

Le Chêile

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EDITORIAL

This edition of Le Chéile marks 45 years of the publication of a local magazine by the Community Council, having commenced in January 1974. It takes a little extra effort to make the deadline over Christmas and we would encourage contributors to keep it up.

Clane Musical & Dramatic Society are to be congratulated on their excellent production of the panto Robin Hood. We need a group like CMDS to provide an outlet for the talent at all levels and ages in the community.

Clane I.C.A. are to be congratulated on yet another most enjoyable and successful Senior Citizens Party. It is a huge and complex undertaking. Well done.

The organizers and participants in the Goal Mile have their feet on the ground in every sense of the word and they demonstrate a very positive understanding of the real meaning of Christmas. See page 7.

Clane Tidy Towns had another successful year in 2018 when they advanced another 7 points from last year (306 to 313). We retained the Bronze Medal for the 4th year in succession and received a cash prize of €400. With this mark Clane are again County leaders in Category E (5,000-10,000), ahead of Athy (285), Kilcock (279) and Kildare (277). The Chairperson, Helen, and some other members travelled to Ab-

beyshrule in Co. Longford to be presented with the medal on Dec. 6th.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful New Year and we encourage support of the many commendable and ambitious programmes outlined for the year.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 9th January

Clane Local History Group will present a Talk by Jim Heffernan on the subject of “Richard Griffith of Millicent House at 8pm in the GAA Club, Prosperous Road, Clane. Admission is free & all are welcome. See p.6

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Enrolment for Junior Infants 2019/2020 in Scoil Bhríde. See p.5

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EDITOR'S DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of material for the February issue of Le Chéile is

Monday 21st January

To 142 Loughbollard please.

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E-mail: mcevoyclane@gmail.com

Get Le Chéile on www.clanecommunity.ie

Monday 28th January

Annual General Meeting of Clane Community Council in the Nexus, Clane Project Centre, Prosperous Road, at 8pm. All welcome.

CLANE GOLF CLUB

Clane Golf Club notes- January

A very Happy New Year to all.

Results:

Turkey Competition

Team Competition:

First: 484 points- Sean Byrne, Michael Kelleher & Joe Higgins.

Second: 475 points- Eamonn Howlin, Toddy Brogan & Tom Bryan.

Joint Third: 456 points- Seamus Carew, Pa Connolly & Jimmy Quinn.

Individual Competition:

First: Eamonn Howlin 36 points.

Joint Second: Sean Byrne & Michael Kelleher 35 points

DECEMBER RESULTS:

23rd - 25th Nov. 9-hole Stableford Turkeys

Class 1 1st John McAndrew (13) 23 pts

(-17) 2nd Sean Brilly (14) 22 pts Last 2r

Class 2 1st Anthony Dunne (21) 25 pts Last 6

(18-22) 2nd Eamonn Howlin (21) 25 pts Last 3

Class 3 1st Tommy O'Rourke (35) 24 pts (23 -) 2nd Paddy Murray (31) 23 pts

30th - 2nd Dec. 9-hole Stableford

Turkeys

Class 1 1st Seamus Carew (13) 24 pts Last 6

(-19) 2nd Pdraig Rooney (11) 24 pts

Class 2 1st William Lacey C. (25) 28 pts (20-) 2nd Daire O Broin (26) 25 pts

7th-9th Dec 9-hole Stableford Turkeys

1st Felix McKenna (24) 25 pts Last 6 2nd Eamonn Howlin (19) 25 pts Last 3 3rd Bernard Campbell (25) 25 pts Last 5r Class 1 1st Tommy Carew (13) 26 pts Last 6

All 2nd Sean Lavin (28) 26 pts

Class 2 1st Ted Murray (30) 23 pts Non Prize Winners 2nd John Slevin (29) 21 pts Last 6

See our website:

www.clanegolfclub.ie- See video of an aerial view of the golf course.

Forthcoming events:

□ 9 Hole Spring League commences on Friday 11th January & will last for 9 weeks. Please enter your name on sheet on notice board.

□ There are a few places available for new members & we particularly encourage younger members to join & annual subscription is very attractively low.

□ Play golf when you want- you don't have to put your name on a time sheet. Enjoy your golf without pre-booking or waiting!

Eamonn Howlin
Club Secretary
Phone: 087 1215 396.

