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KINSALE ARTS WEEK 2010

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Now in its 6th year, Kinsale Arts Week annually transforms the town of Kinsale in to an artistic hub of activity for nine event-packed days and nights. Shop windows become exhibition spaces, historic forts become music venues and old mills are given a new lease of life as art galleries. There will be lots to enjoy, with music, classical concerts, children's events, dance, theatre, artists trails, workshops in everything from tiny book making to Commedia Dell'Arte and a brand new art gallery space housing work by some of Ireland's finest artists. Here are some of the 2010 highlights:

MUSIC

Charles Fort welcomes three hypnotic, magical and downright sexy stars to its glorious outdoor stage...

Hypnotic Brass Ensemble bring their jazzy, infectious, joyful grooves to the stage for what the President of the United States himself says is a performance that 'soothes the soul'.

The Bootleg Beatles have filled the Royal Albert Hall, the main stage at Glastonbury and even Buckingham Palace with their spectacular stage production featuring the fab four's classic hits.

Camille O'Sullivan, Cork's most ravishing star, will take command of the fort at Kinsale with her show-stopping, soul-baring, provocative new show.

In addition to the outdoor gigs at Charlesfort, the festival is delighted to welcome one of the foremost pianists of his generation, Jack Gibbons playing a programme of Gershwin and Chopin. Fresh from their 2010 tour of China, the Irish Chamber Orchestra will bring their superb musicianship to the sublime setting of St. Multose Church. Now performing regularly as a duo, popular accordionist Dermot Dunne and virtuoso violinist Katherine Hunka will join the ensemble as they present an exciting mix of music which ranges from celebrated classics and virtuoso show pieces to a selection of works with a strong Latin flavour.

VISUAL ART

This year the festival is very proud to announce the opening of a new visual arts hub in Kinsale; the town's beautiful, deserted old mill building has been renovated and transformed into a fantastic new venue for the visual arts programme at the festival. 'The KAW Art Hub at the Mill' will feature work by Alice Maher, Dorothy Cross, Patrick Scott, Charles Tyrell, Donald Teskey, John Doherty and Eithne Jordan. Also on show at the Mill, to celebrate the arrival of the Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race, the festival has invited each of the international regions participating in the race to select an artist to represent them at an exhibition. There will also be an Artist's Trail taking visitors on a magical mystery tour through the wealth of artist's studios in Kinsale and its surrounds.



LITERATURE

The literature programme is packed this year with a wide variety of gems, with readings by multi-award winning novelist Joseph O'Connor and acclaimed author Claire Kilroy and a screening of the insightful documentary into the life and work of poet Derek Mahon by Roger Greene. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with Derek and Roger. Poet Christopher Reid, winner of the Costa Book of the Year 2009, will also read his work, as will poet Gerard Smyth.

DANCE

An exciting series of film screenings playing Screen Dance, an artistic genre where choreography and film reside together. The stunning Forward Motion, a British Council project co-produced with South East Dance in the UK. RTÉ's excellent Dance on the Box 2010 will also be screened, providing people with the opportunity to see some of the most skilled Irish dance and film practitioners work together. The screening will be introduced by David Bolger, Artistic Director of CoisCéim Dance, whose film Deep End Dance in collaboration with Conor Horgan will be screened during the festival.

COMEDY

Fresh from gracing our TV screens for the World Cup, the Après Match team will be coming out to play. Apart from the usual mix of weird and wonderful characters such as Bill, Eamon, Liam, John, Gary Lineker, Mark Lawrenson, George Hook, and Martin King this show will also include new targets like Martin O'Neill, Ryan Tubridy, Brendan O'Connor, Vincent Browne, Joan Burton and many more. The incomparable Kevin Mc Aleer will also return to the festival after his roaring success in 2008.

THEATRE

Prepare to step into a world stirring with drama and romance as La Locandiera by Wonderland Productions transforms Kinsale's Ballinacurra House into the world of 18th century Florence. Enjoy a delicious four course meal and allow Mirandolina, the hostess at the inn, to serve you whilst her suitors caper, court and swordfight for her attention. Acclaimed UK company Sharpwire bring their spellbinding one man operatic thriller Johnny's Midnight Goggles to the festival, with the incredibly skilled actor

Matthew Sharp also giving an Opera singing master class and lunchtime cello recital during the festival.

FAMILY

Entertainment with theatre for kids, 18mts - 18yrs, and a family Green Day filled with lots of green-themed entertainment and activities including a Vegetable Circus, growing workshops and a community dance performance. There are also a whole host of workshops for the kids, including a Play in a Day and Tiny Book Making! And of course there will be the ever popular Street Day taking over the streets of Kinsale for a day of outdoor fun.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Online:

www.kinsaleartsweek.com

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4 Newman's Mall, Kinsale (Tue – Sat, 10am – 6pm daily)

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The festival would like to acknowledge the support of its funders: The Arts Council; Cork County Council; Fáilte Ireland; Kinsale Town Council; corporate sponsors Eli Lilly and O'Leary Insurance Group and patrons. Without their valued support the festival would not run.

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is back!

We are delighted to publish the first edition of 2010 after our extended break! Thank you to all our readers and advertisers who have been looking forward to the publication of the Kinsale & District Newsletter over the past few months, it's really great to know how much it was missed. Thank you for supporting the Kinsale & District Newsletter which has been serving Kinsale since 1976!

Denis, Tom and I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your prayers, good wishes, cards, flowers and gifts on the birth of Joe on October 27th 2009, he truly is a bundle of joy!

Niamh O'Connell

Here Come The Clippers

KINSALE CLIPPER STOPOVER CARNIVAL
JULY 2nd - 4th 2010

Kinsale is the first port of call in Europe for the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and the town is hosting a Kinsale Clipper Stopover Carnival to extend a fantastic welcome to participants. The fleet of 10 Clipper Round the World yachts is expected to arrive sometime during Friday/Saturday, July 2nd/3rd.

Highlights of the Carnival Weekend include "Ebb-Tide-Flow", an audio-guided walk distributed on mp3 players designed by artist Fiona Hallinan and composer Alex Synge. During the weekend children and adults will be invited to come to the Methodist Church and make a page for "The Clipper Adventure Book". The book will follow the journey of the clippers around the world and will then be exhibited for the year at the local library.

Food and drink are key ingredients for a good carnival and they'll be plenty of both at the fabulous Artisan Food Market on Long Quay where stallholders will participate in a market which will consist of the finest artisan food and food to go, all from the locality. There will also be busking spots featuring artists such as The Invisible Men; Grant Goldie; The Fanzinis and their Cannonball Circus and Cork City String Quartet.

One of the centrepieces of the Carnival Weekend will be Live Music at the Square throughout Saturday and Sunday with artists such as Ian Whitty and The Exchange; Aaron Dillon and Band; Novella Hermosa and Txutxukan.

Friday July 2nd will see the Kinsale Clipper, an evening of music in different venues, where instead of the audience travelling to see different acts in different venues, the acts come to each venue in turn. The Locations are: The Trident Hotel, Actons Hotel, Vista Bistro, Jolas Restaurant, The White Lady, The Blue Haven and artists include Colin McLean Latin Trio and Kinsale's own The Good Rain.

Kinsale Arts Week has invited each of the regions participating in the Clipper Race to exhibit at the festival in a unique art exhibition "Stopover" which will commence on July 2nd in the newly renovated Old Mill Building.

The culmination of the weekend on Sunday will be the Clipper Parade where the streets of Kinsale are going to be transformed into the mighty trade routes - from Asia to Europe - that the Clippers of old sailed along all that time ago.

On Thursday 17th June at 1615 local time (1915 GMT) *Cork, Ireland*, crossed the start line at Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club, Sydney, to begin the 2,075 mile race to Kinsale. The team, led by Hannah Jenner, had 48 hours to build the biggest possible lead before the fleet of nine Clipper 68s starts to hunt them down. For the first time in the Clipper Race's history this will be a pursuit race after the original Clipper 68 was lost when Cork hit a submerged reef in the Java Sea last January.

The Challenge 67 that the team is now sailing is slightly shorter and also heavier, so the fleet is racing under IRC handicap rules. For Race

12 that handicap is being applied up front, hence their departure from Cape Breton Island two days before the rest of the fleet.

Cork's crew almost immediately changed up from their yankee headsails to a mid-weight spinnaker to take full advantage of the ten knots of breeze. Irish crew member Kevin Austen shared his thoughts prior to the boat departing, saying, "This Atlantic crossing is a nice big carrot at the end of the stick and we are looking forward to pushing her hard and bringing her home. The concept of the pursuit race is really interesting; the next 48 hours will be pedal to the metal, keep her moving to get as much space between us and the pursuers. The weather gods have not been on our side in the last couple of races but we have already shown that we can be competitive. We are hoping to show that properly now and push fast and hard across the last great ocean crossing of this race."

The others are really looking forward to the moment the team makes landfall on the other side of the Atlantic, including County Kerry resident, Jacqui Browne.

"When I see Ireland for the first time, you will probably never see such a big smile, ever, on a person's face," she says. "I'll have the biggest grin I have ever worn! Even this morning, seeing the routing chart and seeing the straight line across the Atlantic, it makes home feel very close."

Before they slipped their mooring lines, the team was invited to a send-off reception at which Burton MacIntyre, a local step dance teacher who will be coming to the stopover in Kinsale and Cork with the Cape Breton Island delegation, put the crew through their paces. For many of the team arriving in Ireland will mark their return home after almost a year away and a quick brush up on their dancing skills in readiness for a huge party in Kinsale was deemed essential. Burton promised to be on the quay side to greet the team when they arrive after the final major ocean crossing of the Clipper 09-10 Race. He won't be alone - the Cork crew members already have big plans for celebrating their homecoming and supporters will be there in large numbers.

Kevin says, "My mother has a few plans for Cork but it's easier getting a line up for a music festival early on as it is to get the plans out of my Mum! I have heard talk of a big barbecue. They will all be in Kinsale; my friends - the two Tims, Luke and Neil and all of my mates will be down. They've rented a house in Kinsale and it should be a massive big party."

Jacqui will also have a sizeable group of supporters waiting to cheer her in as she arrives home. "It will be really emotional but for now it's excitement at the anticipation of seeing friends and family that I know will be waiting at the quayside and I'm really looking forward to seeing them and hearing them screaming and roaring out my name. I would expect at least 50 to 60 people that I know will be there - people from Cork and Kerry plus many of the Cork crew who have sailed on previous legs. It's going to be one big happy party." For more information on the festival programme, visit www.corkclipperfestival.com.

Kinsale Honours Sr. Mary Donovan SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RETIRES

'THANKS a million from a grateful town for serving us so well for so long and for working so hard and achieving so much', said Mayor of Kinsale Tomás O'Brien at a town council reception in Acton's Hotel on May 28th in honour of Sister of Mercy Mary Donovan who has retired after 25 years as principal of Kinsale Community School and prior to that Our Lady of the Rosary Secondary School.

There was a very large turnout of public representatives, teachers, staff, parents, students plus many friends and supporters of the school to pay tribute to Sr Mary, a native of Drimoleague.

'There isn't a minister, TD, senator or councillor for this area, past or present who doesn't know Sr Mary who continued to impress on all of them over many years, the need for a new school on a green field site. Following a hard fought campaign, Kinsale Vocational and the Convent secondary schools amalgamated and the new Kinsale Community School opened in 1996 and it wasn't long before the Sr Mary was to the fore in the next project, an extension which was granted after much lobbying and today Kinsale is in need of a further extension, such is its popularity.'

Reflecting on the school's many successes in academic achievement and in sports, music, drama art, design, debating, maths quizzes and most notably twice producing winners of the Young Scientist of the Year competition, the mayor said it continued to punch above its weight leaving many fee-paying schools in its wake. Sr Mary led a great team in creating one of the best community schools in the country and he and his fellow councillors were delighted to honour a lady who followed her religious vocation, achieved so much and brought knowledge to many.

The mayor presented to Sr Mary a specially commissioned photograph of the school by Nelius Buckley captioned 'The school that Sr Mary built' after which Nelius presented a portrait photograph of the retiring principal and thanked her for being so very supportive, approachable and understanding to him and his family since 1995.

Garda James O'Mahony said both he and Sr Mary came to Kinsale in 1984 and recalled how she broke the mould by inviting him as a Garda officer to talk to pupils at the former convent school. 'Sr Mary always had young people at the centre and put them first and when the annals of history of this town are recorded, her name will be prominent'. The juvenile liaison officer also spoke of how Sr Mary worked in a quiet way for many people, adding that she was honest, hard working, direct and straightforward.

Mr Charles Dolan on behalf of Eli Lilly, a long time benefactor of the school, paid tribute to Sr Mary for her leadership, passion and vision for the betterment of the students. 'You have left a tremendous legacy in Kinsale and the wider community', he added.

Mrs Eileen Murphy on behalf of the parents, thanked Sr Mary and wished her a happy retirement. Her association with her went back to the campaign she led with a group of parents of children attending the old convent school which had freezing conditions, a lack of space and a consequent limited range of subjects that could be taught. Sr. Mary left no stone unturned and overcame many hurdles to get a new school for Kinsale and today it had one that was the envy of many, she added.

On behalf of the teaching staff, Cllr Tony Cierans opened by saying of Sr Mary 'good leaders don't follow a path, they create their own' and in the course of a light hearted address said that during the 20 years he taught in Kinsale, Sr Mary was at the cutting edge of all activities and on a personal level spoke of the special

relationship between the Sisters of Mercy and the lay teaching staff.

'Kinsale Community School strives for academic excellence, student welfare, a balance between hard work and extra curricular activities and all under the watchful eye of Sr Mary. She has only one concern and that is the students. She is interested in each and every one of them.'

Cllr Cierans also spoke of her passion for best practice and said she expected the same in return. If she had something to say to you, she would say it straight out but if you needed a word of professional advice or an issue that needed resolving, she was also available to all. 'I don't live too far from the school and on most Saturdays or Sundays her car would be seen in the school car park. She is what is often called a grafter and there is no area in which she is unwilling to muck in.'

