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Carrigtwohill Hurlers Retain Senior Status

Saturday August 16th will long be remembered by anyone interested in Gaelic games in Carrigtwohill. Having being promoted after winning last years Premier Intermediate County Hurling Championship, survival in the grade depended on a winning result against fellow East Cork team St. Catherine's.

In an exciting and tense game, Carrig ended up victors by two points on a score of 1-12 to 1-10.

Mickey Da Fitzgerald was the hero on the night, pointing a 65 and a long range free in the dying minutes to earn the win and keep Carrigtwohill a senior club for another year.

The team lined out as follows:

M. Fitzgerald
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Carrigtwohill Credit Union Celebrates 25th Birthday.

An enjoyable and well attended BBQ was held at the Park Hotel in Midleton on Friday August 15th to mark the 25th anniversary of the setting up of the credit union in Carrigtwohill.

The Credit Union was set up in the Community Centre and was run on a voluntary basis from its inception.

A large number of members have helped out as voluntary tellers both in the sub-office and the school unit over the years and of the original committee a few are still active 25 years later.

Pat Burke is now chairman of Midleton Credit Union and has acted in all officers positions over the years.

Flor Grey and Dermot Cashman are still involved as tellers with unbroken service going back to day one.

Pat Burke paid tribute to everyone who has helped over the years and presentations were made to the founding committee members.



Picture above: Kathleen Woulfe, Secretary of Midleton Credit Union making a presentation to Pat Burke. On left is Anne White and on the right is Credit Union Manager John Fenton.

Picture top Right: Michael White, Director Midleton Credit Union, making a presentation to Dermot Cashman who has been involved as a voluntary teller since the establishment of Carrigtwohill Credit Union sub-office.

Picture right: Ann White Director Midleton Credit Union, making a presentation to Dave Moore who was the chairman of the founding Carrigtwohill committee and went on to be a director and secretary of Midleton Credit Union. He also led the sub-committee that built the present sub-office next door to the Community Centre.

Midleton Credit Union has a common bond (from where it can have members) covering Midleton, Carrigtwohill, Lisgoold, Dungourney, Castlemartyr, Ladysbridge, Cloyne, Ballycotton and Whitegate. Carrigtwohill is the only village with a sub-office and it is run by Helen Ahern with help from local volunteers.

Annual Imokilly Muintir na Tíre Charity Cycle

The annual Imokilly Charity Cycle took place on Saturday 19th May 2008. The cycle was organised by Muintir na Tíre and the proceeds will be distributed between Marymount Hospice and other local charities.

Seventeen cyclists travelled the seventy mile circuit from Youghal via Tallow, Fermoy, Carrigtwohill, Midleton, Castle-martyr, Killeagh and back to Youghal. A welcome break took place at the Carrigtwohill Community Centre and refreshments, organised by Annette Lane, were provided by Carrigtwohill Community Council.

The overwhelming success of the event is due to the collectors who played an important role in the fundraising event and the many people who came out on the day to support this worthwhile occasion.



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We urgently need a few volunteers to get involved in the production of the Newsletter.

No special skills required.

If you can help please contact any of the above.

Sincere thanks to **Eddie O’Riordan** and **Majella Sylvester** for making their photographs available to us.

Help is always required with the distribution of the Newsletter.

The more volunteers, the lighter the load on everybody.

There were some minor problems with the distribution of the last issue and we apologise to anyone who did not get a copy.

Spare copies of all issues are usually available at the Community Centre.

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Ó Cuív launches the largest ever rural development package - Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

On 20th May last Éamon Ó Cuív T. D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs launched the LEADER elements of the new Rural Development Programme.

Under the Programme, funding of €425.4 million will be provided, almost treble the amount available in the last Programme (2000-2006), and the largest ever package for rural development. The funding will be channelled through Local Action Groups to support and facilitate the continued development of rural communities all over Ireland.

Proposals are being sought from Local Action Groups throughout Ireland to administer this funding.

East Cork Area Development Ltd. will submit a plan for their area of operation in July. It is expected that funding will not be available locally until the end of the year but this will depend on the evaluation of plans by the Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

The Rural Development Programme will be delivered through the LEADER approach, an innovative ‘bottom up’ approach that encourages rural areas to explore ways to become or remain competitive, to make the most of their assets and to overcome whatever challenges they may face. This approach is community driven and is managed through the Local Action Groups.

Each of the Local Action Groups selected to administer the Rural Development Programme will distribute funding to communities, enterprises and individuals in rural areas following an application process. The range of activities to be funded under this Programme are varied and will include diversification into non-agricultural activities, support for business creation and development,

encouragement of tourism activities, basic services for the economy and rural population, village renewal and development, conservation and up-grading of rural heritage and training.

