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Transportation Plan for Kinsale

A new one way system, a waterfront link road, harbour-side boardwalks, additional pedestrianisation and street upgrading, more off-street parking, development of a northern relief road and new western by-pass are among the proposals in the draft Kinsale Transportation Study (KTS), a summary of which went on public display recently in the Temperance Hall.

Consulting engineers Faber Maunsell were jointly commissioned by Kinsale Town and Cork County Councils to develop a strategy for the town and its hinterland recognising the fundamental role that transport and ease of access have to play in sustaining a vibrant local economy in the tourist and heritage town.

The study has reviewed the existing transportation network and highlighted key constraints in consultation with all stakeholders, the local authorities and the public and a considerable amount of data was collected in order to develop a computer traffic model of the town. It outlines short, medium and long term measures for Kinsale up to 2020 and beyond.

Based on the 2006 Census, the current population of Kinsale is 4,099, located in 1,517 households. Surveys indicating there are 1,590 vehicle trips during the evening peak period demonstrates a high level of car use - typical of small Irish towns - resulting in congestion exacerbated by long stay parking.

Based on current zoned residential lands, the maximum population growth for Kinsale in the long term is 7,500 and if this happens, there would be a potential increase of 53% in vehicular trips from 1,590 to 3,082 which would impact very heavily on traffic flow and the character of the town.

Among the issues and challenges highlighted in the KCS are:

- Around 30% of all town centre traffic is 'through traffic'.
- The road network is limited in terms of space and alternative routes but junctions such as Pearse Street, Emmet Place and Long Quay (Boland's Corner) can be improved.
- Traffic flows increase by an average of 25% in the summer and without intervention, future growth could increase congestion and delays by up to 125%.
- Public transport serving Kinsale is good but suffers from delays in the town centre and there is need for bus turning areas.
- Pedestrian, mobility impaired and cycle facilities, footpaths, crossings, leisure routes and street lighting need improving.
- There is significant potential for improved management of parking supply for the benefit of the town centre.
- Current limited provision of loading bays with some narrow streets unsuitable for delivery vehicles, resulting in obstruction and congestion.
- The need for reduced speeds and improved road safety have been identified.
- Road surface conditions need improving.

The study team has come up with five separate strategies: the road network, parking, public transport, cycling and walking.

ROAD NETWORK

This is aimed at tackling the issues of 'through traffic' and congestion and making Kinsale more pedestrian friendly without negatively impacting on access for car drivers. The main proposals are:

- Development of the Kinsale Northern Relief Road – upgrading the existing route and some new construction to connect to the R605 Bandon Road.
- A new Western relief road/by pass – this route would provide additional connectivity for the west of Kinsale town from the R600 (Eastern or main Cork Road) and further reduce 'through traffic'. It would be a new road starting at the R605 Bandon Road (northern route) and going south west to intersect with the Cappagh Road and R606 Kinsale-Bandon Road (southern route).
- Junction improvements.

TOWN CENTRE

Measures, if implemented under this strategy, would deliver a 68% reduction in vehicle delay and queuing and a 43% reduction in travel time and release street space which could be used to prioritise pedestrian facilities, trading and general town centre activities. Proposals include:

- Waterfront Link Road - one way south bound between Long Quay and Pier Road in front of the proposed Howard Holdings hotel and marina development.
- New town centre one way system – proposed along Pearse Street, Market Street, Guardwell, Main Street and Emmet Place to provide a loop around the centre with minimal delays. It would also facilitate path widening, landscaping, traffic calming and pedestrian amenities.

- Pedestrian improvements – pedestrianisation of Short Quay from Emmet Place to Market Street and Market Street from Market Square to Guardwell/Main Street except for emergency vehicle access. Outside of pedestrianisation times, Short Quay would be one way west. Upgrading of facilities for pedestrians and mobility impaired at junctions.

- Traffic calming – junction tables, shared surfaces and signage and in the longer term traffic lights at Boland's Corner & Emmet Place/Pier road junction.
- Improve delivery management.

PARKING

Kinsale town centre currently has 344 on-street and 404 off-street parking spaces, three quarters of which are free and operating well. The KTS seeks to maximise turnover of these and protect and support the economic vitality of the town. Proposed measures include:

- Revised on-street public parking from 344 to 308 spaces.
- Revised off-street public parking from 404 to 750 spaces.
- Revised flexible pricing and enforcement structure.
- Improved parking accessibility from approach roads.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Current services are Bus Eireann, school buses, the Land Train, taxis and a pilot Bandon-Kinsale West Cork Rural Transport Initiative. The KTS aims to encourage further use of these and thereby reduce car dependency. Measures proposed include:

- Improved town centre bus access and bus stop facilities.
- Dedicated coach park parking and taxi/hackney rank.

WALKING AND CYCLING

Improving the pedestrian environment, especially safety, is a key objective. It also notes that the existing road network is unsuitable to provide significant cycle infrastructure and that Kinsale has no cycle lanes. Measures proposed include:

- Full mobility and accessibility for pedestrians in the town centre.
- Localised pedestrian improvements outside the town centre.
- Safer routes to schools
- Pedestrian boardwalks on the quay and coast roads
- Provision of cycle parking
- Development of local and tourist cycle routes.

In addition, say the KTS compilers, the strategy will help support economic growth, integrate land use and transportation, protect the heritage status and minimise impact on the environment in Kinsale.

The estimated cost is around €19 million. Early implementation of the waterfront link road, town centre traffic management changes, the Northern Relief road, junction upgrades and improved parking management would provide very clear and visible benefits to Kinsale in the short term. In the longer term, the western relief road would complete a quality and much needed by-pass and consequent benefits.

On duty for Faber Maunsell at the recent public consultation day were Susan Kehoe and Brian Coakley along with senior engineer with the county council Peter O'Donoghue who reported a generally positive feedback. All were agreed that traffic flows had to be improved but when asked where some of the extra off street parking can be provided, Peter replied that the council has earmarked land in the Barrack Hill area for long stay parking. He stressed that the KTS was very much geared towards achieving an integrated plan of action catering for all modes and needs for the benefit of the residents and businesses of the popular tourist town.

The full KTS can be viewed on the website www.corkcoco.ie and a summary is available from Kinsale Town Council, Tel 021-4772154. Members of the public were invited to make submissions in writing to Kinsale Transportation Study, c/o Faber Maunsell or by email to kinsalestudy@fabermaunsell.com up to May 21. Later this year, it will go before elected members of Kinsale and Cork County Councils for adoption. Members of Kinsale TC are due to meet the consultants at a special meeting on May 28.

At a special meeting of Kinsale Traders, held in The White Lady bar on Friday 15th May, approximately twenty business people gathered to make their observations regarding the Transportation Study. Some of the main concerns discussed were the provision of a Ring Road, the provision of parking accessible to the town centre rather than on the outskirts, the reduction of parking spaces in the town centre and that the main access to the town centre from the Cork road be reconsidered and reconfigured. The traders have entered a written submission to Faber Maunsell regarding the study.

SEA SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF NEW KINSALE HARBOUR OFFICE

'SEA SUNDAY' in Kinsale on May 17 was extra special with the annual service in St. Multose's Church broadcast live on RTE radio, the ceremony at the memorial to all who died at sea and the blessing of boats followed by the dedication of Kinsale Harbour Commissioners' new office on Pier Head by port chaplain Canon David Williams.



Pic: Howard Crowdy

Nearly every organisation associated with the sea and maritime rescue was represented at the annual Sea Sunday' service in St. Multose's Church organised by the Mission to Seafarers. A welcome was extended by Canon Williams who said it was held annually "to

commemorate all those who have died at sea, to pray for the safety of those who work at sea as well as for those who use the sea for recreation, and to support in prayer all those who would respond to a marine emergency".

Colours and memorial flowers were presented during the service by flag bearers representing different organisations. Prayers and readings were recited by Carmelite Prior Micheal O'Neill, Canon John K. O'Mahony and Methodist Mrs. Liz Payne as well as by Mayor of Kinsale Dermot Collins; chairman of the harbour board Billy Lynch and harbour master Captain Phil Devitt.

Edmund Butler of Kinsale Area Coastguard read an extract from the new book 'Nine Lives' by Captain David Courtney which highlighted the bravery of Limerick River Rescue and other coastal and inland waterway rescue services prepared to lay down their lives for others. Canon Williams remembered those who died at sea off Ireland in recent years including Benno Haussmann, Dommie Meehan, Barry O'Driscoll, Barra O'Loingaigh of South Western Regional Fisheries Board, Ger Bohan and Tomasz Yagla of 'Honeydew II', Kinsale; Tony Coohill, Feichin Mulkerrin of Cleggan.

There was a guard of honour by members of Civil Defence as the congregation entered the church and they along with the Naval Service, the RNLI, Coastguard, ONET and several other organisations marched in the parade led by the Naval Service Reserve under Lt. Cdr. Liam O'Keeffe and the Health Service Executive Ambulance Service Pipe Band through the town to Pier Road after the service.

At the Lost at Sea Memorial, prayers were recited by the local clergy and a wreath was laid to seamen by harbour board chairman and fisherman Billy Lynch. The memorial flowers which had been presented on the altar at St. Multose's Church were conveyed by Ewen Tubridy to crewmen Liam O'Connell, Nicky Searls and Mark Lewis on the Kinsale RNLI inshore lifeboat 'Sally Anne' who laid a trail of these in the harbour. As they did so, a lament was played by Air Corps Corporal Joe O'Donnell.

At the Pier Head, Canon O'Mahony blessed the boats including some new vessels. A wreath was given by Billy Lynch to Morrie Fitzgerald, skipper of 'Blue Diver' which was subsequently passed on to the lifeboat for laying at the harbour entrance in memory of all



Pic: Howard Crowdy

fishermen who died at sea. Prayers were recited by the clergy and Micheal Hurley of Courtmacsherry Lifeboat led the singing of 'Home by the sea'.



Pic: Howard Crowdy

Canon Williams then performed the blessing and cut the tape to officially open the impressive new Kinsale Harbour Board office which all guests toured. Harbour master Capt. Phil Devitt now has a full view of the inner harbour from the top floor office, which is in the style

of a ship's bridge, at the new and enlarged building. It is equipped with VHF radio, computers, fax and CCTV cameras.

The Port of Kinsale has a throughput 60 to 80 commercial cargo ships a year handled by Henry Good and Co., and is home to around 20 local fishing trawlers and over 350 leisure and sporting marine craft. There are two marinas and 100 swinging moorings at the harbour which has around 800 visiting leisure, fishing and angling boats per annum and is home to the Sovereigns Cup, Kinsale Regatta and other top sailing events hosted by the local yacht club. There are nine members on the harbour board and Phil Devitt's predecessors for many years were Eddie Hurley and Daniel O'Shea.

The new harbour office was grant aided by the Department of Transport, designed by Rob Jacob of JLS Design (who also designed the Lost at Sea Memorial). Adam Cronin of Cronin Millar, Cobh, was engineer and it was built by Coffey Construction, Athenry. Features include a main office, boardroom, filing room, dockers' room, insert bin area, dual public toilets and lift. In the boardroom is a letter from Joseph Hosford announcing the first letter of the board in 1870 and a telegram from Queen Alexandra thanking the board for its vote of sympathy on the death of King Edward VII.

The first official function in the new building was a ceremony to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the signing of a friendship pact between Kinsale Harbour Board and the Merchant Navy Association (MNA), in Barry, Wales.

Signing of friendship pact by Kinsale and Barry Councils

"AT long last!" declared Mayor of Kinsale Dermot Collins at a historic function in the Municipal Hall where he and Mayor of Barry Howard Hamilton signed a friendship pact between the town councils.

Mr. Collins extended a warm welcome to his Welsh counterpart and Lady Mayoress Carol Ann Hamilton along with previous Mayor Stuart Egan (also a member of Vale of Glamorgan Council) and members of the MNA, Joe Norton, Jim and Keith Greenway, the latter two of whom have strong family connections with Kinsale.

"Today's official signing is the culmination of many years of correspondence and negotiations between council members, officials and others. I understand the original idea to promote close ties between our two towns was the brainchild, within the council chamber, of Tim O'Brien, a former chairman. He left no stone unturned to foster close ties between both communities and travelled at his own expense on a number of occasions to Barry with friends (Michael Austin, Denis Collins and others) to try and secure a friendship pact with Barry TC," said Mr. Collins who also acknowledged the efforts of councillor Billy Lynch, Jim and Keith Greenway, Joe Norton and Leo McMahon and others who never gave up trying to achieve some form of official link.

Many a Kinsale family, said Mr. Collins, settled or sailed into and out of Barry over many years resulting in a long and enduring connection between both port towns. "I sincerely hope it will continue to blossom through positive exchange visits between social, sporting, educational and cultural organisations from both towns in the years ahead to deepen that friendship".

Mayor of Barry in his first week, Howard Hamilton said words could not fully describe the warmth and hospitality he and his wife and colleagues from Barry had received in Kinsale. He paid a special tribute to Mr. Collins and his council for organising the ceremony.

Keith Greenway, on behalf of others in the MNA and other organisations in Barry who had been campaigning for this for almost ten years, thanked all involved in the signing of the historic friendship pact. He

quoted the words of former Kinsale mayor Tomas O'Brien that many a Kinsale man left to go to Barry which to them was their gateway to the world. Some settled and sent money home and others died in the world wars, among them able seaman Patrick Joseph Lucey, Scilly, who was buried in Merthyr Dyfan cemetery in Barry in 1942. Congratulations was also



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expressed by Jim Greenway who said that many Kinsale descendants in Barry and district would be delighted that at long last the pact was signed.

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Dunderrow National School New Extension Opening



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May Day 2009 will be remembered in Dunderrow National School not only for the beginning of Summer as the special day saw the school celebrate the Official Opening of its newly completed extension by Minister of Education & Science Batt O'Keeffe TD.

Over 250 people, which included local clergy, Mayor of Kinsale, Deputy Mayor Cork County, politicians, Senators, members of Cork County Council, management body of local pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly, representatives from local Credit Union, Bank, Lions Club, sporting organisations, schools, parents, neighbours and friends came together to celebrate this special occasion. Apologies were received from Bishop John Buckley.

After the early morning downpour, the sun shone brightly adding to the great sense of occasion.

Principal, Mary Cottrell initiated the celebrations with an opening welcome for all and this was completed by the school children welcoming rendition of Oró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile.

In the Principal's address that ensued, a brief history on the growth and development of Dunderrow National School was outlined.

Primary education in Dunderrow dates back to the 1800's when the first permanent school and teacher's residence was built in the local area known as "The Doon". This was later replaced by a two-classroomed school in Horsehill in 1933. The school was honoured on the day to have Sonny Kearney, whose primary education



began in The Doon, at the celebration.

Due to the growth of enrolment and the poor condition of the building, a new school was completed in Leighmoney in 2000 under the Capital Building Programme.

The years of the Celtic Tiger saw great demographic change in the area and school enrolment numbers continued to increase, so an application was made in October 2006 for a new school extension under the Devolved Building Programme. This was granted in March 2007 and so began the project of building four



Pic: Martin Hurley, Photo Me

Mainstream Classrooms, Computer Room and Staff Room.

This was truly a collaborative effort from many parties and gratitude was extended to: The Patron, Department of Education and the Inspectorate, Project Management Team headed by Pat O'Halloran, B. Eng., Walsh Design Team, Donal O'Riordan, Builder, Local Community, Eli Lilly, Parents, Teachers and of course the children.

Mr. Noel Henderson, Chairperson Board of Management, spoke on the importance of the education of our youth for the future of our State. He also expressed his appreciation for the dedication

and commitment of the staff for the happy learning environment in the school.

