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EDITORIAL

Man is the only creature who despoils and pollutes his environment. The trees of the forest shed their leaves in Autumn, making their mineral content available to provide another year's growth. This is not pollution. Likewise for all the plants and animals of creation.

Man, all other creatures aside, is fully conscious and aware of what he is doing and he alone has free will in the matter. He is furthermore multi-talented and potentially creative. Yet it costs society millions annually to counteract littering and illegal dumping. The environmental and economic consequences, the adverse effects on tourism and the deterrent to in-coming industries and jobs are very serious matters.

Tidiness is recognized as a virtue. It is a desirable practice from which we all benefit, both the individual directly concerned and society as a whole. There are health implications as well: typhoid and cholera, for example, are diseases associated with polluted water and unhygienic environmental practices.

There are rural as well as urban consequences. Our country roads are more and more becoming the targets of dumping and litter dropped from the windows of passing cars. Those involved in the annual Spring clean will be aware that in the course of one year the frequency of coffee cartons, bottles and cans builds up to about one per yard along the average road.

We cannot take the selfish approach, guided only by what is handy and convenient to ourselves as individuals; we are members of a larger community and the actions of each individual affect us all. Everything we do must reflect this responsibility.

If it is shared by each and every individual it falls lightly on the shoulders of all. This message must go to every child and every generation.

April is Spring Clean Month. The Department of the Environment, through An Taisce and the County Councils make available free bags, gloves and equipment, as well as removal of the refuse collected, to local organizations which get involved. In this area the organizations with an established record are Tír na Móna and Clane Community Council (Tidy Towns Sub-Committee).

CALENDAR

Saturday 6th April

An Taisce Annual Spring Clean of the countryside will be held in the Clane area by Clane Tidy Towns with support from K.C.C. All welcome. See p. 5

Tuesday 9th April (-Saturday 13th April)

Clane Musical and Dramatic Society will present *Funny Girl*, the Musical in the Abbey See p.5

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EDITOR'S DEADLINE

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

Monday 22nd April

To 142 Loughbollard please.

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THE EVERGREENS

Spring is still very much all around us - the beauty of nature, long days, variegated trees, beautiful flowers –especially the daffodils still in their golden glory. Yes all help to give our spirits a lift. The holy season of Lent will soon draw to a close and we’re facing the most important feast in the Christian calendar, which is Easter when we recall the death of Jesus on the Cross and His rising to new life. It fills us with hope and faith and assures us that we too will rise again as Christ did.

All activities are going very well with us Evergreens; so far so good. We are blessed with so many new members. Are any of you interested in cards of all descriptions and for every occasion? Well Ann Maleady in our Club makes really beautiful ones and sells them for charity ,which is the homeless -such a very good and such a deserving cause too. Our Pancake Morning went off very well. It was as usual the same flipping success. Thanks to all who helped and supported the great morning and partook of the delicious pancakes and also bought tickets for the raffle. The prize:- Ann Maleady, Fr. Paul O’Boyle, John Curley, Seamus Brady, Tom Byrne, P.J. Sheridan, Grace Murphy, Mary McCormack, and, last but not least, Liz Stanley. Céad míle buíochas to all.

On behalf of the Evergreens I would like to wish CMDS every success and all the best with their next musical “Funny Girl”. So these multi-talented artistes are now so busy rehearsing for this brilliant performance –their 36th one - picture that. All these Musicals, cast crew and production team have been widely acclaimed down through the

years.

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade was once more a great and spectacular success: such wonderful entertainment all the week, something for everyone, young and old alike, what a variety. All this is thanks to Mary Dunne and her dedicated team who work so hard for this all through the year.

We Evergreens would like to send our congratulations and best wishes to all those little boys and girls, both from Clane and Rathcoffey, who are about to make their First Holy Communion. May God bless them and their families too.

We wish you all a happy, holy and safe Easter. Am fé Cásca fé shéan is fé shonas dhibh go léir.

Maureen Spain (PRO.)

