

Le Chêile

Community Magazine



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EDITORIAL

Clane Community Council will be 45 years in existence this coming year, having been founded in 1973. It is inspiring to see volunteers working late into the night to install the Christmas Lights along the Main Street. It gives out a message of pride in our community. It is a tribute to the volunteers involved, as well as to the many financial supporters.

A partial list of the undertakings of the community council is given on page 12. It includes Community Games, Tidy Towns, purchase and development of the Stream Park (now the Children's Playground), development of the Abbey Community Centre from what had been a roofless ruin since 1883, Graveyard maintenance. . . restoration of the Village Green, Christmas Lights, etc.

The biannual Nomination process, which will take the Community Council on for 2018-2019 is currently in process and, Nomination Papers are available in the Post Office. However the process will come to an end at 6pm on Monday 4th December. Please do get involved. Nominate someone from the prescribed area as shown by the map on the reverse side of the paper. How about nominating yourself?

Statutory Town Councils, such as that which was in Naas, Leixlip and Athy, no longer exist and many such towns now wish they had the voluntary non-political equivalent which we have had for the past 45 years. We in Clane should continue to value what we have and to work for its improvement and its

long term future. It is a case of men and women making their ideas, skills and talents available for the betterment of the community.

CALENDAR

Sunday 3rd December

Turning on the lights on the Christmas Tree on the Green. The Parish Choir will perform, The annual presentation of the Claonadh Award will take place and mulled wine and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Monday 4th December

Final day for Nominations to Clane Community Council for the term 2018-2019. Nomination Papers and Return Box will remain at the Post Office until 6pm.

Monday 4th December

December meeting of Clane Community Council in the Abbey Community Centre at 8pm.

Thursday 7th December

In conclusion to their Heritage Project Programme, Rathcoffey Historical Group will hold a Presentation of the Rathcoffey School Project & Reports on Celbridge, Clane and Naas visits in Rathcoffey GAA at 8pm. Guest speakers from Kildare County Council will be invited.

Web site: www.clanecommunity.ie

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of material for the **January** issue of Le Chéile is

Monday 27th December

To 142 Loughbollard please.

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CLANE TIDY ESTATES AWARDS

The Clane Tidy Estates Awards Night was held in Manzors' Village Inn on the evening of Friday 13th October. The Tidy Towns Committee wish to express their appreciation to Seamus and Kitty Manzor for their kind sponsorship; also to Clane Project Centre and to Dan and Marion Doolan.

After careful consideration of all the judging guidelines, the judges selected the following estates as **Clane Tidy Towns Award Winning Estates** for 2017:

- **Liffey Lawns** –very high standard throughout, from the estate name- signs to lovely planted beds to open areas.
- **Capdoo Park** –the entrance has come together wonderfully this year...also lovely to see the new planting.
- **Brooklands** –the colour all along the main road of the estate was enhanced further with some wonderful garden displays.
- **Central Park and Churchfield** –another wonderful turn-out. The discrete stone wall is a lovely feature, as were the beautiful beds throughout.
- **Otomy Estate** -lovely entrance, very well maintained open areas, with wonderful surprises in the green spaces throughout the estate.

- **Park View** -a beautifully presented estate, lovingly maintained as always. Congratulations on the new insect hotel.

This year the judges wished to highlight two Outstanding Estates. The estates they deemed to be **Outstanding** in 2017 are:

- **College Grove** -a wonderfully maintained entrance area leads into a spotless, delightful, colourful estate.
- **Abbey Park** –this large estate was very impressive throughout, from the thoughtfully landscaped entrance to the beautiful beds within.

Congratulations to all to all concerned, as well as to the many entrants who were following close behind. Keep up the good effort, which contributes so much to improving Clane's standing in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

MAINHAM CEMETERY MASS 2017

On Sunday, 5th November, on a bracing afternoon, the 38th annual Mass was celebrated at Mainham cemetery attended by a large congregation. The celebrant was Fr Paul O'Boyle, P.P., accompanied by Fr Denis Harrington and Deacon John Dunleavy.

