to organic. He had a keen interest in goats and cheesemaking and attended several courses in Baltimore with Judy Wotton of Ardagh Castle Cheese. In the summer of 2008 he left his job and enrolled in the Organic College in Dromcollogher where he studied organic horticulture for a year. 'It was a great experience', he says 'and I met some amazing people through the course.'

In the summer of 2010 Joseph purchased a small herd of Anglo Nubian goats, 10 milking goats and 9 kids, from Chris and Phil Rhodes from Middleton who were cheese and goat masters. They showed him everything he needed to know about goat keeping and cheese. He began



making cheese in August 2010 which he now sells at several farmers markets including Mahon and Douglas with the help of his parents and brother Peter. He also supplies some restaurants. Over the next few years they hope to build up the herd to about 30 milking goats and start producing a hard cheese and yogurt.



In Joseph's experience customers like to meet the people behind the products they purchase and find out about how and where they are made. He enjoys the farmers market as it gives him him a break from working with the goats all the time and a chance to chat to his customers.

Niamh Prior

**Avego** has announced an expansion to its facilities which will see the Kinsale based company undertake a major research and development investment programme and create 35 new jobs in Ireland over the next three years. This expansion is being supported by Enterprise Ireland. The announcement was made during an event where then Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation Batt O'Keeffe formally opened the new expanded facilities on Tuesday 14 December 2010. Avego is a unique real-time ride sharing system which is revolutionising the world of car-pooling. It matches passengers and drivers traveling the same route through an easy-to-use system using iPhones and other mobile devices. It then automatically distributes the cost of the commute among the passengers, providing a financial incentive to commuters frustrated by high petrol prices. It fills empty car seats and cuts down on traffic. As it says on the iPhone app: save time, save money, save the planet.

Julie Sinnamon, Enterprise Ireland Director for Global Business Development, welcomed the announcement saying: "Avego is a key client of Enterprise Ireland. Given its innovation focus and global ambition, we see it as being of particular strategic importance and an innovation leader for the sector and for the region. We look forward to continuing to work with Avego and to supporting them in Ireland and overseas to achieve continued global success." Avego has experienced rapid growth since first releasing its products commercially in 2009. It is already used by commuters in over 65 countries around the world.

The company has additional offices in Dublin, two in China and three in the US. Avego's customers include cities, governments and public transport operators in the United States, China and the UK, and tens of thousands of individual consumers and private transport operators.

Avego currently employs 55 people worldwide, with 35 of those in Ireland. The company exports more than 85% of their output and this is expected to rise to over 90% over the next three years. Sean O'Sullivan, managing director of Avego, said: "We are deeply grateful to the faith of our customers in selecting our products and our young company. We hope to continue to break ground in enabling people to go wherever they want, from wherever they are."

Avego recently launched a three-month real-time ridesharing pilot programme to help members of the UCC community who commute from Carrigaline. Despite being only a little over 12km, the UCC to Carrigaline route can take up to one hour at peak times. With no direct public transport

options many commuters drive it alone. This pilot aims to build a critical mass of 30 drivers and 100 passengers along the busy route.

Anyone can download and use Avego (incidentally Avego staff use it to get to work here in Kinsale). Passengers can use any web enabled smart phone. At the moment drivers need to use an iPhone but apps are currently being developed for Android and Windows phones.

To find out more, visit [www.avego.com](http://www.avego.com)

Niamh Prior



## *Altrusa Presentation to Local Charities*

On Friday 18th February, at Kinsale Yacht Club, Altrusa Club of Kinsale & District held a presentation to Kinsale Community Hospital, Kinsale Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Kinsale Meals On Wheels, with the proceeds of the Christmas Fayre which raised €4201. Making the presentations President Cora Roche stated: Kinsale Community Hospital is a wonderful facility for the people of Kinsale and the surrounding areas. with the excellent care and dedication of the Matron and Staff.

During the past year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has had many people seeking help due to the current economic climate, and the members of the Kinsale Conference deal with the needs of local people in a caring and confidential manner.

The Meals On Wheels is a great service for the older members of Kinsale Community, and for those who have been in hospital for some time, and it is also a good means of contact for people who live alone.

Altrusa Club of Kinsale has an ongoing commitment to Community Service Projects, and appreciate the support and generosity of the people of Kinsale who attend the Annual Christmas Fayre and the Kinsale businesses who donate prizes for the raffle.

In attendance were Paula Stubbs, Acting Matron, Kinsale Community Hospital; Eddie O'Kelly and Fionnuala McCarthy, Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Kevin Goggin, Kinsale Meals On Wheels; Altrusa, Cora Roche, Geraldine McEvoy, Elsa Furney, Sylvia O'Farrell, Eileen O'Brien, Cathy Kelly, Marcia Wrixon, Dr. Arabella O'Keeffe, Marjorie Whitaker and Margaret O'Toole.



Pictured at the presentation of cheques to charitable organisations in Kinsale by the Altrusa Club were Kevin Goggin (Meals on Wheels); Fionnuala McCarthy and Eddie O'Kelly (St Vincent de Paul) and Paula Stubbs, Acting Matron Kinsale Hospital with Cora Roche, President Kinsale Altrusa Club (pic Howard Crowdy)



## *Altrusa Hospital Party*

A great time was had by the patients and their families at the Altrusa Annual Christmas party at Kinsale Community Hospital.

Special thanks to Vincent McCarthy, Christy Gamble, Pat Cooney and Johnny O'Connell who made the day with their music and songs.

Santa Claus had a present for each patient while Altrusa members, together with hospital staff ensured the patients enjoyed a very special day.

Right: Ritchie Ahern entertaining patients at the hospital Christmas party.

Left: Mary O'Keeffe, Kinsale Community Hospital, with Santa.



### **DEVELOPMENT LEVIES IN KINSALE 'INSANE' !**

'Bureaucratic and insane regulations' was how Cllr Darren Cotter, at the February monthly meeting of Kinsale Town Council, described the existing high cost of development charges in the locality at a time when many businesses are struggling or closing.

In particular, he referred to a car parking levy of €67,588 in respect of planning permission for a proposed new ground floor extension and partially covering the dining area at the award winning Fishy Fishy Café, Crowley's Quay.

Acknowledging that it was the councillors themselves who adopted the Kinsale Development Plan containing such contributions, back in 2007, he pointed out that things were very different then and to continue with such high level development charges 'will cost us business big time'.

In support, Cllr Billy Lynch said the business concerned had previously paid around €60,000 for extra parking for the original building but was proposed by covering the outdoor area actually amounted to less seating for customers and the new parking levy cost more than the job itself.

Cllr Alan Clayton concurred, saying Fishy Fishy Café was a landmark

business in Kinsale and wondered if stage payments could be paid. Cllr Cotter however, said the council would be 'shooting itself in the foot' if it didn't do something about reducing development contributions for parking and sanitary services in advance of the next town development plan.

# Class of '86

## Convent of Mercy Reunion

### June 11th, The Spaniard 7pm

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## *Kinsale Success at BT Young Scientist Competition*

Kinsale Community School continued its outstanding tradition of achievement by securing a number of prizes in the 2011 BT Young Scientist Competition. The school, which has produced two overall winners of the competition, secured one of the four main awards when a project on *A Statistical Analysis of Public Attitudes to Cholesterol and its Control* by First Year students Sophie Healy-Thow, Ciara Judge and Royanne McGregor (pictured below left) was declared runner up in the group category.

Another project, submitted by

Second Year students Ali Hill and Katie Wall (pictured below right) on *A Statistical Analysis of the Meaning of the Recession to Early and Late Teens and their Parents* was awarded first prize for a group in the Junior Social and Behaviour Sciences.