Announcing the funding, Minister Ó Cuív said: *“I am delighted to announce the commencement of the selection process for Local Action Groups to deliver the LEADER elements of the new Rural Development Programme. The level of funding available has increased significantly since the last Programme, as has the percentage of grant funding in many cases, particularly for community activities. For example, in some cases, the rate of aid for capital projects has increased from 50% in the last Programme to 75% under this new Programme. This will give community groups and individuals in rural areas more flexibility in making their valuable contributions to the continuing development of rural Ireland.”*

Following a national review of the boundaries of development agencies, East Cork Area Development Ltd. has expanded its area to include the Carrigaline Electoral area. This means that ECAD will now support communities and others living east and west of Cork Harbour.

“ECAD is pleased that details of the new programme have finally been announced. We look forward to working with communities across the area over the next few years and would hope to see actions being delivered from the beginning of next year” said Ryan Howard, CEO of ECAD. ECAD has been involved in consultations with individuals and groups across a range of sectors over the past year or so. If there are community groups or others who have additional key actions they wish to highlight, please contact ECAD on 021 4613432.

Carrigane Road

Mary O'Mahoney, Community Council - Local Authority liaison reports very positive news in relation to the proposed new footpath and widening of the road in Carrigane.

Negotiations are at a final stage and work will commence as soon as possible.

Planning Application for Town Centre – Rossdale Developments

Note: Carrigtwohill Community Newsletter wishes to advise people that the following notification refers to Tuesday 5th August last but we were unable to release the Newsletter prior to this date. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Rossdale Developments Ltd. will hold a public display in Carrigtwohill Community Centre on Tuesday 5th August from 6.30pm to 8.00 pm at which they will present their proposals for a Town Centre development for Carrigtwohill. Rossdale Developments invite members of the public to attend on that evening to view the display and to offer suggestions/comments on these proposals. These suggestions will be taken on board by the Rossdale Team and will be given due consideration.

The planning application for the Town Centre will be lodged with Cork County Council a week or so after this public display.

Litter Louts - Watch Out!

Good news for our Antilitter Campaign as two Cork people are hit with fines of €6,000.00 and €3,000.00.

Recently Judge M. Pattwell handed out fines in court after cases brought by Cork County Council. In one case the accused pleaded guilty to the disposal of waste creating environmental pollution. The Court heard that the culprit's identity was discovered following examination of the refuse. In the second case, a woman pleaded guilty to creating litter.

In places where people have decided to do something about litter, they've made a huge difference. The London Borough of Southwark handed out 3,000 fixed penalty litter notices last year. This area has gone from being one of the filthiest boroughs to being one of the cleanest.

We would urge anyone who sees litter being disposed of on the roadside to take down vehicle details and take a photograph if possible.

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Carrigtohill Area Youth Project expands thanks to AIB

The Carrigtohill Area Youth Project, Carrigtohill, Co. Cork, is set to expand the resources it provides to the local community, thanks to a vital donation of €8,000 and two computers from the AIB Better Ireland Programme.

This funding will go towards the cost of educational materials and equipment for the group.

The Carrigtohill Area Youth Project was established in April 2005 with Homework Support and an in-school programme. It has since expanded and opens its doors to primarily 10-20 year olds, and encourages them to take pride in their education.

The Carrigtohill Area Youth Project are now opening a support service for early school leavers, young parents and young people at risk of early school leaving.

The primary aim of this programme will be to provide support for young people, build a positive image of education and prevent early school leaving.

As well as providing educational support, the project will introduce young people to programmes around self esteem, self care, friendship, the effects of drug and alcohol misuse and different Cultures.

Lynda Monahan, Youth Officer of the Carrigtohill Youth Project, said; "Our Youth Project highlights the benefits of staying in school to young people and also helps to prevent these youths from engaging in anti-social behaviour through the introduction of enjoyable recreational and educational activities.

It also helps to build their social skills and talents, essentially strengthening their self esteem.

This support from the *AIB Better Ireland Programme* will help us to further develop the resources we provide, encouraging more young people to become involved."

Dan O'Donovan, AIB Midleton, commented; "*The AIB Better Ireland Programme provides funding to projects such as the Carrigtohill Area Youth Project*, which focus on promoting positive learning and encouraging a sense of community.

To date, over €13 million has been granted to over 1,300 projects nation-wide which help children to fulfil their potential."

Further details of the *AIB Better Ireland Programme*, the causes being addressed and details on how to apply for funding can be obtained by contacting your local AIB branch or visit the website www.aib.ie/betterireland

Walk the mile, follow the feet and lose the inches. Trail Development in South and East Cork.

With most of us using cars to get from A to B, roads are becoming more dangerous to walk or cycle on.