The work of the Mainham Cemetery Committee volunteers throughout the year and especially in the week leading up to the Mass ensured that the cemetery was in pristine condition – a fitting

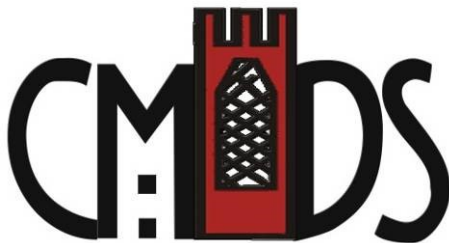
environment in which to remember the nineteen people laid to rest in the cemetery over the previous twelve months.

The Committee thanks all who helped in the celebration of the Mass and especially the Clergy, the Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, the Choir, Mongey Communications, the McCreery family for the parking field, the Gardaí, the umbrella holders, the traffic and collection stewards, and all of the other volunteers whose help on the day typified the community spirit of the occasion.

Finally, we thank with gratitude all who contributed to our collection on the day. We are now in a position to have our maintenance machinery serviced and ready for operation next year.

In memory of those interred in Mainham Cemetery from November 2016 to 2017: Sean Walsh, Mary O'Mongáin, Dan Carr, William Pat Maloney, P.J. Nolan, Deborah Boland, Una Hefferman, Oonagh Phelan, Emma McCann, Hilda Neville, Andrew Collins, William 'Bill' Connolly, Aidan Egan, Nancy Walsh Clerkin, James Bonham, Eva Murphy, John McDonnell, Philomena McNally and Elizabeth Lee. May they rest in peace.

CLANE MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Clane Musical and Dramatic Society's 2017 Pantomime Production of Aladdin will take place in the Abbey Clane on the 7th to the 10th of December. This is an exciting venture for the Society to embark on and will be a wonderful opportunity for individuals, show case the fantastic talent in Clane has to offer. Our amazing production team have been working around the clock with rehearsals & costume prep. But here is the news you all want to know, the cast...

Aladdin – Luke McIntyre
Wishee Washee – (daft sister of Aladdin) Ellie Casey
Abanazar – Dave McGee
Princess Jasmine – Lucy Bergin
Friends of the Princess – Sarah O'Flaherty, Chloe Kilpatrick & Aédammair Maguire
Emperor – Peter Fay
Vizier – Eric Nolan
Widow Twankey – Trish Larkin
Jojo & Fidget – Aoife Merrins and Jane Lowry
Fairy Announcer – Brid Murphy
Genie – Robert Gallagher
Rough & Ready - Louise Tierney & Caroline Hodson
Spirit of the Ring – Pauline Hoban

Aladdin with take place in The Abbey
from the 7th - 10th of December 2017,
show times as follows:
Thursday 7th, Friday 8th & Saturday
9th at 7:30pm
Matinee Saturday 9th at 3:30pm &
Sunday 10th at 2:30pm

Admission €12.00 Adult, €10.00 Child
Family tickets available on the door
€40.00 (2 Adults, 2 Children).
Tickets are available in Marrons Phar-
macy or call Anne Noonan on 087 689
7376

PARKVIEW NEWS

Sadness again in our Estate with the passing of our dear neighbour Mrs Watson. Condolences to her family. Condolences also to the family and friends of our former neighbour Frankie Mc Govern. A young man taken in the prime of his life in tragic circumstances. Rest in peace all our neighbours who have passed from us to their eternal rewards.

Now to good news. Parkview kept up our winning ways. Again coming first in the Kildare pride of place awards. We also received an award from the Clane tidy towns best Estates. I wish to congratulate Christy and Rose Kenny on gaining an award for their garden presentation. Thanks to all who did us proud with their gardens. It takes a big effort to keep maintaining the Estate to a high standard; thanks again to those residents who endeavour to keep their areas clean and for putting out flower tubs and baskets. Continued support of the Lotto helps with the purchase of flowers, a new mower and new fencing on the back green, where we have an

eco area for placement of leaves, grass cuttings and flower cuttings. Here's wishing each and every one a happy and joyful Christmas and new year.

Matt.

CLANE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL, 2018

Theme for the Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival, 2018 is 2018 THE SWINGING 60's. The Festival will run from 9th - 19th March with something for everyone. Lots of events being planned for the 2018 Festival.