Caoimhe Hill and Faye Murphy, both Third Years, received both a special award in the BT Business of Science and Technology category and a Highly Commended prize for their project on *The Design and Evaluation of a Novel Heat Recovery Device to Improve Efficiency in Tumble Drying*

*Applications*. Another Highly Commended prize went to First Year Ciara Boyle for her project on *A Statistical Study of Swimming Uptake in Relation to Location and Demographics*.

This year nationally only one out of every three projects submitted make it to the finals, but two out of every three projects submitted by our school were judged deserving of a place at the finals.

The success of Kinsale students over the past number of years in the competition is unrivalled and is a source of pride for school principal Seán

O'Broin who stated, 'I am delighted at this year's achievements. All our students who entered the competition have done their school proud. The success of our students is a credit to the hard work of our students and teachers and is testament to the excellent relationship between staff and students and the wider community.' The school is also very appreciative of the relationship it has with Eli Lilly and its personnel, who at all times seek to assist the school in engendering a love of science among the students.



## ONGOING EFFORTS TO RETURN KINSALE COURT TO KINSALE

Although plans drawn up by an architect to make the upstairs concert room of the Municipal Hall suitable to enable the return of sittings of the district court to the town were circulated at the January meeting of Kinsale Town Council, at a private meeting held immediately afterwards to discuss a report from the chief fire officer, it was indicated that many deficiencies require attention in order to bring the entire building up to standard for various uses.

Cllr Darren Cotter, at the January monthly meeting, circulated plans drawn up by architect Mr Richard Rainey, Granary Studios, The Glen, Kinsale, at the request and expense of local solicitor Diarmuid O'Shea, outlining steps which could be taken to make the upstairs room suitable for district court sittings.

Kinsale TC in its letter to the Courts Service on October 12th outlined improvements it could possibly undertake included a heating system, soundproof mats, and repainting of the upstairs room but also referred to the physical and financial constraints involved. New windows have since been installed.

Judge McNulty however, had also previously stressed the need for other facilities such as private consultation rooms and a judge's chamber and said he would very much like to see sittings return but went on to speak about the lack of dignity and privacy for everyone who had business in the court and subsequently put forward suggestions to remedy this.

Southern Regional Manager of the Courts Service, Mr Eamonn Kiely, in a letter to Kinsale TC, said the improvements outlined by Kinsale TC in October would not bring the venue up to the standard which citizens were entitled to expect in a court. To a query about capital expenditure on a property owned by a third party, the Courts Service, he said, would be prepared to pay rent for its use thereby giving a yield to Kinsale TC on a per sitting basis.

At previous meetings, councillors echoed the concerns expressed by local solicitors that relocating Kinsale Court to Bandon was a not only a loss of status for the harbour town but also resulted in significant loss of income in terms of lunches and business in general and seriously inconvenienced many local people, especially those with no transport for getting to Bandon. Alternative venues suggested included St Multose Hall, the Temperance Hall, the former Convent of Mercy Chapel and the Mill building at Church Square renovated by Cork County Council into an arts venue.

In a letter to The Law Society Gazette, in November, solicitor Mr Keenan Johnson wrote how 'people power' saved and enhanced the courthouse based on a phased programme of works under the auspices of a local community development company in his locality, Ballymote, Co Sligo. It also serves as a mediation centre.

In the meantime, Kinsale Court currently sits on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10.30am in Bandon Courthouse.

**J**ardin Secret is a unique 100% natural skincare range for the whole family created by Kinsale based French woman Louisa Walsh. Her products are a blend of traditional beauty secrets, nature and science and are suitable for all skin types, even the most sensitive.

Making cosmetics was a passion for Louisa long before she decided to make it a business. She first began creating her own cosmetics over 15 years ago when a severe allergic reaction to a moisturiser landed her in hospital. Her skin was so sensitive to the chemicals in skincare products that she had to start making her own. Aromatherapy is her passion. 'I just love essential oils', she says, describing them as 'the joie de vivre of a plant'. She has spent years researching ingredients and creating gentle, effective and completely natural skincare products which work in harmony with the skin. White Lotus oil, for example, is a precious and rare ingredient she uses which has the unique property of enabling skin to absorb humidity from the air so skin stays naturally hydrated all day long.

Louisa uses natural organic ingredients in Jardin Secret products; these include argan oil, shea butter, pitaya seed oil, donkey milk, flower waters, volcanic clay, flower powders, essential oils and grapeseed oil. She has witnessed some horrified reactions to the revelation that her moisturisers contain donkey milk, or asses milk as she sometimes calls it hoping the word's connotations with Cleopatra will register. It is after all an age old beauty secret – one Louisa discovered from her elderly neighbour Yvette when she was growing up in the French Alps. (You can read about Yvette and the benefits of donkey milk in Louisa's blog on her website.)

Jardin Secret do not use any harsh chemicals, mineral oils, parabens, pesticide or herbicide residues, synthetic fragrances, artificial preservatives or genetically modified ingredients and are totally against animal testing.

An important aspect of the Jardin Secret products is that they are made with respect for the environment while supporting women's rights and small farmers. The asses milk comes from farmers in France who work closely with the land and animals and treat them well.

The essential oils come from all over the world where people make them by hand.

The argan oil comes from a women's cooperative in Agadir, Morocco. For many of the women who work there, it is the only source of income because many of them are widows or divorced. Louisa has been in contact with some of the women and is planning a trip to the cooperative in a few weeks time. 'They are so nice, they enjoy the work, are loving mothers and an inspiration to me. I am really looking forward to meeting them soon', says Louisa.



Louisa first came to Kinsale ten years ago to improve her English and has been here ever since. She lives with her husband Brendan and their little boy, Ryan. She found it extremely hard starting the business, especially in this economic climate 'but if it is something you believe in', she says 'you just have to do it anyway.' She already has customers from France, Switzerland and Russia buying her products online. Seeing as it is an Irish brand she would really love people in Ireland to get to know and enjoy it.

Jardin Secret products including moisturisers, anti-aging creams, cleansers, toners, masks, aftershave, maternity and baby care are available in Collins Kinsale Pharmacy. Louisa will be holding a promotion day there on 23rd April from 10.30am to 4pm so people can meet her and get more information on the products. Jardin Secret is also available to buy online. If you live in Kinsale, products can be delivered for free along with plenty of advice that Louisa is only too happy to share. It is evident from her enthusiasm when she talks about it just how strongly she feels about natural healthy skincare. She is a fountain of knowledge on the subject.

Jardin Secret products are of the highest quality standards. The best testament to the effectiveness of her products however is Louisa's own healthy, youthful, glowing skin.

For more information and to read Louisa's blogs on the ingredients she uses see [www.likeyourskin.com](http://www.likeyourskin.com)

Niamh Prior



## A LOT O' LOTTO!

As we go to print Kinsale is buzzing with excitement at news that one of the winning Lotto tickets was sold in Supervalu, Kinsale.

The winning ticket, which was purchased on Saturday, 26th March, was a €10 ticket which contained both quickpick and chosen numbers. The winning line was one of the chosen numbers. The lucky winner will win €7 million!!!!



Michael Smith of Supervalu told the Kinsale & District Newsletter that "we are thrilled to have sold one of the winning tickets. Saturday was extremely busy especially with the good weather and there were a lot of visitors to Kinsale. So we don't know whether it was won by a visitor or someone from the locality. Either way we wish them well but we would be delighted if the winner is from Kinsale."

As yet the identity of the winner is unknown. Congratulations to the very very lucky person!!!