The great sense of community and partnership in education was highlighted by Mr Dave Urbanek, General Manager of Eli Lilly, who again congratulated the school on the achievement and highlighted the quality education being provided in Ireland for our youth.

Deputy Mayor of Cork County, Kevin Murphy, recalled the era of debate and protest in Dunderrow in the mid-seventies resulting in the proposed amalgamation of the school being abandoned.



A special blessing of the Garden of Remembrance then took place by Carmelite Fr. Michael O'Neill. This Garden which was specially constructed during the building project is dedicated to young deceased members of the Dunderrow community.

The school was honoured to have Canon J.K. O'Mahony, Canon David Williams and Rev Colin Milligan perform the official school blessing – a beautiful ceremony.

Minister for Education & Science, Mr Batt O'Keeffe TD, then spoke on the achievements of the school in the past in the Young Scientist

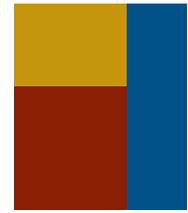


Competition, Sciath na Scoil, Credit Union Quiz, to name but a few. He spoke of the positive approach to education adopted by the school and congratulated all involved with the project.

Before the unveiling of the plaque and cutting of the tape, a small presentation was made to the Minister by Meadhbh & Daniel from Junior Infants.

Refreshments for all were then served and once again this event was testament of a truly collaborative effort from the Dunderrow School Community. A truly great day in the school's history.

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Kinsale Peace Project debates the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Since Wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.

This quote, taken from the preamble to UNESCO's Constitution, is as relevant today as it was when first written back in 1940's. The ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has shown us, time and again, that violence will not solve anything. To bring an end to this conflict it is in the minds of the Israeli and Palestinian people that the defenses of peace must be constructed. It is important to recognise that there are moderate elements in both communities who want a peaceful solution and we must do whatever we can to encourage and support their efforts. With this in mind the Kinsale Peace Project invited the Israeli and Palestinian Ambassadors to come to Kinsale and give both sides of the story in order to clarify the situation and allow people to make up their own minds.

On Thursday 26th March the Israeli Ambassador Zion Evrony came to the Friary Centre in Kinsale to speak about the conflict from the Israeli perspective. On Friday 27th March the Palestinian Ambassador Dr. Hikmat Ajjuri traveled to Kinsale to speak about the conflict from the Palestinian point of view. Each talk was followed by Q & A sessions which offered people the opportunity to ask the difficult questions.

Just over two decades ago, who would have believed that the Cold War would come to an end and the Berlin Wall would be demolished? Or that there would be an end to apartheid in South Africa and that Nelson Mandela would become its president? Or, that we would see the Peace Process succeed in Northern Ireland and that Martin McGuinness and Ian Paisley would be nicknamed the chuckle brothers? Yet, all these things have come to pass. So there is every reason to hope that there will be a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the not too distant future.

We would like to thank the following people who helped to make these two events possible:

The Carmelite Fathers for the use of the Friary Centre.

Fr. Michael O'Neill for chairing both debates and acting as referee.

Councillor Dermot Collins (Mayor of Kinsale), for your words of welcome to both Ambassadors.

Dermot Ryan for your photographic skills on both nights.

Martin Hurley for keeping our website up to date.

Eric Van der Kroon — Roasting House — for supplying Fairtrade Coffee and Tea.

Kinsale Newsletter - for the continued support.

Everyone who attended the events, for your support and contributions.

And all those who helped out during the events.

And a special thanks to Ambassadors Evrony and Ajjuri who took time out of their busy schedules to travel to Kinsale to speak about their work. **Thank You.**



This company was set up by a husband and wife team, Edele O'Donovan-Illsley and Andrew Illsley along with their business partner, Donal Cahalan.

They've not been in business very long but are working hard out of the commercial premises in Riverstick. Edele has a stand at the Kinsale Farmers' Market while Andrew goes to the one in Crosshaven on a Saturday. They sell an interesting and appetising selection of tartlets: roast beef, red onion and tomato relish; bacon, tomato and roasted onion; salmon and roast onion; a vegetarian option with mixed peppers, red and white onion and feta cheese. They also sell sausage rolls, curried ones and a gourmet one with black pudding and tomato relish. The latter are very popular and sell out very quickly.

Andrew has a background as a chef and worked in England. He's been working in Augustine's Restaurant in Washington Street in Cork. Donal does the marketing for the company and they provide the food weekly for the Kinsale Yacht Club from Wednesday to Saturday.

Their company covers every base: bakery as in cakes, desserts, savouries and 'different' breads; outside catering for any occasion and commercial catering such as soups, sandwiches, paninis, pies, desserts, etc., for resale to other food outlets.



Many food companies have come and gone over the years. This food company seems to have a good basis for being in business. As they put it, they have no buzz words but pride themselves on wholesome, honest food. The other innovative idea is

they are actually encouraging the public to give them suggestions as to favourite foods or recipes.

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Belgooly Show 2009

The 65th Annual Show will be held on Saturday 30th May 2009 at Ballindeenisk, Belgooly, by kind permission of Thomas and Laura Kiely.

At the Reception in the Huntsman Bar to launch the 2009 Show, Show Chairman Mr. John Stanley said that he was heartened by the enthusiasm of the organising committee and by the goodwill shown by the local community for the continuation of the show. The show was very successful in 2008, as the committee was blessed with a lovely sunny day, one of the few last summer. Mr Stanley said the Show is fulfilling a very important role in the rural community where people have an opportunity to meet and chat in a relaxed atmosphere and witness the judging of excellent quality livestock and local produce.

Belgooly Show has moved to a new venue this year and it is a challenge to arrange all the events in a new field.

The Chairman said the Prize Fund for this year's Show will exceed €8,500 and he thanked all the sponsors for their continued support and said that this year's show will feature 18 **Horse classes**, including three Qualifiers (The Cork County Yearling Championship 2008 among them). In the **Pony section** there are 18 Led and Ridden pony classes including a new local pony class no.26, confined to a radius of 12 miles. There are 16 classes in the **Dairy and Beef Cattle** section. **Show Jumping** has 6 competitions, entries taken at the Show. Details for all of the above are available from Eileen Ahern at 021-4770980 after 7pm.

The Dog Show under licence from the Irish Kennel Club has a total of 12 classes on offer for pedigree and non-pedigree animals. Entries taken on Show-day, Dog Show enquiries to John Bateman at 021-4772609 after 7pm.

There are 52 **Domestic Classes** including Baking, Flowers/Garden Box, Crafts, Paintings, Pottery, and special classes for Primary School children. There are two classes for those with Special Needs – no age limit in these classes. A new class introduced last year, involves making a Scarecrow (under 5 feet), the committee is looking forward to new entrants this year as last year proved to be a resounding success! Entries and enquiries to Nicola Desmond at 086-8515371 after 7pm.

Children and adults are sure to enjoy Belgooly Show day. Attractions include, **Irish Dancing, Bouncing Castle**, and prizes for **Most Suitably Dressed Lady** and **Bonny Baby**, New attractions this year include an **Agri-aware Mobile Pet Farm** and **Pony Games**, competitions. Of special interest is the marquee with exhibits of local Crafts, including **Furniture Making, Wood Turning, Pottery**, and **Lace making**. There will also be a display of **Vintage Machinery** including a **Steam Engine**.

Bar Tent provided by Tom and Kathleen Keogh of *The Huntsman Bar*, Belgooly.



Congratulations to 12 year old Róisín Donohoe who was crowned County Champion in the Under 15 Fiddle Slow Airs in Ballincollig on Saturday May 9th last. Róisín also qualified in the Under 15 Harp and will now go forward to the Munster Fleadh in Roscrea on July 18th. Good luck Róisín!



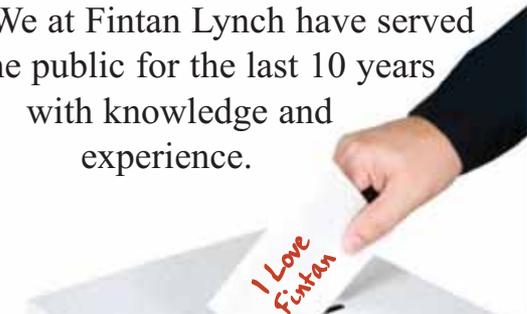


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sandycove
Kinsale

April 14th 2009

Dear Editor

How amazing to visit the grassy hill at Courtaparteen, a fine spring day and find the site completely sere and brown. This lovely location has been systemically burned by a chemical herbicide so that it will soon be reduced to a barren and ugly patch of bare earth.

As all agricultural directives will indicate, total herbicides are not to be used on heritage sites, REPS locations, setasides, etc., but only in cases of absolute necessity, as when crops are being rotated.

Not only are the results of herbicides unattractive, and destructive of biodiversity, they are also counterproductive. Now that the natural grasses are dead, it is the noxious weeds such as docks, thistles and nettles which will more quickly infest the site.

Courtaparteen is a frequently visited location for local walkers and tourists alike, and features in the recent guide to Kinsale walks. Great care has usually been taken by the Co. Council to keep the site attractive and well preserved. But its beauty is now completely ruined.

However, these aesthetic considerations aside, there is a far more devastating consequence to the use of chemical spray at Courtaparteen. The cliff on which the old church sits is dangerously undermined by coastal erosion. In a stormy year it is not unusual for several feet of cliff to fall away. The grass roots were the last line of defence against the encroachment of wind and water. Now that the grasses are dead, the cliff will inevitably erode much faster.

The immediate danger is that the graveyard and historic church of St. Ruadain (11th century) will now slip quickly into the sea, whereas it might hopefully have endured another century or two at least.

Courtaparteen has over the years featured in poems and stories about the area. The misuse of chemical sprays has certainly hastened the demise of this place of beauty and historical appeal. All this is particularly ironic in the region of Kinsale which has an active historic society and offers comprehensive environment courses in its Further Education College.

I urge the County Council office based in Kinsale to take urgent remedial action to restore the site with native grassland mix (or even grassland and wildflower mix). It may not be completely possible to repair the damage, but I feel it must be tried.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Marcia Wrixon



Dear Editor

To the people of Kinsale who have supported me over the last ten years as a Councillor, I wish to inform you that I am unable to run in the forthcoming Local Elections on June 5th next. I am prohibited from running due to a change in the legislation brought in by Minister Martin Cullen in 2004.

This legislation denies me the right to run in the elections due to the fact that I am employed by a Local Authority as a Town Foreman. I have been elected to Kinsale Town Council on the previous 2 occasions, topping the poll on both occasions. One of the many highlights was being elected Mayor and representing the people of Kinsale for that year.

I have worked tirelessly over the past ten years on behalf of the people of Kinsale which was indeed an honour and a privilege. The fact that I was elected with such a strong vote on both occasions convinced me that the work I was doing was benefiting the community which is the very reason why I wanted to put my name forward again for the Elections.

I feel that being prevented from running this year is an infringement of my civil liberties and democratic right as an Irish Citizen - a point that I have made to the current Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Mr. John Gormley. Mr. Gormley, the same Minister who stated in the Irish Examiner that "serving your community was a privilege and an honour", is now denying me that privilege and honour by not amending this draconian piece of legislation.

It is with regret that I am not running and wish to thank my family, friends and loyal supporters who have helped and supported me over the past ten years as a councillor.

"Even when laws have been written down they ought not always remain unchanged."

Yours sincerely

Charles Henderson



Pictured above is Padraig Fitzgerald, left, who presented a cheque for €2036.51 to Trocaire recently. The cheque was the proceeds of Padraig's 24 Hour Fast. 2009 was Padraig's 11th year taking part! Also pictured are Janet Twomey of Trocaire, Cork, and Eamonn Meehan, deputy Director of Trocaire.

Kinsale Community Playschool

We would most sincerely like to thank all who supported our recent Coffee morning and Cake sale to support our service. A total of €868 was raised. Thanks to all who baked and donated their cakes and attended and bought our produce. We would also like to thank the businesses who gave us prizes for the raffle.



A public meeting was held in the Trident Hotel on Monday March 23rd, on how Kinsale can beat the recession. Since then weekly meetings have been held at Acton's Hotel aimed at putting in place an action plan of targets aimed at revitalising the town and its tourism industry when the town phase of the sewerage scheme ceases at the end of May.

Eighty-seven people attended the initial meeting called by the local Chamber of Tourism, chaired by its president Ciarán Fitzgerald, assisted by Maria O'Mahony. The consensus was that there is a need for people from all tourism and business interests in Kinsale to cooperate for its benefit.

As a result of the discussions and suggestions at a recent brainstorming session eight working groups have been set up to tackle the issues that have arisen at the weekly meetings.

The first group is 'Spruce Up Kinsale' which includes paint promotion, a weekly tidy-up, a litter challenge, bins and fines. Everyone is invited to help with litter picking which takes place in the town every Thursday night at 7pm commencing in Short Quay. The Litter challenge also began on 30th April and runs for 6 weeks. Eileen Murphy is in charge of this group and can be contacted on 021 477 2257.

The second group is the 'Cork - Kinsale Link-up', headed by Jola Wojtowicz, who can be contacted on 021 477 3322 and info@jolasrestaurant.com. This involves a driver incentive, a Cork advertising campaign, advertising on coaches and free parking.

Dermot Collins is in charge of 'The Tourist Experience', which involves coaches, ensuring the public toilets are open and clean 7 days a week, and attractions such as the museum, which was not going to open this year due to lack of funding. Scott Tallon Walker and Danny Cummins are working on signage around the town.

'The Real Irish Welcome' is the fourth group, run by Dermot Ryan, who can be contacted on 086 8267656 and dermotryankinsale@gmail.com. This includes tourist office opening hours, wheelchair access, staff and tourist information and earlier music entertainment.

The fifth group is dubbed 'Upselling the Town'. It involves subsidised postcards with a preprinted message, making it easier for the press to cover Kinsale with a press portal on site, bringing businesses together to form a loyalty scheme, a Friends of Kinsale scheme where people can make donations and customer research. Patrick Ryan is in charge of this group and can be contacted on 021 470 0972 and thecanvasworks@gmail.com

Adrian Wistreich is in charge of the Kinsale.ie Website and can be contacted on 087 9696901 and adrianwistreich@gmail.com.

Eco Tourism is the seventh working group, led by Alan Clayton who is available on 087 221 9266 alan.clayton@indigo.ie. This involves a Kinsale Eco Tour. The 50 mile menu will run again in conjunction with the Gourmet Festival this year and it is hoped that each restaurant will become involved in having an item on their regular menu as well using produce from kitchen gardens.

Finally, the eighth group is Fundraising, which involves organising events and sponsorship. Martha Pringle is head of this group and can be contacted on 085 7834904 dmpringle@eircom.net

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The 33rd Kinsale Gourmet Festival which runs from October 9th to 11th promises to be another great one, packed with culinary delights.

Master of Ceremonies Mr. Derek Davis will open the event at the Trident Hotel with a sparkling wine and canapés reception.

Over the weekend, the White Lady will host a cookery demonstration in the form of a cook-off between two celebrity chefs along with wine tasting to accompany the food.

