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Community Magazine



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EDITORIAL

This edition of Le Chéile marks 46 years of the publication of a local magazine by Clane Community Council, having commenced in January 1974. In earlier years we had monthly contributions from all the sports organizations, many residents associations and virtually every other group in the area. The standard number of pages was 24. It takes a little extra effort to make the deadline over Christmas and we would encourage contributors to keep it up.

Clane Musical and Dramatic Society are to be congratulated on an excellent production of "Jack and the Beanstalk". Clane ICA are to be congratulated on yet another most enjoyable Senior Citizens Party. The biggest ever. It is a huge and complex undertaking. Well done.

The organizers and participants in the Goal Mile have their feet on the ground in every sense of the word and they demonstrate a very positive understanding of the real meaning of Christmas.

Clane Tidy Towns had another successful year in 2019 when we advanced another 7 points from last year and retained our Bronze Medal (for the 5th successive year) with €400. We now have 320 points. Clane are still leaders in Category E (5,001-10,000) in County Kildare, ahead of Athy (290 points, Kilcock (284 points) and Kildare (284 points).

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful New Year and we encourage support for the many commendable and ambitious programmes outlined for the year.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 8th January Clane Local History Group will present a talk by John O'Dea entitled "The History of Clongowes Wood Farm at 8pm in the GAA Club, Prosperous Road, Clane. All are welcome.

Monday 20th January

The AGM (46th) of Clane Community Council at 8pm in the Nexus Office, Clane Project Centre, Prosperous Road (beside Hughes' Pharmacy). All are welcome.

Wed. 22, Thurs. 23, Fri. 24th January Enrolment in Scoil Bhríde. Closing date Fri. 7th February.

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THE EVERGREENS

Well once more the true spirit of Christmas with all the preparations, excitement, giving and receiving presents has come and gone and a new year has opened up a new year. January is often the month when we take stock of our lives. We set new goals for ourselves and make New Year resolutions -but how good are we at keeping them?- it is not easy human nature is human nature when all is said and done. Anyway may the New Year be a successful one of peace and health for us all.

Things are going just great in the Club with many new faces during the year. We're

EDITOR'S DEADLINE

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

Monday 20th January

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so happy to have them and hope many more will join us. Beig Fáilte Ui Ceallaigh Róimh.

We Evergreens would like to thank Fr. Harrington for celebrating holy Mass for deceased members on December 10th. Thank you Fr. Denis. Thank you also to the I.C.A. for hosting a wonderful dinner and party for all senior citizens on December 8th. It was most enjoyable with fun and entertainment.

We had our own annual Christmas Party on Thursday 12th in the Westgrove Hotel. Again both dinner and entertainment were par excellence. Florrie, Ann Maleady, Betty Duffy and Eva Halligan entertained us with lovely renditions of songs, which added to the enjoyment of the night We all wished each other the joys of a happy and blessed Christmas. Go mbeirimíd beo ag an am seo arís.

Again on behalf of the Evergreens I wish you all a very happy and safe New Year. Ath bhlian fé shonas dhibh go léir agus go neirí geal libh.

Maureen Spain (P.R.O.)

CLANE GOLF CLUB January 2020:

After an exciting Turkey League Competition, there was an exciting finish when only one point separated the top two teams after twelve weeks. The top three teams are:

332 points - Brian Conlon/ Easmonn Howlin/ Martin Meaney

331 points - John McAndrew/ Michael Kelleher/ Sean Lavin

317 points - Seamus Carew/Felix McKenna/ James Brady.

Results of the singles competition for the turkey league, also after twelve weeks

Joint 1st 39 Points- Paddy Murray

39 Points- Thomas O'Rourke

3rd 36 points- Felix McKenna.

News: At our AGM on 2nd December the following Officers & Committee were elected:

President : Jim Craughwell.

Captain : James Malone

Vice- Captain : Daire O'Broin

Ex-Officio : Maurice Byrne

Secretary : Eamonn Howlin

Treasurer : Fintan Connolly

H/Cap Secretary: Seamus Carew

Committee: Sean Byrne, William Lacey, Sean Lavin, Felix McKenna, John McAndrew, Thomas O'Rourke & Padraic Rooney.

Membership

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.

We hope that everyone had a peaceful $_{\mathbf{3}}$ and happy Christmas and we wish you all

a very healthy & happy New Year!

Eamonn Howlin, P.R.O.

CLANE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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CLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Following on a public invitation to the residents of the Clane area, aged 18 or over, and resident within the area served by Clane Community Council since its establishment in 1973 the following alphabetical list was established.

Maurice Austin

Owen Brennan

Paul Carroll

John Daly

Nellie Dillon

Marian Doolan

Des Drumm

Karen Egan

Nick Fitzgerald

Joe Glennon

Martine Grogan

Martina Healy

John Kennedy

Henry Lowry

Tom McCreery

John McDonough

Padraig McEvoy

Tony McEvoy

Tony McKenna

Rita Mahon

Rob Mahon

Rob Michael

Anne Noonan

John Power

Michael Quirke

The AGM of Clane Community Council is set for 8pm in the Nexus Office, Clane Project Centre, Prosperous Road (beside Hughes' Pharmacy). This will be the 46th AGM, completing 47 years since the establishment of the Community Council in 1973. All are very welcome.