*Congratulations to the Summercove N.S. Indoor Camóige team who qualified for the Semi-Final of the Roinn Oir Dheisceart Indoor Camóige Competition. Back row left to right Michelle Graef, Armelle Ogdén, Clíodhna Ní Shúilleabháin, Rachel Lysaght Front row left to right Joanne Connell, Sadhbh O'Leary, Georgia Gould*



# TRANSITION TIMES

Updates & news on the Transition Town process in Kinsale edited by Nicholas Harvey

**Working today for a sustainable tomorrow**

A shock to the system can kill or injure depending on the system's resilience. If your system is strong enough to withstand a shock it can bounce back and carry on as before. Transition Town Kinsale is about building community resilience in the face of future shocks. What kind of shocks are we actually talking about? Our global economy is dependent on the availability of cheap energy, and as oil prices begin to rise due to unrest in petroleum producing countries, the time has never been more ripe to prepare for an energy shock. When the price of oil goes up, so does everything else. Our food is heavily dependent on cheap oil. Farmers use it for their machinery; fertilisers and pesticides are derived from fossil fuels; transport brings a huge amount of our food to us from great distances across the world; cooking, freezing and other forms of processing depend on energy, and plastic wrapping which keeps food fresh is of course made from oil. Higher oil prices means higher food prices and if food can't reach our shops and tables then we must ask the question would we be able to feed ourselves? This was the topic of TTK's first event of the year:

## CAN KINSALE FEED ITSELF?

About 50 people turned up for this stimulating open forum discussion on Wednesday 23rd February. The panel of experts each gave a short presentation on their views. First up was chairperson Dr. Colin Sage, Senior Lecturer in Geography at UCC. He said that these questions and discussion should be taking place in towns and villages up and down the country in the light of recent rise in both food and fuel prices. Food is such a central part of our lives that we need to question and explore where it comes from and consider producing as much local food as possible.

Next was **Michael Smith**, owner of Supervalu in Kinsale, who outlined how much Supervalu and its supplier company, Musgraves, sell local and Irish food. 75% of the food and 100% of the meat is sourced and produced in Ireland. Supervalu also sells many local products such as Stauntons meats, Glenilen dairy produce, Upton eggs, potatoes from Colm O'Regan and Just Food organic produce.



**Colm O'Regan**, a local organic farmer answered the question of the evening with a definite, 'Yes, of course it can, and very well.' He said that everything we need is in the area, but it has to be supported locally. This is really important right now when times are relatively good, so that they will still be there if/when times are tough.

**Aimi Pinder** co-runs **Kinsale Green Growers**, a vegetable bag scheme that currently has 30 members and has been running for just nine months. Aimi stressed the importance of local food to reduce consumers' food miles. She wants her enterprise to be both environmentally and financially sustainable. She explained the **Community Supported Agriculture** (CSA) model of food production as a group of people who come together and pay a farmer/grower up front and share in the costs and risks of

growing food. If the crop fails the grower doesn't bear the full financial brunt. This also helps build community spirit, an important part of resilience.

**Philip Ward**, teacher of Ecology and Plant Science at **Kinsale College of Further Education** mentioned the amount of land needed per person to grow enough food which is 0.5 hectares. Kinsale, he said, has 5,000 hectares and so you could feed 10,000 people here. However the way agriculture is structured by EU subsidies prevents the kind of system enabling Kinsale to feed itself as food from the far side of the globe is often cheaper than locally grown produce. He said that it is vitally important that we plan for this properly to ensure food security. He said that Kinsale could develop its own food brand like the West Cork Fuchsia brand and encouraged the establishment of food co-ops.

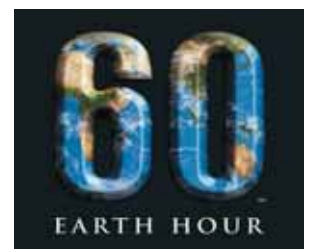
A Q&A session followed the tea break, and topics ranged from the benefits or otherwise of homogenised milk, growing apples and hydroponics (growing plants in water). The overall sense was that we *can* grow enough food locally to feed ourselves, but that we need to implement the structures sooner rather than later and to establish and support as many local food initiatives as we can. This would be a huge benefit to the local economy and would help increase local employment. It would also help us prepare for a future in which food security will become a key issue in a world where oil supplies are about to go into decline.

## TREE PLANTING

TTK continues to implement a range of local food initiatives. By the time you read this 25 fruit and nut trees - 3 pear, 6 plum, 10 filbert hazel, 2 chestnut, 2 walnut and 2 cherry - will have been planted on Sunday 13th (last day of national tree week) in a **Community Orchard** at the site of the new Sports and Leisure Complex in conjunction with Saile Community Association.

## EARTH HOUR

On Saturday March 26th Transition Town Kinsale launched 100 Chinese Lanterns from the Marina at the Dock to mark Earth Hour 2011. Drummers and fire jugglers joined in this spectacular event which was celebrated all across the globe. [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).



## SPRING FAIR

Our fifth annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 9th April and will feature our eco-market, workshops, films and local food café in the Temperance Hall from 10am-5pm. Later there's the amazing Springamagig, an evening of music and comedy at Kinsale College Amphitheatre from 8pm. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Contact: 087 6763516, or email [info@transitiontownkinsale.org](mailto:info@transitiontownkinsale.org). ...Continued overleaf



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## SOW & GROW

Transition Town Kinsale's Second Sow & Grow day, which is run by the Kinsale's Edible Garden's Network, took place on Saturday 12th March and featured workshops on how to seed save and a seed swap.

## ALLOTMENTS

A new one-acre site has been acquired on Compass Hill for allotments. A walk around the boundary took place on 7th March to see what work needs to be done. A horse proof fence and a water source will be the first items to be tackled and it is hoped that funding will be obtained from WCDP. If you are interested contact: [info@transitiontownkinsale.org](mailto:info@transitiontownkinsale.org) or telephone 087 6763516.

## KINSALE GREEN GROWERS (KGG)

This local veg bag scheme is sowing the seeds for another season of the freshest veg around, with new memberships to feed even more people and their families in 2011. KGG is run by Aimi Pinder and Rebecca Stevenson who grow all the vegetables on 2.5 acres at Ringrone and supply members of the scheme with freshly harvested mixed vegetable bags from June to December. The scheme is based on the 'community supported agriculture' model whereby consumers pay a portion of their yearly veg cost up front in the spring, this money goes directly towards buying seeds and equipment and is aimed at creating sustainable livelihoods for local producers. What's more, this system of direct marketing means the members of the scheme receive their food at a very

reasonable and fair price! New memberships are still available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Go to [www.kinsalegreengrowers.com](http://www.kinsalegreengrowers.com) for more info and to download a membership form.

## KINSALE COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

After our first year, we have become the first CSA in Ireland to successfully grow and process our own porridge oats in conjunction with Derry Desmond at his farm in Ringrone. We also teamed up with Colm O'Regan who is supplying a monthly sack of potatoes, delivered locally. As the new season starts we are preparing for the next crop of oats and potatoes. We are also going to experiment with a crop of quinoa, a grain-like plant from South America which grows well in Irish climate. It has a high protein content, a good balance of essential amino acids, is gluten free and is a high source of dietary fibre. Sounds like a wonder food!

## SMILEY AWARD 😊

This issue's award goes to Marcus Bale who has set up 'Kinsale Hitchhiker' on Facebook which helps people get lifts between Kinsale and Cork. Saves on bus fares and petrol so we are all happy: driver, passenger & environment.

For more information or to get involved:  
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S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile Set Dancers at Scór: Amber McAuliffe, Aoife Gilleran, Meghan O'Connor, Cliodna Ni Shuillbhain, Rachel Lysaght, Armelle Ogen.

Front: Susan Timmons, Saoirse Griffin, Aislinn Collins.