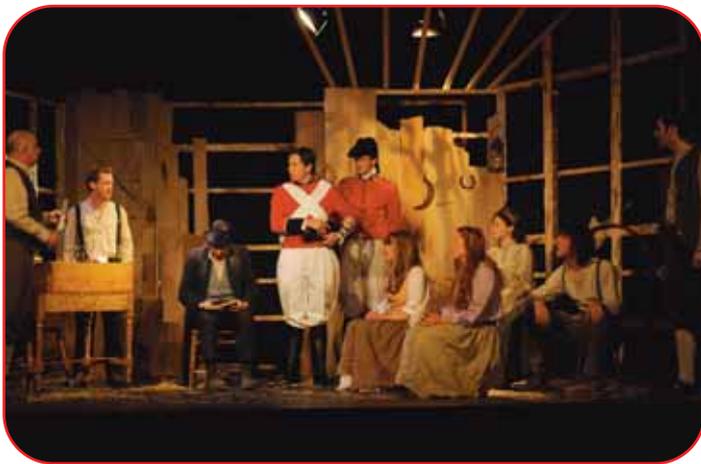
Sharon Crosbie will provide her usual bodacious entertainment at the Blue Haven. Dine out at restaurants by night participating Good Food Circle restaurants : Restaurant D'Antibes, Blu @ The Blue Haven, The Captains Table @ Actons Hotel, Crackpots, Jim Edwards, Max's Wine Bar, Man Friday, Pier One @ The Trident Hotel, Toddies, White Lady and Fishy Fishy.

The highlight of the festival is of course, as always, the Mad Hatter's Taste of Kinsale. Join Alice, the Mad Hatter, March Hare and the Fieldmouse on an escorted tour of the 11 Members of Kinsale's Good Food Circle who will present spectacular dishes from their kitchens bearing testimony to the culinary skills of the chefs of Kinsale. The event kicks off with a sparkling reception in Acton's Hotel, where your hosts and guides escort you to each of the four tasting venues to sample fine cuisine, complimented by selected wines. As an additional fun element everyone is requested to wear a 'Mad Hat' in honour of the special guest, the Mad Hatter. Afterwards it's back to Actons Hotel to party the evening away.

Finish the weekend with Fruits de Mer, a mouth-watering four course lunch including lobster, crab and prawns accompanied by delicious wines, followed by an evening party with Ronnie (Sinatra) Costley.

Ticket numbers are limited and maybe purchased securely online at www.kinsaleresaurants.com or from Maria O' Mahony, Finishing Services, Kinsale, 021 4773571.

Niamh Prior



pictured above are members of the rampart players performing in their recent excellent production of Brian Friel's *translations*.

pic JAYNE BARRY



KINSALE LIONS CLUB NEWS

DEFIBRILLATORS FOR KINSALE

In the event of a heart attack/cardiacc arrest (when the heart stops), rapid access to a Defibrillator for use by a suitably trained person may save a life.

Kinsale and District Lions Club, with the assistance of the Red Cross and local organisations, have started a campaign to obtain and position Defibrillators in strategic positions throughout the Kinsale area. Training will be organised locally by the Red Cross.

We would like to thank all those involved in helping to raise funds to date and so far this has been a real community effort. It is our intention to commence placing Defibrillators throughout the town before the summer. Should you or your club wish to buy a Defibrillator (at a discounted price as negotiated by the Red Cross) please contact PJ Power, President of the Lions Club, at 021 477 2788. Having a standardised unit that people will be familiar with allows for ease of use in an emergency situation.

We are holding an Information Evening in Actons Hotel on Friday 5th June and would urge all interested to attend.

We are aware that currently there is a number of Defibrillators in various premises in and around the town. We will be compiling a map of Defibrillator positions in the area and if you would like to have your Defibrillator included then please let us know.

We would like to finish by wishing Davy Dunne all the best for his inaugural marathon on Monday 1st June.

AWARD FOR KINSALE FOROIGE MEMBERS

Members of Kinsale Foroige Club were highly commended at a Youth Citizenship Recognition Awards ceremony recently at Maryborough House Hotel. The members wished to bridge the gap between the generations so they made a commitment to visit the residents of Haven Bay Care Centre for a number of weeks.

Both generations enjoyed interacting with each other and friendships have been formed. All agreed it has been a very worthwhile experience. The members would like to thank the staff of the Care Centre for the warm welcome they received on each visit.



Pictured left are:
Richard O'Connor, Rhys McCarthy, Lee Garvin, Cian Ring and Paddy Whelton.
Well done to all involved.

Kinsale Girl Guides and Ladybirds recently made a presentation of cheques to PJ Power, President of Kinsale Lions Club. €1000 from a recent table quiz and €230 from a cake sale the group ran with Ladybird Guides was presented to Mr Power for the Lions Club fund to send sick children, and their carers, for a few days break to Disneyland, Paris. A further €300 was raised for the Saile project at the cake sale. Kinsale Girl Guides and Ladybirds would like to thank everyone who supported the quiz and cake sale.

Home of Hope Officially Opened

Thanks to the incredible generosity of all the people of Kinsale, we were able to raise almost all the €50,000 total needed for our Home of Hope in just over a year, and on the 29th April Maureen and Pam attended the official opening. The ceremony was performed jointly by Adi Roche, CEO of Chernobyl Children's Project International, and Alexander Trukhan, head of the Belarussian Children's Fund. The Home is located in the small village of Vilcha (86 inhabitants) in Zitkovichy region, which is in the far south of Belarus not far from the border with Ukraine. "Our Family" has now moved in - Mama and Papa, Tanya and Vasily, who have two children of their own and six children fostered from orphanages, all with very sad histories, who've already been living in the family for three years in a nearby small wooden house with "Babushka", Tanya's mother, who will still be on hand of course to help with caring for the children. The Home of Hope has lots of space, and as there is a stork nesting in the garden, Tanya and Vasily are sure this is a sign that they will take in more children! It was a wonderfully happy day with beaming smiles on all faces, and we hope in future summers to honour our promise to bring the children to Kinsale for rest and recuperation.

We also spent time in Vesnova Children's Mental Asylum, which has been totally renovated by CCPI and where volunteer Irish nurses are training the local staff to give the children better care. Some of these trained carers are paid from CCPI funds to ensure that the new standards of care are maintained. Irish fundraising has also paid for specially moulded wheelchairs for children unable to sit up in regular ones, which has totally transformed their lives and helped to prevent further deformities. CCPI has built a terrace of six apartments at Vesnova, little Homes of Hope for young adults - former patients in the Children's Asylum who would otherwise have moved into adult asylums at 18, but who can now live nearly independent lives with the help of their carers.

We visited a daycare centre built by CCPI (funds raised by Pfizer staff) to a design by Duncan Stewart - in fact the project he was working on when he suffered a near-fatal fall there a few years ago! - and now offering family counselling, crisis intervention, crafts training, cookery and computer classes, all from the most modern facilities and in a warm and caring environment. The director of this daycare centre took us out to the surrounding villages to meet some of the desperately poor families who benefit from the centre's services.

Although we met people living in misery - in dreadful squalor and with terrible health problems - refused help by a government trying to deny their existence, it was truly uplifting to see in so many places the enormous difference that CCPI has made to children's lives. It's a real privilege to work with such a worthwhile charity where we could literally see that every euro given goes directly to where it's most needed.

Pam Norris,

Kinsale Outreach Group of Chernobyl Children's Project International

Photograph top right: The Kinsale Home of Hope;
centre right: Pam and Maureen with Adi Roche, Alexander Trukhan, Vasily, Tanya and all the children;
bottom right, celebrating the opening of the Home of Hope.



KINSALE TAE KWON-DO Shine at the UK Midlands ITF Open

Kinsale Taekwon-do, along with East Coast Taekwon-do, led the charge of ITF Eireann at the recent UK Midlands ITF Open. The Kinsale team consisted of 12 competitors along with family members and Instructor Liam Corkery, 4th Degree Black Belt.

The event kicked off with all black belts competing early in the morning of Sunday April 5th, the first medal of the day came to Leighanne McCarthy who took bronze in the junior under 17 black belt patterns, this was followed soon after by the young Eric Murphy who was competing in his first international competition abroad when he claimed silver in his pattern section.

As the day moved on more and more medals kept coming, Eric Murphy added a gold to his tally when he won junior boys under 9 sparring. Hugh Ward who was competing in the same section took bronze.

The boys under 12 colour belt sparring saw Daniel McCarthy and James Lavelle meet each other in the final with Daniel winning out on points, taking first place and gold and James settling for silver. In the blue belt section Mathew Keelan progressed through the first three rounds of patterns, bowing out of the competition in round 4. Shannon Kelly was unsuccessful in her patterns but clinched silver in a closely fought contest.

Staying with blue belt, Lauran O'Reilly claimed third place in her sparring section.

In the senior events, newly promoted black belt Melissa McCarthy stepped up to centre stage to perform her pattern but due to the exceptional standard didn't receive any playing. The big man from Riverstick, Tim Daly, was on sparkling form when he beat a large field of competitors to take gold in the patterns. Tim was joined in the sparring by Liam Hughes and was unfortunate to be beaten by the eventual winner in the quarter final, Liam Hughes went on the take silver.

The main event and the highlight of the day saw Rachel McCarthy and Leighanne McCarthy, both 2nd degrees, compete on the Irish Junior Ladies Team which took a well deserved second place in the team patterns with a superb display of Ge Baek.

In all, the 12 competitors brought home 12 medals, which goes to show the standard of the club. A great weekend was had by all, and many thanks to all the parents and family members for their support and encouragement throughout the weekend.

A special thanks to our sponsors, Mr. Jerry Mooney of Heineken and to Mr Noel Barry of Ralston Construction who was the main sponsor of the Club for the weekend.



Left: Kinsale Taekwon-do competitors with instructor Mr. Liam Corkery displaying their medals.

Below: Leighanne McCarthy, second from right, with Rachel McCarthy far right of the Irish Ladies Junior Blackbelt Team.





**€1000 to RNLI
Kinsale Boathouse appeal
in memory of
Adam Glendinning RIP**

May 2nd was always a special day for the Glendinning family. It was the day when father Stephen and son Adam shared one birthday, a joyful occasion whereby each would ensure the other got sufficient "fussing" from the ladies of this extraordinarily close family; mum, Wendy and sister, Zoe.

However, on May 2nd 2008, everything changed and yet it was even more the same. Early that morning, on Adam's 29th birthday, he learned from his hospital in Dublin of the joyful birth of his first nephew, later also named Adam, born to his sister Zoe and partner Billy here in Cork. Later that same morning, Adam drew his final breath and peacefully left this world, having battled Hodgkin's Lymphoma for the previous three years with both dignity and courage. He left behind his partner Ellen and his fabulous son, Benjamin Glendinning, of whom he was immensely proud.

Adam was a keen sailing enthusiast. He had many friends, particularly in Kinsale Yacht Club. He was a talented yachtsman, having completed many local and offshore races. Having originally come from Cheshire, England, in his twenties, Adam made Kinsale & the sea the place where his heart belonged.

It was fitting then, that Adam had requested that funds for the RNLI Kinsale Boathouse at (co-incidentally), Adam's Quay, Kinsale, be donated in lieu of flowers at his funeral. On Saturday last, 2nd May 2009, on the first anniversary of his death (and indeed his father's birthday, the late Adam's 30th birthday and his nephew Adam's 1st birthday), Adam's 3 year old son, Benjamin presented a cheque for €1,000 to Helmsman & friend, Alan Bateman of RNLI Kinsale.

RNLI Kinsale saves lives at sea. It is most grateful to the Glendinning family for this extremely generous contribution.



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**Great News
for Sáile and Kinsale!**

Sáile – Kinsale Community Sports and Leisure Project, an initiative by the Kinsale Rural Development (KRD) Community Association to build a community sports & recreation centre, recently went out to tender for phase 1A of the Sáile project - this phase will see the clearance of the site at Cappagh plus the addition of all-weather playing pitches. The project has received fantastic support at the recent fundraisers that included a Golf Classic, Ladies Lunch and Rugby Seven's collection. Bronwyn, the project coordinator hopes that the momentum will continue throughout the summer as they have an exciting line up of fundraisers planned including a Community Coffee Day, the Kinsale Quackers Duck Race, a Readathon and a Wine Tasting event. For further info on these events check out www.saillesportsandleisure.ie

Community Coffee Day

A busy fundraising calendar is planned for the coming months that will allow all members of the community to help us match the extremely generous 2 million pledge, starting with the community coffee day June 6th which is an opportunity for the whole community to get involved in supporting the local community, by coming together drinking coffee and raising funds for Sáile – Kinsale Community Sports & Leisure Project.

It can be held anywhere that you can enjoy a cuppa and a natter, workplaces, churches, your home and we invite all local restaurants, hotels, & cafes to participate.

Each participant will be asked to donate €1 from each coffee sold on the day. Supporters who host their own event in their homes should aim a little higher. There are plenty of ways to earn a little extra on the day, raffles, cakes sales and auctions.

Great, sounds good... how do I sign up?

Register on www.saillesportsandleisure.ie or contact 4773929 for a registration form. Once you have done this we will send you out posters, invites, collections boxes and your donation slip.

Ladies Lunch

50 beautifully dressed ladies turned up at the Blue Haven on March 28th to support the Spring Into Action Ladies Lunch, where they sipped champagne, listened to the inspiring speakers from Kinsale Yoga Centre and a thought provoking & entertaining seminar from life coach Monica Ross of Alchemy Life Coaching while being served a scrumptious 2 course lunch. The lunch was a

wonderful opportunity for ladies to take some time out, chat, and relax and all in attendance truly enjoyed the experience. Special thanks to Susan Crosbie of Lee Travel, Eileen's Beauty Salon, Carrie Dunne from Party Lights, Alice de la Cour, Jeanette Taylor, The Blue Haven Food Company and Conor Ryan from the Bulmar for providing wonderful raffle prizes on the day.

Golf Classic

A beautiful sunny windless day greeted participants at the Old Head Golf Links on April 28th as they arrived to take part in the 3 ball better ball competition in aid of Sáile – Kinsale Community Sports & Leisure Project. John Lordan of the Speckled Door provided all entrants with a beautiful meal after the trek around the 18 magnificent holes and later at the prize giving at the Lord Kingsale it was said that even God must be in support of Sáile after the wonderful weather witnessed at the Old Head. Many thanks must be expressed to Ger Walsh for all of his help and assistance with organising the event – 'We simply could not have done it without him', said Bronwyn, Coordinator of the project. The overall winners of the Competition were Kinsale Community School - George Hayes from the team stated how excited and supportive the school were about this much heralded community centre, and are looking forward to utilising the facilities.

Rugby 7s

A huge thank you to all at Kinsale Rugby club for their support with our bucket collection at this years Sevens tournament - the total collection over the weekend was €1,691.00. The ladies team who did extremely well with third place also decided to donate the €300.00 prize money towards the Sáile project. Thank you ladies, your generosity is very much appreciated. Of course the collection would not have been a success if it was not for our eager and enthusiastic team of volunteers who gave up their time to assist us over the weekend. Thank you to all.

Kinsale Ladybirds and Girl Guides

Kinsale Ladybirds & Girl Guides kindly purchased a bronze brick with the proceeds of their recent Coffee Morning held at the Temperance hall. Joanne McCarthy and Denise Whelton along with the Ladybirds presented the cheque on Monday last to the Association at St Joseph's School. We are very appreciative to all involved.

For info on how you can host a fundraiser in aid of Sáile contact Bronwyn on 021 4773929 or info@saillesportsandleisure.ie

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Congratulations to Ruth Manning, Garrettstown, and Stephen Moloney, Ballinadee, who were married on March 20th 2009 in Bandon. Ruth and Stephen held their reception in Springfort Hall, Mallow.

GAA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

If you passed Kinsale GAA pitch on May 10th you would've wondered what over 300 children could be doing in one area! It was a schools blitz organised by the GAA club to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the GAA, where Summercove, Dunderrow, St. John's, St. Joseph's and St. Multose all showed their skills in gaelic football.

