

# *Le Chêile*

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## EDITORIAL

Le Chéile is published for 10 months of the year, taking a break for the months of July and August. The first community magazine came out in January 1974. We are now in our 45th year, though the earlier publication went under the name of “Newsletter”.

June takes us half way through the year. There is certainly a feeling that things are moving on. It comes with the lengthening of the days and improvements in the weather. St. Patrick’s Day, and all the preparations for it, have come and gone and also Easter. The various events which act as markers in the community year follow in an inevitable succession. Community Games Swimming was held on 9th February. The Field and Track events were held on 13th May.

Tidy Towns inspections commence any time after June 1st. Like the Community Games, both events have now been running uninterrupted since the establishment of the Community Council 46 years ago. They are a big undertaking but we are fortunate to have the help of stalwarts who support us with both their efforts and ideas. Of course we are always open to further offers of help. This is how community works. Tidy Towns work parties meet each Monday evening at 7.39pm throughout the Summer. It is a good way to keep fit and healthy, not just physically but socially and in community terms also.

Le Chéile comes out ten months of the year and takes a break in July and August. We wish all an enjoyable Summer break and we look forward to returning in September.

## CALENDAR

### Monday 17th June

Clane Tennis Club’s annual Business House Doubles League over 2 weeks commences.

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### Wednesday 19th June

Annual Cemetery Mass and blessing of the graves in the Abbey Cemetery, Naas Road at 7.30pm.

### Monday 24th June

Monthly meeting of Clane Community Council at 8pm.

### Wed. & Thurs. 26th & 27th June

County Community Games in Clongowes Wood College grounds commencing 6pm.

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### See Forthcoming Events for Clane Golf Club on page 7

### **EDITOR’S DEADLINE**

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

### **Monday 26th August**

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# CLANE & RATHCOFFEY

## COMMUNITY GAMES

The field and track athletic competitions were conducted on the Scoil Mhuire Community School grounds on the evening of Monday 13th May. The weather was magnificent. We are grateful to the Principal and Staff for their on-going help and co-operation over many years. The results were as follows:

### U/8 60m (BOYS)

**80m**

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Reilly Doran    | 1. Reilly Doran |
| 2. Mason O'Dowd    | 2. Niall Mayock |
| 3. Charlie Dempsey | 3. Mason O'Dowd |
| 4. Matthew Quirke  | 4. Paul Colbert |

### U/10 100m

**200m**

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ryan Mangan    | 1. Ryan Mangan  |
| 2. Noah Scotch    | 2. Adam Edwards |
| 3. Jack Kenny     | 3. Keegan Lyons |
| 4. Stephen Marron | 4. Jack Kenny   |

### U/12 100m

**600m**

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Seán McGinn   | 1. Sean McGinn   |
| 2. Jamie Tuthill | 2. Adam Corbett  |
| 3. Jack Fielding | 3. Jack Fielding |
| 4. Aaron Dempsey | 4. Rory Maguire  |

### U/12 Long Puck

1. Adam Corbett

2. Eoghan Lyons

3. (D/H) Darragh Buggle/Dylan McBride

### U/14 100m

**800m**

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Enal Alenkle | 1. Ollie Reilly  |
| 2. Ollie Reilly | 2. Diarmuid Finn |
| 3. Alex Heeney  | 3. Finn Doyle    |
| 4. Bode Akingba | 4. T.J. Dunne    |

### U/14 Long Jump

1. Dylan Heffernan
2. Alex Heeney
3. Oliver Reilly

### U/14 Shot Putt

1. Oliver Reilly
2. Dylan Heffernan
3. Alex Heeney

### U/8 60m (GIRLS)

**80m**

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sophia Rooney Butler | 1. Ciara Mayack |
| 2. Naoise Kelly         | 2. Katie Doyle  |
| 3. Heidi Donovan        | 3. Sophie R. B. |
| 4. Cloe Cafferty        | 4. Naoise Kelly |

### U/10 100m

**200m**

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hannah McBride<br>McBride | 1. Hannah                |
| 2. Aine Lenihan              | 2. Sophie Heffer-<br>nan |

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3. Semi Akingba | 3. Poppy Healy  |
| 4. Poppy Healy  | 4. Aine Lenihan |

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>U/12 100m</b>   | <b>600m</b>        |
| 1. Lisa Manning    | 1. Lisa Manning    |
| 2. Laura Keena     | 2. Sinead Kinahan  |
| 3. Katelyn Cribbin | 3. Luka Sukelyte   |
| 4. Niamh Finn      | 4. Katelyn Cribbin |

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>U/14 100m</b>   | <b>800m</b>        |
| 1. Laura Edwards   | 1. Laura Edwards   |
| 2. Grace Gallagher | 2. Grace Gallagher |
| 3. Lucy Dempsey    | 3. Nina Doran      |
| 4. Nina Doran      | 4.                 |

- U/14 Long Puck**
1. Nina Doran
  2. Laura Edwards
  3. Grace Gallagher

- U/14 Long Jump**
1. Laura Edwards

- U/14 Shot Putt**
1. Laura Edwards

Congratulations to all the winners and to all who participated. We wish those who will be representing Clane & Rathcoffey in the County Games in Clongowes on Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th June [6pm] the

very best of luck. The Field Events will be held in Crookstown on Friday 5th July .