CLANE GOLF CLUB

April Notes

Competition Results

Spring League - Team Results

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| First: Seamus Carew, Bernard Campbell (President), Tom Bryan | 260 pts |
| Joint Second: Sean Byrne, Sean McCann, Paddy Murray | 255 pts |
| Eamonn Howlin, Pa Connolly, John Slevin | 255 pts |

Spring League - Individual Winners

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| First: Noel Cruise | 42 pts |
| Second: Tom Bryan | 36 pts |
| Third: Eamonn Howlin | 34 pts |

W/E 1st March - 9 hole Stableford.

Spring League.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| First: Diarmuid F. Coonan | (19) |
| 25 pts | Second: John McAndrew (19) |
| 24 pts | Third: Tommy Carew (13) |
| 23 pts | |

W/E 8th March - 9 hole Stableford, Spring League. Class 1

First: Tom Bryan (24) 24

pts Second: Eamonn Howlin (19)

23 pts Class 2

First: Jim Craughwell (24) 21

pts Second: Maurice Byrne - Capt. (21)

20 pts

The Friday 18 - 18 hole Stableford 15th M.

First: Anthony Dunne (17) 44

pts W/E 16th March - 18 hole Stableford

First: John Slevin (22) 39

pts Second: Diarmuid F. Coonan (13) 38

pts Gross: Diarmuid F. Coonan (13) 79

The Friday 18 - 18 hole Stableford 22nd M.

First: Pdraig Rooney (14) 37

pts W/E 23rd March - 18 Hole Stableford.

First: Michael Cuddihy (12) 36 pts (last

6) Second: Noel Cruise (21) 36 pts

(last 9) Gross: Ger Nevin (10) 78

Forthcoming events:

- **9 Hole Street League starts w/e 1st April. Watch Notice Board for team details -draw to be made 26th March.**
- **John B. McAndrew Cup w/e 6th April.**
- **18 Hole 3-man Scramble w/e 13th April. Play as often as you like with different partners.**
- **Away Outing on Good Friday 19th April at Grange Castle. Tee time 10.00 to 11.00 am. Time Sheet on Notice Board. Cost €30**
- **18 Hole Match Play Competition will be played weekend 20th April.**

See our website: www.clanegolfclub.ie

See video of an aerial view of the golf

course.

If interested in joining, please contact Eamonn at phone number below.

Eamonn Howlin

Club Secretary

Phone:: 087 1215 396

CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On Wednesday 17th April Clane Local History Group will launch the 8th edition of our journal Coiseanna in the Clane GAA Club at 8pm. The launch will be performed by Des Marron, Mayor of Clane. This year's edition runs to 128 pages and contains an extensive variety of articles on the history of Clane and elsewhere. Admission is free and all are welcome.

I.C.A.

Our monthly meeting, which was also the A.G.M., was held on Thursday March 7th at 8pm. In the Kare Centre. This was well attended and members were anxious to have officers and committee selected and elected and get an outline on the programme for the coming months.

Outgoing President Eileen Gray and Treasurer Yvonne Winters had kept the "show on the road" for the past four years, contributing so much time, talent and energy and were entitled to some "me time" at this stage. They were ably assisted by very efficient Hon. Sec Eileen O'Brien, who has kindly agreed to remain in situ for another while. Elected for the coming term are -Pres. Ita Killy and Treasurer Mary Smith - (welcomed back from "Sabbatical"), V. Pres. Ailis Sammon, Asst. Treas. Lilly

Losty and Asst. Secretary Brigid Donohue.

Before we settle down to serious business, we are having a fun-night out by going to the Dogs in Newbridge on Friday March 29th. (Maybe Brexit should try it; it didn't do our group any harm last time, anyhow). We continue to meet each Thursday evening at 8pm. For chat, cup of tea and a choice of crafts or perhaps some gentle exercises, -something to suit all tastes. This week we were delighted to welcome new member Claire "to the fold". Hope she enjoys many happy hours in the guild.

Congratulations -once again- to Mary Dunne and her hard working crew for another successful St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our Patron must have put in a "good word" regarding the weather -at the last minute!