The blitz was held for 1st to 6th from 10am to 4pm, so there were many tired bodies around on that Friday evening! Refreshments were provided and great fun was had by all.

Everybody received certificates in honour of the GAA's birthday.

Pictured from top right:
5th & 6th class Dunderrow N.S.
5th & 6th class St. John's N.S.
5th & 6th class Summercove N.S.



FINBARR CONNOLLY MEMORIAL

On Monday night May 11th the Finbarr Connolly Memorial hurling match was played between Kinsale and Ballinhassig clubs at Kinsale GAA pitch. Finbarr was a keen hurler himself, playing from a young age with Ballinhassig and finishing his hurling career as a mentor. He seldom missed a match supporting both Ballinhassig and Kinsale.

Both teams played valiantly on the night with a tit-for-tat point scoring game, Ballinhassig being the eventual victors.

At the end of the night Mrs. Babs Connolly presented the memorial trophy to Ballinhassig captain John Coleman. Thanking both teams for agreeing to play and those who helped organise the night, the playing panel, coaches, background teams, etc. She wished both teams luck in their upcoming matches then wished their wives and girlfriends luck saying that she herself was a GAA widow from the age of 17, the love for and the pull of the GAA is so strong.

The Connolly family would like to thank Sean O'Callaghan, Kinsale GAA, and Christopher Connolly for being the main driving forces behind the occasion.



Right: 1st class pupils and above 2nd class pupils of St. John's N.S. with their Easter chicks.



Kinsale Vintage & Classic Motor Club

Our May rally took place from Friday 8th to Monday 11th May. The weekend was enjoyed by everyone and it was great to see so many of our friends arriving from Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Germany as well as the many enthusiasts who travelled from all parts of the 26 counties.

The magnificent cars were on display outside the Blue Haven Hotel Kinsale on Saturday the 9th of May, with the glamorous Miss Cork, Etoain O Halpin and the Lord Mayor Dermot Collins, in attendance to celebrate, with the members of this 20 year old club.

There were 136 cars registered for the main run on Saturday which took us to North Cork, west Waterford and South Tipperary. The enjoyment was matched by the lovely sunshine we had for the weekend. Our Annual dinner was a great success in Actons Hotel, and we would like to thank the hotel and staff for their hospitality. We danced our way to the early hours to the music of Joe Mac and friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the traders of Pearse Street, for their co-operation in ensuring the street was free for us to park up and start our run from there. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank our main sponsors The Blue Haven Hotel, and all the other businesses that support us through the year with advertising etc. Good health and safe motoring to you all for the coming year.



Ciaran Fitzgerald, Blue Haven Collection presenting the Blue Haven Trophy to Allen Wilson for his 1909 Minerva. Also pictured is Cathal O'Shea.



Good health and safe motoring to you all for the coming year!

UPDATE ON KINSALE ARTS WEEK 11TH-19TH JULY, 2009

Unfortunately, the Newsletter went to press before the upcoming launch of the full programme line-up, due to be announced on June 3rd. However, the main musical gigs scheduled at Charles Fort during the week are already in the news.

There's a great accent on being Irish this time. Paul Brady opens the week on Saturday, 11th July. His music and style is very individual but he draws fans from all generations. He's probably best known for 'The Island'. Brady was a founder member of the folk group, Planxty, before he went out on his own. His singing career has been both popular and enduring. Terrafolk, a lively Slovenian group with a difference, bring high energy to their performance, combining classical, jazz, folk and pop. They are a four-piece group who will be joined by Cork-born violinist, Una Palliser and they play on Monday, 13th July.

And finally, Imelda May, who has rocketed to fame, plays Charles Fort on Saturday, July 18th. So the line-up is proving to be spectacular. Tickets for the three gigs are already on sale.

Another highlight will be the Faulty Towers Dining Experience! Join Basil, Sybil and Manuel for two hours of fat-wobbling, gut-busting, face-aching laughter whilst at the same time enjoying a fabulous meal!

Apart from that, like everyone else, we're still guessing about other forthcoming events. The only hints that have been dropped about the programme are a Man Booker Prize winner and an iconic Irish artist creating a remarkable and specially commissioned outdoor installation. There are no prizes for correct guesses but it sounds as though we're in for a good week as usual!

Liz Mahony

Convent of Mercy Reunion Class of '84 ~ we want you!!!

A reunion is being organised in Kinsale at the end of the summer for the Convent of Mercy Class of '84. For further details email denkeohane@aol.com

Pictured are some of the members of the Class of '84... can you spot any familiar faces???



SUPERVALU RAISES €2,500 FOR KINSALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOOK RENTAL SCHEME

Smiths SuperValu Kinsale organised a food fare in Acton's Hotel on Wednesday 29th April and raised €2,500 for Kinsale Community School book rental scheme. The night was a great success with twenty four local suppliers taking stands and giving samples of their wares. "We were glad to give our local suppliers the chance to interact directly with our customers and for these customers to experience the quality of these local fresh foods"

The night was due to begin at 7.30pm but in fact people began to arrive just after 7.00pm and the room was full at 7.30pm. On arrival guests were given a ticket for the numerous draws that took place throughout the night and were also given a book of coupons worth €50 which are redeemable in SuperValu.

As guests entered the room they were greeted by Martin Griffin and Nuala Madden of SuperValu and were offered a glass of wine. They then roamed throughout the room and were given samples of product from fresh seafood to award winning black and white pudding.

"When we were asked to participate tonight we never imagined that the fare would be as successful as this. We expected somewhere in the order of one hundred and fifty people and were amazed that almost double this amount attended. It was a great opportunity for us to meet with these customers" said Declan Browne of Ted Browne Seafood.

The guests wandered from stand to stand sampling different products and collecting various free goodies. The MC for the night was Eric Griffin of Corks C103 and he asked guests to take a seat at about 8.30pm as he spoke with Gary James from Nugan Wines about the wines which were being enjoyed.

Chefs Paul McBride from Acton's Hotel and Tom Keaveney from C103 both gave cookery demonstrations and some of the dishes included Chicken & Salmon Pancake, Medallions of Beef with a Red Wine & Strawberry Sauce, Black Pudding cake. The demonstrations were excellent and two lucky guests bought a dinner and were served by Chef Paul McBride and their own personal wine waiter in the form of Gary James.

Michael Smith thanked all the guests for attending and spoke of the importance of supporting local producers and local product. "I just want to say a big thank you for attending. We are overwhelmed with the number of people who attended and we are thrilled to have raised €2,500 for the book rental scheme. Tonight is all about "fresh and "local".

Sister Mary (Principal of Kinsale Community School) thanked SuperValu for their support. She also spoke of the importance of supporting local businesses and the mutual dependence of local businesses, residents and institutions.

As guests left the food fare they said how much they enjoyed the night and that they were already looking forward to next year!

Amongst the exhibitors were: Just Food Cobh; Ted Browne Seafood Dingle; Union Hall Seafood; Caherbeg Pork Rosscarbery; Glenilen Dairy Products Drimoleague; Finders Foods Nohoval; Clonakilty Puddings; Padraigins Pizzas Bandon; Horgans Deli Mitchelstown; Smiths SuperValu Bakery.



Pictures by Dermot Ryan



The water front Trident Hotel in Kinsale was inundated with prospective brides on Sunday 17th of May for their annual Wedding Open Day. The sun shone and the atmosphere was upbeat, thanks in no small part to Manu and his lively Latino band playing outside on the terrace of the hotel. Brides, partners, mothers & friends were welcomed with a complimentary glass of bubbly as they chatted to over 20 exhibitors including photographers, wedding stationary, cakes, bridal wear & honeymoon

providers. The full Conference & Banqueting team were on hand to offer tastings from the menu, private consultations and show rounds of the impressive Bridal Suite which has uninterrupted Sea Views and a private balcony.

While some couples have postponed wedding until 2010, the recession wasn't hugely apparent as they discussed their décor options with Kate Callanan of CT Weddings. "Everyone is focussed on getting real value for money but people still want the wow factor and something a little

different". Many of the exhibitors on the day were offering great deals including discounts or added value.

Hal McElroy, Managing Director of the Trident Hotel was delighted with the turn out on the day. "I just accepted a deposit for a wedding next year from a couple who had never been in the Hotel before and were blown away by the location and the new décor" he commented cheerfully!

The Trident are now offering an all inclusive package of €50 per guest... to include a drinks reception on

arrival, a 3 course menu (including choices), 2 glasses of wine and a drink for the toast. And this is all in addition to the standard package which includes a pianist during the meal and use of the spectacular bridal suite for the wedding night. Recent additions to the package also include complimentary accommodation for the parents of the bride & groom and an overnight stay for the bride & groom on their 1st Wedding Anniversary. You can't argue with that for value for money!

Wedding Open Day at the Trident Hotel, Kinsale

**NEW BOATS, NEW WETSUITS, NEW KAYAKS,
NEW RIB, NEW COURSES!!!**

Kat looking through the mountain of CVs, Orla, Ciaran and Gary squabbling over who gets to teach the first sailing course, Aileen wondering how she got the job of setting up and maintaining our Facebook page, Finbarr painting, Joann in training and ready to answer all your queries and Victor counting down his night classes!

It can only mean one thing... summer is coming and we in the Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre are ready (almost!).

Thanks to your feed back we have revamped our summer schedule.

All weekend courses now run over two consecutive Saturdays with prices starting at € 175 for Sailing.

Sea Kayaking night trips are back and at only €45 what better way to experience something new.

Of course it wouldn't be summer without the popular " Family Time " € 100 for 2 adults and up to 3 children for a land or water session .. a great way to spend quality time together.

Check out our fab new Kids brochure and summer diary.

Now that the children are booked in their courses why not look for a course for yourself, go on you deserve it

Book and pay for your course before June 1st and be in with a chance to win your course!



Congratulations to Patricia Murphy, Riverstick, and David Hurley, Ballinhassig, who were married in St Joseph's Church, Riverstick, on March 19th 2009.

Photo by Pat O'Brien, O'Brien Studios, 021 4276557

**Kinsale
Karate Club**

The Kinsale Karate Team would like to thank all parents and students for their support. All Pictures are results from the recent Grading and Tournament



Juliet Cronin, Kumite Event

J. Collins *European and W.O.M.A.A. World Games Champion* is the Chief Instructor for Kinsale Karate Club.

Team Coach; Theresa Condon:087-636 1667



Paul Curtin in preparation for his 1st Degree Black Belt with Deirdre O'Connell receiving the Perpetual Trophy for the highest score in the 1st Kyu section and Instructor John Collins



Frank Curtin, Jamie Bowden and Owen Hurley all who received the highest score in the Cadet Gradings



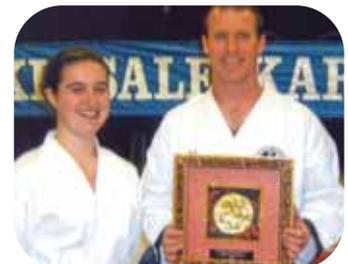
Liam Lanigan after receiving his prize for the highest score in the 2nd Kyu Section with Chief Instructor John Collins



Duncan Bowden, Kihon Basic Techniques Event, with John Collins.



Paul Curtin, winner of the Kumite Sparring Event, with John Collins



Cathy Moir, 1st Degree Black Belt, with John O'Driscoll, Silver and Bronze Medalist at W.O.M.A.A. World Games, winner of the Creative Breaking Event



1st Degree Black Belt, Stephen Daly, winner of the Kihon Basic Techniques with John Collins



John Collins with Daniel, 9th Kyu Sparring Kumite Event

EYE ON KINSALE



Second Class pupils of Summercove N.S., Jennifer Murphy, Aisling Power, Niamh Cronin, Saoirse Griffin and Cathy Hynes pictured after receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May 2009.



Second Class pupils of St. Joseph's N. S. pictured after receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May 2009.



Pictured at the Kinsale Boat Show at the Castlepark Marina over Easter weekend were Aoife and Ciara Walsh from Kinsale in a datzIT Kayak from Matthews. Pic. John Allen / John Sheehan Photography



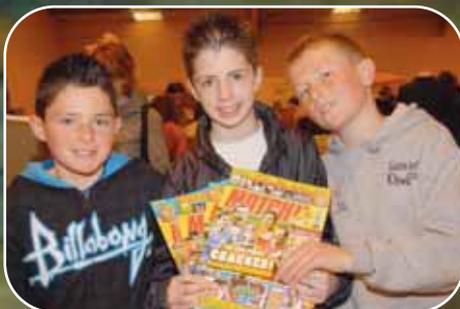
Kinsale boys taking part in the Rugby Sevens (pic Jayne Barry)



Enjoying the sunshine at the Kinsale Sevens were Emily O'Leary, Jennifer O'Leary, Louise Hallissey, Louise O'Brien and Kate Duane. (pic Howard Crowdy)



Pupils of Summercove N.S. taking part in National Food Dudes scheme organised by the HSE



At the Transition Town Spring Fair in St Multose Hall were Lee Garvin, Aodhan Lynch and Richard O'Connor (pic Howard Crowdy)



Judy and David Daly from Kinsale enjoying the Kinsale Sevens (pic Howard Crowdy)



Pupils from Knocknamanagh NS Minane Bridge pictured with 'Marvin' of the Meningitis Research Foundation who presented them with two laptops following their collection of 200 old mobile phones recently (pic Howard Crowdy)



Enjoying Kinsale Sevens were Amy & Grace Avery from Kinsale with Steph Marks & Beck Ampt from Melbourne. Pic. John Allen / John Sheehan Photography



Having fun at the Kinsale Sevens (pic Jayne Barry)

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Pictured above left to right are Anna Walsh, David Hankard and Sadhbh O'Brien who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May 2009 at St. John the Baptist Church, Kinsale. Photography by Nelius Buckley Photography, Kinsale. 021 477 4440.



Elsa O'Callaghan and Lisa Whelton pictured at the Kinsale Sevens Rugby tournament (pic Howard Crowdy)



Pictured above is Enrica Loretta Farmer who received her First Holy Communion on Saturday May 16th. Photography by Jayne Barry 021 4772603 / 087 2240567



Pictured above is Brian O'Neill, a pupil of St. John's School, who received his First Holy Communion on Saturday May 16th 2009



Pictured at the Kinsale Boat Show at the Castlepark Marina was Diana Harrington from Kinsale dreaming of owning a new boat Pic. John Allen / John Sheehan Photography



6th class of St. Joseph's N.S. who were confirmed by Bishop John Buckley in March.

If you have a photograph you would like us to publish just drop it in to our office at Emmet Place or email info@kinsalenewsletter.com

EYE ON KINSALE



Kinsale Ladies U-16 GAA Football Team 2009

ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT BROWN THOMAS DESIGN WEEK

Kinsale artists, Adrian Wistreich and Sara Flynn, recently had the honour of being selected to exhibit their art at the Brown Thomas Cork Design Week. Organised in conjunction with the Cork County and City Enterprise Boards, fifteen craftspeople, including Adrian and Sara, were selected by the Brown Thomas creative team out of an application list of 81! Their work was on display in Brown Thomas Cork from May 15th to 24th. Congratulations to both of them on being chosen for this prestigious event.

To view Adrian and Sara's work log on to www.kinsaleceramics.com and www.saraflynnceramic.com



Pupils from 5th & 6th Class, St. Joseph's N.S., enjoyed a fun filled morning, thanks to the generosity of the Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre.

Kinsale Student wins First Prize at Writers' Week

David Briscoe, who is a Transition Year student in Kinsale Community School, has been awarded First Prize in the Listowel Writers' Week Original Short Story Competition for secondary school pupils.

