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EDITORIAL

We are now facing into one of the busiest times of the year. The **Community Games** get really busy with the Field and Track events scheduled for 13th May. The Games commence promptly at 7pm and all competitors are asked to be present on time. See page 7.

The marking of the field, the distribution, collection and processing of the entry forms takes several days and we are very grateful to the volunteers who come forward to help out in both the lead-up and on the evening.

On page 7 you will see a copy of the entry form with a listing of the various events and age categories. Study this in advance and hopefully it will be of help to those intending to take part.

With regard to **Tidy Towns** there is now only one month left to the commencement of judging. Weeds alongside footpaths (at the base of walls) should be removed. It is a great help if each resident or occupant takes care of their own premises. Napoleon once asked the question “How long does it take to clean-up Paris? “, to which he famously gave the answer “Ten minutes if everyone cleans outside his own place”.

The beds of streams should be cleared of litter and raked free of weeds. All graffiti should be removed. Any necessary sweeping of debris and mud should be carried out. Residents associations generally make a good effort and this is very helpful and supportive. If a model is required have a look at Parkview!

CALENDAR

Monday 13th May

Clane & Rathcoffey Community Games Field and Track Events at Scoil Mhuire Grounds, commencing at 7pm sharp. See page 7.

Monday 27th May

Monthly Meeting of Clane Community Council at 8pm.

HOW WILL YOU VOTE IN THE DIVORCE REFERENDUM?

Obviously that is up to you. The Editor doesn't mind disclosing that he will be voting to stall the further liberalisation of divorce and to protect the integrity of marriage and society.

TIDY TOWNS

Tidy Towns evening turnouts are being transferred from Tuesday evenings to **Monday evenings at 7 pm.** and commence in May. Tools and equipment are stored at the Abbey Community Centre.

Periodically a special muster will be arranged for a Saturday morning,

Your contribution will be welcomed at any time which works for you

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

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

Monday 27th May

To 142 Loughbollard please.

E-mail: mcevoyclane@gmail.com

Get Le Chéile on www.clanecommunity.ie

CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday April 17th saw the launch of the 8th edition of our annual journal Coiseanna (cush-anna) in Clane GAA Club.

Clane Local History Group would like to thank the large crowd who attended; the GAA authorities for the use of their premises; and the Mayor of Clane Des Marron for performing the launch Coiseanna costs 5 euro and can be purchased at the following outlets in the Village: Marron's Chemist, the Parish Shop, Hughes Chemist, Londis, Given's Opticians and Supervalu. Many thanks also to those who contributed articles for publication. For Heritage Week in August we are planning a photographic exhibition entitled "Clane's Hidden Gems and Forgotten People" in Clane Library.

Brendan Cullen.

CLANE GOLF CLUB Notes For May

Clane Golf Club notes- May

Competition Results:

The Friday 18 Competition Results

29th March Winner- Lar Blanchfield (17) 38 pts
5th April Winner - Lar Blanchfield (16) 38 pts.
12th April Winner - Maurice Byrne, Captain (14) 41 pts.

9 Hole Midweek Competition

Weekend 31st March Winner: James Malone (21) 21 pts.

9 Hole Street League - 9 hole Stableford

Week commencing 1st April 2019

First: Eamonn Howlin (15) 22 pts

Second: Ruaidhri Carew (22) 21 pts

W/E 7th April- 18 Hole Stableford - John McAndrew Cup

First: Ruaidhri Carew (22) -last six 39 pts

Second: Sean Brilly (14) 39 pts.

Third: Michael Gately (14) 38 pts.

Gross: Niall Bryan (7) 76

W/E 14TH April – 3 man 18 Hole Scramble

Winners: Michael Cuddihy (12), Joe Higgins (22), Tom Bryan (22) 99 pts.
Second: John Carew (10), Fintan Connolly (12), Kevin Doyle (22) 93 pts.

Away Outing at Grange Castle Friday 19th April- 18 Hole Stableford

First: James Coonan (6) 40 pts. (last 9)

Second: Sean Connolly (14) 40 pts.

Third: Niall Bryan (7) 37 pts.