## TRIBUTES AND BEST WISHES TO KINSALE TOWN MANAGER

Tributes and best wishes were extended by members at the February meeting to Ms Mary Ryan who was attending her last meeting as manager of Kinsale Town Council prior to taking up duty at Clonakilty TC. In her report, town clerk Ms Michelle Kelleher said the economic impact and media impact report of the Clipper Festival was launched in City Hall. It was estimated that around €5.6 million was spent during the festival. Cork and Kinsale reached a global audience of 114 million people with a PR value of \$26.5m.

The mayor along with Cllrs O'Brien, Treacy and others welcomed new town engineer Mr Brendan Fehily and complimented him on a very progressive first report to members.

## Honduran visitors give Lenten focus

*Pamoja Kwa Haki means 'Together for Rights' in Swahili, and is the term used by Trócaire to describe its human rights programme for secondary schools. In this spirit of togetherness and solidarity Kinsale Community School students listened to the stories of Juan and Rudy who travelled from Honduras to share with the students their struggle for justice.*

*Juan was kidnapped and tortured last January by the Honduran military because of his involvement in campaigning with landless peasant farmers who seek to have their land returned to them. Pamoja provides a model for teachers and students to promote human rights and development education within their school. The teachers and students taking part carry out awareness-raising activities based around Trócaire's Lenten theme which this year focuses on poverty and land in Honduras.*

*The Transition Year students who participated in this year's Pamoja campaign visited local primary schools in the Kinsale area raising awareness about poverty in Honduras. They also raised funds which were presented to Trócaire during the visit.*



**For the first time since the foundation of the state the Bandon and Kinsale electoral area does not have a representative in the Cork South West Constituency as a result of the February 25th elections.**

With three candidates elected from the western end of the constituency, including Mr Jim Daly, Fine Gael, Clonakilty, Mr Micheal McCarthy, Labour, Dunmanway, and Mr Noel Harrington, Fine Gael, Castletownbere, fears are growing the eastern end of the constituency will suffer as a result.

Newly-elected Labour TD, Mr Micheal McCarthy, who just edged out Fianna Fail's Denis O'Donovan, in a nail biting finish, will certainly come under pressure to deliver for the area having received a ringing endorsement from the electorate in the area. However, the newly elected Labour Deputy has promised that he will indeed prove to be a good servant for the area.

Defeated local Fine Gael candidate, Mr Kevin Murphy, expressed his disappointment at not securing the necessary vote to take a seat but thanked most sincerely all those who had voted for the long-serving County Councillor. The Dunderrow-based Councillor also said: "I am a little disappointed with our vote management strategy, which I felt could have been managed better."

However, Mr Murphy, who received 6368 first preference votes, said: "I am delighted to be a part of the team that returned two candidates for Fine Gael in the constituency with a whopping 48.5% of all the ballots cast." For Fianna Fail proceedings at the Clonakilty Count Centre mirrored the national picture, with party frontrunner, Senator Denis O' Donovan, losing out by only 500 votes in the final shakedown and Labour's Micheal McCarthy benefiting from a large number of transfers from Independents, Sinn Fein and Fine Gael.

Having come fourth in the 2007 decider, the former Dail Deputy said: "It was always going to be a tough fight but I am delighted with the support I received not just from the electorate but also from the party faithful." O'Donovan's running mate, Deputy Christy O' Sullivan, was eliminated on the third count.

JJ Hurley

## ENGINEER OVERSAW MANY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN KINSALE & DISTRICT

An official who worked quietly in the background but played a key role in many of the positive developments which have taken place in Kinsale and its hinterland over the past 25 years is Frank Morrison who recently retired as senior executive engineer with Cork County Council.

Frank Morrison's career began in the private sector during which he gained valuable experience. He joined Cork County Council in 1975, initially in the sanitary design section followed by water schemes in East Cork when based at Glashaboy and in May 1985 became area (from Roberts Cove to Kilbrittain and from Half Way and Innishannon to the Old Head) and town engineer for the Kinsale area replacing the long serving Pat Treacy. He also worked briefly in the Bandon area.

'It was the summer when the statue moved in Ballinspittle and one of my first duties was trying to make the area safe near it, where thousands of pilgrims were gathering. This was long before the days of stringent health and safety requirements but we quickly had to put in lighting, toilets and improve the roads.

Frank said he was privileged to be part of the rise to prominence of Kinsale from a town with a long running dereliction problem to becoming national Tidy Towns winner in 1986 and the presentation of the prize by the President of Ireland Patrick Hillery.

In what was a united community effort, the council staff and workers under the Social Employment Scheme were outstanding and ensured Kinsale's success. In achieving this, he recalled, the town and county councils succeeded in ridding the town's approach roads of numerous advertising signs and developing attractive green areas at Pewterhole Cross and World's End.

Another highlight, said Frank, was Kinsale winning the European Prize for Tourism and the Environment for which he, along with architect Billy Houlihan and councillor John Thuillier made submissions in 1989. Kinsale also won the All Ireland Best Kept Town Award and numerous Tidy Towns medals in the years that followed.

From the 'nineties on, the local engineer oversaw the development by McInerney and other contractors of around 1,000 mainly social and affordable homes in the Ballinacubby, Cappagh and Commoge areas of

Kinsale along with an unofficial by-pass which only very recently was taken in charge. In effect, said Frank, it was the 'new town of Kinsale' including the site for the community school, which did not in any impact on the old heritage town yet provided a new link to the Bandon Road.

Other projects he was involved in included the water scheme, the almost completed sewerage scheme with treatment plant, broadband and the new gas pipeline, which although causing unavoidable inconvenience, would prove very beneficial in the town's future development. There were also new car parks and some road and bridge improvements along the R600 road to Cork and the setting up



of the recycling centre next to the council offices which has proved very successful.

As a result of a trip to American twin port Newport, Rhode Island, USA, said Frank, the idea of the 1601 Mast commissioned by Kinsale TC when Dermot Collins was mayor, was born and over ten years later, it was proving to be a very popular photo landmark.

Frank said he regretted that an inner harbour boardwalk planned between the Trident Hotel to Archdeacon Duggan Bridge didn't become a reality during his tenure and also spoke of the need for Kinsale to have a proper by-pass and further enhancement of its beautiful streets, including more pedestrianisation.

Renowned as being straight talking and a doer, the engineer's views on many a contentious planning application were very respected and he enjoyed a very good working relationship with elected members at meetings of Kinsale TC and the county council's Bandon-Macroom Area Committee.

His office for the past quarter of a century was the magnificent looking former Workhouse dating back to 1841, where, said Frank, he was very fortunate to work with excellent colleagues. They included fellow engineers John Twomey, Sean Lynch and Rob Andrews; supervisors such as Dan Cummins and the late and much revered Tom Kelly and staff officers including Delores Galvin, Anna Burke and Enda O'Halloran; town foreman Charles Henderson; Des Wixted, Mary Ryan and other managers and town clerks; architect and new town manager Denis Deasy and many fine town and county council office and outdoor staffs.

'I've done my bit' said the 62 year old long serving council official who took the opportunity to thank all the people he worked and dealt with in Kinsale and district including restaurateur Jim Edwards where he dined nearly every day and wished his successor Brendan Fehilly all the best.

Tributes were paid to Frank when he attended his last meeting of Cork County Council's Bandon Macroom Area Committee in County Hall in December.

Cllr Kevin Murphy said he was very sorry to see him retiring because he was 'a top of the range engineer.' The town of Kinsale looked a lot better because of the quality of his work and that of his staff. He was also diligent and loyal having served as engineer in the council for the past 26 years.

'It's the end of an era', said Cllr Alan Coleman who spoke of the huge contribution he and former county architect Mr Billy Houlihan made to raising the international profile of Kinsale through various schemes. The senior executive engineer never sought publicity but had steadfast views and was a great man to get resources into an area and get work done.

At the December meeting of Kinsale TC, Cllr Dermot Collins said Frank always delivered, always returned phone calls and was most accommodating. He was an excellent public official who had Kinsale's best interest at heart and was totally dedicated to his work.