Villages and towns are increasing in size and often residents commute into work and sit in an office for the day, even eating lunch at the desk.

Many of us are finding it hard to get out into the fresh air for some exercise, and if we do, we generally have to drive to access a safe place to go for a stroll or a cycle.

With this in mind, East Cork Area Development (ECAD) has decided to investigate ways to offer people an easy and enjoyable means of recreation, close to their homes, in their own communities.

The less time it takes to get to the start of a nice trail, the more time to spend in the fresh air. ECAD covers a wide area of East and South Cork, from Ballincollig in the west to Youghal in the east, from Ballincurrig in the north to Minane Bridge in the south.

Working with the Coastal and Marine Resources Centre (CMRC), UCC, ECAD are mapping all existing trails for walking and cycling.

This is the first phase of the project and it will help identify areas where no official recreation trails are available. It will also be beneficial to have a definitive map of the trails for people to access online.

As well as identifying and mapping all of the existing routes, including coastal, woodland and urban trails, phase two will help to identify where new trails can be sited in the study area.

"In the coming months we will be working closely with community groups to help identify possible community trails. If you're dropping off your child to hurling training and have a spare hour, if you've had a stressful day at work and need to unwind, if you want to go for a cycle or take your baby for a walk, a local community trail would be fantastic asset" said Vicki O'Donnell, CMRC Trails project manager.

Vicki would like to hear from community groups, those involved in sports clubs or anyone who has ideas for trail development in their own area. She can be contacted on 021 4703118 or at v.odonnell@ucc.ie



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CMP Dairy Carrigtwohill Community Games

Carrigtwohill Athletes enjoyed a terrific day's sport at the County Finals of the CMP Dairy Cork Community Games

The CIT track, Bishopstown was the setting once again for the County Finals of the CMP Cork Community Games Athletics. The rain of the previous few days had cleared and all was set for a terrific day's sport.

While the number of athletes attending, especially our relay teams, was away down on previous years; the enthusiasm of our young athletes was palpable and they can all be proud of their accomplishments.

The first off the blocks was our U14 Boys Relay team of **Dylan Scriven, Brian Cashman, James Ahern and Darren Hodnett**, each of them ran brilliantly and finished in 4th place.

Next up was the turn of our U10 Mixed Relay team of **Norah O'Brien, Susan Higgins, Ronan, Donnelly and Jack Scully**; the excitement on and off the track was apparent, each of the team members put in a really terrific performance. This was first time for all these young athletes to compete in such an event and they can indeed be proud of their achievement.

With all the relays completed our attentions turned to sprints and we all had a busy time cheering on our young athletes. In the Boys U8 60m **Billy Scully and Garry Yeriskin** were flying the flag for Carrigtwohill, they both ran superbly and both finish in 5th place in their respective heats.

In the Boys 80m both **Frank O'Brien and David Rooney** made no mistake in their heats finishing well up to qualify for the finals, where they both finished just outside of the medal position.

The Girls U8 60m was first up, here **Chloe Barry** came through her heat in flying colours in 1st place and went on to compete in the finals and what a race this was. From the whistle, young Chloe was leaving nothing to chance, and came home in style to claim the Gold Medal position, we did say last year "**watch this space!!**".

Likewise in the Girls U8 80m **Sarah Crowley** powered up the track in her heat to take her place in the final proper where she was just wide of the mark on the finish line.

We then moved swiftly on to the Boys & Girls U10 100m, **Jack Scully** was our sole competitor here and made it to the final where he put in a terrific effort finishing in 6th place. In the Girls U10 100m **Norah O'Brien and Susan Higgins** were our representatives, they both ran brilliantly, with Norah finishing 3rd in her heat and Susan just outside the qualifying time. Norah went on to compete in the finals, finishing in 5th place. In the U10 Girls 200m **Ciara Fitzgerald** finished well up in her heat; in the Boys U10 200m **Ronan Donnelly and Kevin Coady** both put in a fine and finished in 4th and 6th place respectively.

Meanwhile, the field events were taking place and our two Carrigtwohill competitors, namely **Stephen O'Flynn and Luke Kelly** definitely had their **Weetabix** that morning as each of them made their mark on the result sheet.

A white smoke could be seen coming from the pitch where the Boys U12 Long Puck was taking place, we knew a result was imminent. Luke had finished in 4th place and a very happy **Stephen had claimed the Gold medal position by 9cm.**

We had no competitors in the U12, or U16 Girls & Boys 100m or Long Distances or field events this year.

But still flying the flag for Carrig at U14 100m was Brian Cashman in the 100m sprint. This was a splendid run from Brian which earned him a place in the final where he was just shaded on the line for a medal position.

While finally, at the end of a long day James Ahern took his mark for the Boys U14 800m. This was truly a spirited performance from James and he can be well pleased with his performance.