Saying it was a privilege to work with her, he went on: 'We admire your complete dedication. Thank you for creating from nothing the place that we call work. We share in your dream on a daily basis and it lived on a daily basis also by 746 children for whom the school is a safe and happy place to spend these vital years. You have built the school and you too are a rock of professionalism, integrity,

generosity and leadership. You will be a hard act to follow and we will miss you'.

Returning thanks, Sr Mary said she was overwhelmed by the messages of goodwill she had received and said it was a pleasure to work in such a happy atmosphere with the pupils, teachers and staff over the past 25 years and one that was based on the core value of respect with the children at the centre.

She also paid a glowing tribute to boards of management and parent bodies over the years, the latter of whom raised £100,000 towards the building of the new school and along with herself never gave politicians a minute's peace until it was delivered. The people of Kinsale had always been wonderful and so too were many business benefactors whom she listed while throughout her career the Sisters of Mercy were always been very supportive. All, she added, were companions on a journey which had been a pleasant and fulfilling experience. Sr. Mary concluded by thanking the Mayor and Kinsale TC for 'a night that will always be special to me' and the staff of Acton's Hotel and along with other speakers extended best wishes to incoming principal Sean O'Broin.



Pic. Nelius Buckley

Earlier that day the students and staff of Kinsale Community School assembled to say a big thank you, farewell and to wish the very best to Sr Mary. A number of staff spoke at the ceremony in the gym; Don O'Shea highlighted how Sr Mary, though not an avid user, was a huge proponent of technology in education; Marie Hayes spoke of how Sr Mary supported and facilitated the sporting life of the school;

Honor O'Brien reflected on how the pastoral care was at the heart of Sr Mary's concern for students; and finally Tony Cierans spoke not only of Sr Mary's love of roller-coasters and her cameo parts in the school shows but also of her huge support for the extra-curricular life of the school.

Fergal O'Brien, Jennifer Ryan, Tessa Kingston and Jeremiah Wright spoke eloquently and ably on behalf of the students about Sr Mary's contribution as a principal. The MC for the event was Seán O'Broin who summed up Sr Mary's philosophy of education as one which always placed at the centre the best interests of the students.

A presentation of photographs, a Kinsale crystal vase and flowers, was made on behalf of the students to Sr Mary. The ceremony ended as it had begun with sustained applause for the woman who has given so much to education in Kinsale.



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Spring Cleaning

Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre organised a Harbour Clean up around Kinsale's Marina which took place on April 21st last. This was the first Harbour clean up event set up by the Outdoor Education Centre. It was an effort for the local community to show some spirit.

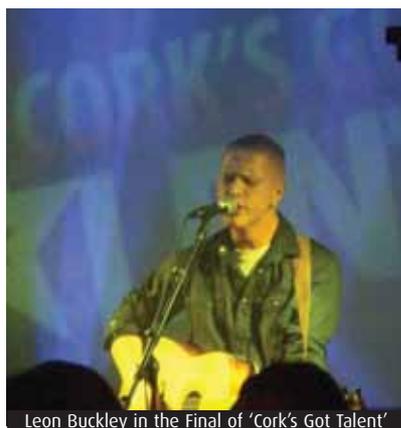
It was a great success with many people turning out to help. The volunteers collected ten wheel barrows and over twenty large bin bags. "I'm delighted to see such a strong community effort being made", commented Victor Fusco, Kinsale OEC.

Pictured are Gary and his trusty band of volunteers cleaning the harbour. Gary Buckley, Paul Davis, Laura May Keohane, Katy Mullins, Cliona Griffin, Christina Boyd.



Leon's Got Talent!

The Final of "Cork's Got Talent" in association with Red Fm took place in March in the Silver Springs Moran Hotel, Cork, - and Leon Buckley, son of Leo & Bernadette Buckley from Farrenbrien, Minane Bridge, came 2nd, winning €1,000.



Leon Buckley in the Final of 'Cork's Got Talent'

In the semi-final Leon performed 'The Piano Man' by the well known artist Billy Joel while accompanying himself on guitar. There was a huge group of supporters for Leon from Tracton and beyond at the event cheering him on to success.

Peace Activist & Author Richard Moore Visits Kinsale

Richard, invited to Kinsale by the Kinsale Peace Project, was struck in the face by a rubber bullet during the troubles in Derry as a ten year old child and as a result lost his eyesight. Rather than making him bitter, this experience led Richard to 'see life in a different way.' He is a humanitarian who works through his charity **Children in Crossfire** to eradicate childhood poverty. The Dalai Lama is patron of the charity and recently visited Richard in Northern Ireland. Richard recently appeared on the Late Late Show together with the soldier who shot him and used the occasion to promote peace and forgiveness. He has written a best selling book titled 'Can I Give Him My Eyes' about his life.



Both primary and secondary students in Kinsale, who were lucky enough to hear Richard, were moved by his talk and his humanity. The schools in Kinsale are very lucky to have people like Richard address them and this is thanks to the hard work of the Kinsale Peace Project.

Pdraig & Gerard of the Kinsale Peace Project would like to thank everyone for their help in making blind peacemaker Richard Moore so at home in Kinsale during his stay. Richard, Pdraig & Ger spoke to over 500 school children over the 2 days in what amounted to be very uplifting and moving to everyone.

The Kinsale Peace Project would paritcularly would like to thank:

- Fr. Micheal O'Neill and the Carmelite Friars, for the use of the Friary Centre for the evening talk on Monday 17th May.
- The Mayor Tomas O'Brien, for his speech and introduction.
- Canon David Williams and Fr. Michael, for their prayers for peace.
- The Kinsale Girl Guides and Kinsale Brownies and their leaders, for their lovely singing on the night.
- Eric Van der Kroon, of the Roasting House, for providing Fairtrade coffee & coffee machine on the night.
- The Frawley Family & Staff at the White House, for making his stay so comfortable.
- The Principal, Sister Mary, and Mr. Sean O'Broin, for the use of their hall so that over 8 primary schools could come and hear Richard's amazing story.
- Lisa Lee Fitzgerald and Liz Timmons, for their tremendous help over the two days.
- Martin Hurley of PhotoMe.ie for his photo service and website work.
- The teachers and principals/pupils of the following schools: Summercove NS, St. Johns NS, St. Josephs, St. Multose, Ballinspittle NS, Ballinadee NS, Dunderrow NS, Kinsale Community School 5th years/transition year and leaving certs students.



The visit of this extraordinary man will be with us for a long time
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Fáilte Sáile

'A fantastic facility' said Cllr Tomas O'Brien at the monthly meeting of Kinsale Town Council when referring to the Sáile – Kinsale Community Sports and Leisure complex nearing completion at Cappagh which he recently toured when he was mayor.

The first phase, he stated, was nearing completion and he recommended fellow councillors view the excellent facilities coming on stream and for the community to support fund raising efforts (e.g. Buy a Brick). He added that it was a great advertisement for the voluntary sector and local authorities working together.

Sáile – Kinsale Community Sports and Leisure Project is an initiative by the Kinsale Rural Development (KRD) Community Association Ltd. KRD is a voluntary non profit sporting body made up of a group of local activists committed to bettering the lives of residents of Kinsale and environs. Its primary focus is to provide Kinsale with a multi-use community, sports and recreation centre.

The centre is located on a 7.5 acre site and has been leased to the association by Cork County Council.

After many years of campaigning, work finally commenced in 2009 with Phase 1A – all-weather playing pitches, basketball courts, a kick about area and a community orchard. This will be followed by a community centre with a sports hall, dance studio, gym and multi-purpose meeting rooms will be built once funding has been secured. In the future, a 25 metre swimming pool may also be added, again subject to funding.

Volunteers and fundraising ideas are most welcome and bookings are being taken for hire of all-weather pitches. Bronwyn Connolly is project co-ordinator at 7, Pearse Street, Kinsale, Tel 021-4773929. Further information is available at www.sailesportsandleisure.ie



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MICHAEL FRAWLEY ELECTED NEW MAYOR OF KINSALE

A family tradition of service to the community continues with the election of Cllr Michael T. Frawley (Fianna Fail) at Mayor of Kinsale, 20 years after his father and namesake was elected first citizen. Cllr Cotter (FF) was also unanimously elected Deputy Mayor and glowing tributes were paid to outgoing Mayor Tomas O'Brien (Labour).

Cllr Frawley at 29, we're told, is Kinsale's youngest Mayor and is set to become the first to get married in office when on September 4, he ties the knot with Aggie Dudsik in Poland. Son of Michael and Rose Frawley and brother of Janet and Olivia Frawley of the award winning White House Restaurant and Bar (and nephew of Maureen Mortimer of The Lord Kingsale), he is also chairman of Kinsale Vintners and member of the Chamber of Tourism, Good Food Circle, Kinsale Rugby Club and other organisations and very active in the local community.

Cllr Frawley was proposed by Cllr Fred Treacy (Fine Gael) who said he came from a family which gave great service to the town. He would no doubt be kept on the straight and narrow by his father who was cathaoirleach of the then Kinsale UDC in 1989-90.

Seconding, Cllr Alan Clayton (Green) said Cllr Frawley had all the qualities to do the job coming from a business rooted in the town. He also spoke of the new mayor's active involvement with Kinsale Fairtrade and Transition Town. Cllr Frawley was then unanimously elected mayor.

Returning thanks, Cllr Frawley promised it would be a year of short speeches but he was very conscious of receiving the highest honour of first citizen and had a very hard act to follow in Cllr O'Brien. He looked forward to 'a challenging and exciting year' and hoped to see the resolution of the 'public toilets crisis', more overtime or an increase in council staff, a closer relationship between the council and community organisations and progress towards the proposed Kinsale Marine Park. He concluded by thanking residents and ratepayers for their patience during work in the town on the main drainage scheme.

The new mayor was congratulated by Cllr Lynch who said he was well known and liked and did a very good job as chairman of Kinsale Harbour Board while Cllr O'Brien said he was a very good deputy mayor. Cllr Cotter and other members added their congratulations and best wishes.

Cllr Cotter was unanimously elected deputy mayor on a proposal by Cllr Billy Lynch (FG), seconded by Cllr Noel Harrington (Sinn Féin). He was Mayor of Kinsale in 2004-05.

Cllr Treacy led the tributes to the outgoing mayor saying Cllr O'Brien served the town with great dignity and fairness and set a very high standard. Cllr Harrington said he did a great job and put in a huge amount of his personal time while Cllr Cotter said he was impeccable, adding that Kinsale was very proud of what he did. The manager Ms Mary Ryan concurred on behalf the staff and herself and spoke of the huge amount of hard work put in by Cllr O'Brien.

Cllr Lynch said Cllr O'Brien did an excellent job in what was the busiest year for a mayor while Cllr Tony Cierans (Labour) said he was role model for him as a new member and spoke of his great sense of justice, his patience, encouragement and enthusiasm.

Looking back on his year as Mayor, Cllr O'Brien said that Kinsale with a state of the art sewerage scheme and shortly, a new treatment plant, was the envy of many a town and he thanked county engineer Mr Noel O'Keefe, contractor Sorensen, traders and residents. Despite difficult times, the museum was about to re-open, as was 'The Old Granary' mill building for exhibitions etc while the additional new bus and car park as New Road was nearly complete. The council had launched a website and the town had a great events calendar as well as enjoying great publicity with the RTE programme 'Martin's Mad About Fish'. It was his wish that St. Patrick's Day parade could be revived in 2011 in conjunction perhaps with a Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Cllr O'Brien, who attended 131 functions plus meetings in his year as mayor, thanked his wife Aine and family, the manager for always being fair and straight, town clerk Ms Michelle Kelleher; Ms Claire O'Donovan, Ms Niamh Spillane and Ms Claire Levis in the council office; town foreman Mr Charles Henderson engineers Messrs Frank Morrison and Rob Andrews, area supervisor Mr Dan Cummins and Messrs Enda O'Halloran and Tom Kelly in the county council office; workmates at Eli Lilly, the media for its fair coverage and fellow councillors and added: 'Kinsale has a great story to tell'.

Later, Mr Michael Frawley senior 'killed the fatted calf' at the most appropriately named White House where a barbecue was held with members, officials, family and friends to celebrate the unanimous and popular election of the new Mayor of Kinsale.

ALTRUSA PRESENTATION



Pauline Byrne, James O'Connell and Philip French

Anyone for Tea... 'n Turps?

Following on from the book, Tea 'n Turps, an exhibition organised by Lynda Cookson (Author and Artist) and Philip French (Artist) took place in March in Gallery 23, Chairman's Lane.

"Tea 'n Turps" takes a humorous look at the lives and work of 12 well-established artists living and working in Ireland. The book is sub-titled "Taking Tea with Artists" and show-cases Lynda's ability to draw the anecdotes and human interest stories from these sometimes eccentric folk. It features the artists as human beings before looking at their philosophies, influences and techniques."

Four of the artists featured in the book are from Cork. They are: Philip French, Monica Jones, Claudio Viscardi and Eileen Healey.



Monica Jones, Lynda Cookson and Kate French

The Altrusa Annual Christmas Fayre for 2009 raised €4,000 which has been divided between Kinsale Community Hospital, Sáile Sports and Leisure Project and Kinsale Meals on Wheels.

The success of the Fayre is due to the generosity and support of the people of Kinsale, and the K i n s a l e Businesses who donate Raffle Prizes.

At the presentation at Kinsale Yacht Club, the Club President Cora Roche stated that the members of Altrusa have an ongoing commitment to Kinsale Community Hospital and feel that is an awarding Community Service Project.

The Sáile Sports and Leisure Project when completed will be of benefit to the entire Community of Kinsale and the surrounding areas, and Altrusa are very pleased to support this Project.



The Meals on Wheels is a wonderful service for the Older Members of Kinsale Community, and for those who have been in Hospital for some time. The Meals are delivered by volunteers who provide a good means of contact for people who live alone.



In attendance were Paula Stubbs, Acting Matron, Kinsale Community Hospital, Professor Gerry Wrixon, Sáile Sports & Leisure Project and Pat Greaves, Kinsale Meals on

Wheels.

Altrusa Members: Cora Roche, Sylvia O'Farrell, Eileen O'Brien, Cathy Kelly, Fran McCarthy, Marcia Wrixon, Majorie Whitaker, Eileen O'Leary.