Important Message: We are organising something very special to celebrate our 2018 Clane St. Patrick's Day Festival. Theme: THE SWINGING '60's. We

have decided to have a Reunion of all families who lived in the locality through the 1960's era. We are planning a very special Afternoon Tea, Dance/Reunion. Mick Dunne will be entertaining us. Our Special Guest, Mary Byrne will be singing the 60's music to get us into the mood of that era. Want to be part of this? Admission is free but prebooking is essential for the party. Early booking is also very important as tables will be limited. It promises to be a very nostalgic and memorable afternoon and will take place in The Westgrove Hotel on Sunday 11th March, 2018. Time: 3.30 to 6.30pm. Gather your school friends, family and neighbours to talk about old times. To book your table, phone us here or email: clanefestival@kildare.ie.

Clane Christmas Cards are now in stock in the local shops. Cards cost €4

for a packet of 6 and we hope you will agree that the cards are just fabulous this year. Thanks to the Westgrove Hotel for sponsoring the cards. Our contributors this year are: John Egan, Mandy Connolly, Niamh Dunne, Paul Whelan, Dessie Boland and Emma Jane Leeson.

Anyone is welcome to join our committee and get involved in the organising of the Festival. New members are always welcome.

Mary Dunne, Chairperson.

CLANE GOLF CLUB

Notes for December Issue of Le Cheile

We wish all of our members a very happy & peaceful Christmas and a healthy & happy New Year.

We take this opportunity again, to thank our Sponsors & particularly for the support given for the Golf Classic & Church Gate Collection held for the Kildare Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. The money raised has been a major contribution to their establishment of a new respite day care centre in Dunmurry Springs Golf Club and we are very grateful for the support given by the Community of Clane to this very worthy cause.

Our AGM will be held at The Village Inn on Monday 4th December at 8.00 p.m. Please see our website under "Breaking News" for details. As always, we welcome new members & they are invited to attend the AGM.

Our golfing year is coming to a close and the very popular Turkey Competitions are in full swing. The results for November are as follows (up to & including w/e 17th November:

W/E 3rd November: Class 1 Winner: John McAndrew (Captain) (H/C 17): 20 pts.

Second: Anthony Dunne (H/C 18) 20 pts

Class 2 Winner: Noel Cruise (H/C23) 21 pts

Second: Eamonn Howlin (H/C 19) 20 pts.

W/E 10th November: First: Bernard Campbell (H/C 23) 24 pts.

Second: Tommy Carew (H/C 15) 22 pts.

Third: Sean Byrne (H/C 20) 22 pts.

W/E 17th November: First: Martin Meaney (H/C26) 26 pts.

Second: Robbie Reilly (H/C 11) 25 pts.

Third: Sean Byrne (H/C 20) 24 pts.

The top five teams in the Turkey League are as follows:

First: 238 points Brian Conlon, William Lace (Vice Captain) & Jim Craughwell.

Second: 235 points Seamus Carew, Mick Kelleher & James Brady.

Third: 232 points John McAndrew (Captain), Lar Blanchfield & Chris Brogan.

Fourth: 231 points Michael Cuddihy, Bernard Campbell & Martin Meaney.

Fifth: 224 points Sean Byrne, Pa Connolly & Tom Bryan.

This competition continues up to & including the weekend of 15th December.

Avery Happy Christmas & New Year to the community of Clane.

Eamonn Howlin
Secretary
Clane Golf Club

THE EVERGREENS

Well we are into Advent and the festive season is almost upon us. Advent is a time of expectation and waiting and in many ways it is the loveliest season. There's a sense of excitement as we are really longing for a Saviour and Advent reminds us to look forward to His coming with hope. This can be such a hectic time too, all the preparations, shopping and an important occasion for family and friends alike. The pleasure of the giving and receiving of gifts is a major and integral part of Christmas celebrations too. By the way, have you the tree up and done and 'furnished' (if that's the right word!) Any way it's all a great time of year for young and old.

A special thank you to Fr. Harrington for celebrating holy Mass in the Evergreen room on 28th November for all deceased members. Indeen we remembered all our relations and friends who have passed on to God. We remembered too our last member Jo Mahony, who has passed away R.I.P. and who was a wonderful lady and a founding member of the Evergreens. May the light of heaven shine on them all and may God grant them eternal rest. Go raibh coinnle na bhflaitheas ar lasadh dóibh ar feadh na síoríochta. I bPana-thas na nGrás go raibhaimíd.

It's Christmas shopping for us Evergreens which will be 5th Dec. in Blanchardstown so hopefully it will be

a great day when we come home laden with festive goods and treats of all kinds.