We collected all our medals and belongings and headed for home well pleased with our results. Most of our athletes had never been involved in Community Games competition prior to this fixture.

While we were down in our medal count this year, the fun and excitement of all our young athletes made up for this in spades.

Our sincere thanks to all the parents who travelled to the CIT Track to support the children and to all who helped in any way on the day.

Finally, to the children who competed, you were all terrific; you did us proud on the day. Again, congratulation to all.

Mosney and the National Finals beckon once again the weekend of 24th August.

We wish both **Chloe** and **Stephen** the very best of luck in what will be a nostalgic year in that it is the final year of the National Finals being hosted in Mosney since 1973.

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Carrigtwohill Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Carrigtwohill Community Council held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 in the Mulvany Room of the Community Centre

Present: Chairperson and members as per the attendance book.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 1st April were read, adopted and signed off.

Treasurers Report

The financial report for the month ended 31st March 2008 was distributed to all members and there were no matters arising from this.

Newsletter

The committee met two weeks ago and they have agreed that the next edition of the newsletter will be going to print on Monday 9th June and should be ready for distribution on 12th or 13th June. The deadline for all submissions is Friday 6th June. It was reported that both the East Cork Journal and Middleton News are interested in running a community page for Carrigtwohill and would welcome information for this purpose.

Environment

Carrigane Road

Committee chairperson reported that Cork County Council have advertised in The Examiner for tenders from contractors to begin work on the Carrigane Road.

Spratt's Corner

The metal at Spratt's corner has been removed and in relation to the placing of a stop sign at this junction, the Council are not in favour of this as the junction is too narrow and the sign would be too close to vehicles.

It was suggested that a warning sign could be placed on the road near the Church but the Council stated that there is legislation governing where signs can be placed and this may not be appropriate but they will look in to the matter.

Street Lighting at West End

With regard to the lights that are to be provided at the stretch of road from the IDA estate, Cork County Council have confirmed that they are behind schedule with their programme but we are included on this schedule and hopefully this work will commence by end of August.

Eircom Box at Ballintubber

With regard to the Eircom box on the Ballintubber road, Cork County Council confirmed that Eircom are responsible for this and Cork Co. Co. will contact Eircom in this regard.

Road Sweeping in Housing Estates

The issue of road sweeping in the estates in Carrigtwohill by the council was raised by members, who state that this does not presently happen in any of the estates in Carrigtwohill. The committee will look into this matter.

Community Care

The Committee reported that the reception held in early April for Sr. Teresa went very well and was a great success.

Correspondence was received from Sr. Teresa who stated that she enjoyed it immensely and she is very grateful to the committee for hosting the reception.

The committee hosted one funeral reception during the month.

Tuesday Club

The exhibition of African Art was launched on 2nd April last and the exhibition will run for another month.

The swimming lessons and computer course are still running. The group travelled to Killarney in April staying in the Gleneagle Hotel overnight and travelled back through West Cork the following day, enjoying a lovely meal in Courtmacsherry.

The group visited Griffins Garden Centre this morning and will continue meeting up to June, they will then take a break for the summer.

The numbers are holding steady at mid twenties every week.

Tidy Towns

It was reported that the Church Gate Collection for Tidy Towns was held on 12th and 13th April last.

The Litter Collection Day was a great success with a huge number of people turning up on the day and the groups were able to circulate to as many areas as possible.

A huge amount of litter was collected, with a van load of rubbish being collected from Ballintubber.

The committee are very encouraged by the response and may plan another day during the summer months.

The Chairperson congratulated the committee and their team for all their efforts and stated that the entire area looks very well.

It was reported that the topic of litter awareness is very current at the moment with both Alice Taylor's recent book, Our Parish, and Jasmine Hyde's anti-litter advertising campaign.

It was noted that the local landfill site is being underused and this may be due to the fact that its services need to be advertised more. It was also stated that the opening hours of the dump should be extended to evening times and longer on a Saturday than the present 12.00 noon.

It was noted by a member that there are no rubbish bins in the village save for those outside the two main supermarkets, Cost Cutters and Centra. However, it has been noted that members of the public are using these bins to dispose of their domestic rubbish.

It was reported that an area at the Well Lane was vandalised again over the weekend and the Guards are dealing with this matter.

The Tidy Towns Committee thanked Mons. Reidy for the role the church played in supporting the Clean Up Day and informing the community about it.

It was reported that the Tullagriene roundabout is finished and all agreed it is looking very well.

The Committee reported that the Cork Co. Co. landscape gardener was very helpful and did a lot of this work.

The committee wish to thank him for all his efforts.