Gross: Seamus Carew (8) 79

Class 1 First: Stephen Duffy (9) 37 pts.

Second: Aidan Donovan (10) 34 pts.

Class 2 First : Michael Gately (13) 35 pts

Second: Anthony Dunne (15) 34 pts

Class 3 First: Joe Higgins (22) 35 pts.

Second: Tony O’Grady (20) 33 pts.

Twos Competition: Eamonn Howlin, Anthony Dunne & Martin Meaney.

Weekending Competition 18 Hole Strokes Matchplay Qualifier 20/21st April:

Winner: Sean Connolly (13) 63

Second: Jim Craughwell (19) 64

9 Hole Street League -week 2 (7/14 April)

First: Maurice Byrne, Capt. (14) 23 pts. (Last 6)

Second: Michael Cuddihy (12) 23 pts.

Third: Noel Cruise (21) 22 pts.

Fourth: Jim Craughwell (19) 21 pts.

Leaders after 2 weeks:

9 Hole Street League team leaders after two weeks:

First: Kilkenny Cats (M.Cuddihy , N.Cruise & J.Quinn) 83 pts.

Second: Laois Leaders (M. Byrne, Capt., K. Doyle & Murray) 78 pts.

Joint Third:

Tipperary Slashers (D.F. Coonan, L. Blanchfield & J. Mahony) 77 pts.

Model Golfers (E. Howlin, J. Malone & J. Brady) 77 pts.

Forthcoming events

- **9 Hole Street League has started and continues throughout May.**
- **Thursday 12 Hole Rob starts on 2nd May & continues each week.**
- **Sunday 26th May -the Golf Course is closed for Union Day but we have our second Away Outing to Newbridge G.C. -1st tee reserved from 11.00 a.m. Watch Notice Board for Time Sheet.**

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

THE EVERGREENS

Welcome to the start of Summer- the month of May. It’s Our Lady’s month, set aside by the Church for special devotions in honour of the Mother of God, which are still very evident but more so in the days of our youth. Do you remember the processions, starting at the church and then proceeding along the streets, with children in their Holy Communion clothes carrying little baskets of flowers such as bluebells, primroses, violets, etc.; and homes also decorated with flags and flowers. Then there was the singing of the hymns- many associated with May devotions, eg. “O Mary

we crown thee with blossoms today,
“Queen of the Angels and Queen of the
May”.

Of course too May being the month of the Roses brings to mind the title “Mystical Rose” and the devotion of the Rosary. This is an opportunity time once again for the usual “Faith Lift” as Fr. Paul has organized the Parish Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help commencing May 6th for four consecutive weeks and ending May 27th, so we can entrust ourselves to our Lady and share with her all cares, worries and intentions.

On behalf of the Evergreens I would like to thank CMDS for their complimentary tickets to the musical “Funny Girl”. This went off so well as usual to packed houses and rave reviews and as for the calibre of the singing and the acting of these talented and brilliant artistes it was absolutely superb. They bring so much pleasure to young and old! So here’s to your next performance.

All is going well in our Club as regards activities, crafts, playing cards and so on and welcome to many new faces. Tá fáilte Uí Ceallaigh róimh. It’s great to see ye and welcome to many more who would like to come.

Hope you all enjoyed a lovely and spiritual Easter and now we Evergreens wish you a happy safe and peaceful Summer with plenty of sunshine.

Slán agus beannacht dhíbh.
Maureen Spain (PRO)

CLANE TENNIS CLUB

The Sports Capital project is well underway with the completion of 2 Midi courts for 6 -9yrs. also resurfacing and fencing of court 5. Total cost E50,880 and we have received 95% from Sports Capital Program. Courts 1 & 2 will be resurfaced over the next 4 weeks and our Clubroom extension will be completed by mid June which will cater for the much increasing membership of 160 Adults and 200 Juniors, also members of KARE and pupils of Clane Schools availing of our top class

facilities.

Total cost will be E160,000 approx. of which the club will receive E105,000 from Sports Capital Program and we look forward to our Official Opening day end June. We will of course need to raise funds over the coming year and on Sat/Sun 11th . 12th . May we ask you to support our Church Gate Collection in Clane and Rathcoffey. The club is also participating in Town and Village Renewal and wants to play our part in improving facilities with landscaping etc.