Cllr Tomas O'Brien recalled many a verbal tussle with Frank but there was never a grudge and Cllr Tony Cierans and Mayor Michael Frawley and other members and officials concurred.

Best wishes were also extended to engineer Rob Andrews, who has retired and following tributes, a vote of sympathy to the late Tom Kelly, district supervisor who was described as 'an absolute gentleman' whose passing was a huge loss.

Photo by John Allen

## QUEEN ELIZABETH TO VISIT KINSALE?

Queen Elizabeth II has been invited to Kinsale as part of her historic visit to Ireland this year.

Views were mixed but the decision to issue the invitation, was made on a proposal by Cllr Dermot Collins (Fine Gael), seconded by Cllr Tomas O'Brien (Labour) at the March meeting of the town council.

Cllr Collins, who also proposed that President Mary McAleese be invited to the town, said it would be most appropriate in light of the historical significance of the Battle of Kinsale in 1601 and the defeat of the gaelic chieftains by the English and the conflicts which carried on in the North until peace was achieved under the Good Friday Agreement. Now was the time for the monarch to see where it all started, he added.

Cllr O'Brien pointed out that Queen Elizabeth's son Prince Andrew made an historic visit to Charles Fort in 2001 along with President McAleese and dignitaries from Spain to attend the 400th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Kinsale.

'When Queen Victoria visited Killarney, it put that town on the European and global map and over 100 years later it's still reaping the benefit. A visit by Queen Elizabeth, I'm sure, would be a great boost for tourism in Kinsale', he added.

Cllr Noel Harrington (Sinn Fein) however said the invitation was 'a bit premature' and questioning the high cost of security, added: 'we never tried to conquer England but they conquered us for 800 years so I am against the visit'.

'The time has come to put history behind us and look forward', said Cllr Tony Cierans (Labour). 'We need to start opening up communications both ways so I totally support the visit to Ireland which can only further improve Anglo-Irish relations'.

Cllrs Fred Treacy (Fine Gael) and Alan Clayton (Green) concurred, the latter saying he couldn't see anything but good from such a visit.

Cllr Billy Lynch (Independent), however said he would not put his name to an invitation. Ireland lost its heritage after the Battle of Kinsale and the Flight of the

Earls and while accepting there was a lot behind them, there was still the question of the Six Counties which were dear to him.

Deputy mayor presiding, Cllr Darren Cotter (Fianna Fail), said it would perhaps be positive to send an invitation and see what happened.

Last week, Buckingham Palace formally accepted the invitation for the visit to Ireland which will take place in May. The last time a British monarch visited Ireland was in 1911, Elizabeth's grandfather, King George V (he and his successors did visit Northern Ireland). Relations strained in the decades which followed but there were official visits to the UK by Presidents Mary Robinson and McAleese.

Kinsale has four royal charters which are on display in the local museum which is due to re-open to the public on April 1st. It's likely the invitation to the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh to Kinsale will be made through the British Embassy in Dublin.

Cllr Harrington proposed the council hold a reception at the Trident Hotel for visitors to Kinsale from the O'Neill Society, Co Tyrone, who are being hosted by Kinsale History Society over the last weekend in May. Cllr Collins asked that the issue be discussed in committee. It's understood the council will hold and contribute towards the cost of a reception.

Strong ties have been forged between the O'Neill and O'Donnell Societies and the history society in recent years. The Municipal Hall, incidentally, is not currently available for council receptions.

Cllr Cotter said Mayor Michael Frawley was in New York on a private visit after which he represented Kinsale at the St Patrick's Day celebrations in the twin centre of Newport, Rhode Island.

Town clerk Ms Michelle Kelleher, said Mr Wolf Burg, president of Antibes Twinning Association, was in Kinsale the week previous and was eager to seeking ties between the two twin ports. A meeting of the Kinsale twinning committee to discuss this has been arranged.

## DON'T SAY, TEXT IT!

While many people are struggling in the current economic environment, some individuals, including former electrician, Mr Richard Butler, are using the opportunity to turn their entrepreneurial ideas into successful business opportunities.

The Riverstick-native, who employed ten people at the height of the construction boom, realised that as the building industry began to decline in 2008 he needed to re-evaluate his career prospects and develop an idea that was sustainable.

A member of the local Ballymartle GAA Club, Richard had often reflected on the difficulties coaches, trainers and officials faced in trying to inform players of times of matches and training and he began to examine if a centralised texting system was the solution.

In essence, the texting service, unlike web-based systems, allows each code-holder in a club or organisation to send out a text message to the relevant individuals.

Pitching his sports text idea to the South Cork Enterprise Board, Mr Butler received a very positive response from the local body, suggesting he apply to the Genius Programme at the Rubicon building, based at the CIT.

Certainly the challenge of applying to the programme in 2009 for the former electrical contractor was indeed daunting. However, to his surprise, of the 82 applicants in that year, Mr Butler was one of only eighteen projects to be accepted to the year long initiative.

According to Mr Butler the programme proved to be hugely beneficial, providing a structured mentoring programme as well as gleaning knowledge from the other participants on the twelve month initiative.

Using 500 GAA Clubs throughout the country as part of his initial market research, it soon became apparent that the texting service was indeed very marketable.

Boasting a nationwide client base that includes community groups, schools, sporting organisations, pubs and restaurants and, more recently, the Cork GAA County Board signed up for the service, Mr Butler has had to rebrand the company as *Grapevine Communications*, reflecting the growing popularity of the service.

At €1.50 for fifty texts, Grapevine is certainly providing value for money, according to Mr Butler.

With the business now expanding nationwide, he is hoping to add a fulltime employee to the two part-time employees working with his wife, Teresa, in the business. Certainly for any individual who is seeking a way out of the current economic mire, Richard Butler at [www.grapevine.com](http://www.grapevine.com) is a beacon of hope.

JJ Hurley

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## MANY ROAD AND FOOTPATH WORKS PROPOSED FOR KINSALE THIS YEAR

Recommendations on the spending of €195,000 on the urban road and footpath block grant were contained in a map circulated by area engineer Mr Brendan Fehily at the March meeting of Kinsale Town Council.

He said there was also a block of money which could be spent for reinstatement from The Spaniard to Charles Fort, Summercove (1,750 metres) in the aftermath of and funded out of the Kinsale Main Drainage Scheme.

It was proposed under the urban block grant to resurface 70 metres of road and carry out work on a boundary wall at Barrack Street, replace 150 metres of footpath at Sleaveen Park, repair the footpath at World's End as far as the town boundary, pavement restoration westwards in Pearse Street from Londis to the corner and overlay a section of road at Compass Hill.

The engineer said there would also be some reinstatement work to be done following Bord Gais half and full road width works.

Cllr Fred Treacy welcomed the proposal to improve the footpath at World's End which he described as being in a disastrous condition.

In agreement, deputy mayor presiding Cllr Darren Cotter repeated the call for public lighting from World End to Archdeacon Duggan Bridge and Cllr Dermot Collins concurred. The engineer undertook to pursue this adding that a boardwalk would be a great idea, similar to that at the Marsh under an urban renewal scheme.

Cllrs Treacy and Tomas O'Brien recalled that €80,000 was allocated for a lighting scheme and Kinsale TC was prepared to fund the cost of three lights but there was controversy over the stone wall and the scheme never materialised.

Members generally approved the recommendations, which will be finalised at the next meeting and complimented Mr Fehily.