We would very much like to thank Clane Musical Society for their complementary tickets for the Pantomime "Aladdin". This, like all their shows, musicals, etc. will be most enjoyable. What with the calibre of their acting and singing being so excellent, these artistes supreme give such pleasure to young and old. Long may they continue with their talents.,

Now that its Christmas, we Evergreens would like to thank everyone who has everyone who has thanked us in any way throughout the year, both financially and otherwise. Also the Committee, who do a lot to help and P.J. and Sally, who are great helpers and, not forgetting lovely Fiona who imparts her talent, great knowledge and expertise of art weekly to our budding artists. We are grateful to everyone for their ongoing kindness.

Well its time to wish you all a safe, holy and happy Christmas. May the graces and blessings of this festive season bring peace, happiness and joy to all of you and your families. Nollaig fe shéan is fé mhaise dhibh go léir agus gach dea guí freisin le h-aaghaidh na h-ath bliana. May 2018 be a happy, lucky and blessed one for us all.

Maureen Spain (P.R.O.)

CLANE ATHLETIC CLUB

Clane Athletic club 'Fit4Life' Adult running club will be starting back training again early in the new year on the week commencing 8th January 2018, with their Winter - Spring 2018 seven week training Couch to 5km running programme.

This 5km running programme is perfectly timed to have its members ready to comfortably run at the Clane AC Clongowes 5km event on Sunday 25th March 2018.

Please follow us on our Facebook page : www.facebook.com/Clane AC Fit4Life Adult Running Club or on our main website: www.claneac.ie to make inquiries, and to also see the latest announcements and updates.

DUE TO A FAILURE WITH OUR EMAIL SYSTEM WE HAVE TO REDUCE THIS ISSUE BY FOUR PAGES. APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE SENT IN REPORTS BY EMAIL AFTER SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER. WE HOPE TO BE BACK TO NORMAL FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**LATE REMINDER
TO NOMINATE !!**

Established 1973

**BY DEC. 4TH
AT 6PM. !!**

INVITATION TO NOMINATE [\[See Calendar p2\]](#)

MEMBERS FOR 2017-2019. [Nomination](#)

Papers are available at Clane P.O. Please nominate someone. How about yourself? It is important to keep up the voluntary community input of the past 44 yrs. Some of our achievements:-

- Community Games commenced in 1974.
- Clane's first Public Library in 1974.
- Church ruin (roofless since 1883) acquired in 1974 and demolition of Tower averted
- Le Chéile community magazine started in January 1974. Now on clanecommunity.ie
- Village Green walled & Triangle built '75.
- Tidy Towns commenced in 1975.
- Piped TV first organized in 1975
- Stream Park (Playground) purchased '75
- Abbey Community Centre built 1983-85.



- The 2 year Funding Scheme was extended a further 2 years to build the Evergreen Centre, to stone wall the banks of the Stream and to pave and wall the Park.
- Purchase of old stables, which had been on the near side of the Stream, brought the total purchase price for the Stream Park to €10K
- In 1992 the old Sewage Plant at the Bridge was acquired. (It was blasted and cleared to create the Riverside Park & Walk in 1996)
- In 1992 Clane Local Development was set up

after a successful application for funds.

- The Green by the footpath up the B'nagappa Road was developed in the 90s removing old hedges and fallen walls.
- Extensive trees were planted in 80s/90s.
- In 1995 CCC, on subscribing £18,000, received £96,000 to develop footpaths and parking in the Main Street.
- In 1999 the Fr. John Sullivan Monument (designed by Anthony Linden) was built.
- In 2006 the Garden of Remembrance was developed in the Abbey Grounds.
- In 2013 the Abbey Tower was flood lit and a plaque was unveiled on the Green to mark the 40 Anniversary of CCC.
- In 2008 the Abbey Cemetery Committee erected signage to mark the Friary's 750



years. Other works include new gates, a canopy to protect the altar, repairs to boundary walls and ruins conservation with barrier removal.

- Tidy Towns won Bronze Medals in '14/'15/'16 and '17
- Heritage Signs were erected in 2015.
- In 2016 the old Fair Green outside the Abbey was restored.
- In '16/'17: works to stage & Abbey interior.

KEEP THE GOOD WORK GOING!