Meanwhile on the playing field, our Ladies 1st team reached the final of Class 4 in Dublin Winter league which was a great honour for the club and while we lost to a very strong Elm Park team they will be promoted to Class 3 next year. Well done to all the team.

Club tournaments every Tues from 7.30p.m. for all members and new members welcome to come along and see our facilities.

Junior coaching continues weekly catering for 6yrs. to 16yrs. and now enrolling for Summer Camp.

Look us up on Facebook for all information.

Liam Burke.

UNDOCUMENTED PLACENAMES

Like most other places Clane has many undocumented place-names. These were handed down by tradition and may apply to fields, ditches, lanes, etc. Some are to be found on very ancient maps and are no longer in common use. One example is “**The Locán**”, meaning a small pond, which used exist on the right hand side of the Ballinagappa Road as you went out of the village. The pond was surrounded by bushes which linked up with the roadside boundary hedge and was located roughly where the pedestrian entrance to Hill View estate is now situated. It disappeared when the drainage was altered by the laying

down of the public sewer in the early '90s. It was otherwise a very permanent feature and was not subject to seasonal drying out and disappearance.

Another example was the **Coolmucks**, a name which applied to the site of The Elms estate on the Kilcock Road. It derives presumably from Cúl na Mucos, meaning the place of the rosehips. Wild roses were always very prominent on the vertical face of the steep bank which runs the full length of the boundary fence between The Elms and College Grove. The embankment, which faces south and catches the sun, was cut out by a glacial spillway which runs all the way to Capdoo. It actually crosses the Kilcock Road and links up with the boundary between Saint Brigid's Terrace and Hill View Heights. Here the vertical bank faces North.

The **Gollamochoy River** comes down from the Betaghstown Bog. It was originally called the Abha-domhainín or Little Deep River (surveyed in the 1650s). It crosses the Kilcock Road via the Gollamochoy Bridge, at the bottom of the steep hill which leads up to its junction with the side road to Clongowes. The river makes its way to the Liffey. Interestingly half the outflow from the same spring, which acts as its source in the Betaghstown Bog, flows northwards towards Meath and joins the Boyne. Meanwhile, just having come under the road and emerging from the bridge the Map of 1837 shows our river dividing into two streams. One continues in a straight line following the boundary hedge with Clongowes. The other swings through a number of curves and ends up taking a more southerly route, crossing the Capdoo Lane and the Dublin Road, on its way to the Liffey. It is obvious that the forking was engineered to bring this water source closer to Clongowes. Having travelled a few hundred yards this engineered branch takes a right angled turn and re-joins its sister stream. An area of two to three acres were surrounded and cut off in the process. The 1837 map shows two small bridges were constructed over the sections of the stream to restore connectivity to an old path which crossed the

open field and linked the high path (*bealach ard*) along the top of the esker with the side road to Clongowes. The expression "Gollamochoy" originally derived from [Gabhal (fork) a'mhacha (in the cow-pasture)]. It eventually brought about the re-naming of the river and the bridge. Only the engineered strait branch by the boundary fence now remains.

A certain uncertainty as to the naming of the river still exists. This may be seen in the use of such expressions as Coonan's River, Shortt's River, etc. The Gollamochoy Bridge happens to be at the location of the original forking and people are at ease with its name.

How many know where "**Borabride**" is located? It derives from "Bóthar Bridhe" or Brigid's Road. It has from living memory been known as "Nancy's Lane". It was the original road to Edenderry. The Turnpike Act of George II, which was passed in 1751 approved the present straight road which starts from Irishtown (just on the Clane side of the first road to Straffan). It leads straight from there to Lullymore, bypassing the old Capdoo Road, the Ballinagappa Road and Nancy's Lane, emerging via Donohue's Lane to Firmount and on to Prosperous, and Allenwood, where it crossed the Grand Canal at the Skew Bridge and on to Lullymore. It had been intended as a new road to Limerick. It would have been a lot leveller than the one which comes through Rathcoole and Naas and easier on the coach horses. In addition it would have knocked ten miles off the journey to Limerick. It was known as Mosse's Road. The project was abandoned at Lullymore.