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Hall Committee

The Hall Manager reported that this month has been a very busy month, and May is also going to be very busy. Events taking place in May include the sports course for the elderly which will take place on 12th May, the reception for the First Holy Communion on 17th May and on the same day a reception is being held for the Muintir na Tire Charity Cycle. The Charity Cycle, raising money for Marymount Hospice, will commence in Youghal and they will stop off in the hall for refreshments. There will be a team of collectors in Carrigtwohill and Midleton on the day.

Local Authority Liaison Committee

Committee Chairperson stated that there has been no response from Cork County Council and the N.R.A. to the letter regarding the N25.

While a letter has been received from the Local Area Engineer this is more to do with the proposed interchange on the N25. There has been no acknowledgement to finding solutions to dealing with the traffic problems that will be caused by the closing of the median crossings.

With regard to the greening up of the Amgen site, trees and shrubs have been planted, and the appearance of the site is greatly improved.

A presentation will be given in the hall by Cork Co. Co. in relation to the Interchange options and the Compulsory Purchase Orders.

All Weather Facility

The committee are hoping to meet with the Engineer shortly to confirm a start up date. A meeting had been planned for Monday last but due to unforeseen circumstances this had to be postponed. It will be a few weeks before they can reschedule.

Car Boot Sale

The car boot sale held on April 20th was a success with a good turn out on the day by both traders and public.

Some of our signs were taken down, but the committee have ascertained where they are and they will be collected.

The next Car Boot Sale will take place on May 18th.

Muintir na Tire

It was reported that the closing date for entries for the Pride in Our Community competition is the 16th of May next.

Diarmuid Cronin of Community Alert will meet with representatives of Community Council in the hall on 20th May at 8.00 pm.

The Charity Cycle in aid of Marymount Hospice is being held on 17th May and refreshments will be served in the hall for the cyclists.

Medieval Festival

The committee reported that there are two festivals being held during the Summer that we should visit, one in Antrim on the weekend of 21st and 22nd June, and the second one is in Birr, Co. Offaly at the end of August.

Representatives from the committee will be attending the festival in Antrim, at which there will be a Country Fair and a Food Fair among other things at the event.

Meetings are still ongoing in relation to sponsorship and they are hopeful that they will have a broad outline of the proposals for the event by the end of the summer.

Votes of Sympathy

Sympathy was extended to the family of those who died recently, may they rest in peace.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday June 11th at 8.30 pm.

Sharon Bunce
Secretary

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Rory Quinlan from the Jason Foley Foundation presenting a defibrillator to the staff and pupils of Scoil Clochar Mhuire

St. Aloysius Student wins the trip of a lifetime to Japan.

17 year old Jenni Roche from Carrigtwohill has won a prestigious 6 week travel award to Japan.

The award was given by Cork based EIL Intercultural Learning, which organises cultural and educational travel programmes worldwide.

Jenni is currently studying Japanese as a leaving certificate subject outside of school. She won the award after stiff competition from other entrants from all over Ireland.

The selection was based on a written application, participation in a workshop and an interview in Dublin.

As part of the award Jenni will be taking Japanese lessons in Suwa, Japan for 6 weeks where she will be living with a Japanese host family.

She will participate in a variety of cultural exchange activities including Japanese sports.

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Co-Ordinated by

Carrigtwohill Community Council

THE VENUE

Carrigtwohill's Barryscourt Castle was originally built in 1206 by Philip de Barra, nephew of Robert Fitzstephen. De Barra, who had come to Ireland with Strongbow, was granted a large portion of territory which included Barryscourt by Henry II. Gradually the Barrys lost their English manners and customs and adapted themselves to the habits of their adopted country, becoming almost more Irish than the Irish themselves. Although occasionally Lord Barrymore would still raid the "wild Irish", the Barrymores lived in relative peace until the great Desmond Rebellion in the 16th century.



MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Such an event has never been seen in Cork before – A Country Fair celebrated against a Medieval backdrop. Our past will be brought to life in next year's festival with such medieval events as archery, falconry and jousting all set to take place.

COUNTRY FAIR

A charter, granted on September 28th 1234 by King Henry III to Sir David de Barra and his heirs, established their right to hold a fair day once a year in Carrigtwohill. This continues to be a most popular event and a great community day out.



HIGHLIGHTS

- *Old-Time Threshing
 - *Vintage Display
 - *Music & Dancing
 - *Falconry Display
 - *Medieval Revelry
 - *Arts & Crafts
 - *Steam Engine
 - *Pig on the Spit
 - *Side Shows
 - *Animal Displays
 - *Horseback Jousting
 - *Food Stalls
- Music, Dancing, Entertainment and much, much more.....