This competition is one of the most prestigious and well-known literary competitions and events in the country. David will be presented with his prize at the official opening of the festival on Wednesday 27th May and on the following morning he will read his winning entry, entitled *English Essays*, to the public in the Listowel Arms Hotel.

This is not the first time that David's talents have been recognised, as one of his poems titled, *But Why?* was highly commended in a competition for post-primary students and was published in the *Teaching English* magazine.



**THE MUNSTER CPA SOCIETY
NEW APPOINTMENT**

Cormac Fitzgerald CPA, managing partner of Fitzgerald & Partners Accountants, has been elected Chairman of the Munster CPA Society which is the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland, Munster Regional Society. As chairman of the Munster CPA Society, Cormac will be responsible for chairing the committee which organises technical updates for members in the Munster region as well as various other tasks.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland is one of the main Irish accountancy bodies with in excess of 5,000 members and students. A CPA designation is the most commonly used designation worldwide for professional accountants and the Institute's qualification enjoys wide international recognition. It's current membership operates in public practice, industry, financial services and the public sector and CPA's work in over 20 countries around the world. Congratulations to Cormac on this prestigious appointment.



A crackdown on unauthorised advertising signs on approach roads to the town is under way, area engineer Mr. Rob Andrews told members of Kinsale Town Council at their May meeting.

"There currently exists a proliferation of unauthorised roadside signs around the town. These are strictly against town and county council policy and also constitute a negative impact on the Tidy Towns effort. We are therefore in the process of removing all such signs," he stated.

This was welcomed by members but Mrs. Mary Evans said there were many Kinsale Main Drainage Schemes signs in and around the town which were no longer relevant and those covered with black tape or paint were unsightly and unprofessional looking.

KINSALE GIRLS TO GO BUILD IN HAITI!!!

Catherine Murphy and Jane Buckley recently joined up with the Haven Partnership. Haven was established in late 2008 by Leslie Buckley who was affected by the conditions that he witnessed first hand in Haiti having spent a lot of years working there. He has been so affected by the poverty that he has already donated one million euro towards the project.



The aim of Haven is to build houses for the people of Haiti which is the poorest country in the Western World. Conditions in Haiti are dire for the vast majority of its population of 8.5 million. Seven out of ten Haitians are living below the poverty line of \$2 a day. One child dies every hour from starvation, with almost a quarter of children under five suffering from malnutrition. Unemployment stands at 54% and half of the population cannot read or write and hundreds of thousands of people are condemned to live in shacks and slums.

Haven's vision for Haiti is one where every one of its citizens has a proper place to call home, where children have somewhere safe to sleep at night and families feel secure. It is Haven's aim to build one thousand new homes and improving two thousand more by the end of 2011.

Catherine and Jane will be traveling to Haiti in October with 250 other volunteers to work on the project to help build homes for the people of Haiti. To do this €4000 each has to be raised by them and they are asking the public to support their fundraising efforts over the next few months. One of their chief fundraising efforts is a raffle with the first prize of a boat kindly donated by Mr. Robert Cronin, along with cash prizes. Tickets are available from Maurice Murphys in Kinsale and Xanidou Gym in Riverstick for €20.

Anybody wishing to make a donation can contact Catherine on 0872168734 or Jane on 0877676824. Your help would be greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to the people of Haiti.

New Business Profile



by Niamh Prior

ENGEL & VÖLKER

are the newest auctioneer and estate agents to open in Kinsale. Their focus is on quality property in the mid to high end market from Kinsale, west Cork, Cork city and surroundings, and along the coast as far as Kenmare.

The franchise is one of the largest worldwide with 400 residential, commercial and yachting agencies in 27 countries on four continents. It has a strong branding with bright, airy decor recognisable all over the world. The Kinsale branch is independently owned and operated by Ron Krüger, director, and Nadja Franke, managing director.

Most of the properties Engel and Völker deal with here in Cork are detached period estates or properties with seaviews. The Kinsale office is purely residential. They deal with presentable properties of a high standard in good locations. The focus is always on quality and character, not price. Their properties range from cottages to Georgian estates.

Before opening here in Kinsale last August, Ron and Nadja operated from Dublin for a year. This involved a lot of traveling as most of their properties were in the south. From a business point of view Kinsale, a bustling town with access to the sea, was the ideal place to open. It is also a beautiful town with a strong lifestyle which is an important aspect of Engel and Völker properties. From a personal point of view, it is of course a great place for Ron and Nadja to be based themselves.

“Your local agent with the international network”

The Engel and Völker franchise brings out a quarterly magazine called GG which covers lifestyle, personalities and real estate. It is a glossy production which gives a feel for the lifestyle of places and profiles of people as well as showcasing some of the most stunning properties in the world.



Photo By Nelius Buckley 021 477 4440

Dubbing themselves 'your local agent with the international network' Ron explains they have access to properties worldwide through a referral system. This means they can provide investment opportunities abroad. This system also provides the Irish seller with unique advantage of being able to achieve worldwide exposure. The global network shows the best properties in Engel and Völker

shop windows all around the world. Many international buyers are now looking to Ireland as it is good time to acquire property here.

In the last few weeks Ron has noticed more activity coming back into the market. In an environment of attractive prices and low interest rates, he is optimistic that the Irish property market is opening up again.

New Business Profile



by Liz Mahony

Paw Pads

These days, animals are looked after in a much better way than they used to be. A great deal of thought and care goes into their diet, training, regime, etc. As we become more conscious for ourselves over what we eat, our exercise, etc., so we watch those same things more closely for our pets.

PawPads is the brainchild of Louise Farrelly. As her own dog was finicky when it came to being fed treats and Louise wanted to give her a good diet, she began to bake her own dog biscuits. Her own pet loved them. At first she used two recipes for dog treats that she found at the back of a Canadian cookbook. Then she found more recipes online. As they were mainly American, she adapted them to suit her own and other dog's needs and began to produce her own recipes.

The breakthrough came when her friend's King Charles Spaniel that had an extremely sensitive stomach was offered, ate and subsequently suffered no ill effects as had been the case with other dog-specific treats. Probably the main reason why they are so good for dogs is that they contain no preservatives – that dreaded word that covers a multitude of sins and can make both humans and animals suffer allergic reactions!

Louise comes from a sales background which has helped greatly in the course of setting up this business. She did her research, going to many markets and fairs before Christmas with a selection of her fare. And the response was extremely good. She bakes a choice of five dog treats: Hershey's Favourites; Doggy Bad Breath; BBQ Bones; Peanut Butter Paws; and Doggy-on-a-Diet. By the sound of things, she seems to have covered every angle!

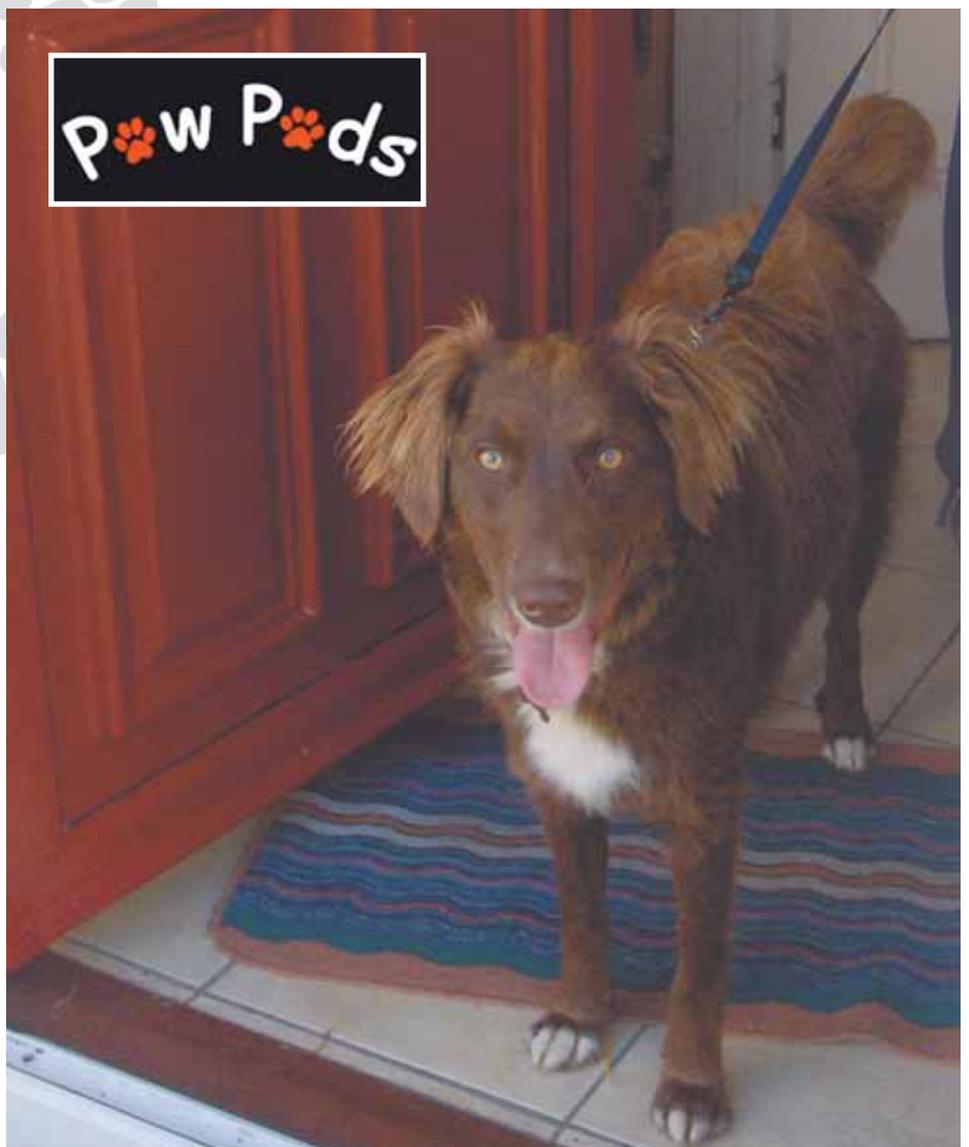
She's been doing a lot of marketing since Christmas and her merchandise can now be found in pet shops, veterinary clinics and grooming parlours. She even does Christmas hampers for dogs. Her produce comes in three different container sizes, all very competitively priced.

Louise has always been interested in animals so she did a course in Animal Welfare in St John's College in Cork and then started her

idea for doggy treats. Apart from that she sponsors three dogs at the West Cork Animal Welfare Group as she believes so strongly in their work.

If you think your dog might welcome home-cooked treats, you can contact Louise on her mobile:

087 633 0414 or email her at sales@pawpads.ie. and her website address is www.pawpads.ie



ELECTIONS '09 KINSALE DECIDES

As Election Day, June 5th 2009 looms we are featuring a short profile of all the candidates who are going for election to Kinsale Town Council. This year there are thirteen candidates putting themselves forward for the nine seats available on the Town Council. Sitting Fine Gael Councillor Ms. Mary Evans has decided not to put herself forward for re-election while Councillor Charles Henderson is unable to go for re-election due to changes in legislation. We wish them well and thank them for their contribution to Kinsale during their time in office. The aim of this feature is to make you, the reader, aware of who is contesting the election and what issues are of priority to the

different candidates, thus enabling you to select the candidates of your choice in the order of your preference. This election is the only opportunity you have to elect the people who represent the issues most important to you and the issues that affect you on a daily basis. The profile is in alphabetical order and includes a brief biography of the candidate as well as a brief outline of their manifesto in not more than thirty words. We wish all the candidates the very best of luck with their campaigns!

The profile has been compiled to the best of our knowledge and we cannot accept any responsibility for any errors or omissions.



Tony Cierans LAB

Teacher, Kinsale Community School
Member of Board of Management,
Kinsale Community School.
Incoming President Kinsale & District Lions.
Chairperson Rampart Players.
School tours organiser since 1994.
Member Kinsale Parish Assembly '02-'05.



Issues:

- Community School Extension.
- Promotion of Youth Issues/ Facilities.
- Enhanced Shopping Opportunities in Kinsale.
- Parking/ Traffic Management.
- Council Takeover of New Estates.



Cllr. Dermot Collins FG

Mayor of Kinsale.
Member, County Council Committees.
President, Association Municipal Authorities of Ireland '08.
Director, West Cork Leader Co-Operative.
Actively involved in community, voluntary & sporting organisations.



Concerns:

- Speeding in Residential/School areas.
- Primary Care & Ambulance Centres.
- Upgrade Playground.
- Retain Recycling Facility.
- Public lighting.
- Reform/ reduce local government cost base.
- Town boundary extension.



Terry Connolly FG

Accountant
Author of Local History Books.
Member, West Cork Development Partnership.
Former Chairman Kinsale History Society.



Priorities:

- Establishment of Discount Store.
- Development of Technology Park.
- Affordable Social Housing.
- Improved Local Amenities & Services.
- Expansion of Education and Youth Facilities.
- Care of the Elderly.



Cllr. Darren Cotter FF

Kinsale Town Council '99
Re-elected '05
Town Mayor in '04-'05



Priorities:

- Job creation.
- Supporter of LIDL.
- Suitable industry for Kinsale.
- Do more to sell Kinsale internationally.
- Dredging of the Scilly Dam.
- Extension at Community School.
- Construction of the new National School at Summercove.
- Retention of the Re-cycling Centre.
- Single housing units.
- Traffic calming measures.



Cllr. Michael Frawley FF

Former Chairman and current Vice-chairman of Kinsale Harbour Commissioners, Chairman of Kinsale's branch of the Vintners Federation of Ireland and a member of the Rugby Club. Worked with his fellow councillors to ensure Kinsale suffers as little disruption as possible during this difficult financial period and during the ongoing Kinsale Main Drainage works.

Issues:

- Social housing for single people.
- Illegal dumping in the Kinsale area.
- Slowing down traffic on the approach roads.
- Permanent solution to the public toilet issue.
- Completion of Kinsale's Saile project.
- Encourage more Irish visitors to the town.



Noel Harrington SF

Vice-chair of the Scilly Residents Assoc.
Vice-chair of the Farmers & Friends Assoc.

Issues:

- Wasteful expenditure by the Town Council.
- Pro Lidl.
- Provision of housing and serviced sites at Commogue.
- Activate FAS schemes and press the IDA to encourage industry to vacant units in area.
- Improvement in landing facilities & fish quotas.
- Elderly have been neglected for too long.
- More funding for Youth schemes.



Irene Heffernan IND

General Manager of Muddy Maher's Bar
Management Degree from C.I.T.

Determined to put the town back in good shape for the coming tourist season.

- Making Kinsale a Tidier Town.
- Community School extension.
- Improving Street Lighting.
- Local Hospitality Industry's concerns.
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Ensure the Recycling Centre stays.
- Parking bay for Land Train.
- More commercial enterprises in Kinsale.



Cllr. Billy Lynch IND

Chairman Kinsale Harbour Commissioners.
Provincial Vice-President of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Instigator of Kinsale Lifeboat.

Vice-chairman Tidy Towns Committee.
Member of Kinsale Fishermans Association.
Member of Kinsale Regatta Committee.
Friend of Sáile Sports & Leisure Project.

Issues:

- Social & Affordable Housing.
- Medical Card for O.A.P.s
- Extension to Community School.
- Adam's Quay Fishlanding Berth.
- Development of Youth Café.



John Moloney FG

Employee of Eli Lilly since 1981.

Married to Noreen with 3 children.

Current Chairman of Kinsale GAA.

Hon Treasurer of Dunderrow Community Alert.