Little Fighters' Fund

Niamh, Denis, Tom and Joe O'Connell would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who supported their Coffee Morning in Fort View in March. A fantastic total of €1720.70 was raised for the Little Fighters' Fund, for brave little twins Hassan and Hussein Benhaffaf who underwent surgery in April.

Thank You!



Kinsale Ladybirds and Girl Guides recently presented a cheque to former chairperson of Lions Club, P.J. Power. The cheque for €1230 was the proceeds of a Coffee Morning and Table Quiz run by Kinsale Ladybirds and Girl Guides. The money was for the Kinsale Lions Club fund for sending sick children from Cork hospitals, and their carers, for a break to Disneyland Paris.

Cork Cup

In what turned out to be an outstanding weekend for Kinsale Soccer Club, the Kinsale Under 8's completed another fantastic season by winning the Cork Cup. The Cork Cup is an annual blitz tournament involving six matches over two days. It attracts the best teams from Cork City and County as well as some of the top teams from Dublin.

This very talented group of young Kinsale lads entered the tournament full of confidence, having lost only one match in the last two seasons. The team's motto is "attitude, teamwork and passing" and they showed these qualities in abundance over the two day tournament.

After a slow start against a Lakewood team they had beaten twice in the league this season, the team played better and better as the tournament went on. They ended Day One with excellent performances against Temple United and Kilreen Celtic. They continued this form into Day Two and finished the group stages with an outstanding display against Ringmahon Rangers.

They faced a very strong Lakewood A in the semi-final but Kinsale played excellent football and finished as comfortable 2-0 winners. The final against the other Lakewood B team was very exciting but Kinsale's hard work, speed and passing earned them a thrilling 1-0 victory.

Congratulations to all the lads and the coaching team of Robin Renwick, Denis O'Connell, Ian Carter and John Power. The victorious team is pictured: back row left to right: John Downey, Tom O'Connell, Conor McCarthy, Harry Sheehan, Jack Etty, Luke Desmond, Sean Rua O'Donoghue, Brian O'Neill, Conor Power, Ryan Arkison, Harry McCarthy, John O'Brien and Ryan O'Donoghue.



Terry Santry Retires from Kinsale Community School

Terry Santry greatly enriched our lives when he joined the staff of Kinsale Vocational School in September 1980. He endeared himself to one and all with his good humour, his great jokes, his honesty and sincerity. No task was too great for Terry. Staff and students admired and cared about him. One and all were appreciative of Terry and the wonderful gifts he brought with him.

In 1996 Terry proved change may be a wonderful challenge to expand one's horizons when the vocational and convent schools amalgamated to form Kinsale Community School, which has grown and flourished in the past fourteen years. Terry rose to the challenge of change admirably and continued to impress both familiar and new colleagues with his constant good humour and wonderful work ethic. He bonded brilliantly with the students who on a regular basis chatted with him during their school breaks.

We wish Terry, his wife Mary and his family many years of happiness and the best of health. We hope he enjoys to the full his well earned retirement and that he will spare a thought for those of us who will miss his presence so very much. We also hope that he will enjoy his boating and fishing pursuits. Terry, go néiri an bóthar leat, and may all your dreams come true.

- Mary Lynch



S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile Ag Obair le Chéile - D'ár Phobail

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and staff of S.N. Chóbh Chionn tSáile who participated in the National Spring Clean in conjunction with An Taisce recently. The team of over 50 enthusiastic volunteers embarked on a 'Clean Up' afternoon along the Scilly Walk.

The school is currently working on the Green Schools Project. Green Schools is the Irish branch of an International Environmental Education Programme that aims to acknowledge and encourage whole school action for the environment.

Summercove N.S. has a Green School Committee composed of pupil, parent and staff representatives, which has organised many activities within the school relating to litter and waste management. Ní Neart go cur le Chéile!

MACRA NATIONAL TAG RUGBY FINAL IN KINSALE

After the very successful re-launch last summer of Kinsale Macra na Feirme and fantastic first 12 months of craic and adventure, it is a great honour that Kinsale has been chosen as the venue for the inaugural Macra na Feirme National Tag Rugby final on Saturday July 17th at the Kinsale Rugby Club, kicking off at 11am. This event is being hosted by the Seandún Region of which the Kinsale Club is a member.

The participating teams had to qualify in hotly contested County and Regional finals so the honour of the County, not to mention the club, is at stake!! With over 20 teams from around the country and their dedicated supporters, there is no doubt it is going to be lively!!

There will be a BBQ on the day and plenty of entertainment to carry all from the day to night (to morning)! All are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Admission is free.

For further information please check out the Seandun Macra Facebook, or contact Paul 086 1673527 or Anne 086 3953573.



MONICA RETIRES



A very special occasion took place on Sunday June 13th when Monica Hogan, who is a well known and loved local childminder, was treated to a surprise party to celebrate her retirement from the childcare sector.

For 10 years Monica cared for and cherished dozens of children and the children she has minded have a very special relationship with her and she with them. Recently, Monica decided to finish childcare and concentrate on studying, so the Mums and Dads of all of those children came together to give her a special farewell party. The photo shows the entire group of children she has minded over the 10 year period.

Actons Hotel was the venue for the event and the children and their parents presented her with a photographic memento of each of the children and a beautiful poem that was written by Mary, mother of little Ryan, who did much of the organisation for the party also.



Talented Monica is also well known for her magnificent novelty cakes and of course everyone was treated to a slice or two on the day. Monica will be remembered as one of the very best childcare experts in Kinsale and every child who has gone through her kind hands has benefited immensely from her wisdom and caring nature. We wish Monica the very best with her studies!

THE 66th BELGOOLY SHOW ...ANOTHER BLOOMING GOOD YEAR



We didn't think we could improve on last year ...but we did!

Apprehension about the weather forecast led to a lot of nervous stewards leading up to the show but thankfully our fears were unfounded as the day dawned bright and sunny for the 66th Belgooly Show held on Saturday 5th June at Ballindenisk, Belgooly, courtesy of Thomas & Laura Kiely.

The domestic tent, under the guidance of Nicola Desmond and Angela Foley, attracted great interest and brought in over 950 entries. Belgooly celebrated another great achievement earlier in the year when Eileen O'Brien won Irish Floral Arranger of the Year. Show Chairman, John Stanley presented Eileen with a framed picture of Belgooly Distillery and congratulated her on her fantastic achievement. Eileen will now go forward to represent Ireland in the World Floral Arranging Competitions in Boston next year.

At the ever increasingly popular Dog Show with over 130 entries, under the guidance of Secretary John Bateman, assisted by Mary O'Brien, the Best in Show was won by Larry O'Sullivan from Clonakilty. Zoe Dwyer from Belgooly was appropriately chosen as Bonny Baby of the show while Lily Coleman, Belgooly, was awarded Most Suitably Dressed Lady of the Show, Lily is pictured left with Nicola Desmond.

Congratulations to all our prize winners and many thanks for your continued support towards our show. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

The ladies committee were again kept extremely

busy in the catering tent. All the new helpers worked hard to keep stewards, judges and visitors well fed.

With such a warm day, the beer tent provided by Tom & Kathleen Keogh of the Huntsman, Belgooly was much appreciated, as was the music provided by "Casino Culture".

The free attractions, compliments of Belgooly Show, included a balloon maker and face painter on hand for the kids and a pet farm created great interest for adults and children alike. The Shetland mare and young foal brought along by Martin Cooney from Ballyfeard also created great interest. A huge variety of outdoor and indoor stalls, trade stands and vintage machinery added to the marvellous atmosphere and community spirit at the show.

The Irish Pony Club's Mounted Games provided great entertainment and strong competition.

The Chairman John Stanley thanked all the Sponsors and Subscribers to the Show who have stood by us despite the challenging economic climate. He also thanked the many judges who give freely of their time and skills.

Show Secretary Eileen Ahern expressed her sincere thanks to all the stewards and helpers for their hard work not only on show day but on the days and weeks running up to the show. We had a lot of new helpers this year which helped ensure the smooth running of the day. The show has grown so much in the last number of years and although it is chiefly an agricultural show, it has grown into a real community event which was very evident this year with the large local attendance.



Pictured above are Eileen S. Kelleher, Sheila Coleman and Rita Dwyer, founding members of Ballymartle ICA which was established in 1952. Ballymartle ICA recently won the All Ireland Set Dancing competition.

Kinsale TC seeks extension

Having previously been rejected by Cork County Council, Kinsale Town Council is to go direct to Minister for Local Government Mr John Gormley TD requesting an extension to its boundary.

Speaking at the May meeting of the council, Cllr Dermot Collins - who previously proposed an extension - referred to the map showing the proposed enlarged area and pointed out that if granted, would have little impact on the revenue of the county council since it contained few industries from which rates are collected. He also made the point that it was the attractiveness of Kinsale town that encouraged Eli Lilly to set up its pharmaceutical plant at Dunderrow which is a major rate payer to the county council.

One of the oldest towns in Ireland, Kinsale has one of the smallest local authority areas. A significant number of houses and businesses are under the jurisdiction of County Hall although some households in that area can vote in town council elections.

NATURAL GAS FOR KINSALE?

Kinsale is a town in a dilemma. Just as work is about to be completed on the main phase of the sewerage scheme, involving disruptive but necessary excavations of its streets and traffic diversions, comes the offer of natural gas for its residents and businesses.

Reaction at the May meeting of Kinsale Town Council ranged from predicted uproar to an offer that's difficult to refuse.

Last month, Gaslink, the independent operator of Ireland's natural gas network, announced its intention to extend the natural gas network to Kinsale and Innishannon as well as an additional two towns in counties Tipperary and Meath, at a capital cost of around €15 million. Timing and roll-out to the four towns would be on a phased basis and be dependent on demand, interest and industrial / commercial development in each town.

"This is good news for the four towns and

Gaslink will work with local authorities, businesses and developers in each town to ensure that natural gas flows to these towns as soon as economically viable," said Aidan O'Sullivan, General Manager, Gaslink.

At the monthly meeting of the Cllr Michael Frawley recalled that his father and namesake, along with Mayor Tomas O'Brien and others called for Kinsale natural gas for Kinsale several years ago but the request was turned down by Bord Gais yet now it could happen. Cllr Darren Cotter concurred, recalling the first proposal was going to serve Eli Lilly, Dunderrow but not the town.

This was confirmed by Cllr Dermot Collins who recalled a request back in 1999 but he feared there would be uproar if the people were asked to have the streets dug up all over again. Members were informed that all utility companies were written to asked if they had any plans in advance of work commencing on Kinsale Sewerage Scheme and area engineer Mr. Frank Morrisson was told by Bord Gais it wasn't interested in laying a network in the town. The recent announcement by Gaslink

therefore came as a shock because Kinsale TC had done its bit to ensure the town wasn't going to be dug up all over again.

Cllr Frawley however said that while it was annoying that the request came at this stage, there were many businesses in Kinsale with gas tanks which would prefer to have a piped supply. He believed that there was interest and warned against merely dismissing the offer from Gaslink.

Cllr O'Brien said that if the the council approved digging up its streets so soon again, they might as well leave town because the past two years, along with the recession, had been very tough on businesses. He voiced dismay that the council hadn't been contacted by Bord Gais all along. Cllr Noel Harrington concurred adding that eight businesses in Kinsale had closed in recent times.

* Bord Gais made a presentation to Kinsale Chamber of Tourism members in the Trident Hotel on June 23rd last on the proposed pipeline to Kinsale. We will have more details in our next issue of the Newsletter.

PEST BIRDS TO GET SILENT TREATMENT!

Although it hasn't reached Hitchcock proportions as featured in the classic movie 'The Birds', Kinsale Council is to hire falcons to give pest birds the silent treatment and get them out of town!

Town councillor Darren Cotter had complained about the proliferation of pigeons and their droppings at various parts of the town and especially in the Town Park area and it was agreed to have the matter investigated.

Acting town clerk Ms. Michelle Kelleher at the May meeting of Kinsale TC reported that a survey of the town had been conducted. Ravenstone Bird Control Services has submitted its findings and recommended that a silent but visual bird control programme should be implemented so as not to cause disturbance to traders and residents.

Falconers will patrol the town centre with tethered Harris Hawks and falcons to ward off pest birds. Inflatable bird repellents will also be used at the museum building to frighten away pest birds. I will not notify councillors when the control services is due to visit'.



Town Responds to Mayor's Call

There was a huge turnout recently to an appeal by the local Mayor, Mr. Tomas O' Brien to take part in a clean-up of the approach roads to the town.

Over seventy people from a number of organisations in the town joined the initiative, including Kinsale Rugby Club, Kinsale Lions Club, Kinsale Chamber of Tourism, local Gardai and a large number of residents in the town.

The local Tidy Town's Committee, who have ploughed a lonely furrow for a number of years, were thrilled with the turnout.

Speaking after the event, Mr. O' Brien said: "I am absolutely thrilled with the response from the community and hopefully we can build on it." In response to the Carrighoun newspaper making the Mayor aware that there is only two litter wardens to police the entire county, the Mayor promised to pursue the matter.

JJ Hurley

A Letter from Americans...

- 31 December 2009

Thanks Kinsale Town for four great years of memories that we will treasure forever. Thank you for wishing us a safe journey; this is an American wake of a sort but with the promise of a return.

It is with a heavy heart I try to put thoughts to paper, this has been on magical journey for our family. We are sad to have to go but very excited to the new challenges that will come our way. All of us are better people because of you, the people of Kinsale. The Spellmans of Kinsale thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

I was once told you only get one chance to make a first impression. Four years ago tonight this little family from Drexel Hill just outside Philadelphia arrived in Kinsale only to be greeted by your statesman Jim Good, a very kind and helpful man who got this story started. Simply said Thanks Jim, we'll miss that warm smile and kind help you always offered.

How do you put to word what the people of Kinsale really meant to the Spellmans? I believe that a note can only touch the tip of a subject that is bigger than the Universe. You Kinsale became the Town that we loved so well.

Why does it take a minute to say hello and forever to say goodbye? How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. I was lucky enough to have worked with the fine people of Sonas Special Needs School in Carrigaline. Miriam and her staff are an inspiration to all they serve and I am grateful for our time together. They are doing God's work and make a difference in someone's life everyday. What an impact!