EVENT LAUNCH

To launch this magnificent event, a Medieval Banquet will be held at the *Sheraton Fota Hotel* on Sunday, 26th October 2008. This will be an eventful night where all details of the Medieval Festival and Country Fair will be announced in a special medieval setting complete with storytelling and dancing.



THE BANQUET

The Banquet is the first of its kind to be held in Carrigtwohill and will combine a night of delicious foods and quality Irish entertainment in a unique setting. In order to create a truly medieval atmosphere, the menu will reflect a true medieval feast. Throughout the night a selection of Traditional Irish Music will be presented by a number of talented artists. Travel back in time, dress up for the occasion and enjoy medieval fare in what promises to be an unforgettable experience.

THE MENU

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| *Rustic Breads | *Lamb/Pork on a Spit |
| *Roasted Root Veg | *Stuffed Spanish Onions |
| *Gelentine of Goat | *Confit Duck Leg |
| *Pheasant Pie | *Game Pie |
| *Apple Tart | *Blanc Manger |
| *Ginger Bread | *Fruit Cakes & Puddings |



GET INVOLVED

Our festival is already creating much interest both locally and nationally. We invite anyone who is interested in getting involved to attend the launch Banquet and learn more about our forthcoming festival. There are many ways to take part in the festival by volunteering to help organise the event, by providing a stall, refreshments, entertainment, sponsorship or by any other means which you feel may enhance the festival.

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL & IRISH COUNTRY FAIR

Should you wish to get involved in the festival by:

- Joining the Organisation Committee
- Volunteering at the Event
- Providing a Stall, Refreshments, Entertainment etc.
- Becoming involved as a Sponsor

Please complete the following form and return to:

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Litter Action and Local Image in Carrigtwohill

On Saturday 18 April, 2008 a general Clean up of Carrigtwohill was organized by the Tidy Towns Committee under the aegis of the Community Council.

Litter pollution has degraded the image of our village and its presence was spoiling the appearance of otherwise attractive access areas and it damages our economy including our tourist industry.

Litter presents the wrong image of our village and of our people and is a serious embarrassment at a time when we should be proud of our village.

Litter pollution can be dangerous to human health through broken bottles and cans left strewn across play areas.

Volunteers were invited to pick up the litter on their own roads and bring it to the collection point at the Community Hall, or they could come to the Community Centre on Saturday morning from where individual groups were organized to collect litter.

Collection Bags were provided by An Taisce and the Community Council.

The response was overwhelming and over 150 collectors joined with the Tidy Towns Committee. In all 250 bags of roadside litter were collected.

This was subsequently removed with the assistance and support of Cork County Council Offices in Midleton.

The Tidy Towns Committee is very grateful for the efforts made by the local residents on this occasion and we would ask that you continue to be vigilant in your own area to prevent a build-up of litter in the future.

The list of names of those who volunteered are printed below.

Every effort was made to get the names of all those who volunteered and please forgive us if your name is omitted. Your help was much appreciated.

Tidy Towns -

Ongoing Work

Tidy Towns Committee has continued its work over the summer months with the primary aim of enhancing the appearance of our village, making it look a more attractive place to live, to work and do business in.

Much work has been done in Tullagreen over the summer and the next project is the development of the green area at Carrigane Cross. This work is currently underway.

Tidy Towns meets normally on a Wednesday night from 7 to 8pm. If you are interested in participating and giving an hour of your time, one day in the week, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact 086 8337684 or the Hall Manager if you would like to help.

Our sincere thanks to the following who turned out on the day:

Annesgrove

Jimmy Walsh
Paddy Courtney
Tina Walsh (Horan)
Walsh Children
John Roche
Nellie Fenton
Ml. John Roche

Ardglass

Ann Barry
Porter Family (3)
Terri Hoare
Tom Laffin

Ballyadam

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Cashman

Ballinbrittig

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Abaigail Sheehan
Elizabeth Horgan
Trish O'Brien
Heather Sheehan
Lucy Lilley
Mary Geary

Barrys court

Brian O Mahony
Cian O Mahony
Deirdre Devlin
Eileen Stoap

Margaret Kidney

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Pat Kelly
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Vincent Cashman
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Fashion

With Ann O'Driscoll

Beat the Credit Crunch!

- : Do you have a wardrobe full of clothes and nothing to wear?
- : Do you only wear 20% of what is hanging in your wardrobe?
- : Do you have bulging make-up bags, but you still looking for that perfect lipstick?

When costs are rising and we need to review personal spending, it's time for me to come to the rescue. However, tightening belts doesn't mean doing without a little retail therapy, you just need a little guidance and know-how.

Before rushing to the shops and spending money you don't have, maybe now is the time to book that image consultation or an hour or two of personal shopping before mistakes are made. For the price of an outfit, you could save yourself a fortune in the long term.