## BALLYMARTLE TEAM VISIT SCOIL MHUIRE NA NGRAST

*The All Ireland winning team were welcomed to the school last week with a guard of honour from 5th and 6th class. Loud cheers were to be heard from over 300 children to the delight of the players.*

*Principal Eamon Kelly introduced each player including his own son John Kelly, who played wing back in the final and scored a point. Team captain Patrick Dwyer showed off their new cup to the screaming fans and encouraged them to keep training and working hard so that some day too they would achieve the same success. Eamon Kelly was also very proud as all players and mentors had attended Scoil Mhuire na nGrast in the past.*

*Anthony McCarthy, team manager, also thanked the children for travelling the long journey to Croke Park and told them that their support and cheers helped to get Darren McCarthy's last second goal over the line!*

*After the speeches, the children received autographs from the victorious team and of course the mention of 'no homework' by the captain went down very well!!!*



## GLAMOUR AND STYLE ENTERS KINSALE'S HIGH SOCIETY

Kinsale's fashionistas were thrilled this Christmas season as the Parents Association of Summercove N.S presented High Society at the White Lady Hotel, Kinsale, on Wednesday 15th December. Hotel owner Anthony Collins and MC Tony Buckley presented an evening full of fashion, style, glamour and music.

Kinsale's most stylish women took to the catwalk, dressed in collections from Kinsale's finest boutiques – Nouvelle, Divine, Jane Boutique, Charlotte and Jane from Granny's Bottom Drawer, Offshore Surf Shop, Kinsale Pro Shop, Hattitude, Stone Mad, Jello and L. Putali. Warren Allen Collection and O'Brien's Saddlery represented the best of Bandon. Dunnes Stores, Bishopstown, as well as Egan's Opticians and Suit Distributors from Cork also featured on the night.

Miss Cork 2010 Mairead Farrell and Ailish Murphy were among the models who took to the runway on the night. The hair and make-up artists for the occasion were Liz O'Callaghan and Leon Sheehan, alongside stylists Linda Bouse and Annmarie Collins. Lancôme, Brown Thomas, Cork, presented a *Best Dressed Lady* prize to Una Plant on the night.

Speaking about the event, Liz Timmons from the Parents Association of Summercove N.S said: "Hotel owner Anthony Collins, aided by MC Tony Buckley, created a wonderful atmosphere in The White Lady Hotel on the night. Thanks to all

who attended this truly enjoyable and glamorous evening, and more importantly who supported this really good cause."

Pictured right at the presentation of the proceeds of the "High Society" fashion show fundraiser are (left to right): Roman Minihane, The White Lady Hotel, Caitlin Ui Liathain, Priomhoide Summercove N.S., and Anthony Collins, The White Lady Hotel, with Soren Crilly Minihane and Presley Collins.



## KINSALE TOASTMASTERS

Kinsale Toastmasters recently hosted the area speech contest at the Trident Hotel, a first for the club which played host to participating clubs from as far away as Bantry.

The Kinsale club has been in existence for the past couple of years and has grown to become one of the leading clubs with a fine membership. For anyone eager to hone their social skills and improve their oratory, the Toastmasters is the ideal club.

Kinsale Toastmasters meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Trident Hotel at 7.45pm. New members are always welcome.

## James O'Neill Memorial Building

'James O'Neill Memorial Building' is the official name of the restored former Mill at Church Square, members of Kinsale Town Council were informed at their March meeting.

It was confirmed in a letter from Mr Maurice Manning, senior executive officer with Cork County Council which restored and owns the building, stating that on the recommendation of its corporate policy group, the full council officially named it such at a meeting on October 11th.

James O'Neill, a leading businessman and major employer was the first chairman of Kinsale Urban District Council in 1899 and held the position until 1905.

Members of Kinsale TC were obviously unaware of this, since 'naming of mill' was an item on the agenda of their March meeting but Cllr Fred Treacy handed in the letter he received from local county councillor Kevin Murphy from Mr Manning and also stating that arrangements were being made to erect a suitable plaque there.

The former mill was used for the

first time in many years last summer for an international exhibition to coincide with the Kinsale leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and was officially re-opened by Lord David Puttnam at the start of Kinsale Arts Week. It has not been used since but there are hopes it could be used for district court sittings.

A strong case for naming the building after James O'Neill was made last year by former urban district councillor and harbour commissioner Mr Seumas O'Neill. His grandfather James O'Neill was responsible for the building of the grain mill opposite St Multose's Church which was sold to Henry Good in the late 1940s. The site also comprised the local electric works, stables and later garages for the O'Neill family business which also included hardware and a bakery. James was father of Eamon O'Neill who was elected to the Dail and served as Leas Ceann Comhairle and great grand father of Eamon O'Neill, harbour board member and auctioneer.

Cllr Treacy said he couldn't stress strongly enough the need to for court sittings to return to Kinsale having regard to the fact that many of its officers were in Bandon on

court days. He urged the council to do all it could to get sittings back in Kinsale.

In reply to Cllr Dermot Collins, the deputy mayor said everyone who saw the Mill building thought it was ideal and reminded members it would only be required two days a month.

### Municipal Hall

Meanwhile, Cllr Tony Cierans said the continued closure of the upstairs concert hall of the Municipal Hall (former court venue) was 'a massive setback' to many local community groups and urged that everything be done to have it back in use as soon as possible.

The town clerk said she was liaising with the town architect, Mr Johh Ludlow and trying to progress it but reminded councillors that a fire officer's report limited use of the upper storey, which has only one exit, to a maximum of 40 people. It should however, be possible to repaint the concert hall. Furthermore, there was inadequate space downstairs for the town council office and need to include part of the council chamber.

The manager, Mr Denis Deasy, who is also county architect, said he would ask the town architect to do a

report outlining the options and costings for the council taking into account means of escape, implications for staff and other health and safety requirements highlighted by the fire officer etc.

The downstairs chamber now had a limit of 20 people and upstairs, with a limit of 40, had inadequate access with the entry/exit door at the side of a street and at the top of a staircase. He added that it was hoped to have the report in four to six weeks.

He assured Cllr Cierans that while there were difficulties to overcome, these were not insurmountable.

### Museum

The town clerk reported that following interviews conducted by Cllr Collins and herself, there were six new volunteers for Kinsale Regional Museum which is due to re-open to the public on April 1st, the same day as Charles Fort and the International Museum of Wine in Desmond Castle.

'City and County Archivist, Mr Brian McGee inspected the museum recently. He will advise how to deal with the paper artefacts as well as give advice in relation to lighting, heating and storage', Ms Kelleher added.

## WORLD RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER WOWS GUESTS WITH ICONIC IMAGES AT ANNUAL RNLI SAILING BY THE LEE LUNCH

**Over two hundred people gathered at the Maryborough Hotel and Spa in Cork recently (Friday 28th February, 2011) for the 8th annual Sailing by the Lee lunch. Kindly sponsored by Port of Cork and Electric Bar/Restaurant, the event was a huge success with well known faces from the maritime world and Cork's social scene gathering to raise funds for Kinsale RNLI in their work saving lives at sea.**

The highlight of the lunch was special guest, international marine photographer Rick Tomlinson, who had flown in from the Isle of Wight. Rick recalled his experiences of working as a world renowned photographer capturing breathtaking shots of ocean racing, cruising and wildlife. His presentation included some stunning examples of his work in both still and movie form. Rick has photographed many RNLI lifeboats in action over the years.

During the lunch, RNLI Governor Peter Crowley paid a special tribute to Rick on his remarkable career, "I wish to acknowledge Rick's absolute dedication; commitment and enthusiasm in representing those connected to the sea, in bringing the thrills and excitement of the Volvo Ocean Race back to us at home and capturing the ongoing challenges and adventures of the international maritime community. Rick has also been most important to us over the years, as through his work, he has also captured with his talents the volunteer life saving work of the RNLI."