THE EVERGREENS

Well once more Christmas, with all its preparations and excitement, etc, has come and gone and closed the door on a very eventful and unforgettable year, because of the Papal Visit, and opened it to step into the New. May it be a successful one of peace, health and happiness for all of us. January 1st, being the feast of Mary Mother of God, is World Day of Prayer and Peace, when people everywhere are asked to unite in praying for peace and placing ourselves in her care.

How about our New Year's resolutions and all we are going to do and not do; great thoughts are in our mind. How good are we at keeping them all? Human nature being what it is we soon forget most of them -I certainly do.

Things are going well in the Club with many new members through the year. We are glad to have them and hoping for some more. A céad míle fáilte awaits you. Our shopping trip to the Liffey Valley was very successful and we

came home laden with Christmas shopping; that was on December 4th.

We Evergreens would like to thank Fr. Harrington for celebrating Holy Mass for deceased members on 11th December. Thank you Fr. Denis.

The I.C.A. dinner and party on 9th Dec. was, as usual, an excellent occasion with fun and entertainment for all Senior Citizens. The dinner too was excellent; these ladies in I.C.A. are excellent workers.

We had our annual Christmas dinner and party on Thursday night 13th. Dinner, again, and entertainment were par excellence. A great night was had by all. Betty Duffy, her daughter Catherine, Anne Maleady and Fintan Breen gave us great renditions of songs, which added to the enjoyment of the night. We all wished each other greetings and Happy Christmas; go mbeirimíd beo ag an am seo arís.

We mustn't forget C.M.D.S. -thank you for complimentary tickets for the pantomime Robin Hood, which was enjoyed by all. These talented Artistes are now getting ready for the Musical "Funny Girl". We cant wait to see it.

For now, on behalf of the Evergreens and myself, we wish you all a safe, healthy and blessed New Year. Ath bhlian fé shonas dhíbh go léir le gach dea guí.

Maureen Spain (PRO)

**ENROLMENT AT SCOIL
PHÁDRAIG & SCOIL BHRÍDE
CLANE**

**Scoil Phádraig, Clane : Enrolment
for Junior Infants, 2019/2020**

Dates: Wednesday, 23rd, Thursday
24th and Friday 25th of January,
2019.

Times: 9.30a.m. – 12noon and
2.00p.m. - 3.00p.m.

Location: Entrance Lobby.

Closing Date: 9th of February 2019.

Parents should bring along a copy of
the child's Birth Certificate, Baptis-
mal Certificate (if Baptised outside of
the Parish of Clane), PPS Number and
a copy of a recent Utility Bill as proof
of address.

**Scoil Bhríde, Clane :Enrolment for
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Dates: Wednesday, January 23rd,
Thursday, January 24th, Friday, Janu-
ary 25th, 2019.

Times: 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m. and
2.p.m. – 4.p.m. Parents should bring
along the following:-Child's Birth
Certificate

Proof of Address (recent Utility Bill –
no older than 3 months)

Child's PPS Number

If you would like your child to receive
the Sacraments during her time at this
school we also ask for a copy of their
Baptismal Certificate if they were not

baptised in Clane. This is not a require-
ment for enrolment.

Closing date for receipt of applications is
Friday, 8th February, 2019

“CLANE” HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Clane has been a focus of settlement from
remote antiquity. It was situated at a ford-
ing point on the Liffey and the fact that
the river was not fordable for some miles
on either side of it gave Clane its im-
portance in earlier times in probably the
same way as neighbouring towns in north
Kildare, such as Sallins, Robertstown and
Prosperous, were in more recent centuries
to grow around the newer developments in
communications following the building of
canal, rail and improved road infrastruc-
ture. Clane by contrast however was there
from the earliest times. Pre-Christian re-
lics in the locality include a cromlech, or
stone age burial site, on a sloping lime-
stone outcrop above the quarry at Car-
rigeen, about one hundred yards from the
Liffey bank. This was unfortunately bull-
dozed in the early seventies when turning
the quarry into a public dump. Stone age
burials with pottery inclusions were found
in a sand hill at Loughbollard in 1971. The
Mounds at Clane and Mainham, together
with the Bullaun stone on the bank of the
Naas Road stream have been tied in with
the saga describing the killing of the first
century King Mesgegra at the Ford of
Clane. It has been suggested that his body
was buried under the earthen mound at
Clane, while his head which was severed
at the Bullaun stone, in the bowl shaped

hollow of which the druids offered sacrifices of milk and grain and even human blood. His wife, Buan, is reputedly buried under the mound at Mainham.