Brigid's Road might have been named after St. Brigid or after the Celtic Goddess of the same name. There is evidence for the latter as Celtic deities had rivers dedicated to them and the existence of a bullán stone on the Butterstream, prior to its destruction a few years ago, might have pointed to this.

Coiseanna Hill was the name of the hill on which the Youth Club Hall is located. (built in 1925) The name derives from

CLANE & RATHCOFFEY COMMUNITY GAMES

By kind permission of the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire Community School, Clane Community Council will hold the annual Community Games in their grounds on Monday 13th May at 7pm. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the finals of all events will qualify for the County Finals to be held in Clongowes towards the end of June. Parents & Competitors should note that to be eligible to compete in any event, they **must be still under the specified age on 31st July 2019 and resident in the officially recognized area.** Dates of birth and addresses will be checked on school registers. The games will commence promptly at 7pm. and all competitors are asked to be present on time. Forms to be returned with **Entry Fee of €2 by Wed. 8th May.** Please note that **no late entries** on the day can be accepted. **Each competitor must enter on a separate form.**

Absolutely no cycling in the grounds (Insurance Regulation). Bicycles to be left in the bicycle space at all time

Boys

U/8 60m
U/8 80m
U/10 100m
U/10 200m
U/12 100m
U/12 600m
U/12 Long Puck
U/14 100m
U/14 800m
U/16 100m
U/16 1500m

Girls

U/8 60m
U/8 80m
U/10 100m
U/10 200m
U/12 100m
U/12 600m
U/14 100m
U/14 800m
U/14 Long Puck
U/16 100m
U/16 1500m

Enquiries are invited from interested persons in other field events not listed

Note the Relay Teams going to County will be picked from the 100m Sprint winners.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENTS' SIGNATURE _____ TEL.NO. _____

TICK OFF YOUR EVENTS ABOVE.

Coiseanaigh, meaning ‘beside the swamp’. It was originally a lot steeper, with the height at Hillview extending across both sides of the road. Gravel was extracted from it in building up Mosse’s Road when the Turnpike Act of George II was passed in 1751 to bring the road to Limerick through Clane rather than Naas. The ‘swamp’ was located where Central Park is now located. The old name on this area was “**Mónbane**” or “White Bog”. The writer remembers a donkey being buried in the area in the 50s and a winter’s firing being procured in the process. Prior to the building of Central Park a main sewer line for the village was being laid through this area when the contractor went bankrupt due to the difficulties encountered in this marsh.

An interesting thing which has come to light in more recent years is the existence of a pre-glacial bog under the sand hill where the Wok and Surgery are located on the far side of the road. This surprising discovery led to the necessity to use piles when the buildings were being constructed. Experts came from all over the country to study the plant remains in the peat. Also, the tall lamp post on the foot path at the junction with the Kilcock Road could not be prevented from leaning sideways in response to the pull of the cables. It was up-lifted a year ago and found to be embedded in deep peat. A battle was fought on Coiseanna Hill in 1798. Richard Griffith and his yeomen made a tactical retreat from the Main Street and took up a position at the top of the hill. The rebels pursued them and took up positions at the bottom. The weapons they had were carbines, muzzle loading rifles which were fired from under the arm and directed up to 45 degrees over the target as you would when firing a stone at a distant target. The problem was that the yeomen were already 45 degrees above them on the top of this tall hill. They proved impossible to strike. The yeomen however, firing downhill, were able to strike several of the rebels and force them into retreat.

origin to the word Clane. Whenever the Leinster Men contemplated going into battle they assembled here first and made their plans. It had supernatural powers and stood beside a spring which never froze even in the hardest frost. Mesgegra, the King of Leinster was slain here in 33 A.D. when seeking to take refuge from Conall Cearnach the champion of Ulster. His body, less his decapitated head was buried here. In the 12th Century the Normans re-fashioned it as a Motte but the well and the lowest pointed end of the original hill remained protruding to the west. In the 1980s the sides of the Moat, the well and point were excavated by JCB

The **Cruachán Claonta** or the “Slanted Hill” gives rise to another possible