Wishing all the girls and boys who are making their Confirmation or receiving First Holy Communion -over the coming few weeks -every blessing and all that is good in the future

A joyful and Spiritual Easter to all!
For information on activities please contact Secretary Eileen O'Brien @ 086 3447803.

P.R.O. M. O'Connor.

CLANE MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENT "FUNNY GIRL" THE MUSICAL

Clane Musical and Dramatic Society is all set for the opening night of Funny Girl on April 9th in the Abbey, Clane.

Funny Girl, the musical written specifically for Barbara Streisand (and

later produced as a film of the same name) will be presented from April 9th to 13th at 8pm. Tickets are available in Marron's Pharmacy or from Anne Noonan at 087 6897376. Tickets for Tuesday and Wednesday are €15. Admission for Thursday, Friday and Saturday are €18.

The show includes some famous and memorable songs such as People, Don't Rain on my Parade, You are Woman and His love makes me beautiful. The poignant story of Fanny Brice lives up to its title, Funny Girl, and no one suits the part better than Ellen Stapleton, whose beautifully musical soprano voice coupled with her mischievous comic timing will have audiences in the palm of her hand.

The suave Nick Arnstein is played by Robert Gallagher.

SPRING CLEAN

An Taisce annual Spring Clean volunteers are needed for Saturday April 6th. Tidy Towns are seeking volunteers to take part in the An Taisce Spring Clean in conjunction with Kildare County Council. Running for over 20 years local groups work for a couple of hours to remove litter and waste from dirty spots in public areas. Many hands lighten the work and can cover a wider area. If you would like to help with a group, please contact your local coordinator Pdraig McEvoy on 086 865 8262.

If you would like to join in the work of Tidy Towns this year come along to the Abbey on Main Street at 10am on Saturday April 6th, to help us get the new season off to a good start. New helpers and ideas are always welcome.

This year our evening clean-ups will

move to Monday evenings. We will start on Monday April 8th at 7pm, meeting at the Abbey, Main Street. Feel free to come along and give a hand any Monday.

CLANE & RATHCOFFEY COMMUNITY GAMES

Girls' Results of County Swimming 2019

U10 Freestyle: 4th, Alison O'Reilly
U12 Backstroke: Silver, Tesse Dillon
U12 Breaststroke: 4th, Aoife Mackey
U14 Freestyle: 4th, Ella Hampson
U14 Backstroke: 4th, Eva Corrigan
U14 Breaststroke: 4th, Hannah Walsh Hussey
U13 Girls' Squad: Silver

Boys' Results

U10 Backstroke: Bronze, Leon Hurley
U12 Backstroke: 4th, Joseph Finn
U13 Boys' Squad: 4th

By kind permission of the Principal and Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane & Rathcoffey Community Games Field and Track Events will take place at their grounds on Monday 13th May, commencing at 7pm sharp. Further details will be given in the May edition of Le Chéile.

Team competitions will be contested in the month of April following draws which are due to be conducted over the coming week.

CLANE SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL WINNERS

Clane Community Council - Winners of the

Best themed Award for 2019.

Sponsor: Clane Project Centre

Clane Taekwondo Club - 3rd Place in the Commercial Section.

Sponsor: KO Mainham Developments.

Clane's Hedgehog Club - 2nd in the Voluntary Section.

Sponsor: Croi Laighean Credit Union

Clane GAA - 3rd Place in the Voluntary Section.

Sponsor: BHP Community Ltd

Showstoppers Stage School came 2nd in the Commercial Section. Sponsor: Condron's Supervalu, Clane

Clane Men's Shed got 1st Place in the Voluntary Section.

Sponsor: Sherry Fitzgerald Reilly.

Enquiring Minds Childcare who are the Overall Winners of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Sponsor: Clane Project Centre

FIRST EVER ATHLETIC MEETING IN CLANE

Advertisement in "Leinster Leader"

Saturday May 31st 1884. Clane Pony Race and Athletic Sports will be held on Thursday June 12th 1884. Starting 1 o'clock.

Committee:

President: A.E. McCracken Esq.