Even the name Clane has existed for a very long time. In the Annals of MacFirbhis it is stated that before the Leinster men went into battle they assembled at the Crocaun Claonta, in the belief that if they did so they could not be defeated. A geologically formed sloping hill was situated under the Norman Motte with its lowest point protruding to the west. Crocaun Claonts might be translated as "Sloping Hill" A thermal spring, which would have attracted attention because its waters would have never frozen in even the most severe frost was situated alongside the hill on its northern flank. The gravels which formed the hill would have originally been melted from the ice by the warm water.

It can be little short of certain that St. Patrick must have passed through Clane on his way from Tara to Naas. If he did one wonders how he felt on finding a Christian Monastery already there on his arrival. The Monastery in Clane was in fact established by St. Ailbe, Bishop of Emly, a fellow Roman (Ailbeus) who, along with Declan of Ardmore, is believed to have preached Christianity in Ireland before the arrival of Patrick in 432. (as documented by Pope Celestine when sending Paladius to Ireland in 431 to tender to the Irish believing in Christ) It is a singular fact that there is no tradition of St. Patrick having been to Clane and there are no establishments attributed

to him. This despite the fact that he is credited with a degree of certainty, which is quite exceptional, with having established a Church four or five miles to the north of Clane at Dunmuraghill, beyond Staplestown. Predictably the Annalists give a later date for Alibe's foundation at Clane. One is cautioned however to treat such dates with suspicion as the importance of establishing the primacy of Patrick was clearly seen by the Armagh lobby as the best basis for maintaining the Primacy of the northern Archdioceses in their bitter struggle with Dublin.

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CLANE & RATHCOFFEY COMMUNITY GAMES

Preparations are being made for the 2019 Community Games. Anyone interested in helping please contact:-

Martina at 0872022298

THE GOAL MILE

The Origins of the Goal Mile

John O'Shea, journalist and humanitarian, started the Goal Mile in July 1977. John had witnessed at first hand the plight of local street children living in dire poverty

in Calcutta. He committed himself to do something to alleviate their suffering. In July 1977, John and his friends ran the first Goal Mile and raised £10,000 for a small, local health clinic in Calcutta. Today Goal is an international organisation that exists to alleviate the suffering of the poorest throughout the world. The Goal Mile is not only one of the biggest but one of the longest running fundraising events in Ireland. Over 37 years it has become a central part of families' and friends' festive tradition in villages, towns and cities all over Ireland. The concept of the Goal Mile is very simple: you turn up at a Goal Mile centre and you run, walk and contribute what you can afford to the charity. It offers friends and family an opportunity to spend time together, to exercise and to have some fun while at the same time to raise money and awareness of the most needy people in the world. The Clane Goal Mile In December 2005, having recently returned from Calcutta (now known as Kolkata) myself, I took part in the Goal Mile in Lucan along with Larry Harney: we decided at the end of the run that next year we would establish the Goal Mile in Clane. For eight years the Goal Mile was hosted at the Clane GAA grounds with the generous help of Declan Corrigan. St. Stephen's Day was chosen to host the Goal Mile to avoid a clash with the Charity Cycle hosted by the GAA on Christmas Day. For the past four years, Manzor's Car Park has been the venue from 10am – 1pm with a fixed "sprint run" at 11am.

Thanks to Seamus Manzor and Clane Athletic Club, the popularity of the run has gone from strength to strength. This year we raised €3,360 – an increase of more than €700 on last year. Thanks to all those who have helped out throughout the years, including Larry Harney, Ciara Smullen, Kate O'Donoghue, Seamus O'Donoghue, Caroline Mullally, Gordon Mullally and Alan Donovan.

Thank you people of Clane,

Michael Kilbride

CLANE ATHLETIC CLUB

Clane Athletic Clubs next Couch to 5km beginners running programme will take place for 7 weeks from Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8pm.

Please go to our website, www.claneac.ie/adult-running-club for more information on training times, annual membership, our registration evening, and so much more! Follow us on Facebook or Twitter for all the up to date announcements.

Work is underway for our new athletics track facility and will be opening in Spring 2019. Clane AC...be part of it!