- He will bring a common sense approach to handling issues for the benefit of all the people of Kinsale
- He will work with the community to help bring about an outlet for the youth of the town.
- He will work to improve the appearance and image of the town.



Cllr. Tomás O'Brien LAB

Chairman Kinsale Urban District Council '98-99.

Mayor of Kinsale '05-'06.

Deputy Mayor currently.

Member of Cork Kerry Tourism.

Liaison with Kinsale Chamber of Tourism.

Married to Aine Ryan,
Two Children Fergal and Sadhbh.

Issues:

- Promote shopping in Kinsale.
- More council support for Farmer's Market.
- Publicise Kinsale's assets.
- Encourage new business start ups.
- Free Up affordable housing.
- Town maintenance.
- Safer crossings for pedestrians.
- Better facilities for youth.





Nicholas Searls FF

Member Town Council '99 -'04.
Mayor of Kinsale 2000-'01.
Member Harbour Commissioners '99-'04.
Chairman Harbour Commissioners 2000-'01.
Guarantor of Kinsale Community Centre.
Member Kinsale Regatta Committee.
Member Kinsale Soccer Club.
Member Kinsale Christian Life.

Issues:

- Progress on proposed Community Centre.
- Traffic Management Plan.
- Promote tourism.
- Tackle unemployment.
- Adequate social housing.
- Welcomes proposals for Discount Store.
- Suitable development to preserve heritage.



Also, a selection of Cork County Council Election Candidates



Edmund Butler

Independent



Cllr. Isabelle Sutton GRN

23 years as Barrister & Solicitor.
Town Councillor for last 5 years.
Founding member of Transition Town Kinsale.
Steering Committee Member of Sáile.
Director of West Cork Rural Transport.
Kinsale Environment Watch, Founding Member.

Issues:

- Get Community & Sports Centre built now.
- Extension to Community School.
- Civic amenity site with full recycling facilities.
- Community composting facility.
- Public participation in Town Council meetings.
- Comprehensive transport between Kinsale, Bandon & Carrigaline.



Alan Coleman



Rachel McCarthy



Cllr. Fred Treacy FG

Mayor of Kinsale 2006 - 2007.
Past President of Kinsale & District Lions Club.
Hon. Secretary of Dunderrow Community Alert.
Chairman of Kinsale Healthy Options Project.
Represented Ireland at Hockey.
Member of St. Multose Church Choir.

Priorities:

- Care of the Elderly.
- Provision of affordable housing.
- Cardiac Ambulance based in Kinsale.
- Improvement of Public Lighting.
- Preservation of the heritage of Kinsale
- Facilities for the youth.
- Highlighting the litter problem.



Kevin Murphy



KINSALE GIRL GUIDES

On Saturday 16th May 2009, three members of Kinsale Girl Guides travelled to Dublin to be presented with the highest award a girl guide can achieve...the Gold Award. Marie Dam, Caoimhe Hill and Lucy O'Donovan have over 20 years combined service to Guiding and were really deserving of this award.

Marie started off her Guiding in the Ladybird unit in Carrigaline, Co Cork. Caoimhe started as a Brownie in Milltown, Co Kerry, while Lucy started with the Brownie unit in Ballincollig, Co Cork.

The award was presented to the girls by Irish Girl Guides President, Dilys Lyndsey, in the beautiful surroundings of City Hall, Dublin. Dilys praised the girls highly for their dedication to Guiding and the great work they did to achieve this award.

To achieve this award the girls first had to complete the Spruce Award, Copper Beech Award and Silver Birch Awards, which all involve doing projects, challenges and games to understand more about their Guide Laws and Promise and how best to keep them; acquire numerous Outdoor and camping skills, learn more about their local area and the wider world. They also learnt first aid skills, lifeskills, and a range of craft skills in addition to taking up new hobbies and interests, with a huge array of badges to achieve.

Girls going for the Gold award have to take all this to a much higher level, and also help the younger Guides with their badges. They also get more involved in the running of the unit and helping leaders by planning activities and outings. They also have to provide a service to the community. The girls did this by helping out at local clubs, helping to prepare the church garden for summer, helping out with younger ladybird guides, fundraising for local charities, and generally taking their Guide promise into the world outside their Guide meeting. The promise is "I promise to do my best to do my



duty to God and my Country, to help others at all times and to obey the Guide Law".

These girls certainly do this, and as the first girls in the unit to achieve this award, are a shining example to the girls who will follow in their footsteps.



Betty O'Farrell, Barbara McNamara, Eddie and Ann McCarthy at the recent Kinsale Lions Club Charter dinner in the Trident Hotel, Kinsale. (pic Howard Crowdy)

Latitude Kinsale commissioned to create 3D Chart prizes for the Volvo Ocean Race: Galway In-Port

Kinsale artist Bobby Nash has created three magnificent 3D charts that will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the Volvo Ocean Race: Galway In-Port. The 3D charts will show different aspects of Galway Bay, the western seaboard of Ireland, the rugged coastline of Connemara, the Aran Islands as they stand proud protecting the bay from the Atlantic swell. All of these features will be etched in the minds of the crews as life long memories so the prizes have a meaning!

There is currently an exhibition of these prizes and other work by Latitude Kinsale in the Artisan Gallery in Quay Street as part of the "Let's do it Galway" celebration.

Bobby's work recreates the evocative nature of the sea in a range of bespoke nautical charts presenting them with originality and flair. He creates 3D charts



and light charts for any location in the world and has clients all across the world; from Australia, USA, Italy, France, Norway, Sweden, New Zealand, Ireland and UK.

These unique charts are the perfect nautical gift, make excellent prizes and imaginative corporate rewards. Visit www.latitudekinsale.com for further information.



Katherine Spillane, manager Kinsale & District Credit Union Ltd., making a presentation to Ms. Leonora Cooney, N.T., and the Dunderrow N.S. quiz team of Scott McCarthy, Billy Hayes, Kate Delaney and Stephen O'Sullivan. The team went on to represent Kinsale Credit Union at the national finals of the Credit Union Primary Quiz which was held in the R.D.S. in April.

FOR SALE

Pinegrove, Kinsale

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Do you think it's too early to mention Christmas? Well we don't!

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Our committee: Cormac Fitzgerald, Chairman-Fitzgerald and Partners; Collette Forde, Key Camp Holidays www.keycamp.ie; Dermot Ryan, Kinsale Heritage Town Walks; Fred Tracey, Kinsale Town Council FG; Maureen Buckley, The Blue Haven Collection; John Barrett, Magic Vacations; Richard Ennos, Dagnet Systems; Patrick Ryan, The Canvas Works; Martin Hurley, 3-D Photography; Colin Hawkins, patandpals.com; Jola Wojtowicz, Restaurateur; Martha Pringle; Eileen McFarland and Frances Dalton, W.G. Daltons.

This energetic group have events planned throughout the whole year, to allow the festival of Christmas to start in November and last the whole month of December. Not only do we want to attract new people to our town we want bring the original visitors back to support our businesses.

To learn more about the next stage of "our cunning plan" log on to www.kinsalechristmas.com



Barry Moloney, Kinsale Walking Tours, brings Kinsale history alive to the pupils of St. Joseph's N.S.

THANKS to Kinsale Harbour Board, public toilets were open for use in its new building at Pier Head, Mr. Billy Lynch informed fellow members of Kinsale Town Council at their monthly meeting. Mr. Lynch, who is chairman of the harbour board, said the toilets were free and open from 9am to 6pm daily. Mr. Michael Frawley and other members welcomed this. Mayor Dermot Collins suggested the opening times of the public toilets at Pier Road be displayed.

In a report, town engineer Mr. Rob Andrews said new sewer connections were made to the main drainage scheme for the tourist office and the adjacent public toilets at Pier Road, the latter of which had re-opened. These had previously drained directly into the harbour via an existing old culvert.

Mr. Charles Henderson stressed the urgency of securing funding and the go-ahead for the treatment plant at Commoge to serve Kinsale Sewerage Scheme, which is due to be completed by the end of 2010.

Up to now, he understood, surface water mixed with sewage meant that what discharged into the harbour was around 90% diluted foul water but any remaining discharges, once the scheme was completed would be 100% raw sewage if the treatment plant, which was likely to take one year to build, wasn't up and running. "We're looking at a smoking barrel in 12 months time if it doesn't happen", he warned.

Mr. Collins said that according to a recent Ministerial reply to a question the Dail, the funding was there. Mr. Fred Treacy however, asked if the contract had been awarded. The Minister did give the go-ahead but was the funding there? The manager, Ms. Mary Ryan undertook to check.

KINSALE LADIES RUGBY 2009 7S REPORT

This year again provided lots of excitement for the Kinsale Rugby Club and none more so than the Kinsale Ladies team once again. This year we started off against a few unknown quantities and a few we know well! Saturday morning kick off on Pitch 1 saw the local ladies do battle against a team from Wimbledon. It took a few minutes to settle in again to the fast pace of the 7s but with only 7 minutes a side, we couldn't afford to wait too long. An early try by Danielle Kiely saw Kinsale get on the scoreboard but the Wimbledon ladies were not giving in too easily. It proved to be close for most of the game but game, set and match to Kinsale with a final score of 19-12. A second try from Danielle Kiely and another by Aoife Hurley secured the points.

A quick jog across to Pitch 5 and the "Luscious Chancers" from Longford in the UK were lined up to have a cut off us. By now, we were beginning to fire on all cylinders and the Luscious Chancers were treated to a luscious thumping 36 - 5 to Kinsale. Tries scored by Christina Broderick (3) Jenny Hodson (1) Liz Tye (1) and Aoife Hurley (1).

Next up however were the Irish Vixens. These ladies are made up from the development squad of the Irish Ladies team. These guys came third in the 6 Nations this year and again proved a little too much for the local team and they put an end to proceedings on Saturday.

Sunday came around and the bodies were still recovering from the bruises of the events from Saturday. First up were "Ritchies" from Clonakilty. Some of whom are playing senior Division 1 rugby with different squads since Clonakilty disbanded a couple of years ago. Back in the groove again and with tries from Courcy girl Mel Hunt (2), Christina Broderick (2) and Aoife Hurley (1) saw Kinsale victorious by 31-14.

The mighty team from Highfield were next to be put to the sword. A division higher than Kinsale and fairly confident of a victory, Highfield put the pressure on early but Kinsale stood up to the mark and kept in contention all the way. The difference between the 2 teams proved to be in the conversion of our 2nd try by Aoife Hurley. Final score Highfield 10 Kinsale 12.

Now into un-chartered quarter final waters. Once again an international battle to commence! A much fancied French Army ladies team were warming up on Pitch 2 and throwing lots of shapes. Having just run across from Pitch 3 due to incorrect information coming over the public address, the Kinsale ladies didn't take much notice of the unorthodox warm up methods and proceeded to the middle of the pitch for kick off. Within minutes, we were up 3 tries and cruising. The French army was straining under the Kinsale invasion and their heads started to droop. Tries by Aoife Hurley (2) Christina Broderick (1) Danielle Kiely (1) and Jenny Hodson (1) completed the demolition and ended the dreams of the French ladies. Final score Kinsale 27 French Army 5.

Staying with the international challenges, we headed back over to pitch 3 to meet the "Wooden Spoons". This is a team made up from the English development squad who had won the 6 Nations championship this season. This time however, the hurdle was a bit too high and the visitors took the spoils and went on to win the competition against the Vixens.

For finishing in 3rd spot though, Kinsale were awarded a €300 purse and without hesitation agreed to donate the money to the very worthy cause of Saile Sports and Leisure. This is a very worthwhile cause and will be of benefit to all of the local community for years to come. A presentation was later made to Bronwyn Connolly of Saile at the rugby club and another brick was added to the ever growing wall. Stay tuned for future developments at the club.



Kinsale under 12s Football Team which beat Ballinhassig in the final on May 18th. The game was played at Fivemilebridge.

Grand Slam and Triple Crown trophies at Summercove N.S.



Pictured above are second class pupils of Summercove N.S. who were honoured with a visit from the Six Nations Triple Crown and Grand Slam trophies recently!

TRAWLER POSING DANGER

Abandoned trawler 'Lucky Star' posed a navigational danger in Kinsale Harbour and should be removed to a safe berth in Cork said Mr. Billy Lynch at the May meeting of the town council.

Mr. Lynch, who is chairman of Kinsale Harbour Board said that only for the intervention of Canon David Williams chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers, harbour master Captain Phil Devitt, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Chamber of Tourism, local boat owners and other people in Kinsale who provided fresh water, food and support for four Pakistani crewmen left stranded on the vessel in recent weeks, what had become a humanitarian crisis could have been even more desperate.

The crewmen, who were not paid wages totalling over \$30,000 for five months, were flown home recently, almost two months after arriving in Irish waters and being abandoned by their Greek captain and the vessel's owners on March 16th. One of the crew had to take his child out of college in Pakistan because he wasn't paid by his employers and consequently couldn't pay the fees.

'Lucky Star', said Mr. Lynch was now "a dead ship" in that it wasn't manned and had no lights. It was also light and high in the water which meant that in high winds there was a real risk of it going ashore, breaking up and causing oil pollution in Kinsale Harbour. Although officially detained, it seemed the Department of Transport had washed its hands in the matter while the Greek owners hadn't responded to any phone calls or e mails. It's understood the former Icelandic trawler arrived into Kinsale from the Faroe Islands en route to Greece.

It was quite clearly a danger to navigation and he proposed that the Minister for Transport be written to and urged to direct that the trawler be removed from Kinsale Harbour - where there was no berth space available - to Cork City where there were plenty of vacant quays to secure the boat. Mr. Fred Treacy seconded and paid tribute to all who provided assistance to the stricken crew, one of whom was not in the best of health.

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It's Never Too Late To Learn

Written Off? which featured on RTE ONE on Mondays at 7.30pm is a total departure from traditional educational programmes. It is a TV documentary which follows the lives of eight adults who all have difficulties with reading, writing, spelling and basic maths. Many such people invest a lot of time and energy into hiding their difficulty, due to the stigma associated with having literacy difficulties in today's society. This should not be the case as support is available through the Adult Basic Education Service, which aims to dispel this stigma and support those who could benefit from a second chance at learning.

This free and confidential service is available in the Kinsale area at the Further Education Centre on the Bandon Road, where you or anyone you know that might have difficulties with reading, writing, spelling, maths and basic computer skills needed for everyday life, can avail of tuition given by training tutors in a relaxed and informal manner.

The success of this service is dependent on the voluntary tutor whose involvement is vital for the provision of one-to-one tuition that is tailored to meet the needs of the learner. You can help support others who wish to benefit from our service by becoming a voluntary tutor - no previous qualifications required, as training will be provided.

If interested in this worthwhile service in Kinsale as a learner or a volunteer - contact: (086) 8239092.

Log On, Learn Initiative in Kinsale Community School

The *Log On, Learn* Programme is a new initiative which has been set up by Intel, in collaboration with Microsoft and supported by An Post. This initiative involves Transition Year (TY) students 'buddying up' with older people in their community to teach them how to use computers and the internet, as it relates to their specific lifestyle and life interests.

It is estimated that 99% of secondary school students are able to use a computer and the internet, whereas in the over 65 age category only approx 25% can use a computer and the internet. The *Log On, Learn* programme is the perfect opportunity for TY students to pass on their computer skills to older people.

The programme consists of 8 modules, but the one-to-one training is tailored to suit the need of each individual learner. The training takes into account the older person's initial skill level, learning pace, interests and hobbies. Naturally the programme is of enormous benefit to the student also as they learn to relate better with adults and get a better understanding of the older generation along with developing their teaching skills.