To all the Lads and Ladies @ Old Head Golf Links I now know I have enough material to write that book about golf. I raise a glass to toast John and Pat O'Connor for developing the course into the world's best. May the road

rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

A friend told me before we departed to Ireland that it would take 6 hours tops to find a friend for life here in Kinsale. Well ladies and gentleman, Anthony Collins was that man and we are all proud to call him friend.



- The Spellman Family with US Ambassador Dan Rooney (2nd from left)

We have worked tirelessly on many projects, White Lady Cup golf society, Red Cross dances, winning the 2008 Stone of Accord and the one that we are most proud is the White Lady Fashion show. Lads, you have a great committee. I loved working with you and believe you have a winner please keep it going with or without me.

Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes I am afraid it is time for goodbye again. Thanks to Colm and Frances Dalton for being more than friends, they made us family. I will miss our local pub with all its craic and cast of characters. A toast to all the nicknames I was know by: Uncle Buck, Paddy the Caddy, Paddy Plywood and my favourite, Pat in the Big Blue House.

I took on a challenge that Aine O'Brien and Deirdre McCallum presented to me. A chance to star in a Billy Crosbie Production, An Old Fashion Christmas in Kinsale. I was type casted as THE YANK but did not mind. This was

my most enjoyable theatre production I was ever a part of. My singing career awaits and I would like to thank all the cast for the memories. It was a pleasure to help the Lion Club of Kinsale.

K is for kindness all thru the town

I is for imagination that never lets you down

N is for nackered (USA) the way we will feel tomorrow

S is for soul warm to the core

A is for arts week which is never a bore

L is for loving as we find all of you

E is for exceptional in everything that is Kinsale

Oh the places my family have been to since coming to Ireland: ALL 32 COUNTIES OF IRELAND. Historical sights like Newgrange being the most moving. Old Head most visual and the BLUE HOUSE for making it a home. Some of the great cities of Europe that the Spellman's explored were Prague, Barcelona, Paris, Madrid, Rome, Manchester, Berlin, Glasgow, Turnberry Burkdale. Belfast & London all on Plane, Trains, Autos & Ferries

To my children Maura and Neve, you are my inspiration, love and my world. May this opportunity burn a lasting memory in your soul. Your mum and I have given you this gift called Ireland. Love this country it is our first true home. Patricia Ann Morrissey, I love you with all my heart. It not often a man gets to recognise his wife of twenty years and give her her Dew, that Tullamore Dew.

Trish my lovely wife without you none of this could have happened, well maybe if you married someone else this would never have happened. I believe that you get a chance like this once and we Trish and Pat Spellman made a decision of a lifetime to come to your wonderful town. To alter a family history forever, to return to the land of Trish's parents Patrick Dominick Morrissey, Dublin, and Mary Theresa McDonagh, Barnacahogue, Mayo, and my grandparents, Kathleen Duffy, Hollymount, Mayo and Denis O'Leary, Schull, Co. Cork, only to pick by far the best town in Europe. KINSALE to feel the love, friendship and sense of family that you have given The Spellman family will stay forever more.

Thank you one and all until we meet again may God hold you in His hands and a special thanks to all the lovely people of St Joseph's NS and Susan O'Hanrahan.

Love Trish, Patrick, Maura & Neve
Please stay in touch email spellj@gmail.com

National Tree Week

Kinsale Lions Club participated recently in National Tree Week, in cooperation with West Cork Development Partnership. Native Irish tree saplings were provided by Coillte, Cork County Council, Hosfords Garden Centre and others for plantings to take place in West Cork. The saplings were planted at Eltins Wood to enhance the existing tree landscaping there. The Lions Club has previously planted trees at St. Johns School, and at Kinsale Golf Club when their Farrangalway course was being developed.

The pupils of Scoil Mhuire na nGrast, Belgooly who had a non-uniform day and raised over €2800 for the people of Haiti.



TRANSITION TIMES

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

Working today for a sustainable tomorrow

SOW AND GROW EVENT

In spite of exceptional cold weather this spring, sowing and growing enthusiasts demonstrated a wide range of skills and techniques at this event in the Temperance Hall on March 20th.

Workshops given on seed sowing by Dan Benn (Star Organics), composting by Stella Blad-Stahl and raised beds by Daniel Krakauer were keenly attended by novice and experienced growers. Seed saving and swapping is being revived to preserve heritage seeds, increase biodiversity and availability of seeds. Karen Keller Murphy, Liz Creed and Irene Ryle were kept busy with many queries and exchanges on this topic.

Young seedlings and plants were available from Star Organics so Dan Benn was there to dispense advice and information to all who purchased.



Ringrone Allotments have hugely increased their numbers this year so nearly all plots are allocated. Conversations between allotmenters include growing techniques, seed and vegetable varieties, polytunnels, cloches and mulching.

Education for Sustainability, TTK's schools programme, was presented by Jeannie showing the wonderful work by the team who teach in the local primary and secondary schools. There were photos of the children proudly sowing their vegetable growing beds. Seeds were sown by children and taken home to be nurtured and cared for during the coming months.

Community Supported Agriculture was represented by Aimi and Becca of Kinsale Green Growers box scheme. They are growing an extensive range of organic vegetables and fruit which will be supplied every week at competitive prices. Information was available on Derry Desmond's oat growing and Colm O'Regan's potatoes as CSA projects.

Preserves of exotic flavours by Deirdre Birmingham could be sampled and a fine selection of books from the Kinsale Bookshop was available for purchase.



TREE PLANTING 2010

The Orchards estate in Kinsale may once again live up to its name after our fruit tree-planting initiative on Sunday 7th March. With the aid of TTK volunteers and a good turnout of local residents, 20 fruit-bearing trees were planted around the estate.

The aim of the initiative, launched during National Tree Week, is to encourage the use of edible trees in landscaping so that food growing becomes an integral part of the community. Younger participants showed great enthusiasm for the digging of holes and wishes were made as the trees were planted. The trees planted included cobnut, hazelnut and different varieties of plums, apples and pears.

-Fiona Smith

COMMUNITY GARDEN AWARDS

TTK has invited local community groups and organizations to get growing their own food this year by signing up for the community garden award scheme 2010. Community gardens are a great way to enable the growing of healthy, organic and local food as well as strengthening community ties through cooperation and skills sharing. This is particularly important in the current climate where our food travels vast distances, consuming huge amounts of fossil fuels. TTK works to encourage positive action in order to create a more sustainable future for the community. One easy way we can all contribute to this is to get involved in community gardening.

Last year's inaugural awards saw St. Multose School take the prize for the best garden, whilst Haven Bay Care Centre were rewarded for their hard work with the 'new community garden' award. This year the stakes have risen with gardens old and new applying to enter the award scheme. The applicants include various national schools, the community hospital and the county council offices in Kinsale. The best of luck to all involved.

It was such a success and so enjoyable, that we agreed we should get together at least twice a year to keep the process going and to offer each other support and advice.



TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

Education for Sustainability (EFS) received a grant this year from West Cork Development Partnership under their LEADER programme to fund part of a year-long programme for Transition Year students at Kinsale Community School. Tara de las Casas and Virginia Stearns, who have been teaching sustainability and food growing skills at Kinsale's primary schools, are running the course which includes a combination of classroom activities, hands-on experience, discussion and films.

The students have put in some raised mulched beds for growing herbs and vegetables, planted some fruit trees art and participated as volunteers in TTK's annual Spring Fair.

The students, who are part of Transition Year's Green Team, also participated in a Community Powerdown Toolkit course, exploring community solutions to peak oil and climate change.

By the end of the programme, the students will understand the key climate and energy issues and have some of the skills needed to implement sustainable solutions to the challenges we face in the coming years.

TTK are very grateful to West Cork Development Partnership for their support for this endeavour which is part of its vision for Kinsale as a thriving and sustainable community.



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SPRING FAIR

Plant swaps, workshops, food stalls, Temperance Hall, it was all happening again this year at our annual awareness, fun and fundraiser that is the Spring Fair. You could eat a sumptuous lunch all made using local and wild food which included sea beet quiche and wild garlic pesto; you could get your carbon footprint measured to check your personal contribution to climate change; you could churn your own butter, pedal-power your own smoothie or sell your excess clutter at the car boot sale.

Mayor Tomas O'Brien officially launched the event in the Methodist Church and following his speech we were treated to the premier of two short films, 'Future Kids', both shot in Kinsale about sustainable food and transport. Made by Zucca Films, 'Food' starred local kids Aidan and Caoimhe Lynch, and Aimi Pinder and Guillaume Lequin. 'Transport' featured Saoirse, Olan, Donagh, Callum and Rory Griffen, Mia Hynes-Morrison, Greg Morrison and Sharon Hutchinson. They were brilliantly entertaining while getting the message across clearly about sustainable food and transport.

The day was rounded off with the Springamagig, an evening of local musical and comedic entertainment in the newly renovated college amphitheatre. Hosted by the irrepressible Fintan Lynch, there was more local talent that you can shake a stick at. Raffle prizes were distributed between acts, and if you felt peckish you could get some hot pizza and chai at the outdoor kitchen. The final act was the Kinsale Can Sing group who almost removed the new roof with their beautiful vocal harmonies. The evening concluded with a fire show accompanied by Kinsale Community Drummers, and the crowds went home with a warm glow inside.

'GO WILD' NATURE WALK

On Saturday 22nd May we had our first "Go Wild" walk of the year on one of those lovely summer days that makes you yearn to be immersed in nature. We set off from the Dock Pub, and our amicable and knowledgeable host Michael Murphy, chattily told us about the many species we found around us. Our walk took us on to the battlements of St. James' Fort and onward towards the

Dock Beach which was absolutely packed with sun worshippers. This is such an enjoyable way to get to know people from your community whilst having fun and learning too. Throughout the summer Transition Town Kinsale will look forward to bringing you more wild events. Nikki Darrel, Herbalist, will join us in July, and other delightful events are planned too so watch out for posters and the press for the dates which have yet to be confirmed.

Jeannie Timony



LOTIONS AND POTIONS

On Wednesday 26th of May, the Carmelite Friary space was the venue for TTK's Lotions and Potions event to enable us to learn how to make our own home made chemical free creams and other goodies.

Our hosts Mary and Gabi were fun, informative and creative as they showed us how to make our own chemical free creams using beautifully scented essential oils, avocado oil and beeswax among other ingredients.

Palm oil is an ingredient in many everyday items such as margarine, chocolate, chips and toiletries and to satisfy this demand, large areas of rainforest are cut down, or peatlands burned to make way for palm plantations. This leads to a loss of biodiversity and increase of CO2 emissions. Many toiletries are also laden with chemicals so the environmental benefits are obvious. It is also very empowering to make

your own creams with their delightful natural scents and gorgeous oils such as neroli or jasmine as an alternative to strong artificially scented creams.

Jeannie Timony

Transition Town Kinsale is a voluntary initiative exploring community solutions to peak oil and climate change. We are 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

Barry woman seeks Kinsale family links

Kinsale Newsletter has received an enquiry from Jo Ridgwell, a native of Barry in South Wales but living in Essex, who is seeking family connections in Kinsale and Cork.

There are many family and maritime connections between Barry and Kinsale. A friendship pact was signed between the Barry branch of the Merchant Navy Association and Kinsale Harbour Commissioners in 1999 and between the respective town councils in 2009 and several Barry folk travel over to Sea Sunday every May including members of the Greenway family who have relatives in both ports.

Jo Ridgwell writes: "I am trying to find any family in Barry and I have very limited information. All I know is that my great aunt Mary Kate (Stapleton) moved from Kinsale to Barry some years ago, married a man by the name of O'Connell - not sure if they were married in Ireland or Wales - and they had several sons and I believe, one daughter. Two of the boys were Paddy, born 1942 and Johnny born 1938, but I am not sure of the others names. The daughter was Nan.

"I do remember visiting the family in Barry in the 1960s or 1970s but I cannot remember or find out the address now, but after looking at a map, College Road seems to be familiar. I am hoping that someone in the area may remember them or maybe the sons or perhaps their families may live in the area. I do have a photo of Paddy and Johnny from 1942," adds Jo who can be contacted at 4 Prykes Drive, Chelmsford, Essex, England CM1 1TP, or by e mail at jo.ridgwell1@binternet.com

Kinsale Lions Club

made presentations of significant cheques to caring charities involved with children, adolescents and the elderly in February.

John Looney was recipient for the CUH Childrens Club which every year takes a group of about forty children, and their carers, to Disneyland Paris. The children suffer various serious illnesses and disabilities. This trip has become their ray of hope in a world which has none of the health and freedoms enjoyed by most children.

The Matt Talbot Adolescent Services is an organisation with a drop-in day centre in Douglas Cork for those in the 14 to 23 years age group who present with problems associated with alcohol or drug abuse. They also provide residential care for a number of boys in a safe environment near Clonakilty. Though funded by a number of state agencies, their grants are never enough to meet the

increasing demands on their services. Finbarr Cotter is Chairman of the board of directors, and he spoke with conviction about their project.

Treasurer of the Kinsale Day Care Centre is Dr. Tom O'Leary. He acknowledged the ongoing assistance of the Kinsale Lions in helping to fund the Centre which it is hoped will open later this year. Constructed on the grounds of the Kinsale Community Hospital, it will provide vital support to elderly people in the Kinsale district who are managing to live at home but need a little help. There will be excellent dining facilities, rest area, chiropody clinic and hairdressing services available, while the social contact between fellow visitors and staff will be of great value to the clients.

Kinsale Lions President Tony Cierans briefly mentioned the contribution of Lions Clubs



Pictured (from left) are: Dr. Tom O'Leary, Lions President Tony Cierans, John Looney and Finbarr Cotter.

around the world to their local communities, just as was happening now in Kinsale. He referred to the untimely deaths of fellow Lions in the Haiti earthquake, and to the quick response of Lions Club International. and Kinsale Lions Club, in donating funds for relief of suffering.

CSI: Kinsale

Students in Kinsale Community School

Whilst every student, parent and teacher knows that school can be murder some times, this metaphor was given a practical application

were given the chance to play roles associated with the CSI television series when they were challenged to solve a 'murder' using forensic science. 'A Case of Identity' is an exciting and interactive educational experience where observation and deductive reasoning combine with the science that students are learning in the laboratory to solve crimes in the real world. In a practical and fun way (if murder can ever be such a thing!) the students learned how forensic evidence is gathered, how it is analysed and how the results of these analyses are compiled to provide a detailed picture of the events leading up to a crime and of the criminal even when eye witness accounts are not available.