Note that for County Events there is an admission fee of €5 per adult (children free) in order to cover expenses. This applies in Clongowes. (Crookstown €4).

Congratulations to Oliver Reilly, who represented us in Cross Country in Limerick on the last weekend in May.

Team events are still continuing as we go to publication:

Clane and Rathcoffey beat Sallins in the Quarter Finals of the Boys U/12 Soccer. They are now through to the Semi Final.

In Camogie the Girls U/14 are to meet Straffan in the Semi Finals.

In Hurling Clane meet Kilcock in the Boys U/11 on 29th May.

Girls U/14 Gaelic Football meet Sallins on 28th May

### **Presentation of medals:**

**The winners in the various categories in both Athletics and Swimming were presented with their medals at a special ceremony in the Abbey Community Centre at 7pm on Monday 20th May. Anyone wishing to see the listed medal winners in Swimming may do so by looking up the March 2016 edition of Le Chéile on the web at [clancommunity.ie](http://clancommunity.ie)**

### **I.C.A.**

We are drawing towards “end of term” once again but have been kept busy on Thursday evenings up to now. We also

enjoyed taking part in “Go for Life” exercises on Tuesday afternoons in Rathcoffey G.A.A. Hall, for a number of weeks. We had a speaker on the importance of protecting our native species of fauna, flowers and feathered-friends, etc. Another time we listened to a very interesting account - given by a young man, Brian, from ALONE - the Voluntary Organization founded by the late Willie Bermingham, some years ago. His description of the great work carried out in many areas of Dublin City proves how beneficial such a scheme is to those living alone or in difficult circumstances. There are many rural areas, where similar benefits could be gained by having such a facility. A lady from “Crystal Art” gave a valuable demonstration on a variety of colourful artifacts which can be created. Some members - usual suspects of course (!) have already completed beautiful pieces. We are looking forward to attending “Legend of Luke Kelly” at Riverbank, Newbridge on June 1st and a visit to the Japanese Gardens on June 22nd. To balance the mid summer madness and conclude business matters, the Guild will host Kildare Federation matters on Thursday June 27th at 8pm. in the Kare Centre.

On a sad note - sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former member Lily Kelly, who passed away recently. Lily is remembered as a very popular and valued member, whose cheerful disposition and sweet singing voice brightened and lightened many a gathering. May her happy soul rest in peace.

Best wishes to all students who are sitting examinations at this time and a safe and sunny summer to everyone.

For information on I.C.A. matters please contact Hon. Sec. Eileen O’Brien (086-3447803).

P.R.O. M. O’Connor.

## THE EVERGREENS

Well we are over the lovely month of May when we renewed our confidence in Our Lady and shared with her in the Novena our troubles and concerns. Now we’re into flaming June and enjoying the lengthening light and enjoying too the welcome warmth of summertime. As well as the beautiful countryside and gardens full of colour and flowers of all description. We once again look forward to our annual novena to the Sacred Heart— a much loved period of peaceful prayer and thanksgiving every year and a beautiful time too of grace and reflection –the Feast Day this year being June 28th.

All activities, art, outings, playing-cards, etc. are doing so well with us Evergreens and we welcome such a lot of new members, which is a great boost. We are about to have our annual day’s outing –June 25th– to Carlingford. This is a beautiful place, as everyone knows, so we’re looking forward to same. Our Summer holiday will be to Westport, to Castlecourt Hotel from 23th September for 5 days and Evergreens can bring outsiders too. Mary Kelly, our Chair, has organized all this and at a very special offer -so to anyone who would like to go I say escape, relax and enjoy yourself.

As we are nearing our Summer break, on behalf of the Evergreens, I would like to thank all who helped us out during the year in every way and financially as well. Thanks too goes to the boys in Clongowes Wood College for their assistance, help and kindness every Tuesday. All the Committee Members have been so

good and helpful in every way. I'm not mentioning names in case I'd leave out anybody.

On a sad note, we offer deepest heartfelt sympathy to the Mahon and Kelly families on the deaths of Helen and Lily -two really wonderful ladies. May their gentle souls rest in peace and enjoy the beatific vision. They will be greatly missed.

Slán agus beannacht agus Rath Dé oraibh go léir

Maureen Spain (P.R.O.)

## CLANE TENNIS CLUB

The Sports Capital project is well underway with the completion of 2 Midi courts for 6 -9 yrs. also resurfacing and fencing of court 5. Courts 1 & 2 will be resurfaced by Mid June and our Clubhouse Extension has just been completed this week.

Total cost will be E160,000 approx. of which the club will receive €105,000 from Sports Capital Program and we look forward to our Official Opening day probably in Aug. when all will be completed.

Our annual Business House Doubles League commences Mon. 17th June, over 2 weeks and entry forms are available. Teams of 4 – 2 Ladies and 2 Men. We will have 3 Grades including beginners and all welcome to participate. Refreshments every evening in our new clubhouse.

