

Le Chêile

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EDITORIAL

Nominations invited to C.C.C.

Clane Community Council is now 46 years in existence, having been set up in 1973. Every second year Nominations are invited to continue this voluntary community structure into the future. On page 8 you will find a brief summary of the works carried out over the past 46 years.

The concept of working together as a community to develop facilities which will improve the quality of life in one's area was developed by Canon Hayes, the founder of Muintir na Tíre, in the 1930's. Urban District Councils are a statutory equivalent which existed in towns like Naas, Newbridge and Athy. Such towns had State standing and funding but became highly politicised. Their Urban Councils were abolished during the downturn. Many of these towns are now attempting to set up structures based on the Muintir na Tíre model but are working against huge odds and are struggling in their efforts. The voluntary model is almost unique to Ireland and would not be possible in more impersonal societies or large cities and conurbations.

We in Clane should continue to value what we have and to work for its improvement. It is a case of men and women working with and for the community. The community needs your ideas, your talents and skills. There are as many ways to contribute as there are different personalities and talents. It is not just a matter of keeping what we have going -full stop. There are always new issues to be looked at and considered. Needs change with time and circumstances.

There is a saying in Irish. Níl neart gan chur le chéile (We have no strength 2

until we combine our efforts). Working together means also working with other community groups -in the Sports area, in the cultur and arts area, with the I.C.A., with Residents Associations, with the Parade group, with the Wheelchair Association, etc. It means working with the authorities, such as the County Council, the Gardaí, the Schools and the various providers of grant funding.. There is nothing achieved in isolation, so let's all row in together.

Look around you & you will become aware of people in your own area who you think could contribute. Indeed, how about nominating yourself? A meeting once a month, with a break in July & August is something most people could manage & think of the benefits to the community -& to you in terms of satisfaction as a volunteer in your own community. See p.8 for benefits and achievements.

Nomination Papers will be available at the Post Office in Londis from 1st November to 4th December. You can also Nominate on line at the Web Site www.clanecommunity.ie

I.C.A.

Our guild meetings resumed on Thursda Sept. 5th and activities continue each Thurs. evening at 8pm.

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

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

Monday 25th November

To 142 Loughbollard please.

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Community Care Nurse-Emma visited us and gave soothing hand-massage to a number of members, plus helpful advice on care of hard-working hands. She is returning at a later date to continue the good work.

Another evening, Community Garda Sgt. Gavin Dunphy advised on security and safety measures -indoor and outdoor.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent collection towards the annual Senior Citizens Party, which is on Sunday December 8th at 1pm in the G.A.A. Club Rooms. A warm welcome is assured.

Our November meeting is Thursday 7th at 8pm.

P.R.O. Maureen O'Connor.

CLANE GOLF CLUB November 2019:

We are approaching the end of the golfing year for 2019.

The top ten in the Golfer of the year at 13 th October is as follows:

- 1 Sean Connolly 117
- 2 Felix McKenna 92
- 3 John Carew 89
- 3 Michael Cuddihy 895 Sean Brilly 86
- 6 Diarmuid F Coonan 84
- 7 Niall Bryan 81
- 8 Maurice Byrne 75
- 9 Brian Conlon 74
- 10 Pat McDonnell 69

Competition ends this month.

Golfer of the Summer Results:

1. Jim Craughwell 89 pts.
2. Felix McKenna 79 pts.
3. William Lacey 59 pts.

The Turkey Competitions have started & the top three teams after Week 3 are as follows:

1. 115 points - Diarmuid Coonan/ William Lacey/ Paddy Murray
2. 114 points - Padraic Rooney/ Pa Connolly/ Ted Murray
3. 112 points - Brian Conlon/ Eamonn Howlin/ Martin Meaney

Results of September/October Competitions are as follows:

Home Outing 29 th September

1. Brian Conlon (10) 42 pts.
2. Fintan Connolly (13) 39 pts. (last 9)
3. Robbie Reilly (6) 39 pts.
4. Niall Bryan (7) 37 pts.
5. Felix McKenna (20) 36 pts.
6. Pa Connolly (18) 36 pts.