Rick Tomlinson is best known for capturing the Southern Ocean at its most treacherous from the decks of various yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race/Volvo Ocean Race. Born in 1958, Rick grew up on the Isle of Man, where he established a serious interest in sailing. Rick's enthusiasm for photography began while he was boatbuilding and sailing. Yacht racing aside, Rick has extended his skills into expedition and project photography to such places as the Arctic and Antarctic, Chile, Alaska, Caribbean and Africa, together

with special assignments for the RNLI.

Speaking at the event, Kinsale RNLI Fundraising Secretary Susie Elliott stated, "It has been a remarkable year for Kinsale RNLI. Having opened our boathouse just over a year ago, we continue to work to raise the funds needed to meet the construction costs. Our sponsors and supporters for this year's event have been extremely generous and we are very grateful to them, particularly given the challenging economic climate. In particular, I would like to thank Port of Cork and Electric Bar & Restaurant, South Mall. We are delighted to have Rick Tomlinson and his wife, Annika Tomlinson with us this year and for his incredible presentation."





# Creating A 'Space' For Something New

After the surprise success of a spontaneous disco held in the back of The Lord Kingsale the group behind the event has decided to make it a regular monthly event. Maureen Mortimer, who offered the use of the venue for free last time, has kindly committed to making it available for the first Saturday of each month.

Fintan Lynch and Alan Murray have offered to co DJ. It's creators have decided on a name - The Space.

The Space will be free ie. there will be no cover charge. With everyone out of pocket these days it is an inspired idea. 'We're thinking of an alternative venue' says Fintan. 'A suitably eclectic mix to get people in the mood to move. 'We're looking at a general mix of music' said Alan Murray, 'like disco, funk, soul, eighties music. We're not going to say no to techno because there was techno music thirty years ago - songs like Donna Summer's "I feel love", for example. We'll also have disco influenced Latin music, I have Brazilian, African and central American stuff.' Live acts / gigs / individual players are a possibility for the future of The Space, perhaps a few couches and some good coffee. There is scope for The Space to evolve as a venue.



**Look up The Oxford Dictionary for a definition of 'space' and you will find:**

1. Continuous expanse in which things exist and move
2. Room/opportunity/leisure
3. Freedom to think and be oneself

**And that's precisely what The Space is all about.**

If the last event is anything to go by it will great fun. If you didn't get to the last one you're in luck, it's all going to happen again! See you there!

- Afric McGlinchey

**You can next check out The Space on Saturday 2nd April from 9.30pm to 12.30am. Entrance via back door of The Lord Kingsale. Admission FREE.**

## TRIBUTES TO OUTDOOR STAFF AT KINSALE TOWN COUNCIL

There was high praise for the outdoor staff from Councillor Fred Treacy at the January meeting of Kinsale Town Council for the outstanding work carried out in very difficult conditions to keep streets and footpaths clear during the icy weather in December.

He also complimented town and county council workers who had to deal with a 'horrendous amount' of indiscriminate dumping on the streets of the town over the Christmas period, most notably at Short Quay.

Other members concurred and Cllr Noel Harrington highlighted the problem of bottles and cans littered along the scenic Low Road walk near Scilly as a result of mainly underage drinking by night. It was agreed to refer the matter to the local Gardai.

On a proposal by Cllr Darren Cotter, it was agreed to request the use of a camera available from the environmental section of Cork County Council for use in litter black spots in the town. Cllr Dermot Collins said detections could possibly be made using the existing close circuit security cameras already in place at various locations in conjunction with the Gardai.

## Huge contribution to work of museum by Eugene Gillan

Along with that of the late Michael Mulcahy, a name synonymous with Kinsale Regional Museum is Eugene Gillan, Cork Street, Kinsale, whose association with the building embraces six decades.

A native of County Sligo, Eugene's work as a lighthouse keeper took him all around the coast of Ireland and he first took up duty at the Old Head in 1950 with the late Frank Ryan.

Interestingly, an ancestor of Eugene was a lighthouse keeper there in the 1750s while his great great grand uncle, also called Eugene Gillan, was controller of the market which operated at Market Square where the museum is located.

Eugene is married to Breda Walsh whose uncle Seamus Breathnach, along with Fr Patrick McSweeney, founded Kinsale Museum in the former Vocational School building that used to be located at Butcher's Row, in 1940. Four years later, the old courthouse and former market house, a cherished building in the heart of Kinsale which the local urban district council found difficult to maintain, was threatened with demolition. Eugene recalls that a very large crowd attended a public meeting, a voluntary committee was established and it was resolved to conserve it as a museum.

During what was a period of economic depression and mass emigration in a town rife with dereliction, the people of Kinsale and district displayed great civic pride and generosity by raising funds to preserve and conserve the building as a regional museum. Work was carried out by direct labour involving many volunteers and matching funding was eventually provided by Bord Failte Eireann.

The museum collection, said Eugene, was moved from the Vocational School in Bandon Road to present location in Market Square and there is a plaque depicting its official re-opening on April 9, 1959.

At the age of 60, Eugene Gillan took early retirement from Irish Lights and became a shipping cargo surveyor in Ireland and the UK. In whatever spare time he had, he, along with people such as the late Michael Mulcahy devoted countless hours collecting, sorting, restoring and cataloguing the rich array of artefacts admired by thousands of visitors over the years to this 'museum within a museum'.

Eugene said he was particularly proud of the section to the rear of the museum featuring the former trades of Kinsale. He thanked the many people who donated items for public display, including long time friends of the museum, Kinsale Sub Aqua Club who dived on several shipwrecks in and around the harbour.

Maintaining with integrity, a listed building that dates back over four centuries is an ongoing struggle and there was further deterioration in the 1990s. Major structural repairs and refurbishment were carried out in 1999-2000 with financial assistance from the European Union under its Structural Fund, Failte Ireland, Cork County and Kinsale Urban District Councils.

In more recent times, Eugene said great work was done by curator up to October 2008, Michael O'Connell, well known also for his work in the museum at Clonakilty and Dr Paddy O'Callaghan who now lectures in law at Hamburg University. Always active, Eugene Gillan is also president of Kinsale and District Local History Society. He has over the years contributed articles to its annual journal and given numerous lectures, most recently during National Heritage Week. He is also a renowned sketch artist and painter and has illustrated many a fine local publication, all of it voluntary in the cause of preserving all that's best about Kinsale and Irish heritage.

-Photo by Dermot Ryan



## **PAY PARKING PROBLEM FOR DOCTORS IN KINSALE TOWN**

KINSALE Council simply cannot afford to provide free parking places for doctors in the town, declared manager Ms Mary Ryan at a recent monthly meeting. She was responding to a letter from six doctors, five of them attached to the Medical Centre, expressing concern that local parking restrictions will impact on patient safety and even cost lives. It was pointed out that recently two doctors, who returned to Kinsale and had to park in the car park off Pier Road, having attended emergencies during the day, were issued with parking fines.

'Kinsale has no emergency ambulance, the nearest being at least 30 to 45 minutes away. Local doctors respond to all medical emergencies. We take this role very seriously and update our skills and emergency equipment regularly in line with best practice. Each emergency requires the attendance of at least one doctor and usually six bags of equipment (oxygen tank, emergency drugs, emergency resuscitation equipment, nebulizer, doctor's bag and defibrillator). As you can appreciate, timely attendance to our patients requires planning and systematic organisation,' wrote Drs. Margaret O'Regan, Helen Barry, Tony Foley, Pat Downey, Carmel Murphy and Claire McCarthy.

'It is imperative that we park in the vicinity of the surgery to reach patients as quickly as possible. We have four doctors on duty each day. We currently have two designated off-street car parking spaces and urgently need the co-operation of the town council to allow doctors to park legally, within close proximity of the Medical Centre, displaying 'Doctor on Call' signs. We need to do this without fear of being issued with further parking fines.