Our junior committee are organising the Annual Summers Camp and all welcome to come along to club for enquiries. Club tournaments every Tues from 7.30p.m. for all members and new members welcome and see our new facilities.

Look us up on Facebook for all information.

## CLANE GOLF CLUB NOTES –June

### Competition Results:

#### 19 April Outing to Grange Castle:

**Winner James Coonan (6) 40 pts Last 9**

**Second Sean Connolly (4) 40 pts**

**Third Niall Bryan (7) 37 pts**

**Gross Seamus Carew (8) 79 pts**

#### Class 1 (-13)

**1st Stephen Duffy (9) 37 pts**

**2nd Aidan Donovan (10) 34 pts**

#### Class 2 (14-19)

**1st Michael Gately (13) 35 pts**

**2nd Anthony Dunne (15) 34 pts**

#### Class 3 (20-)

**1st Joe Higgins (22) 35 pts**

**2nd Tony O'Grady (20) 33 pts**

**37 Played CSS 72 (36 pts)**

#### Twos' Club

Eamonn Howlin

Anthony Dunne

Martin Meaney

P.T.O.

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#### The Friday 18th Competition Results 3rd

May 2019 Winner: Sean Lavin (25) 45 pts.

10th May 2019 Winner: Eamonn Howlin (15) 36 pts. 17th

May 2019 Winner: Lar Blanchfield (17) 42 pts.

#### 9 Hole Street League - 9-hole Stableford

Week commencing 5th May 2019

First: Sean Lavin (25) 24 pts

Second: John Carew (11) 23 pts

Third: James Malone (21) 23 pts

#### Week Commencing 12th May 2019

First: Padraic Rooney (13) 24 pts

Second: James Coonan (6) 23 pts

Week Commencing 18th May 2019

First Lloyd Bracken (18) 24 pts

Second: Ruaidhri Carew (21) 24 pts

**Outing to Newbridge G.C. Sun. 26th May**

First: Robbie Reilly (6) 38 pts (last 6)

Second: Matt Costello (18) 38 pts

Gross: James Coonan (5) 77

### **Class 1**

First: Diarmuid Coonan (12) 35 pts

Second: Stephen Duffy (8) 34 pts

### **Class 2**

First: James Malone (19) 31 pts

Second: Michael O'Toole (14) 31 pts

### **Class 3**

First: Daire O'Broin (20) 33 pts

Second: Kevin Doyle (22) 31 pts

**Two's Competition: Joe Higgins.**

### **Forthcoming events**

- **Vice Captain's (Mr. James Malone) Competition will be played on Sunday 16th June-Time sheet on Notice Board & on Website.**
- **Junior Cup to be played at Lisheen Springs G.C. on Sunday 9th June.**
- **CASC Cup to be played at Kilcock G.C. on Saturday 8th June.**
- **President's (Mr. Bernard Campbell) 18 Hole first day will be played on Sun. 23rd June. Second**

**day to be played on Saturday 29th June.**

**See our website:**

**[www.clanegolfclub.ie](http://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

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## **KNOW YOUR CLANE**

The building of the Church of Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid, Clane was described in Le Chéile in January 1975.

“The foundation stone for the Church in Clane was laid in 1876. Times were very hard and there was great difficulty in raising the money necessary to complete the building. At one stage when local funds were exhausted, an appeal had to be made to local parishes for financial assistance. The official opening and dedication did not take place until Sunday, 24th August, 1884. At this stage £7,000 had been spent and £2,500 was outstanding.

The architect, Mr. W. Hague, had included specifications for a very tall and stately spire which was never actually built. It would have cost an extra £1,000. A number of keystones were left open in the corner to the right of the front door in case the building of the spire should be undertaken later. A pedestal intended for a statue was left vacant above the main door.

## ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

The annual Mass in the Abbey Cemetery, Naas Road, will take place on Wed 19 June at 7.30pm.

The parish priest at the time was the Rev. Patrick Turner, whose memorial stone may be read above the stairway leading to the choir loft. Funds were not available to install the stained glass window above the main altar and it remained boarded up for years. Fr. Turner sent the measurements to Paris to have the present window made and it was while on a high ladder taking the measurements that the poor man went suddenly and totally blind. He remained blind for the rest of his life but carried out all his duties with the aid of a white cane and loved in particular to visit the schools.

The previous church was built in 1805 and extended from the street to the main door of the present church. This remained roofless until 1895 and access to the new church was through its ruins. The stones were likely used to build the right sacristy or “flower room” which incorporates the date stone of 1805. May we never fail in our appreciation of the hard won achievements of the generations who have gone before us.

Comerford, who was the author of “A History of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin” said of Clane churches: “The sites of three Mass-houses, all built since 1714 -two of which were thatched edifices- are pointed out at Clane; one lately dis-used, bears the date 1805. A stately and beautiful Gothic Church, designed by Mr. W. Hague, has been completed at an outlay of some £7,000, through the zealous exertions of the present pastor, the Rev. Patrick Turner.”