The classes took place on Wednesday afternoons in the school computer room for a total of 8 weeks (running from March to May). Eighteen TY students volunteered their free time to take part in the programme and they had no problem recruiting willing students in their local community. In fact there is a long list already for next year!

Teachers also gave of their freely of their time to supervise the computer room for the duration of the classes so a big thank you to all involved.

All in all the initiative was a huge success, with both generations learning so much from each other. As a result of the initiative the students of TY4 were motivated to arrange a visit to the Haven Bay Centre to support National Alzheimer's Tea Day on 7 May. They performed an array of songs and musical pieces for the entertainment of all those in attendance.



Riverstick/Kinsale Athletic Club

Riverstick/Kinsale Athletic Club held its 45th Annual Open Sports on May Bank Holiday last which again proved to be a huge success. Over 21 clubs from all over Cork City and county, and some from Limerick, travelled to the local event and made sure of an enjoyable day for everyone.

There was a large contingent from the local community who supported the local confined events which started at 12.30pm and then at 1pm the Open Events commenced. With short sprints to long distance runs, relays and field events, everyone was catered for.

Even the "little athletes" had fun as the club held a "Little Athletics" fun run for the under 7's and under 8's with a lucky dip as a surprise for their efforts. This proved to be very popular again this year and everyone had good fun.

The overall club went to Riverstick/Kinsale, with Old Abbey finishing 2nd and Leevale finishing third. The Nora Murphy Cup was presented to Frank Hayes from East Cork.

Great praise should go to Paddy O'Donoghue for ensuring this event, which has reached its 45th anniversary, continues year after year! The club could not hold such an event without the help and support of the local GAA club, Ballymartle and also the efforts of the parents of the club who always give of their time when asked. It is much appreciated.



Club Training continues every Tuesday night at Kinsale RFC from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

The Riverstick Kinsale AC Boys U14 relay team of James Healy, Shane Cummins, Simon Kearney and Eoghan Lynch (pic Howard Crowdy).

The Riverstick Kinsale AC Girls U13 relay team of Caoimhe O'Callaghan, Orla Hickey, Emer Hickey and Meadhbh O'Leary (pic Howard Crowdy).

KINSALE WINTER WARMER

Do you remember the days of walking into the Kinsale Temperance Hall and sitting by a black stove for a warmer?

Ever wondered what happened to that old stove?

Here it is, now sitting proud in the Birmingham home of Meg & Tony Baker.

Meg & Tony purchased the stove when it had to be replaced by new up to date heating back in the late 1980s. Meg's grandfather was David 'Ashes' Buckley of St Eltins Terrace. She is delighted to have a little bit of Kinsale history in her living room. Meg would love to hear from anyone who has any old photographs of the stove, or memories they might have of sitting round the stove, having an old chat and a warm. Meg says the old stove must have witnessed some tales in its time at the Temperance Hall.

Meg and Tony can be contacted at tony.bakr@yahoo.co.uk





TRANSITION TIMES

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

Working today for a sustainable tomorrow

SPRING FAIR 25TH APRIL

The eve of this year's Spring Fair saw the launch of the very unique Green Door Art Show with its art and installations focused on sustainability. The artists took inspiration from the elements of the earth: Tara De Las Cases chose different coloured clay and earthy pigmented colours and sculpted some beautiful pieces which were then framed; Brendan Powers' work embraced two of nature's elements: fire and earth, utilizing the medium of pyrography (writing with fire); Donal O'Gara crafted fine functional art material based on recycled steel and wood; Brian Brennan used found objects which he recycled into beautiful pieces and Rob Ireson used a D.I.Y. ethic, working primarily with metal and recycling what ever possible to power interactive kinetic sculptures such as his analogue virtual reality machine. A sculpture of a red elephant was created by Brian Hart. The



piece was a metaphor for the contradictory nature of man: we make things, then discard them. The resulting piece was a red plaster elephant in a cardboard boat that may or may not float!

All the work focused on a low environmental impact theme and all of the artists used recycled and found materials.

Spring Rain! Is this becoming a habit? On the morning of the Spring Fair we woke up to torrential rain and howling winds, same as last year. But perhaps it was a blessing in disguise as by early afternoon St. Multose Hall was buzzing with people and energy. Had it been sunny they might have all gone to the beach! Again TTK joined forces with Kinsale Tidy Towns, who ran their second annual car boot sale. This year we moved to St. Multose Hall, and what a fantastic venue this turned out to be. We had a probable attendance upwards past 500 people. Car boot stalls were a €20 donation to Tidy Towns and all 20 exhibitors said they had a successful day.

While Kinsale Environment Watch ran the café with all kinds of tasty food and snacks, the Eco-Market provided a venue for green businesses and local craftspeople to come together under one roof and gave the local community the opportunity to see what they can avail of locally. Stalls included Irish Seed Savers, Earth Care, Solaris, EcoStore, Avego, Walnut Books and L'Arche Project. Craft and clothes stalls included Giselle Harvey, Belleetik, Ellen O'Shea and Pomme, Petra, Fran and Lea's Arts and Crafts.

Whilst the medley of market stalls, cake stands, yogis and renewable energy tumbled and hummed in the main hall, some smiley people managed to catch one or two of the workshops that were running in the small room next door. The day started with a blissful yoga meditation with Ishwara, all the way from Brighton, followed by a singing workshop run by Caz Jeffreys that was enjoyed by young and old alike. Meanwhile, despite the soggy weather, Steven Galvin gave an informative and sparkly introduction to the world of herbal tinctures out in the Yurt. Rosita enthralled kids both big and small with her recycled paper sculpture-making in the main hall, and Niamh Dempsey inspired a room-full of wooliness with her peg loom. Caz enchanted the kids with story time in the yurt in the afternoon and Rob demonstrated the sophisticated simplicity of peddle power and its many possibilities. The Drumming workshop ended the day with a bang, packing the small room with grinning faces

and rolling beats. All in all both workshoppers and workshopees appeared to have a thoroughly good time. Thank you to all who provided the day with the skills, expertise and commitment needed to make it happen, and thank you to all those who took part and had fun on the day.

Just when you thought it was all over, the evening's entertainment kicked off at 7pm with the Sprinamagig, held in the College amphitheatre, magically lit and decorated for the event by students. Local talent provided an unforgettable night of music, comedy with Yvonne Coughlan as the irrepressible MC for the night and raffle prizes galore. The finale was a fine set of tunes and songs by Clann na Charrigain, the award winning family of traditional players. The night finished off with members of Passepartout giving a fire juggling show, sending everyone home with a shine in their eyes and a glow in their hearts.



Pic: Jayne Barry

'I was very excited by the alternative energy of the Spring Fair...wanted to make the newspaper pots, cycle the energy bicycles, buy the seeds straight away... got some great advice for my new tunnel, had lovely homemade soup...could have stayed longer in the lovely positive atmosphere...'



Pic: Jayne Barry

Anita MacGabhann, Knockainey, Co. Limerick

The Spring Fair is an annual event so if you have a business that would benefit from being at this event let us know - likewise if you have any ideas for new stalls.

Finally a huge thanks to all our sponsors who very generously donated prizes to our raffle and 'auction': Phillip Ward, Acton's Hotel, John Baker, Michelle's Hair Salon, Kinsale Silver, Bolands, Hair Studio, Cooleez, Subaru, Mother Hubbards, Jim Edwards, Vintage, Fishy Fishy, Londis, Footloose, Angel's Secrets, Kinsale Crystal, Nini's Cafe, Eileen's Salon, Harte's Chemist, Daisychain Florist, Mange Tout, Ladbroke's, Suit~Ables, Heron Gallery, Quay Food Company, Kinsale Bookshop, 1601 Off License, Murphy's Grocers, Elasnik, Armada, Cab 3000, New Image, An Teac, Gaoithe Mor, Mylie Murphy, Finishing Services, Francis Allen, Tap Tavern, Trident, Tierney's Guest House, Fitzgerald's Insurance, Blue Haven Collection, Supervalu, Tom's Bakery, Toddies at The Bulman, Spaniard, Walnut Books, Cobra, Green Saffron, Smartsol, Gee-up, Fintan Lynch, Bookstor, Kist, Giles Norman, Collins' Kinsale Pharmacy, Stone Mad Gallery, Heather Mountain, White Lady, Divine, Barrett's Butchers, Jola's, Hoby's, Vista, Kim House. Also to Cork Community Bikes for their bike powered smoothie makes and jukebox and Kinsale Road Train for offering free lifts to the Hall.

All funds go towards making Kinsale a more resilient and self-reliant community.

Photos by Kevin Dalton and Jayne Barry

Continued overleaf

'Cheap and Cheerful' Grow your own event 21st March 2009



A fun and informative evening was had by all on Spring Equinox when The Temperance Hall was packed with gardeners eager to see the wonderful Joy Larkcom speak. The evening began with Kinsale Community Garden coordinator, Aimi Pinder, who gave a talk on 'growing in small spaces'. She focused on the techniques with which vegetables can be grown even when a large garden is not available.

Next up was Joy, who is the author of a number of beautifully written books on vegetable growing. She is the authority on oriental vegetables and it is her we have to thank for the 'cut and come again' system of growing salads. Her talk on 'Creative Vegetable Growing' was a wonderful slide show illustrating various examples of how to create beauty in the vegetable garden using pattern, form and colour as well as a touch of inspiration. One thing that became evident from both talks was that vegetables don't need to be grown in straight lines hidden at the bottom of the garden!

A raffle was also held with prizes of gift vouchers and seeds for which a big thanks goes out to Future Forests and Brown Envelope Seeds. The evening was a huge success, not only for the information and inspiration received by those present but because through donations, raffle ticket sales and a tea and cake stall we managed to raise €300 for the Community Garden. That money will go a long way towards providing provisions for the garden and a big big thanks goes out to Joy and all who donated and bought raffle tickets to help make the evening go with a bang!

DOWN AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN by Aimi Pinder

Since the beginning of March we have been sowing a number of salads and vegetables both in pots to grow on in our cold frame or straight into the ground. The salad bed is looking quite full with leaf beet, spinach, rocket, beetroot, radish, oriental leaves and lettuces all planted out. They are really coming on and in a few weeks time we should be able to start harvesting some! Other veg has been sown in situ such as peas, broad beans and parsnips (which we sowed with radishes to get a quick crop before the parsnips get going). Potatoes have also been planted in tyres and their green tops are growing at a fantastic rate.

Maintenance work has also continued: timber edging beds, improving levels to make flat work areas and continuing the work on extending the shed to make a covered seating area, which is nearing completion. All in all everyone has been working very hard and the garden is certainly demonstrating what can be done when people come together for just three hours a week!

The free 6 week course in organic growing has been a wonderful success. So far, classes on 'Soil', 'Seed Sowing' and 'Composting' have taken place and participants have been gaining lots of tips to take into their own vegetable gardens. If you would like some help to get going growing or just want a fun afternoon out please do come down to the garden workdays Sundays 1-4pm.

NEW TTK GROUPS

Since our Open Space discussion last March, TTK has been forming working groups to focus on specific areas. This creates an opportunity for anybody in the community to really get involved in Kinsale's progress towards sustainability and takes some of the workload and the decision making off the Steering Committee. So far six groups are in their early stages of development. Read on for the latest on each one. Each group has a coordinator and info on all groups can be found on the website (see below).

Kinsale Edible Gardens Network

The idea is to create a Network of gardeners to share their experiences of growing food. At the initial meeting it was decided that the group could best be utilised to connect gardeners in a

number of ways such as to offer skills and advice, swap plants and garden excess. Members were also keen to arrange some inspirational trips out and the first of these was held on April 15th when Sally and David Simpson kindly hosted the group in their beautiful garden. Despite wet weather, the turnout was good, and as well as a tour of the garden and veg plot, Sally shared with us some of her skills in willow sculpture to make attract bean tripods. We all then got to work making some tripods which was great fun. No doubt such structures will be popping up in the gardens of Kinsale this summer. If you are interested to join the network please email aimipinder@hotmail.com or call 085 8300074.

Health Group

Eight people showed up for the Health Group Gathering on Wednesday 14th at the Friary and we discussed many topics including:

- Empowering ourselves, and taking responsibility for our own health
- A Buddy system in case of accidents, whereby a 'buddy' could speak on our behalf, and we each carry a "buddy card" similar to a donor card
- Concern that wild food in hedgerows – often a very healthy food option - were sprayed with chemicals
- Concern that we no longer have access to natural water resources such as wells and local road side water pumps.

We look forward to sharing our vision of how we'd like to live healthful and happier lives. We are discussing having future workshops and speakers or day trips to inspiring places. Our first speaker will be Eddie Lucy, a well known Cork Herbalist, to be held in two weeks' time. Phone Jeannie at 086 1698661.

Energy Group

At the first meeting of the Energy Group the following topics were discussed:

- 1) Anaerobic Digester: Application for funding has been submitted and Vicky Heslop from the Irish Bioenergy Association will contribute to the feasibility study.
- 2) The group agreed to set up a Kinsale Energy CoOp (advice bureau) with the intention of 'saving money, and reducing carbon dependency for the Kinsale community.
- 3) How people/businesses might better measure/reduce their electricity use. Could we use Smart Meters (cost €150) or loan them out? Can we find out more about current Kinsale usage? What if we could arrange a thermal picture from the air for the town?
- 4) There are many energy generation opportunities to be further discussed such as hydro power and wind power.
- 5) A series of well targeted 'energy saving forums' might be held in town to help members of the community be better informed about these issues. Contact Alan at: 087 2219266.

Transport Team

This group is for anyone interested in promoting sustainable transport in the town. Contact Klaus at 087 6763516.

Education Group

The first meeting took place on Monday 25th May. Contact Alana at: 021 4706990.

Tourism Group

Watch this space for details on the first meeting of this group. To join any (or all!) of the newly forming working groups please go to our website: www.transitiontownkinsale.org, where you first need to sign up and then join.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Tumble driers are the most energy intensive household appliances, cost about €80 a year to run and contribute an average of 310kg of CO2 per annum. Drying clothes on a washing line costs zilch, produces zero emissions, won't shrink your socks and makes them smell fresher. It's another no brainer!

Transition Town Kinsale is always looking for ideas and suggestions so if you have anything you'd like to offer or contribute you can contact us at 087 7839446, info@transitiontownkinsale.org
Website: www.transitiontownkinsale.org



KINSALE LIONS CLUB NEWS

Kinsale Lions Clubs recently saw off a party of 43 sick children and their carers from Cork Airport en route to Disneyland, Paris. The Club has been fund raising with the Cork Hospitals Childrens Club and earlier presented them with €25,000 towards the project.



Pictured at the Kinsale Lions Club Charter dinner in the Trident Hotel, Kinsale were Bernard Greaves, Regional Chairman; Anne O'Neill, co-ordinator Clonakilty Lions; PJ Power, President Kinsale Lions; James O'Sullivan, District Governor Elect and Con Hurley, President Skibbereen Lions Club (pic Howard Crowdy)

Speaking at the recent Annual Charter Anniversary Dinner in the Trident Hotel, Kinsale Lion President P.J. Power reviewed progress of the past year. In addition to fundraising for the aforementioned trip to Disneyland, Paris, the Kinsale Lions Club has raised €24,000 for the Kinsale Day Care Centre and is currently spearheading a campaign to raise €20,000 to purchase Defibrillators to situate around the town. Several townspeople are taking part in the Cork City Marathon to raise these much-needed funds.

The Annual Golf Classic gives Kinsale Lions Club the wherewithal to support, annually, the various charities in the town – becoming more important than ever in present economic circumstances. The 2009 event will be at Kinsale Golf Club on Thursday 9th July next. To participate contact any member of Kinsale Lions Club.