'We aspire to serve our patients with the highest standards of care. Our patients deserve to be attended to and managed promptly in the event of an emergency and we would appreciate your help in resolving this issue,' the letter to councillors, the town clerk and manager added.

Ms Ryan however said cash strapped Kinsale TC couldn't afford to make an exception by providing free parking for doctors adding that she had no sympathy for a sector which didn't reduce its fees. Stressing that Kinsale TC needed the money, the manager said the provision of additional designated parking spaces could possibly be made available if they were prepared to pay the current €1.20 per hour pay parking fee.

ClIr Dermot Collins however, said Kinsale had been trying for the past 15 years without success to get an ambulance, despite false promises by the Health Service Executive and he didn't believe the doctors, who effectively provided this service, were in any way abusing the parking situation. He favoured cars with 'doctor on call' displayed being allowed to park without penalty.

Mayor Michael Frawley said some doctors were fearful of this in case such display signs could result in their cars being broken into by persons trying to steal equipment or drugs but ClIr Collins asked how the traffic warden was expected to know if it was a doctor's car. ClIr Alan Clayton said he was sure no doctor was expecting to park all day for free and would pay if this was the case but in many instances they needed to park for a short time and be close to the centre in order to move heavy equipment.

*The people of Belgooly are in shock following the death of Kenneth Murphy in a work related accident on March 16th last. Our deepest sympathy goes to the Murphy family and Kenneth's friends and colleagues on their tragic loss.*

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## **Births**

❖ Congratulations to Áine Eaton & Stephen Taylor on the birth of their son, Harvey Paul Gerard, on February 19th 2011, a little brother for Corey.

❖ Congratulations to Sabine (née Koller) and Jeremy James, Rampart House, Kinsale, on the birth of their son, Samuel Aidan James, in Oberwart, Austria, on December 23rd 2010.

❖ Congratulations to Grainne (née Hurley) and John Kingston, Wilton, on the birth of their son, Conall John, on January 28th 2011.

❖ Congratulations to Vivienne (née Woods) and Colm O'Brien, Ballincollig, on the birth of their daughter, Caoimhe Laura, on March 10th 2011.

## **Marriages**

Congratulations to the following couples who were married recently:

❖ Aidan Buckley, Mallow, & Celina Nixon, New Ross, who were married on December 3rd 2010.

❖ Roland Dean, Knocknaheeny, & Siobhan Murphy, Douglas, who were married on December 4th 2010.

❖ Tomas Daly, Market St., Kinsale, & Carmel Wright, Sallyport, who were married on December 21st 2010.

❖ Andrew Lynch, Kinsale, & Clare Falvey, who were married on December 27th 2010.

❖ David Coughlan, Togher, & Ina O'Brien, Knocknaheeny, who were married on February 19th 2011.

❖ John Walsh, The Orchards, & Fiona Hurley, Ardbrack, who were married on March 3rd 2011.

❖ David Gibson and Deirdre Doherty, Denis' Quay, Kinsale, who were married on March 18th 2011.

## **Deaths**

Our sympathy to all those who have suffered bereavements recently, including the families of the following people:

• David Murphy, New Zealand

• Carole O'Hare, Ardbrack Heights, December 7th 2010

• Patrick Bane, Prehane, December 16th 2010

• Jenny Flemming, Guardwell Homes, December 24th 2010

• John O'Donoghue, Prehane, December 22nd 2010

• Jacquie O'Brien, Waterlands, January 21st 2011

• Brendan Nestor, Compass Hill, February 5th 2011

• Rodney Mitchell, Harbour Heights, February 7th 2011

• William Corkery, Nottingham, UK. February 24th 2011

• John Desmond, Roseabbey Park, Kinsale. March 7th 2011

• Frank Twomey, Roseabbey, Kinsale. March 14th 2011

• Pat McCrae, Marian Tce., Kinsale. March 18th 2011

• John Collins, Mansfield Land, Kinsale. March 20th 2011



# Anniversaries

Acknowledgement & First Anniversary  
30th March 2010

## John Joseph Cotter

Brownmills, Kinsale



We the family of the late Joe Cotter wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us. Thanks to those who attended the rosary, removal, funeral Mass and burial. To those who sent Mass cards, flowers and letters of sympathy. Thank you to all who visited our home and to those who travelled long distances to support us. A special word of thanks to the doctors and staff in CUH along with Dr. Pat Downey and Dr. Tom O Leary, his caregiver Ann O'Driscoll who looked after him while at home. We express our thanks to An tAthair Tomas O'Murchu, the Priests of the Parish and Friary Churches, to the organist and choir, altar servers and grave attendants as well as Gabriel and O'Donovan Funeral directors for their professionalism. Thank you to Kinsale Town Council for attending and for the guard of honour. The kindness and presence of so many touched us deeply. Mass has been offered for all in gratitude.

*Deep are the memories  
Precious they stay  
No passing of time  
Can take them away*

Acknowledgement and First Anniversary

## Henry Mitchell

Kilcaw House, Kinsale



On this the first anniversary of Henry's passing, Christina and family, Sharon, Derek, Ronan and Anna, and also the extended family wish to thank all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Sincere thanks to all who travelled long distances to be with us, those who called to our home, and to those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes. Thanks to all who supported us during the Rosary, Removal, Funeral Mass and Burial.

A special thanks to our relatives, good friends and neighbours for their ongoing kindness, generosity and support during this difficult time. Thank you to the South Doc team, and especially doctors Pat Downey and Margaret O'Regan for their dedicated care and kindness to both Henry and all the family. Thank you to the oncology department in the Mercy Hospital and to the staff at Marymount Hospice. A special thanks to the palliative care team and Nicola O'Leary for their dedication and support during Henry's illness.

Thank you to Fr O'Mahony, Fr Young and Fr Myles McSweeney for their prayers and for the beautiful Mass in celebration of Henry's life. Also to Gabriel & O'Donovan's Funeral Home and to those who contributed so generously to the Marymount Hospice at the funeral Mass, we extend our sincere thanks.

It is not possible to thank each and everyone individually, so please accept this as an acknowledgement of our sincere appreciation. Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Sixth Anniversary ~ 1st March 2005  
**In Loving Memory  
Breda Eaton**

Sleaveen Park, Kinsale

Remembering a wonderful wife and mother, Breda.

A smile for all, a heart of gold,  
the very best the world could hold.  
The hands of time keep turning,  
the years have slipped away,  
but in our hearts and memories  
you are with us everyday.  
We still think of you as living,  
in the hearts of those you touched,  
for someone loved is never lost  
and you were loved so much.

Sadly missed everyday by your  
loving husband, Gerald,  
and daughters, Aine & Alison

First Anniversary  
February 17th 2010

## Sean Wright

Curra, Belgooly



You always had a smile to share,  
A laugh, a joke, a time to care,  
A loving nature, warm and true,  
These are the memories we have of you.

Sadly missed by Nuala, Caroline, Michael,  
David, Geraldine, son-in-law John,  
grandchildren and extended family.

### MRS AUDREY LAWSON-JOHNSON RIP

The death has occurred in Northamptonshire of Mrs Audrey Lawson-Johnson, who was the last living survivor of the Lusitania, which was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the Old Head of Kinsale on May 7th 1915.

Mrs Lawson-Johnson was just three months old when tragedy struck with the loss of almost 1200 lives. Saved by her nanny, she along with her parents and brother survived but tragically her two older sisters perished.

An active fundraiser for the RNLI, Mrs Lawson Johnson raised funds to purchase an inshore lifeboat for New Quay RNLI in 2004, the naming and dedication ceremony of which took place on May 7th 2004, 89 years after the sinking of the Lusitania.

We offer our condolences to the family  
of Mrs Lawson-Johnson.

May She Rest In Peace

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