Vice President: J.D. Whyte Esq.

Stewards: Dr. O'Connor, C.H. Farrell Esq., J. Geoghegan Esq., T.J. Farrell Esq., J. O'Neill Esq., J. Healy Esq., P. Crosby Esq., D. Healy Esq., Ed Dunne Esq., S. Whittle Esq., R. Kearney Esq.

Judge and handicapper, under the laws of the

Amateur Athletic Association, Mr. John Dunbar, Irish Sportsman, 36 North Great George's Street, Dublin.

Tickets to Enclosure 2/- each

Cars 2/6

General Entry fee for all Athletic events 7/6

Pony Race under 14.3 hands.

1st prize £1.00. Entry fee 5/- Details of athletic events. Slingsing 56 lbs without follow. Putting 28lbs. 100 yds open handicap half mile (confined). High Jump (open). 440 yds open handicap. Bicycle Race 3 Miles Open Handicap. 2 Miles Walking open handicap. 220 yds Hurdles (confined). 120 yds Hurdles open handicap. For boys u/16 220 open handicap. Long Jump open handicap. 220 yds Club Handicap. 1 mile handicap. 220 yds Novices. Donkey race and Pony race.

Report of Clane Athletic Sports in the Leinster Leader Saturday June 14th 1884:

"It is a pleasure to welcome to the world of manly sports a new athletic club, and it is with genuine satisfaction that we record the appearance on their own track of the sterling good men, who claim Clane or its vicinity for their present abode.

As has been said, this was the first Athletic meeting held in Clane, and we sincerely hope it will not be the last. It was completely successful, we have seldom seen a more animated scene. All sorts and condition of men were there, and as for the ladies -- but we despair of doing them justice. We had clergymen, betting men, business men, in short as we have said, all sorts and conditions of men, from the gentlemen to the tatterdemalion. The usual concomitants of a crowded meeting were all to the fore, the thimblerriggers, card sharpers, shooting galleries and those inevitable stands of lemonade, ginger beer and biscuits etc. etc. Almost everybody who has any claim to be

anybody was there. No wonder that a remark we overheard, should be made 'Sure its equal to Punchestown'.

The Clane Brass Band, and the St. Patricks Fife and Drum Band, Newbridge were present, and played all the popular airs. From the athletic point the meeting was much more successful than was expected from a first meeting.

The pony race was of its kind the event of the day. The winner as everybody expected was Rambling Fanny. This pony would be better described as a race mare, and is certainly not the class that people associate with the word pony. Second was Spring Daisy and third was Mineral Water. The Donkey race caused much amusement, the winner being the redoubtable Mick McQuaid. Before closing, we must mention that a great deal of the success of the meeting is due to the Hon-Sec Mr. T.J. Farrell and the other members of the Committee. Mr. D.J. Dempsey fulfilled his duties as starter in a most satisfactory manner.

The above was the first and last meeting under the Amateur Athletic Association held in Clane, for on Nov. 1st 1884 the meeting to form the G.A.A. was held in Thurles. The first Athletic meeting under the G.A.A. rules ever held in Kildare took place in Clane on Thursday, June 4th 1885. At this meeting, Tommy Conneff, then a lad of 17, ran his first race. Tommy won the Half Mile open handicap in 2 minutes 17 seconds, and in the space of two years, became a world champion. It is fitting that the G.A.A. Park in Clane should be called after the man who started his athletic career at the first ever meeting under G.A.A. rules held in Kildare."

Comments :
Reference to the admission prices and enclosure... It would seem that there was a special enclosure for those who could afford the

admission prices of 2/- and 2/6. One must remember that a farm worker's wages were 1/- per day and 1/6 per day for a ploughman. The general entrance fee of 7/6 would suggest that the "tatterdemalion" as the Leader reporter described them, could not compete.

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Wednesday 17th April

Launch of the 8th edition of Clane Local History Group's *Journal* by Des Marron, Mayor of Clane, in the GAA premises at 8pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. See p. 4

Monday 29th April

Monthly Meeting of Clane Community Council.