Wouldn't you love to have an organised wardrobe with clothes that you actually wear?

Because they suit you both in colour and style?

When you learn how to dress for your shape and colouring you won't waste money on those 'I don't know why I bought this' items!

Weed Your Wardrobe

Have a good rummage in your wardrobe. Do you really need another pair of jeans/white? trousers? Maybe you've forgotten about that top you bought last summer and haven't worn yet!

Spend an afternoon bagging up items that no longer fit or you'll never wear again and give to friends or charity. Be careful though; sometimes what's needed might be a simple alteration or alternative accessories to give it new life especially if it was originally an investment piece.

Where to shop

: We all like quality items but they do come at a price, so if you haven't already discovered the advantages of combining fashion bargains with the good stuff then now's the time. Savida range in Dunne's Stores is perfect for updating your wardrobe at a small cost and if it's just for a seasonal fun piece then don't forget Zara and Next.

Summer clothes don't have to be long lasting nor the best quality.

: Look out for sales and discounts from department stores and shops. Don't forget Summer sales can start in June where you can pick up great bargains in your favourite boutiques.

Newsflash: : Have you seen our very own Et.Cetera, Main St, Carrigtwohill. They are now stocking a fabulous range of unusual and affordable items with much much more to come, lucky for us Ladies.

Shades of Summer

With any luck, the sun will be shining wherever you are this Summer and that means you will need sunglasses.

Wearing the right sunglasses will make you look fabulous, but do be sure that when you take them off your eyes are looking fabulous too! Fashionistas are saying bye-bye to their 'it' bags, but saying hello to their 'it' sunglasses - which is fine if you want to pay in excess of 100 euro with a flashy logo. Marks & Spencer and Boots - to name just two are selling some stylish glasses in the 15 to 20 euro price bracket.

Remember ; it's not good etiquette to keep your sunglasses on when you are talking to someone.

Brush up on brushes

Are you using the right brushes to apply your make-up?

Making your make-up look great is all in the application and using the right tools will make it easier and give you better results. You should have a kit of at least 5 brushes to work with: foundation brush, angled eye shadow, blender eye shadow, blusher and lip brushes.

Keep brushes in good condition by washing them once a week in a mild shampoo or antibacterial washing-up-liquid. Rub the tip of the brush gently with your fingers to clean out the old make-up. Rinse well, blot, then stand them upright to dry. Store your kit on one place to help speed up your routine. To brush up on your make-up skills you can also book a make-up lesson with me to give up confidence.

Top Tips

- Watch out for the 'dry clean only' tag on your new item as this increases the cost.
- Make sure a jacket does not finish at your widest point e.g for wide hips it should sit just above or below the widest point.
- Buttons should button-up without gaping. If your petite, giant buttons will make you look like a clown!

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Beauty Rooms

Can you believe it? A wrap where you can enjoy approximately 2 hours of bliss smothered in delicious chocolate 'Choc-tastic'. Well it is my duty to investigate, its a dirty job, but somebody has to do it! When you walk into VIP Beauty Rooms let all your cares and worries behind you to enjoy this guilt free, calorie free (yes its true) treat. I was greeted by friendly staff Caroline, Marie and Siobhan and escorted to a a room of scented candles, soft music and a heated bed (which I found hard to leave)

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The treatment begins with cocoa body polish with cocoa bean shells, orange peel and marine salts to scrub the skin, followed by a glorious massage application of an orange cream. This helps to collect fatty and fluid based toxins and firms the skin. A chocolate pack is then applied which contains pure cocoa in a mask powder form.

This stays on the skin for about 20-30 minutes while you rest to the gentle sound of music.

After a warm shower you are then treated to a massage application of cocoa butter.

As you can imagine, my skin glowed and felt firm for days, apparently its a great kick-start to that diet we're all on .

All in all a truly sensory treatment, a must for all chocoholics.

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There is a Change in the Air!

I am not even sure I do it right, but I try to save the planet. Okay, may be not the entire planet, to begin with Carrigtwohill is fine for me.

One reads and hears so much about recycling that it makes one dizzy and in the end it leaves you feeling guilty for not doing more. There are a few recycling containers behind our Community Hall. That's it. For all of us.

Despite the hidden location at least a few of our residents take advantage of them. When they meet someone else getting rid of glass bottles and jars, there seem to be a kind of bonding, only visible to the sharp eye of an observer.

It would not be just a simple "Hiya" or "Not too bad today", no, most commonly it comes with a quick glimpse and a hint of a reminiscent smile, reminding of acknowledgments between secret service agents in old movies. You might translate it into: "We, the real goodies against the rest of this filthy, careless, uncivilised, not recycling society!"