W/E 6 th October -18 Hole Stableford:

Clane Award-Winning Estates Competition

Report 2019

A sincere thank you for entering the 2019 Award Winning Estates Competition, again generously supported by Clane Project Centre. This year the judges were asked to select a number of award-winning estates based on the judging guidelines attached.

All entry forms were studied and the entrants visited during the summer. It was another difficult year to select between estates. However, this year the judges felt that the following areas and initiatives deserved to be called out:

- **Meadow Court and The Meadows** – A well-maintained estate with some enhanced boundary fencing (with IWA) and lit footpaths appreciated. Some wonderful gardens within.
- **Hillview Heights + Hillview Green** – Some delightful hanging baskets. The entrance was well maintained. Well done on delayed mowing and allowing wilderness at edges of the green.
- **Hillview** – Good luck with the new Hornbeam hedge at path towards Clancy's. The flowers at some

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2. John Carew (11) 35 pts.

News: In a competition held in aid of the Kildare Branch of the Alzheimer Society, a sum of €950 was raised for this deserving cause.

Forthcoming events:

- Our AGM will be held at the Village Inn on Monday 3rd December at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

- We are now open for new members for 2020 at a first- year subscription of €360 for full membership. Juvenile Membership (9-16 years) €80, Junior Membership (16 years+, in full time education €105).

Please contact Eamonn Howlin at 087-1215 396 if interested in joining.

Eamonn Howlin, P.R.O.

of the lampposts introduced a lovely splash of colour.

- **Liffey Lawns** – nicely maintained throughout, the renovated beds along the main road through the estate were admired. No litter to be seen and some very nice gardens.
- **Alexandra Manor** – very well maintained throughout. No litter, maturing beech hedges well-kept and immaculate verges in the public areas.

After careful consideration of all the judging guidelines, the judges selected the following estates as **Clane Tidy Towns Award Winning Estates** for 2019:

- **Ottomy Crescent and Grove** – The Crescent was particularly admired – a lovely amenity for residents. Bee-friendly mowing at the front was appreciated, as well as the new boxes.
- **Capdoo Park** – Great to see the mulch by the ivy wall. Lovely planting near entrance and at some of the lampposts. Very well maintained throughout.
- **Loughbolland** – wonderful colour at the estate entrances and best wishes with the new planters on the boundary with the Kilcock road. Inside, many lovely gardens and no litter.
- **Brooklands** – bush-roses were very impressive this year. Some stunning garden displays of flowers brightening up different corners of the estate.

- **College Grove** – impressive open space and planting at entrance. No litter and again some wonderful gardens within. Good luck with the new wildlife initiatives.

- **Abbey Park** – stunning large bed of planting within the estate. Congrats on the delayed mowing. Also great to see recently planted trees maturing off to the left of entrance.

- **Mainham Wood** – very neatly maintained. Thank you for the delayed mowing. New landscaping at entrance admired. A great year for some of the garden displays.

This year the judges wished to highlight two Outstanding Estates. The estates they deemed to be **Outstanding** in 2019 are:

- **Park View** – very well presented with wonderful planters—and planting—throughout. Compost area and bug hotel very tastefully done. Congratulations!
- **Central Park and Churchfield** – another stunning year. Lovely beds throughout – e.g. at the entrance, internal signage and at the restored wall. Some fabulous gardens. Congratulations!

CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Clane Local History Group will present a talk on the famous Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton, who was a native of Co. Kildare, by Kevin Kenny at 8pm on Wednesday, 13th November, 2019 at the GAA Club, Prosperous Road, Clane. The talk is entitled "Get Down on Your Knees and Pray for Shackleton". Admission is free and all are welcome. The talk will be followed by light refreshments.

CLANE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

Clane Christmas Cards, 2019, are now on sale in local shops. Great selection of cards again this year. Our contributors for 2019 are: Paul Whelan, Mandy Connolly, Mai Bergin and John Kennedy. Thanks to the Westgrove Hotel and Conference Centre for sponsorship again this year. Cards cost 4 euro for a pack of 6 or single cards cost 1 euro each. All proceeds from the cards go towards our Parade, 2020. Theme for 2020: OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE.