Right: Danielle Greene and Laura Walsh pictured attending the recent Kinsale Lions Club Charter dinner in the Trident Hotel, Kinsale. (pic Howard Crowdy)

KINSALE AFC



Pictured above are members of the Kinsale AFC Under 7 and Under 8 teams who took part in the Under 8 group of the Cork Cup played at The Farm, Bishopstown recently. Teams from all over the country, north and south, travelled to Cork for the event.

The Kinsale boys finished in third place in their group on Saturday, which put them into the semi-final of the Challenge Cup for Sunday. They won a fabulous game against Kilcreen in the semi-final 1-nil but were beaten 2-nil in the final by Ringmahon Rangers.

This was a fantastic achievement for the Kinsale boys as this was an Under Eights competition and 90% of the players will be eligible to play in this age group again next year. Well done to all of them.

COMPUTER LABORATORY FOR ST. JOHNS



Deputy Mayor Tomás O'Brien officially opened the new Computer Laboratory at St. John's School on Friday 13th March.

The students impressed the parents and guests with their brilliant computer skills.

The Computer Laboratory has proved a great asset to the students of the school. Previous to this, computers were in the individual classrooms and it was not an ideal situation where the whole class could not use the computers at the same time. This is a great move forward for St. John's and it can only help the students to improve their computer skills.

This facility did not come cheap. The total cost was almost €10,000.

On behalf of pupils and staff we would like to express gratitude to the Parents Association for their active fundraising and to the Board of Management for their generous contribution and to John Jeffords whose great carpentry skills brought the whole project to completion.



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TARA TO RUN NYC MARATHON

Local girl Tara Flynn, daughter of Noel and Mary, is planning to run the New York City Marathon this November to mark a forthcoming milestone birthday!!!

Instead of sending gifts, Tara would be really grateful if her family and friends would sponsor her for the Marathon, which she is running for the Alzheimer's Society.

Log on to www.justgiving.com/taraflynn for further details.

KCS Exchange Programme



Dermot Collins, Mayor of Kinsale and Sr Mary Donovan, school principal, pictured with exchange students from Kinsale Community School and Antibes who are taking part in a student exchange programme. Also pictured are exchange teachers Nicola Murphy and Cecile Semencic. (pic Howard Crowdy)



Congratulations to Stephen and Siobhan O'Mahony who were married in St. John the Baptist Church, Kinsale, on April 16th 2009.

KINSALE RFC UNDERAGE AWARDS

At the Kinsale RFC Underage Awards night on Friday May 15th, Damien O'Mahony was presented with Overall Club Player of the Year for the second consecutive year - a first in the club.

Damien's rugby career is moving in leaps and bounds and he was recently selected as a member of the Munster Clubs Under 17's squad - another club first so well done Damien, keep up the good work and make us proud! The U14's took the team of the year award.

Wild around Kinsale



Elder flowers are the most fragrant found in Irish hedgerows. In late May and June umbels of creamy blossoms adorn the Elder tree, transforming its scraggy, undistinguished appearance into midsummer exuberance.

The branches of the tree contain a soft pithy core which is easily removed to create hollow pipes from which reputedly the fairy folk made their musical instruments. The most likely time to see fairies was under an Elder tree on Midsummer's Eve.

As a protective tree it was planted at the back door of dwellings to ward off evil spirits.

The young leaves, bark, flowers and berries all have considerable properties and uses in traditional herbal medicine even the roots, which as Nicholas Culpepper in his 17th century Complete Herbal recommends 'the juice of the root taken, mightily procures vomitings and purges the watery humours of the dropsy.'

For contemporary palates the flowers can be used to make a simple cordial or a sparkling white wine. The flavour of gooseberries can be enhanced if the flowers (tied in a muslin bag) are added during cooking. As the berries ripen they become blue-black and can be used to make jellies, jam and excellent wine.

These trees in flower can be seen on Compass Hill or along almost any roads around Kinsale and elsewhere in the next few weeks.

125th GAA celebrations in Scoil Mhuire na nGrást, Belgooly



There were celebrations galore lately in Belgooly for the GAA's 125th birthday. Nicholas Murphy, Cork Senior footballer, visited the school and took the children from sixth class for a training session which they thoroughly enjoyed. He also met with all the other children who wished Cork success in the League final which they went onto win and where he received the Man of the Match award. John Martin Bernard, a junior infant presented a birthday cake to him and all the Infants made candles for the GAA's big birthday! Brian Corry, a former pupil of the school and Cork Senior hurler, gave advice to the sixth class pupils who were passing on their skills in Gaelic football to the Infants. There was also a Q&A session with Brian and 5th and 6th who, were keen to find out how they may be future Cork stars some day.

In the afternoon the teachers were put to the test with a game of rounders against the pupils! The final score will remain secret!!! There were art competitions and treasure hunts all based on the GAA, where the children won prizes kindly sponsored by the local GAA clubs. Here's to the next 125 years of the GAA!



Top left:
John Martin Bernard and Nicholas Murphy pictured with the GAA birthday cake and some of the Junior Infants.
Centre left:
Nicholas Murphy with 5th class pupils.
Top right:
Brian Corry with Peter McSweeney.
Bottom left:
Shane Cummins of 6th class coaching some of the Juniors.

*Please Keep
Kinsale Tidy
this summer!*

COR FHÉILE

The Cor Fhéile is an event that has been held for the past sixth years. It is organised by teachers and it gives students and teachers an opportunity to show their talents to a wider audience. Last month the boys of St. John's N.S. amazed the audience on opening night with their fantastic Hip Hop dance routine. They were given a rapturous applause for their highly energetic performance. Last year we got the opportunity to show our drumming skills at the Cor Fhéile.



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TAG IS BACK!!!



Tag Rugby is back in Kinsale again this Season and the interest is really hotting up among the pub teams. The Tag Rugby is run jointly between The IRFU and the Kinsale Rugby Club and this year is sponsored by Bud Light. Tag Rugby is played by Ladies and Gents on the same team and is non contact and is "non competitive". The games are run in a fun festival style atmosphere in the normal out of season duration. Pictured are the 'White House Warriors' Martin Elsahen, Aoife Hurley, James Collins, Aimee Brett, Michael Frawley and Louise Broderick. Pic. John Allen.

Kinsale Flower and Gardening Club Make Significant Donation

At the monthly meeting of Kinsale Flower and Garden Club, the members made a significant donation to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. Accepting the €1,000 cheque, Ms. Marie O'Sullivan, who is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the town, said: "I am flabbergasted by the amount which the club has donated." In reference to the work of the organisation, Ms. O'Sullivan said: "In view of the current economic climate the society is in demand as much as ever." Ms. O' Sullivan went on to say that any individual seeking assistance can contact the Society confidentially on 4270444. Mrs. Eileen O'Brien, who is Chairperson of the Flower and Garden Club, paid tribute to her fellow members for their hard work in organising the recent gala night, which had raised the funds. Along with the donation to St Vincent de Paul, a donation was made to the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, which is the designated charity for the Association of Irish Floral Artists. With a membership of fifty, the Kinsale club is continuing to blossom and new members are always welcome to attend St. Multose Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 8pm.

JJ Hurley



"HORRENDOUS", was how Mr. Darren Cotter at the May meeting of Kinsale Town Council described the growing problem of illegal roadside dumping on the outskirts of the town.

He asked if hidden battery-operated surveillance cameras could be installed at litter black spots and if projects could be initiated in the town to raise awareness and combat the problem. He stressed that his comments were not a reflection on Kinsale Tidy Towns committee members who were doing their utmost to tackle litter.

Mr. Billy Lynch, who is vice chairman of Kinsale Tidy Towns committee, said he recently picked up rubbish over a section of road on the outskirts of Kinsale from E and T Builders to Pewterhole Cross and suggested if each of the nine councillors did the same along individual roads, it would help.

Mayor Dermot Collins pointed out that the dumping referred to was happening in areas under the jurisdiction of Cork County Council.

Whatever cutbacks took place, it was essential that the grass in open spaces in housing estates such as Ballinacubby and Butcher's Row be cut, said Mr. Lynch as this was very important from a Tidy Towns point of view. In a report, town engineer Mr. Rob Andrews said street cleaning operations at weekends in Kinsale could be affected by reductions in the amount of overtime available to operatives. Routes for street cleaning by town council staff were being reviewed to improve effectiveness.

Mr. Michael Frawley congratulated the council staff, in particular Peter Gimblett and Tim Eaton who were out very early on a morning during the Kinsale Rugby Sevens festival cleaning the streets. Mr. Tomas O'Brien paid tribute to the council staff, the Gardai, Civil Defence, Red Cross and fellow members of Kinsale Rugby Club for hosting another successful festival which helped secure the future of rugby in Kinsale, especially at under-age level.

Mr. Charles Henderson, who is chairman of Kinsale Tidy Towns, said its sub-committee had come up with specific proposals to boost the 2009 campaign. In particular, it wished to develop the site of the old pound with paving, a light and display boards highlighting the fact that Kinsale won the national Tidy Towns competition in 1986 and numerous other awards over the years and was the first winner of the All Ireland Best Kept Town and European Tourism and Environment awards. He pointed out that the vacant site was owned by the town council and should be an amenity.

Mr. Collins spoke in support but asked that the council be furnished with drawings and plans, noting that there was a previous proposal to put an outdoor chessboard at the site which never materialised. Other councillors also supported the proposal with Mr. Tomas O'Brien saying the idea of enhancing the old pound had been kicked around for years.

Mr. Henderson added that during the month of May, paint was on sale at a reduced price in Murphy's Hardware, Main Street and Bandon Co-op Retail Store, Farm Lane, aimed at boosting the Tidy Towns effort.

With regard to the problem of dog fouling, town clerk Ms. Michelle Kelleher said she checked with An Post and was told the cost of delivering leaflets about this to every house in Kinsale would cost the council €700. She had however, arranged for the dog warden to visit the town shortly to hand out leaflets and said the county council was being updated. It was hoped to have the Kinsale town crest on those for local distribution and Mr. Collins suggested leaflets could be posted to dog licence holders and known dog owners.

Ms. Kelleher added that outdoor council workers had an attachment on their new carts and their routes would incorporate key areas so that dog excrement could be removed.

At the previous meeting, Ms. Isabelle Sutton and other members queried whether the 'bring site' in the county council yard would be downgraded. They were informed that the manager had consulted with the engineers in waste management as to the possibility of installing a coin operated cardboard compacting machine. Quotations were awaited and a report was due to be issued at the next meeting but the bring site would not be downgraded in the meantime.

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PLANNING NEWS

Planning Applications

• Application for permission for development at Seaview Bed & Breakfast, Main Street and Pier Road, Kinsale, (a Protected Structure). The construction of a new 4 storey (the 4th storey being a set back penthouse) mixed use block with flat and mono-pitch roofs and terraces, to the rear/side of the Seaview building, comprising 8 no. 2 bedroom units, & 1 no. 3 bedroom penthouse unit, 2 no. ground floor shop units, a residential lobby and on site covered carparking for 10 cars with access off Pier Road are provided together with bin & bicycle storage at ground floor level. A new basement is to be provided for plant associated with the residential element. Associated site works to include site works & new drainage connections. The following development is also proposed to the Seaview building (the protected structure). Change of use from guest house and public bar use to shop on ground floor and residential on 1st and 2nd levels to provide 2 no. 1 bedroom units and 1 no. ground floor shop unit. The existing basement is to be retained/alterd and used as storage/ancillary space associated with the shop. The proposal includes the demolition of later rear extensions to the Seaview building, re finishing the roofs, replacement of timber roof and floor structures, removal of existing internal partitions and walls, replacement of timber sash windows with matching units. The demolition and removal of the existing petrol station/shop and canopy and associated oil storage tanks located on Pier Road is also proposed at the Seaview, Pier Road/Main Street, Kinsale, for Mr. John Nagle.

• Application for permission to erect a terrace of 3 no. two storey over basement split level townhouses and ancillary works with on-site parking for six number cars at 1 Lower Catholic Walk, Rathmore TD, Kinsale, for Mr. Graham Clarke.

• Application for permission for the development which will consist of alterations to a previously permitted development (Planning Reg. No. 05/53046) which comprised a convenience retail anchor, 9 no. retail units, child care drop-in centre, 6 no. maisonettes, 8 no. apartments, 116 car parking spaces, and ancillary circulation, plant and service yard. The alterations to the permitted development comprise internal alterations consisting of; the relocation

of the convenience retail anchor unit including an off-licence (106 sqm) to ground floor level; construction of mezzanine level for the convenience retail anchor; provision of one retail unit at ground floor level; provision of a discount retail unit including an off-licence (42 sqm) on the first floor level; provision of one retail unit at first floor level; consequent alterations to mall, toilets, plant room, lifts and stairs, enclosed service yard; alterations to apartments, lifts and stairs at second and third floor levels; minor amendment to the foyer area at ground and first floor level, minor elevational changes. The total gross area, excluding ancillary car parking, is 5,873 sq.m. as permitted under planning 05/53046 at The Glen, Kinsale, Co. Cork, 09/53006, for I & G Stores Limited.

• Application for permission for proposed alterations to south elevation at Market Place, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Mr. John Twomey.

Planning Decisions

• Application for permission to erect a garage with studio over at the rear of house at Casey's Corner, Lower O'Connell Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Ms. Marie Curtin. **Permission granted.**

• Application for permission to construct ground floor commercial unit with overhead two storey apartment and associated site works at No. 65 Lower O'Connell Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Mr. Gerard O'Connor. **Permission granted.**

• Application for permission for a change of use at existing premises. It is proposed to change the upper floors from the existing guesthouse accommodation to provide 1 no. apartment at 1st floor and 1 no. apartment at the 2nd floor of the existing structure. Planning Permission is also sought for internal modifications to suit the new uses as described above at Long Quay Guesthouse, Long Quay/Pearse Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Mr. Jim Deasy. **Permission granted.**

• Application for permission to retain conversion of attic to habitable accommodation including rooflights on rear elevation and permission for rooflight on front elevation of existing two storey dwelling at "Glenview", 6 Barrack Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork. **Permission granted.**

Milestones

Deaths

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

- Dermot O'Donnell.

Marriages

Congratulations to the following couples who were married recently:

- ❖ Kevin Boyd, Milewater, and Sandra Wright, Springmount, who were married on April 3rd 2009.
- ❖ Siobhan Crowe and Stephen O'Mahony, Eltin's Wood, Kinsale, who were married on April 16th 2009.
- ❖ John Grimes and Kristin Franks, U.S.A, who were married on April 25th 2009.
- ❖ Prezemyslaw Lazor and Magdalena Skopicz-Radkiewicz, Douglas, who were married on May 2nd 2009.

Births

- ❖ Congratulations to Lorraine (née Murray) and Jim Barnett on the birth of their son James on April 25th 2009 in Sierra Vista, Arizona, U.S.A.

Anniversaries



O'DONOVAN

First Anniversary

May 4th 2008

The family of the late Jeremiah (Der) O'Donovan would sincerely like to thank all the people who attended the Rosary, removal and funeral. Also all those who sent Mass cards and flowers and all those who sympathised with us.

We would sincerely like to thank the matron and staff of Kinsale Hospital for all their kindness to him and all his family. We would like to thank sincerely Dr. Pat Downey and all the other doctors and staff at Kinsale Medical Centre. We would also like to thank most sincerely Fr. Myles McSweeney for a lovely service and all the other priests and the choir and the Sacristan. Many thanks to Gabriel and O'Donovan funeral home and their staff, all our neighbours and friends.

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