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



Kinsale Lions Club Hope For Haiti Table Quiz In Actons Hotel Thursday 11th February, Raised €3,200.

To no one's surprise, the winning team included knowledge powerhouse Seán Hurley, ably supported by Noel Coffey, Niall Twamley and Mossie Crowe. Sincere thanks to all who attended and supported including new local business Avego Ltd., Kinsale Good Food Circle, other local businesses and Lions members.



Bubbles & Bags

On a beautiful sunny Sunday in May, Daltons Bar was the venue for a fun and fabulous fundraiser for the Breast Care Centre in CUH.

The Mayor of Kinsale, Tomás O'Brien, launched the event which was attended by many glamorous Kinsale ladies who gathered to enjoy some bubbly and a delicious lunch provided by Colm and Frances Dalton.

The fantastic top prize of a week in Tenerife, complements of Magic Vacations, was won by Sheelagh Looney, Riverstick. Members of the Frawley family won 2 handbags while Carmel Buckley won a third, all kindly sponsored by Footloose Kinsale. The wonderful total of €1555.60 was raised on the day, these funds have been presented to the Breast Care Centre in CUH. Thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way.

Top: Cllr O'Brien is pictured above with Frances Dalton and Maureen Buckley.

Below: Mrs Mary Dalton and Ann Hegarty.

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James Tobin, Belgooly, and Adrienne Murphy, Glasheen Road, Cork on their wedding day.
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Players from the U16 ladies football team who were Runners Up in the West Cork Shield, pictured at the Kinsale Under Age GAA medal presentation night in Actons Hotel (Pic Howard Crowdy)



Therese O'Leary, Belgooly, and Declan Dineen, Riverstick on their wedding day.
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Jane Gimblett, Catholic Walk, Kinsale, and Trevor Parr, Kilkenny, who were married in Kinsale on August 7th 2009. Also pictured are Fr. Myles McSweeney and Rev. Canon Tom Sherlock.
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Kinsale U16 team who beat Courcey Rovers in Innishannon in May in the South East League final. The score was 2-14 to 1-5. Michael Cronin the captain, accepted the plaque on behalf of the team.

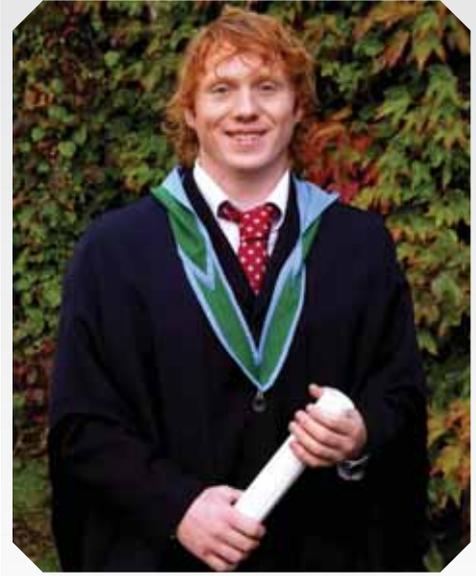


AIB iPod Competition Prize Winners pictured with John Bateman

KINSALE



Twin Sisters Libby (Lt) & Emily (Rt) pictured on their Christening Day on 2nd January, daughters of John & Valerie O'Donovan, Preghane, Kinsale.



Eddie Farren, Rose Abbey Park, Kinsale who was conferred with a First Class Honours Degree in Ecology from UCC last September. Congratulations to Eddie who is a past pupil of Kinsale Community School.



Pictured with Anne O'Mahony, Retail Manager AIB Kinsale is Jack Cremin, Winner of the Nintendo competition, held last December



Pictured at the presentation of cheques by the Kinsale Lions Club in the Trident Hotel were Tomas O'Brien, Mayor Kinsale; Tony Cierans, President Kinsale Lions; Sean O'Broin, Kinsale Community School; Canon David Williams, Gift Houses; Mary Evans, Meals on Wheels and Tom O'Reilly of Youth Development and Teenage Services with Nodlag O'Connell, Lourdes Pilgrimage Group; May O'Leary, Christian Life and Marie O'Sullivan, St Vincent de Paul (pic Howard Crowdy)



Kinsale U 10 girls who took part in the football blitz in Brinny. They played teams from Valley Rovers, Rosscarbery and Clonakilty. All the girls played really well and they all received medals. Future Cork stars no doubt!



A Kinsale GAA U10 selection who played half-time at the Cork V Dublin NFL match at Parc Ui Rinn. L-R, Back: D Hanrahan, Harry Sheehan, Cian McCarthy, John O'Brien, Patrick Gowran, Soren Minihane. Front: John Downey, Conor McCarthy, Brian O'Neill, Cian O'Sullivan.

KINSALE & DOCK ROWING CLUB

Kinsale Dock and Rowing Club is looking for new members of all ages (male and female), we are especially looking for under 12s (10 upwards) and under 14s but we would welcome membership from all age groups. Training is at the slipway in front of the Dock Bar in Castlepark at 6.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Coastal rowing is great sport and offers one the opportunity to get out on the river Bandon which might not otherwise arise. We attend regattas all around Cork Harbour and this this year county finals and All Ireland's will also be held in Cork Harbour later in the summer. Membership is just €30 for under 16's, €60 for adults and family membership is €100 and by mid August you could a local, county and National rowing champion.

The first regatta of the season was held under glorious but very hot conditions with temperatures in the mid 20s in Blackrock in Cork City on Sunday May 23rd. For various reasons we had just 4 crews entered on this occasion and all can feel very proud of their first outing of the season. We had up to 10 rowers competing for the very first time in a regatta with 3 of the Barry family who hail from Indianapolis taking to the water for their very first regatta. Results from the day were under 16's-2nd, Pre-Vets-3rd, Mixed Pre Vets-4th and under 14's-4th which were quite good when on considers 2/3rds of those rowing were competing for the first time.

Pyjamas Day at Little Bear Montessori School!

The Make a Wish foundation is a charity which grants wishes for children living with a life threatening medical condition. Recently, children from Little Bear Montessori School in Summercove, donned



their pyjamas for the National Children's Nurseries Association Annual Pyjamas Day to raise money for this charity. A big thank you to all the children and parents for their generous donations. We raised over €160 on the day!

Cionntsaille Brownies Complete Busy Year

The 2009/2010 year was a very busy one for Cionntsaille Brownies, with plenty of activities and adventures. Following 'Hey Jinks' to Farran Woods, the Brownies visited Kinsale Red Cross centre, the Town Council Chambers and celebrated the Christmas holidays with a trip to Cork on Ice.



One of the highlights of 2010 was an informative tour of the Kinsale RNLi station in February, as the Brownies learned all about safety at sea and were allowed in the locker room and launch station! World Thinking Day was celebrated with Bandon and Kinsale Guides, Brownies and Ladybirds in Bandon.



As part of the Local Knowledge Badge, the Brownies enjoyed a nature walk, a walking tour of Kinsale with Barry, followed by a quiz. Also, Zak from the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind attended a Brownie meeting and was warmly welcomed by everyone, who generously donated to the IGDB 'Shades' campaign.

Leaders, Aine O'Brien, Liz Timmons and Jackie Good wish to thank all parents and volunteers and to the VEC for their ongoing support. Special thanks to Amanda and Shannon Kingston for all

their help and hard work over the years as Amanda retired as Brown Owl in December. We wish those Brownies stepping up to Guides all the best and look forward to welcoming the Ladybirds stepping up to Brownies in September.



Congratulations to Ballymartle ICA who recently won the All Ireland Set Dancing competition!



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Mad About Martin

One programme few people in Kinsale will have missed recently on television was RTE's Martin's Mad About Fish.

Local restaurateur turned celebrity chef, Martin Shanahan has been showing the nation just how easy it is to prepare and cook delicious fish dishes. He spread his infectious passion for fish in the entertaining half hour programmes, during which he brought us on around Cork, from picking periwinkles in Garrettstown to shopping for fish in a Cork supermarket.

He introduced us to local fishermen and together with them gave us an insight into everything about fish from the sea to



the plate. And of course he made our mouths water at the sight of the dishes he prepared in his own kitchen.

Martin is the owner of the award winning Fishy Fishy Restaurant and Café. After graduating from Rockwell Catering College he worked in The Butler's Arms in Waterville, before becoming head chef at Jim Edwards, itself renowned for its fish dishes. He then went on to open Kinsale's first Gourmet shop. Martin's popular and simple cooking style with fish was born from his time in San Francisco's prestigious Huntington Hotel. He believes that many Irish people are still afraid of cooking and eating fish. His aim in the series was to 'take the fear out of fish' and he no doubt succeeded in that.

Executive Producer Janet Frawley said "So passionate is Martin about what he does his palpable enthusiasm spills over into every dish he cooks. From simple everyday fare to Saturday night treats, Martin's mantra "no skin, no bone, no fear" shines through. Armed with a handful of simple tips Martin makes cooking locally caught fresh seafood a simple and tasty task."

Niamh Prior

FUNDING TO REPAIR KINSALE PIER



PIC:
JOHN ALLEN

CHAIRMAN of Kinsale Harbour Commissioners and local county councillor Kevin Murphy has welcomed a letter from the marine section of the Department of Transport stating that funding of €900,000 has been approved for reconstruction of the commercial berth at the Pier Head.

As confirmed by divers, said Cllr Murphy, an underwater section of the southern side of the main pier near The Trident Hotel serving important commercial traffic, which is over 100 years old, has seriously eroded leaving a big hole. He thanked Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey, whom he spoke to recently in his capacity as chairman of the South and East Regional Assembly at a meeting in Co Meath, for his positive response and also to past and present harbour board members who have lobbied for the improvement to the Pier.

Community Playschool Scoops Mayor Prize Fund

Kinsale Community Playschool claimed first place in the AIB Better Ireland Programme at a ceremony held at the local AIB Kinsale branch. The local Community Playschool, located on the grounds of St. John's National School, Kinsale, was nominated along with two other local organisations, including the Kinsale Youth Development Project and Kinsale Education for Sustainability. Branch Manager, Ms. Lorraine Stanley, paid tribute to the three groups who had reached the final stage of the competition from a total entry of 1,300. The eventual winner of the competition was chosen through a local poll conducted over a three week period. Ms. Mary Broderick, who accepted the prize fund on behalf of the Community Playschool, paid tribute to the staff and the hardworking committee for ensuring the success of the facility over the past thirty years.

In addition to thanking AIB for providing a significant prize fund-€10,000, she also paid tribute to the other participants in the competition. In a magnanimous gesture, Ms. Broderick announced the Playschool would be sharing the prize fund with the other two finalists in the competition. With the remaining prize fund, Ms. Broderick said: "It will be invested in future initiatives at the facility."

Flying The Green Flag

St. John's School is delighted to announce that it has been awarded International Green Flag Status for the ongoing water conservation efforts of pupils, parents and staff. This compliments the previous two Green Flag awards for Litter Control and Energy Conservation. The official raising of the Flag took place on Monday June 14th by Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Innovation, Batt O'Keeffe TD.

Kinsale GAA Dinner Dance

took place in Actons Hotel to celebrate the hurling team of 1984 who won the South East that year and the U21 Ladies on winning the County football final. Graham Canty, Cork football captain, presented the awards on the night. The first award of the night was presented to Neasa O'Leary who won Ladies footballer of the year. Alan Gould and Richard O'Sullivan were given special presentations for their performances with Cork. Alan is on the Cork VEC team and Richard won an All Ireland medal last year for with Cork Juniors and also a McGrath Cup medal. He is also currently on the Cork Senior panel.

Joey Beecher won an award for minor player of the year. Conor O'Brien, who is away in Australia at the moment, won Junior Hurler and Kevin Cahill won Junior footballer. Cian Quigley received the award for Intermediate Footballer and Sean O'Callaghan won Club person of the year.

The 1984 team were presented with plaques to commemorate their win and were welcomed by Neilus O'Regan, President of the Club who was also manager of the 1984 team. The U21 Ladies were also presented with their medals. Awards for the night were sponsored by Niall Mehigan and Kinsale Sports Shop. A great night was enjoyed by all and hopefully there will be great success for 2010!



A Good Vintage



The 21st Kinsale Vintage & Classic Motor Club Rally took place from the 7th to 10th of May. Staying in Kinsale again this year to help keep business local, and with the return of the Cork/Swansea Ferry it was more convenient than normal for overseas visitors. About 120 cars registered for the weekend which was helped by the lovely weather.

On the Friday, guests went to see the lighthouse at the Old Head. The Saturday run took in some lovely places in West Cork and on Sunday they visited the Old Cork Jail (GAOL). These trips, together with the Annual Dinner Dance and other social events over the weekend, were enjoyed by all.



Pic. Nelius Buckley

The Kinsale Vintage & Classic Motor Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors especially The Blue Haven Collection for their support in this.

We are now preparing for our return visit to Swansea in August. Information regarding the club and its activities can be found on our website www.kinsalevintageclub.com



Pic. Nelius Buckley

Belgooly Pupils Excel On Stage

Congratulations to Rachel Butler (recitation), 4th class drama group, the 5th class drama group and the set dancers & figure dancers who won their categories in the Scor Carrighoun semi finals in Ballinspittle.



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JUST DANCE!!!

Dance for Joy, the first production by the Lucy French School of Dance, ran from the 20th-22nd May in Actons Hotel, Kinsale.

A stage measuring 20ft by 30ft was specially constructed for the event and the hotel was transformed into a theatre for the three nights! Over 100 dancers from as young as 2 years old right up to adults performed in this full length dance production.

The show was a huge success and attracted full audiences nearly every night. Lucy now plans to make this an annual event and is very proud of all her dancers for being so fantastic.

The Lucy French School of Dance is based in Kinsale and has been open since September 2008. The school offers Ballet, Modern, Hip Hop and Jazz Classes for all ages. The School of Dance Summer Camps will be starting from July 12th at the Kinsale Yoga Centre with dance, drama, singing, guest teachers & loads of fun for kids of all ages (5-18yrs)!!! To book a place please call Lucy on 087 9521 463





Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am an American woman who had the privilege of spending two and a half months in Kinsale last summer. Because my father lived in Ireland for many years, I had visited many times, often for months at a time. As such, I didn't expect this summer to be the exquisite learning experience it was.