Our DECADE OF MEMORIES Book will be launched very soon. It contains great memories of our Festival and lots more too. A great read and something to remember when posting abroad this Christmastime. Send a decade of memories to your loved this year.

Annual ALL RISE FOR Childline Breakfast Day will take place this year on Saturday 9th November in Enquiring Minds Childcare, Prosperous. Family Fun Day with plenty of entertainment throughout the day.

Time: 10am to 2pm. Call in for breakfast. Great Raffle too. Get your tickets now from any of the Enquiring Minds Branches. All proceeds to Childline.

Mary Dunne,
Chairperson,
Clane Festival.

THE EVERGREENS

Well as the first month of Winter is here, we say goodbye to awesome Autumn--this distinctive season that invites reflection. Leaves have all fallen in shades of golden hue and

rustic, enthralling us with their dazzling arrays of colour -a beautiful time too as crops are harvested and the seeds of Autumn sown. November is now with us and, as we all know, this month is set aside traditionally by the Church for remembrance of the Holy Souls. In our loss and sorrow we turn in faith to God and again commend our loved ones who have passed on to His care. We remember them always in our prayers and in Masses, especially. St. Padre Pio, whose feast Day is 23rd Sept., was extraordinary devoted to the Souls. So many of them whom he helped release from Purgatory through Masses and prayers actually appeared to him afterwards. We of course too remember those lost souls who have no one to pray for them. It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.

We have many new members joining us and all enjoying what we to offer- the valued activities and projects, card playing and especially the art classes which are given by lovely Fiona with great tuition and expertise. Our annual collection was held on 19th and 20th Oct.. This as usual was a great success. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated by us Evergreens and also your continued support of our Club. Céad míle buíochas. Slán agus beannacht agus beir bua agus beannacht.

Maureen Spain (P.R.O.)

CLANE TODDLER GROUP

We have a vibrant and active Toddler Group which runs in the Parish Hall every Wednesday (term time) [from 10-11.30am](#) and we desperately need volunteers!

It would involve setting up and putting

away the equipment, and then as much involvement as you would like in crafts, and songs. we offer full garda vetting so you don't need to have a child in order to volunteer! It would particularly suit anyone doing a child-care course who wants some experience, or perhaps someone who enjoys working with kids and has a spare Wednesday morning!

Please contact Rebecca if you may be interested: 085 155 2083 or email rjcampbell685@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Friday 1st Nov. - Monday 4th Dec.

Nomination Papers will be available at the Post Office in Londis for appointment of members to Clane Community Council 2020-2021.

See page 2 **Sunday 3rd November:**

Cemetery Sunday The Abbey: 12.30pm

Mainham: 3.00pm.

Monday 4th November

Monthly meeting of Clane Community Council at 8pm in Clane Project Centre **Sat-**

urday 9th November

Childline Breakfast Day will take place at Enquiring Minds Childcare, Prosperous between 10am and 2pm. All proceeds to Childline. See p. 6.

Wednesday 13th November

Clane Local History Group will present a Talk by Kevin Kenny at 8pm in the GAA on the Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton, who was a native of Co. Kildare. See p. 6.

Sunday 1st December

Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights on the Village Green following the presentation of the Claonadh Award in the Abbey.

CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Established 1973

INVITATION TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR 2020-2021.

Nomination Papers will be made available at the P.O. in Londis in **November**. Please nominate someone. How about yourself? It is important to keep up the voluntary community input of the past 46 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 Jan. '74. Now on clanecommunity.ie
- Village Green walled & Triangle built '75.
- Tidy Towns commenced in 1975.
- Piped TV first organized in 1975.
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- Stream Park (Playground) bought 1975.
- 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 £10,000.
- In 1992 the old Sewage Plant at the Bridge was acquired. (It was blasted and

cleared to create the Riverside Park).

- In 1992 Clane Local Development was set up after a successful application for funds.
- The Green by the footpath up the Ballinagappa 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 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/'17/'18 and '19.
- 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!