My time in Kinsale taught me a great deal about things I wasn't looking for: family values and the value of family... and the fact that there is still a heart beating in at least one small region of this world.

The term family values has been discussed and exploited politically ad nauseam in the U.S. It is used as a euphemism for almost any political agenda to the extent that it no longer refers to the value of family as a cohesive societal unit.

However, I was delighted to find the embodiment of family values alive and well at the Kinsale Equestrian Centre. This summer and previously, I have been privileged to "work-to-ride" at the Kinsale Equestrian Centre. In my capacity as stable hand, I was able to observe the operation of the Centre as well as the interaction of the many families who have one or more members riding there.

The Centre itself is a family run business. Zoë and John Barrett own and operate the Centre while raising their four children. They are supported with all manner of help from various family members who appear at the Centre whenever they are needed. Zoë's brother, Mark Dennehy, is the Centre's farrier, when he is not doing his "day job." Zoë's father, Don Dennehy, helps with almost anything that needs fixing or making and is also part of the "purchasing department," helping acquire wonderful horses and ponies for the Centre. Zoë's mother, Hester Dennehy, is an able judge of horsemanship and helps with the camps and with her grandchildren. John's parents, Monica and William Barrett, also help with their grandchildren. In addition, Monica acts as gatekeeper to ensure that the young students are safe and accounted for when they enter the stable, and William helps behind the scenes keeping the stables clean and the horses fed, etc. In this way, the Kinsale Equestrian Centre is an amazing example of a family working collaboratively to provide a wonderful environment for horse-lovers in the area.

But the Dennehy/Barrett family support for the KEC was just a part of my education. While working at the Centre, I have watched what happens to families as their children fall in love with horses and riding. The love affair appears to be contagious because so many of the parents in the area follow suit and begin riding lessons. It appears that many mothers and fathers in the area wish to be part of their children's lives and to understand their passion for horses. Other parents take full advantage of the viewing opportunity at the Centre to watch their children's lessons. Sadly, having worked at a riding school in the U.S. for the last fifteen years, I cannot say these observations are consistent with what I see there, where children are dropped off and picked up later, generally with little or no parental interest in sharing their children's passion or even observing the lessons. Rather, the riding lesson represents a form of babysitting.

Since the Kinsale Equestrian Centre's inception, I have been to Ireland for three different extended visits and have ridden at the Centre each time. As such, I have watched the Centre grow and flourish into a thriving community of families sharing a common interest within their own families and among the families. The Kinsale Equestrian Centre has become a hub of activity for a growing number of area families who have an appreciation for equestrian activities that have been so much a part of Ireland's historic landscape. In a world which is becoming increasingly fragmented and where family values are becoming more and more difficult to find, experience or teach, Kinsale is fortunate to have the Kinsale Equestrian Centre, where family values are exhibited and shared regularly.

What I learned on summer vacation is that family values are alive and flourishing at the Kinsale Equestrian Centre. For my part, I intend to return as often as possible to experience this rare commodity, and to have my daughter join me whenever possible.

- Danna Givot, California, USA

Public Toilet Facilities in Kinsale

Dear Editor

I make the following comments on the above:

The Public Toilets situated beside the Tourist Office are, without doubt, in poor condition. In their current state they reflect badly on the Town and are not in good enough condition to be open to public use. Substantial money is needed to bring these up to an acceptable standard.

In the meantime:- The APC situated next to the Bus Shelter on the Pier Road should be in good order and be operational at all times. That is what the Town pays the provider for; the Council has an obligation to ensure that they get value for money and to ensure that Kinsale receives the service it pays for.

Kinsale has a second statutory authority - the Harbour Board. A state of the art modern building funded by the public purse - in a central location WITH ground floor toilet facilities that are directly accessible from outside. Kinsale Town Council should work with the Harbour Board to make these toilet facilities available to the public.

Failte Ireland has a public office on the Pier Road, again with toilet facilities. Kinsale Town Council pays a substantial amount of money to Failte Ireland on an annual basis. A very tangible and useful service that they could now provide would be to make their toilet facilities available for public use during their opening hours.

Kinsale has the existing infrastructure and facilities by which to ensure that we can provide adequate toilet facilities for public use. What is needed is the will and drive to work together to make it happen. Now would be a good time to demonstrate how public bodies can do 'joined up thinking' and how the public service is committed to getting maximum value for public money spent. It would be irresponsible of the Town Council to borrow a very large amount of money to spend on the toilet block when there already are a number of options that could, and should, be available.

What happens to the public toilet block in the long term does of course need to be addressed; at this point in time that is a separate issue that should not hinder the availability of public toilet facilities in the Town.

Mary Evans
May 2010

Dear Editor

I read with interest in back copies of your Newsletter, particularly the part of dog's fouling the sidewalks. We spent 5 weeks in Ireland, 3 of them in Kinsale. Needless to say we did a lot of walking during our time. We commented every day about the doggie messes on the sidewalks and couldn't understand why it was allowed. In the US when we walk our pets we carry little plastic doggie bags to clean up after ourselves. There are leash laws in effect and you never see dogs roaming around.

Despite this we had a marvellous time in Ireland and would like to return soon.

- Sandra Eades, U.S.A.



MAYORS REPORT JUNE 2010

On completion of his term as Mayor of Kinsale, Cllr Tomas O'Brien fills us in on his busy year:

Infrastructure:

The main drainage pipe laying is now complete. Kinsale Town now has the benefit of having a state of the art flood drainage and waste water treatment system. The treatment plant will be operational at the end of the year. We can all look forward to the inner harbour water quality improving immensely. Thanks to Noel O'Keefe and his team at Cork County Council, Sorensen Construction and most importantly the traders and residents who had to deal with the inconvenience over the last number of years.

Mill Building

This fine building in the centre has had many proposals for its use over the years. It will house an art exhibition during the Clipper Yacht race and Arts week. It will be available for approved projects

in the coming months. This building is owned by Cork County Council and the refurbishments are funded by them also. It will be managed by Kinsale Town Council.

Museum:

After much work and effort from the Town Clerk Michelle Kelleher and staff this historic asset is ready to open the doors once again to the general public. The museum will be staffed by a team of volunteers and they have already been busy cleaning the building. Thanks to them for giving their time to show tourists and people of the town, our history.

Toilets:

The town council were unable to budget for these being open for most of the year, due to the current economic situation. All options are still being examined. The Automatic Public Convenience is open at a charge and ongoing discussions with the

Harbour Commissioners are under way to use the toilets at the harbour master's office.

Parking:

The new car park at the Glen (above the Fire Station) is nearing completion and parking will be available here for eight tour buses and cars.

Communication:

All town council minutes are now on the council website so the people of Kinsale can keep updated on council minutes.

Publicity:

The Kinsale Chamber of Tourism market Kinsale very well nationally and internationally. Special credit must go to Martin Shanahan and his wife Marie, and all the staff of Fishy Fishy and the local cast of the RTE Cork production team of "Martin's Mad about Fish". This gave Kinsale three hours of prime time TV at the beginning of the tourist season. Kinsale also featured on Nationwide, TV3, Setanta Sports, 2FM, RTE 1, 96 FM and Red FM along with numerous positive columns in all the print media.

Events:

Kinsale is lucky to have a fantastic calendar of events. All tastes are catered for from Arts, Sailing, Rugby 7s, Jazz, Gourmet, Christmas, to name but a few. There now is an opportunity to restart the St. Patrick's Day

parade. A committee will be set up in the near future to celebrate our national holiday.

Tidy Towns:

This group continue to make our town look its best so please join or contribute to make it even better.

Volunteers:

The town is lucky to have so many people who give their time to so many charities, sports, arts, etc. This is what makes Kinsale so special, on any given day or night you will see people coming and going to their selected passion. Thanks to you all for enriching our town.

It was a great honour to be elected last June to represent the people of the town, I attended 131 functions on your behalf and attended many meetings also.

Thanks to the following for all their support: my family, councillors, staff of Kinsale Town Council, and staff of Cork County Council and my employer Eli Lilly for facilitating me during this busy year.

I wish the new Mayor, Michael T. Frawley, all the best for the coming year. It was a pleasure to serve the town once again.

"Go raibh maith agaibh go leir"
Tomás

All's Fair At Bandon Coop

Bandon Coop held a Fair Day in April; the kids had great fun on the bouncy castles, the crepes went down a treat and the hens and rabbits got on fine. Another one is planned very soon so stay tuned...





Congratulations to local student, Aisling Judge, pictured above with Hector O'hHeochagáin, who recently won a Bank of Ireland National Student Award for her community spirit.

Well done to Aisling Judge who is the only student from Cork to have been declared a national winner of the Bank of Ireland student awards. Aisling was nominated for the award by her school in the community spirit category. She was nominated for the award in recognition of her work with the Chernobyl Children's Project, with the local primary schools, with her fundraising and generosity and for her general willingness to get involved in her community.

Aisling attended a gala banquet in Naas on Friday 7 May where she received her award, one of only ten individuals to do so. Aisling has once again done herself, her family, her school and her community proud by her involvement and her achievement in winning this award.

Kinsale School Holds Inaugural Graduation Night

Over 200 students from the Kinsale College of Further Education graduated at a ceremony held in the Trident Hotel recently.

The College, which is located at the former vocational school on Bandon Road, provides an extensive range of subject choice for Post-Leaving Certificate students and adults returning to full-time and part-time education. The students, who were conferred in a number of areas, including Childcare, Office Administration, Tourism, Drama, Media Production, Permaculture and Outdoor Educational Instructors, were joined by family, friends, Mayor of Kinsale, Mr. Tomás O'Brien and Senator Eoin Harris, at the inaugural event.

Addressing the large attendance at Wednesday's event, the current Director of the facility, Mr. Fergal McCarthy, paid tribute to Mr. John Thuillier and his wife, Margaret, for their foresight in establishing the facility in 1997. Describing the school as a unique institution, Mr. McCarthy also emphasised the two objectives of the Kinsale College: to educate its students to obtain viable sustainable employment and to create a platform to advance their studies.

Before asking Senator Eoin Harris to officiate at the ceremony, Mr. McCarthy said: "I am pleased to announce two additional courses for the coming year, including a culinary course and a horticultural course, which will be linked to the restaurants in Ireland's gourmet capital". Having arrived in Kinsale only a couple of hours previously, the Senator was taken directly to the local institute where he witnessed at first hand the extensive curriculum available to the student population.

Addressing a captivated audience, Senator Harris, who originally began his working career as a member of the staff of UCC, stressed the importance of the pursuit of lifelong education. The Cork-born Senator, who has also worked in both broadcasting and the print media, took the opportunity to reflect on the current economic crisis, said: "What is most needed now is courage and the tough times will pass." His words drew a loud applause from the assembled audience, and it continued for some time, as he presented each graduate with their individual scroll.

Kinsale Teenagers Make Their Contribution

Kinsale Foroige, which has been in existence for nine years, is certainly making its contribution to the local community's effort in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

The local club, which caters for teenagers from 12 to 16, is supervised by five adult leaders, but it is run ostensibly by an elected committee of young people, including Garry O'Mahony, Barry O'Leary, Richard O'Connor and Kate O'Sullivan. The local club, which meets each Monday evening at St. Multose's Hall from 7.30pm, has been busy taking part in a number of cleanups over the past few weeks.

The twenty five members of the local youth initiative, who were joined by local residents and members of Transition Town, collected an incredible twenty bags of rubbish at the Dock beach, a well-known bathing spot, while the group has expended a significant amount of energy removing graffiti from the community playground.

In what has been a busy year for the local Foroige club, over €1000 was raised for the Saile Project at an inter club disco held at Riverstick Hall as well as participating in a number of inter-club events, with the basketball team, including Sean Murphy, Barry O'Leary, Timothy Broderick, Lee Garvin, Cian Ring, and Niall O'Donovan, reaching the semi-final stages of a county competition.

Finally, in what has proven to be a very busy year for the club, Katie O'Sullivan was elected onto the Foroige National Reference Panel at the regional conference held in the Vienna Woods Hotel in late January. Her elevation to the national executive is seen as a reward for all the Kinsale members' hard work.

Further information on Foroige can be found on www.foroige.ie or e-mail john.dennigan@foroige.ie

Kinsale Community School Hurlers

Pride of place goes this year to our U-14 hurlers. Hopes were high for this talented bunch of hurlers and they didn't disappoint. They qualified for the County A Final by defeating St. Brogan's in the semi-final. The final was played in the picturesque Innishannon grounds on a balmy May afternoon. Coachford C.C. were our opponents. Kinsale C.S. started the game very well with the forwards working hard for their scores. Coachford were finding it easier to pick off their scores which was a worry leading up to half time.

Some astute changes meant that at half time the scores were level. We started the second half very well and led by five points with ten minutes remaining. Coachford responded with two goals which left us trailing entering the final minutes of the game.

Some superb clearances from defence rallied the side and substitute Kevin Ryan popped up to flick the sliotar to the back of the net. We held out to become County U-14 A champions for the second time in four years. Sean Og Gateley's contribution of 3-7 is particularly noteworthy. Ken O'Callaghan was presented with the cup by Paudie Palmer to scenes of great jubilation.



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August 5th is the deadline for entry into this years national Fairtrade Town Awards.

Whilst you can rely on the committee to fill in the forms, it is important that we get an update on all this years activities.

As you know the town's continuing status as a fairtrade town depends on our continuing to take positive steps to increase the number of places in Kinsale where Fairtrade products are sold and promoted. That includes hotels, bars, cafes, schools, churches, shops, businesses of all sorts, and voluntary organisations and events.

So, PLEASE, tell us what is going on in your world....and PLEASE also make any suggestions and recommendations you have that will help Kinsale to maintain its communal efforts to Make Poverty History.

Alan Clayton
on behalf of Fairtrade Town Committee
www.wish4fairtrade.com
THE TASTE OF A WORLD TO COME

A Gala Fashion Show in aid of Marymount Hospice was held in Actons Hotel on April 14th last. The event, which was the brainchild of and organised by Fiona Russell of Nouvelle Boutique and Japara Interiors was a huge success. An incredible €6758 was raised for Marymount. Thank you to Actons Hotel and everyone who participated and supported in any way!

Heineken Kinsale Sevens

Kinsale was the place to be over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The 7s kicked off on the Friday evening with teams opting to have a run out on Pitch 1.

Old friendships were renewed and everyone was in good spirits and the excitement was building for the games proper to begin on Saturday morning at 10.00 am.

Saturday was cool weather wise with the odd shower of rain and hail but sunshine dominated in the afternoon. RTE 2fm roadcaster kept the spectators and teams entertained off the pitch as the weekend guest star Jeremy Davidson gave interviews and signed autographs and posed for many photos. Setanta sports were busy shooting footage and interviewing players coaches and organisers.

On all 5 pitches however it was really hotting up as teams were working their way up the pecking order or opting for the fun side of the Junior section.

Senior mens finalists on Saturday were Church 7s (Susies 7s of Amsterdam) vs Sextant 7s of Sundays Well selection. Susies won and went home very happy and hoped and dreamed about winning the overall which they had never done before.

Senior Ladies final on Saturday featured The Irish Vixens vs The Lollipops of Highfield. The vixens once again showed their collective skills securing another trophy at Kinsale. The Junior mens competition featured Kama Sutra of Midleton and the world vs the Tony Bifters of Limerick. Sutra were successful here.

Sunday morning dawned and it was all go at Snugmore once again as stories of the night before were shared or not in some cases and then once the coffees were consumed it was all go for the rest of the day. Final time on pitch was really exciting and the Junior mens plate went to Ring Raiders. Senior Ladies Plate was won by the Pink Panties.

The Junior mens final saw Kama Sutra emerge as victors. Sutra were put together by James Colbert of Midleton 10 years ago and they have brought a large array of players over the years in all competitions so thanks for 10 years of support.

The Senior ladies featured the Tommy Bohs of UL Bohemians and they sang beautifully at prize giving. However it was to be The Vixens day and they are a class side with many international caps.

The Senior mens featured The Kukri White Hart Marauders vs Church 7s (Susies 7s). Another cracker of a final between these powerhouses of 7s rugby who tour the globe in search of glory.

Last years winners Marauders were defeated by Susies and this was appreciated by the crowd as Lars and his team are competing in this competition for 10 years and hadn't ever won the much coveted title of Senior mens champions.

In all 222 games were played and the referees remarked that all games were played in a sporting yet competitive fashion. The refs did a magnificent job once again.

Thanks to all players, coaches, supporters, Referees from Munster Association, Cambridge, London and Leicester, Gardai, Mr. Donal O Leary, Civil Defence, Red Cross, Medical Team, Cork County Council, Kinsale Town Council, Club members, friends, neighbours, Kinsale Tennis Club and the media .

It all wouldn't happen without the generous sponsorship of Heineken Ireland, Kukri, Hayes Cabin Services , EMC, and Kinsale Vintners.

Well done to Michael O'Sullivan Tournament Director and his hard working committee.

See you all in 2011!



Members of the Kinsale RFC Under 10 group pictured prior to their exhibition match during this years Kinsale Sevens Rugby Tournament.

(pic Howard Crowdy)

SANDYCOVE ISLAND CHALLENGE SWIM DONATES €1000 TO KINSALE LOST AT SEA MEMORIAL

On May 7th 2010, the organisers of 'The Edge Sports' Sandycove Island Challenge Swim (along with Cork Lions Club President Teresa Dineen with members and friends of Cork Lions club) presented a cheque for €1000 towards the funding of the Lost at Sea Memorial.

The Memorial is a place of Remembrance to all those who sailed from the Port of Kinsale down through the years, and who were unfortunate to have lost their lives at sea. Many people from Kinsale were members of the Merchant Navy, Naval Service, Fishing Community, and sailors who travelled all over the globe on the high seas. Some of these people never returned, having been lost at sea, and it is in their memory that the Memorial on the Pier Road has been erected.

Initially, on the suggestion of an old Kinsale seafarer, Gerald Gimblett, some fishermen erected an anchor & plaque at the Pier in the 1980s as a Memorial, but subsequent to the loss of a local fishing vessel, the Honeydew II in 2007, a committee was formed and the memorial expanded to what it is today, a model of a Kinsale Hooker fishing vessel, with a background of a sail.

Chairman of the Lost at Sea Memorial commented that "the next phase will see the re-erection of the original anchor, together with the placement of an electronic touch-screen display kiosk. Funding for this phase is well under way, and with the generous support of the Sandycove Island Challenge Swim, the Committee has reached half-way in their target of €7,000 to complete this phase. The electronic kiosk will give the public access to unlimited information such facts as names of seafarers lost at sea, the vessels they were on, where they were lost, and information on the Port, etc".

Ciaran O'Connor of Cork Masters Swimming Club said that "he was delighted to be in a position to support the work being done for the Lost at Sea Memorial Project and also wanted to recognise the contribution that Kinsale Harbour Master, Captain Phil Devitt, has made over the years to the safe running of the Sandycove Island Challenge swim".

"The Edge Sports" Sandycove Island Challenge swim was first held in 1994. Cork Masters Swimming Club and Cork Lions Club run the swim annually as a joint charity event. While it is promoted as a mass-participation and fun event, it does have a serious competitive element for those so inclined. The swim itself is approx 1,800m around Sandycove Island. Safety measures, including boat support, are implemented as per Swim Ireland recommendations.

At the cheque presentation, Paschal Horgan of Cork Lions Club commented that "the Cork Lions club are delighted to present this cheque toward the Lost at Sea Memorial in recognition of the help received from Kinsale Harbour Master, Phil Devitt, in ensuring the



event's safety to the participants in the Sandycove Island Challenge since its inception. I would also like to thank Cork Masters Swimming Club for their continued running of this prestigious event as well as the members of Cork Lions club, their families and friends for their help in ensuring this remains a well run and safe event for all involved and raises significant sums which are donated to very worthwhile causes." For details of this year's "The Edge Sports" Sandycove Island Challenge Swim see www.corkmasters.ie.

Any member of the public or organisation, wishing to contribute or subscribe to the Memorial fund, can contact:

Chairman Eamonn O'Neill

M: 086-2578417, e-mail: info@oneillestates.ie.

or Capt. Phil Devitt

M: 021-4772503, e-mail: kharbour@iol.ie

Present at the Cheque Presentation were: Teresa Dineen, President Cork Lions Club, Ciaran O'Connor, Chairman Sandycove Island Challenge, Paschal Horgan, Cork Lions Club, Nick Mulcahy, Cork Masters Swimming Club, John Conroy, Cork Masters Swimming Club, Eamonn O'Neill, Chairman Lost at Sea Memorial, Capt. Phil Devitt, Kinsale Harbour Master, John O'Mahony, Fisherman, Billy Lynch, Fisherman & Member of Kinsale Harbour Commissioners and Albert O'Neill, ex. Fisherman

Kieran is spot on!



Belated congratulations go to lighting designer Kieran Healy, whose parents Denis & Dawn live in Kinsale. He was amongst three Irish winners at last years Emmy Awards, the other two being Brendan Gleeson & Dearbhla Walsh.

Kieran won the Emmy Award for "Outstanding Lighting Direction (Electronic, Multi-Camera) For Variety, Music Or Comedy" for his work on American Idol.

PEDAL POWER

Congratulations to two Kinsale men, Donal Farley (left) and Sam King (right), who recently completed the 102km Stephen Roche Tour De Cure Cycle in Midleton in aid of: Cancer Research; The Mercy Hospital; The Cope Foundation; The Irish Anaphylaxis Campaign



White Spirit...

coming to a supermarket near you!

July 10th to 18th

Life is full of surprises, as a young lady by the name of Wilful Warrander discovered on her wedding day in Ireland's 'premier wedding destination' sometime in the late 1600s. Wilful lived and died at Charles Fort where tragedy struck in a series of incredible, unfortunate events.



White Spirit is a multi-sensory experience based on the true story of the White Lady of Kinsale. It will be exhibited in the back room of Londis Supermarket (entrances via Pearse Street and the Short Quay) as part of Kinsale Arts Week.

White Spirit is the first offering of the Kinsale Collaborative, a group of Kinsale artists combining their skills to co-create.

The collaborating artists are: Kate French, Liz Lynch, Caroline Smith, Matthew Geden, Klaus Harvey, Lea Miklody and Dominic Dolan, silversmith.

The group has found local businesses and individuals to be extremely generous and supportive of their venture and would like to thank: Londis Supermarket, Kinsale Silver, Kinsale Dental Health Centre, Daisychain Florists, Kinsale Health Food Store, Fishy Fishy, Jim Edwards, The White Lady, Kinsale Community Hospital, Dermot Ryan, Mareta Doyle and Michelle Carew of Kinsale Arts Week. A special word of thanks to all those who have volunteered to invigilate the piece for the duration of Arts Week, including many members of Kinsale Active Retired Association. White Spirit will remain open from 10am to 6pm daily.

**White Spirit is in our midst....
Have you seen her?**

The Bollinger 34th Kinsale International Gourmet Festival 2010

will take place this year from October 8th to 10th. The Kinsale Gourmet Festival is a renowned annual event which celebrates all the fine things that Kinsale has to offer.

The festival kicks off on Friday 8th October with a Cookery demonstration & Wine Reception with Kinsale & RTE's Martin Shanahan of "Martin's Mad About Fish" fame at the White Lady Hotel. This will be followed by the official opening. Mr. Derek Davis, a great friend of the festival will act as Master of Ceremonies for the event. The Blue Haven is the venue for the Festival Club following dinner at one of the Good Food Circle restaurants.

The Mad Hatters Taste of Kinsale, a highlight of the Kinsale Gourmet Festival, takes place at various venues on Saturday 9th. Join Alice, the Mad Hatter, March Hare and the Fieldmouse for 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.

Take your seat on Sunday October 10th for a superb afternoon of fun & frolics with MC Derek Davis in Actons Hotel. Enjoy a mouth-watering four course lunch to include lobster, crab, prawns, etc., then dance the evening away with the Aristocrats.

Full details on all events and ticket purchases can be found on www.kinsalarestaurants.com



JOBS SUMMIT FOR KINSALE

KINSALE Town Council plans to become the first local authority in Ireland to hold a summit for all interested agencies and the jobless aimed at getting a Fas or similar scheme established to assist some of the many people aged under 25 in the area gain employment.

Members, at their May meeting, unanimously supported a motion from Cllr Noel Harrington demanding the introduction of a scheme under Fas or another Government agency to help young unemployed people receive training and work experience which would enable them to get a job.

Sinn Fein councillor Harrington suggested the open day be arranged as soon as possible in the Temperance Hall and if needs be, a larger venue which could be attended by representatives of Fas, the County Enterprise Board, Enterprise Ireland, educational institutions, public representatives and most importantly, unemployed persons who might have business ideas they could present which could be supported and thereby put Kinsale on the road to recovery.

ANOTHER GREAT WIN FOR KINSALE AFC

Congratulations to the Kinsale team who recently won their fifth league title in eight years following a thrilling match against Leaside in Little Island. Kinsale won 2-1 with both goals being scored by Derek McCarthy, the winning one with just five minutes to go! Great credit must go to manager Peter Jones and assistant managers, Graham Quinn and Danny O'Donovan. This was Peter's fifth league title as manager.

Derek McCarthy won his fourth Golden Boot, awarded to the highest goal scorer in the league, he was also called into the Irish Junior Squad again this year.

Jeremy O'Donovan won Player of the Year. He has his own big match coming up later this year when he gets married to local girl, Catherine Coleman, on September 3rd. We wish them every happiness.

Ageless Pat Murphy also announced his retirement (again!) but the management is having none of it! Contract negotiations are ongoing... watch this space!

Congratulations to the squad: Brendan Hurley, Gerard Rice, Sean Holland, Mick Bradfield, Jeremy O'Donovan, Eamon Jones, Jer Harrington (Capt.), Stephen O'Donovan, Terence Eade, Daniel Searls, Pat Murphy, Derek McCarthy, Sean Lyons, Alan Jeffers, Florence Lynch and Rob Daly.

Roll on next season!



Kinsale, who defeated Leaside 2-1 in a top of the table clash to capture the Cork AUL Premier division title at Little Island recently. (pic Howard Crowdy)

Go Jody Go!

Well done to Jody Hurley on his successful 2009 motocross season.

Jody spends most weekends travelling racing his KTM 85cc bike, he had a great year winning the 2009 Motorcycling Ireland Motocross 85cc small wheel championship, 2009 South Western Motocross and 2009 South Western Grasstrack championships, he also won a Youth Rider of the Year Award and a Gold Medal for Team Ireland in the 2009 British Youth Championship. Jody is the son of David and Regina Hurley, he lives in Kinsale



where he has just completed 2nd year in Kinsale Community School.

Jody would like to say a special thanks to his sponsor Graeme Vigors of www.vmx.ie Irelands Official KTM dealer and to his family & friends for their support. We wish him all the best for a safe and successful 2010. If you would like to know more about Jody or follow his racing please see www.jodyhurleymx.com



2+2 = Success!!!

Team Math is a national mathematics competition for Leaving Cert Higher Level students, organised by the Irish Maths Teachers' Association. The purpose of the competition is to stimulate an interest in mathematics. The West Cork finals were held in the Parkway Hotel in Dunmany and the team from Kinsale Community School emerged victorious. The Kinsale mathematicians are Billy McCarthy, Aisling Judge, Pascalia Barnett and Eoin O'Leary and all are students of Ms Joan Crowley!



RNLI FUND RAISING

After going on a visit to the local RNLI station in Kinsale, the LCA students from Kinsale Community School wanted to raise funds for the organisation and did so in a novel way! They organised a face splash whereby for a fee, students were able to throw wet sponges at their fellow students and teachers aiming to hit them in the face! This latter opportunity proved most popular and overall the event raised €400 for the RNLI and thankfully the only thing that got hurt was people's pride.



Kinsale's Young Scientists

Once again the students of Kinsale Community School

did themselves and their school proud when they were awarded a number of prizes at this year's BT Young Scientist Competition. The school has a fantastic record in this competition and is proof of the saying that, "Nothing breeds success like success."

After producing two overall winners in the last four years the school had five projects entered into this year's event. Second Year students Faye Murphy, Caoimhe Hill and Saoirse O'Dwyer worked extremely hard on their project which was titled *A statistical analysis of people's attitudes to free-range and conventionally produced eggs* and this project was the overall winner in the Junior Social and Behavioural Sciences Group. Paul Harrington and Joseph Cronin had the

bright idea to submit a project on *A statistical investigation into the effectiveness of diffusers on energy efficient light bulbs*. This won the two young students Second Prize in the Junior Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences section of the competition.

Finally, Emily O'Leary and Lucy O'Donovan were highly commended in the Intermediate Biological and Ecological Category for their project on *A statistical analysis of the removal of pesticide residues in vegetables by the cooking process*.

School Principal Sr Mary Donovan congratulated the students on their achievements and stated that the "school's involvement in future Young Scientist Competitions looks secure given the calibre of student and projects that represent the school."

KINSALE WEDDINGS ON SHOW

Kinsale Town recently held the Ultimate Wedding Showcase to show off all that it has to offer.

Two of the most important considerations for prospective Bride & Grooms are the location and venue, and what they have to offer in terms of quality, style, accessibility and price.

Kinsale, a romantic historic setting has everything - from luxurious hotels to charming hostelrys, boutique hotels to fabulous private estates, award winning bars and restaurants, old churches, lush gardens, spectacular harbour and marina, world class golf courses, breath-taking hill-top views, ancient castles and forts and more ...perfect for the wedding day and the day after or before.

In addition there is every type of wedding supplier in town or close-by - from florists, cake makers, limousines and bus transfers, photographers, milliners, Bridal Shop, Florist, musicians and more.

The inaugural Wedding Showcase proved to be a great success with many venues reporting bookings. Hopefully it will be the first of many such events as Kinsale develops it's aim of becoming *the* wedding destination of choice.



BRENT POPE JOINS THE STUNNING MISS CORK, MAEDHBH, TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST KINSALE WEDDING SHOWCASE



THE VOICE WILL SET YOU FREE

If you've been hearing voices lately hopefully it was only the new community singing ensemble, nicknamed 'The Singing Frogs', which have been regularly tuning up for fun in Kinsale town. In association with Transition Town Kinsale, this open group of many voices are led by an experienced facilitator and have been meeting regularly in the Temperance Hall or Methodist Church. New members are always welcome and future meetings will be held soon ...stay tuned!

- For more information call:
087 6639974 / 087 6872202



Above: St. Joseph's N.S. pupils helping to keep their school and local community clean and tidy while participating in the Tidy Town's School Competition.

Right: "Green fingers" 1st and 2nd class pupils in St. Joseph's N.S. planting in their school garden!



Market in Church Square car park just not working

KINSALE's Farmers' Market is suffering since it moved to Church Square car park and there was a strong call at the May meeting of the town council that it relocate to where it began in Short Quay as soon as the town phase of the main drainage scheme is completed.

The issue was raised by Cllr Alan Clayton who asked if the market, held every Tuesday, could go back to Short Quay when the street was resurfaced. Town engineer Mr. Rob Andrews replied that under the Kinsale Transportation Plan, it was not intended to do so.

Mayor Tomas O'Brien however said people he spoke to believed the market was "dying a death" in Church Square. "Whether it's the location, market trends or the recession or a combination of these I don't know but it's not working". Cllr Dermot Collins concurred saying he saw few people at the market when he called there on May 4th.

"People in the market told me it's off the beaten track and some of them said they couldn't make a living," said Cllr Noel Harrington. "The town centre would be more suitable".

Cllr Tony Cierans asked that council officials negotiate reinstatement at Short Quay because it was becoming an issue.



PLANNING NEWS

Planning Applications

- Application for permission for the construction of a garage at ground floor, studio over Casey's Corner, Lower O'Connell Street, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Marie Curtin.

Planning Decisions

- Application for permission for the construction of a discount foodstore incorporating an off-licence (c1352 sq.m gross floor area and 1053 sq. m net sales area), comprising of a single storey mono-pitched roof structure and enclosed dock leveller, removable compactor, new boundary treatments and associated site development works including 2 no. new entrances, all site services, the provision of 105 no. car park spaces, including 3 no. disabled car parking spaces, 2 no. parent/child car parking spaces, 2 no. free standing double sided internally illuminated flag pole sign, 2 no. building mounted internally illuminated signs and 1 no. poster display at Troopers - Close, Barrack Hill, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Messrs Lidl Ireland GmbH. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission for construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling of varying scale over three floors with 2 no. off street parking spaces, connection to public drainage system and all ancillary works at 2 Compass Hill, Kinsale, Co. Cork. The proposed development is located within the curtilage of a Protected Structure at 2 Compass Hill, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for James Barber. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission to erect a new dwelling and associated site works on site at Carmel Avenue, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Colin Dumigan. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission for proposed amendments to window and door openings to those shown on drawings which were submitted under Planning Permission Reg. No. 07/53054 and for which Planning Permission was granted at Worlds End, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Michael Curran. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission for conversion of existing three-storey over basement hotel staff house to provide: (a) Basement - 1 No. 1 bed apartment (b) Ground Floor - change of use to Chiropractic Clinic. (c) First Floor - 1 no. 2 bed apartment. (d) Second Floor - 1 No. 2 bed apartment, including alterations and upgrading to all elevations and associated site works at 24 Lower O'Connell Street, Kinsale, for Heide Roche. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission for proposed change of use from first floor retail/office commercial unit to overflow dining room from ground floor restaurant and all associated site works at Hayden's Lane, Short Quay, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for William Piper. **Permission granted.**
- Application for permission for construction of 1 no. detached dwelling house and associated site works at Admiral's Walk, Waters-Land, Kinsale, Co. Cork, for Ailish Buckley. **Permission refused.**

Milestones

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

- Micéal Duke, Guardwell Homes, 1 January 2010
- Elizabeth Fowler, Gift Houses, 3 January 2010
- Carol Bergin, The Ramparts, 30 January 2010
- Kathleen Cummins, Clasheen, 19 February 2010
- Mary Lohan, Clonleigh, 16 March 2010
- Henry Mitchell, Kilcaw, 20 March 2010
- Nellie Fogarty, Ballinacubby Lane, 28 March 2010
- Joe Cotter, Knockrobin, 30 March 2010
- Jerry Horgan, Belgooly & Macroom, 31 March 2010
- Mary Murphy, Kilcaw, 4 April
- Mary O'Brien, Kinsale & Cork, 20 April
- Martin Barry, Bawnavouta, 29 April

Milestones

Births

- ❁ Congratulations to Ciara (née Hurley) and Terry O'Connor, Tower, Co. Cork, on the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Eve, on January 3rd 2010. Stephanie is a little sister to Jack and Matthew.
- ❁ Congratulations to Orla (née Fitzpatrick) and Brian Barry, Barrell's Cross, Kinsale, on the birth of their twins, Joe and Sarah, on May 17th 2010.
- ❁ Congratulations to Niamh (née Hurley) and Denis O'Connell, Fort View, Kinsale, on the birth of their son Joseph Frank, on October 27th 2009, Joe is a very welcome little brother to Tom.
- ❁ Congratulations to Valerie and John O'Donovan, Preghane, Kinsale, on the birth of their twin daughters Libby and Emily, who were born on August 9th 2009.

Marriages

Congratulations to the following couples who were married recently:

- ❁ Jane Gimblett, Catholic Walk, Kinsale, & Trevor Parr, Co. Kilkenny, who were married on August 7th 2009.
- ❁ Stephen McCann & Ching Wah, Friar Street, Kinsale, who were married on September 5th 2009.
- ❁ Killian Murphy & Sead Ni Mhaoilmhia, The Orchards, Kinsale, who were married on September 11th 2009.
- ❁ Gerald Ryan, Springmount, Kinsale & Patricia Ryan, Riverstick, who were married on September 18th 2009.
- ❁ Rhoda Collins, Ardbrack, Kinsale, & Adrian O'Mahony, Mallow, who were married on October 24th 2009.
- ❁ Anne Marie Eade, The Ramparts, Kinsale, & Tony Payne, Bandon, who were married on December 4th 2009.
- ❁ Avril Keohane, Dunderrow, & Eamon Brabazon, Dublin, who were married on December 5th 2009.
- ❁ Amanda O'Driscoll, Sleaveen Park, Kinsale, & Kieran McCarthy, Monkstown, who were married on February 20th 2010.
- ❁ Vivian Woods, Ballinacubby, Kinsale, & Colm O'Brien, Ballincollig, who were married on June 4th 2010.

Engagements

- ❁ Congratulations to Brenda Allen, Curra, and Kieran Coughlan, Laharne Hill, Garretstown, on their recent engagement.
- ❁ Congratulations to Rory Roden, Kinsale, and Eileen Biggs, Knockrobin, Kinsale, on their recent engagement.
- ❁ Congratulations to Grace O'Connell and Florence Lynch, Kinsale, on their recent engagement.



Anniversaries

Acknowledgement

Donal Price

Danabel, Featherbed Lane, Kinsale

Donal's wife Phil, daughter Isabel, sons Daniel and Timothy, brother Florence, sister Olive and extended family, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Thanks to those of you who called to our home, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, perpetual Enrolments and floral tributes. Thanks to all of those who attended the Rosary, removal, funeral Mass and burial.

A special thanks to our relatives, good friends and neighbours for their ongoing kindness and support during this difficult time.

Sincere thanks to Dr David Nagle and Dr Michéal Hynes for their dedicated care and kindness to both Donal and ourselves, to Dr. Conor O'Shea and the staff at the Bons Secours Hospital, Cork, to Dr. O'Brien and staff of Marymount Hospice, and John & Caoilfhionn Collins of Kinsale Pharmacy. Our gratitude to Fr. O'Mahony and the clergy for their prayers and the beautiful Mass in celebration of Donal's life, both in the church and at our home. Thanks to Gabriel and O'Donovan Funeral Home, Kinsale.

As it is not possible to thank each and everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Acknowledgement

Kitty O'Leary

Higher O'Connell Street, Kinsale

We, the sister, brother-in-law and relatives of the late Kitty O'Leary, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathized with us. Thanks to those who attended the Rosary, removal, funeral Mass and burial. To those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy.

A special word of thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Kinsale Community Hospital who looked after Kitty so well. Thanks also to Canon John K O'Mahony, Fr. Robert Young, the altar servers, organist, choir, grave attendants and Gabriel & O'Donovan Undertakers.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Anniversary

Marguerite Arnopp



We lost a mother with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told,
She shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow her footsteps
We will never go wrong.

We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you mother and always will.

She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests,
God bless you mother you were
One of the best.

Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my own sake.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Richard, daughters Norma and Susan, son Paul, brothers Michael and Do Do, sister-in-law Mary, sons-in-law Denis and Carl, granddaughter Rebecca, extended family and friends.

First Anniversary

Mary Hyland

13th January 2009



We hold you close within our hearts.
And there you shall remain.
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.

Your loving Family

Remember Jerry McCarthy,
3 St. Eltin's Terrace,
whose anniversary occurred recently

Conscientious Coffee

Last January, Clonakilty man Kieran White, managing director of The Island Beverage Company based in the Bypass Business Park Bandon, travelled to Ethiopia to witness the completion of an ambitious project to bring water to the village of Illili Darartu. The project was begun after Kieran and colleagues in the Irish coffee roasting company Java Republic visited the origin of the coffee beans they were sourcing and met the coffee farmers and their families. By visiting the farms, it created a direct link between the company and the farming communities, increasing understanding of the product and also becoming aware of the harsh realities of the industry.

As a result of their trip to Ethiopia in 2006, a huge fundraising effort was made on return to Ireland, managing to raise €132,000 to build a new school, a medical centre and water works project in the village. While all projects are at an advanced stage, Kieran is delighted that the water project is finally completed and is greatly anticipating seeing for himself the vast impact it will have on the people and community he visited four years ago, who previously had to walk a round trip of six hours in baking heat for a miniscule amount of precious water.

Speaking while finalising his travel arrangements, Kieran remarked "More and more people have become increasingly aware of the significance of buying coffee which has ethically sourced coffee beans. Java Republic is leading the way in Ireland in this regard and was recently voted 2nd most ethical coffee company in all of Europe. We're proud to say that Java Republic gives 11% of our net profits back to projects in the coffee growing communities like the water project we're going to see next week." Details and photos of the project can be seen on www.javarepublic.com.



Photo caption:
Kieran White (seen here on the right) with Paul Hayes, the recently appointed Java Republic Sales and Training Representative for the Cork/Kerry area.

The 18th Kinsale Lions Charter Anniversary Dinner

held at Trident Hotel where Club President Tony Cierans briefly outlined the origin and scope of Lions Club International. The 36 members of the Kinsale Club are part of the 1.3 million members worldwide who carry out many types of social action in two hundred countries around the world.



Pictured at the Dinner were (left to right): Pat O'Brien, Region Chairman, Anne O'Neill, President Elect, Clonakilty & District Lions Club, Tony Cierans, President Kinsale & District Lions Club, Terence Mangan, District Governor Elect,



A new art gallery, 'The Boathouse',

has just opened its doors at 68, Main Street in Kinsale. The Mayor of Kinsale, Thomas O'Brien, officially opened the new gallery at an event attended by Kinsale's artistic and social set.

Originally built as a Steam Bakery in 1906, it was used as a boathouse from the early sixties to the late eighties. The property is owned by local residents Gerard and Elizabeth Timmons and has been in Gerard's family for over 40 years. This is the first time the space has been used for artistic purposes.

The following artists' work is already available to view at 'The Boathouse Gallery' in Kinsale: ; Dee Pieters; Mark Eldred; Amélie Gagné; Alan Ardiffe; Emma Barone; Carollanne Crosbie; John Hurley; Deirdre Hewittson; Rashika Kahapolaarachchi; Gavin Lavelle; Deborah O'Keefe; Mary Sheehan and Eileen Vickory.

Elizabeth and Gerard can be contacted by phone: (021) 4709981 or email: theboathousegallery@gmail.com

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