Most people don't really see the sense in recycling whatever waste they produce. They seem to feel we are doomed anyway and the last thing they want to be seen with are these boring tree huggers and do-gooders. As long as garbage bags fit through their car window while driving across our country side they don't worry too much about anyone's future.

Hold on! There is a change in the air! No, not Obama for President, it is something much better!

Last year a group of idealistic residents came together for a clean up in and around our village. I was not there to join in but I heard it was a big success. Tons of rubbish were collected by people who usually would not attend gatherings like this. Rubber gloves and bin bags where in use in all areas around Carrigtwohill this weekend.

Many weeks later you could still see the impact in our streets. Even the few tiny community street bins came to use more frequently by those who usually rely on the law of gravity anywhere when getting rid of fast food paper.

Unfortunately these tidy town days are long gone.

It strikes me that we are against public dumps anywhere but don't mind so much the questionable beauty of cans and tin foils sparkling in the sun right and left of our country roads. Where, please, is the voice of our new generation we seem to put our hopes on?

Are they all busy with computer games and too busy on their mobiles? Don't they mind while we destroy their future environment?

I hope last year's idealistic residents will come together again and again and again!

By Harald Kelly

John Buckley - Celebration

With the weather and the economy combining to dampen the spirits of many people this Summer, it is important to focus on the important things in life and the wonderful people we have in our community. Carrigtwohill is blessed to have a fantastic Community spirit which is exemplified in the work of so many people who volunteer an incredible amount of time and energy to make this Community a better place to live.

One of those wonderful people is John Buckley of Burgessland, Carrigtwohill who has given over 40 years voluntary service to this Community. This remarkable achievement was celebrated at the AGM of Carrigtwohill Community Council on Wednesday the 11th of June 2008.

After the AGM, members were invited to the adjoining room for some light refreshments. While John was focussed on the issues being discussed at the AGM, his family and friends were quietly gathering in the adjoining room. John's shock and surprise registered on his face when he was greeted by his wife Kathleen, his daughters, Catriona, Sheila, Marion and Joan as well as members of his extended family and a large circle of friends.

Anthony Barry, who had earlier been re-elected as Chairman of Carrigtwohill Community Council at the AGM, addressed the gathering and informed John that the purpose of the celebration was to mark his remarkable achievement of having attended 40 consecutive AGMs of Carrigtwohill Community Council and having been an active member throughout that period.



Anthony recalled how, during that 40 years, John Buckley has played a huge role in very many of the projects undertaken by Carrigtwohill Community Council. John served as Chairman of Carrigtwohill Community Council at a crucial period when the new Community Centre was developed in 1991/1992. He has been a Trustee of the Community Council since 1977 when the land adjoining the much smaller Community Centre which existed at that time came up for sale. John and his fellow officers and trustees at that time had the foresight to realise that the purchase of adjoining land was an opportunity that they could not let pass.

Monsignor Denis Reidy, Honour President of Carrigtwohill Community Council spoke of the many changes which have taken place in Society over the 40 years during which John Buckley has been a member of the Community Council. He acknowledged John's responsibility for some of the most important achievements of the Community Council in that period. He noted that John was one of the first members of the Barryscourt Trust responsible for the restoration of Barryscourt Castle. The Castle is testament to the success of that particular committee.

John, said Monsignor Reidy, had a pivotal role in the negotiations with Cork County Council and the NRA at the time the N25 was constructed. The input of his committee ensured that





two slip roads to Carrigtwohill village were provided instead of just one as originally proposed.

When the new Community Centre was developed in 1991, John, as Chairman at the time, was the driver in a major fund-raising campaign undertaken to fund the new development. He also played an important role in the negotiations with Millipore which resulted in a very generous donation of £100,000 from Millipore. That donation, and the voluntary funds raised, ensured that the new Community Centre was finished to a high standard to become one of the most admired community centres in the Cork area.

Monsignor Reidy referred to John's gentle manner how easy it would be to underestimate his capability and achievements because of this. John's achievements, however, speak for themselves and Monsignor Reidy finished by referring to the inscription on the tombstone of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral which reads "SI MONENTUM REQUIRIS CIRCUMSPICE" which, he explained, means if you are looking for a monument, look around you. Monsignor Reidy suggested that if anyone were to look for a monument to John Buckley they should look around the Community Centre and the village. The difference John Buckley has made is clearly apparent.

Monsignor Reidy presented John with a beautiful Grandfather Clock donated by an anonymous sponsor for the occasion.

A clearly emotional John Buckley thanked Monsignor Reidy and his fellow members of Carrigtwohill Community Council for the kind words spoken about him.

He said that he was moved by the tributes that were paid to him and he, in turn, paid tribute to those in whose footsteps he followed, some of whom were present to share in his celebration

including Willie Harte and Willie John Daly and his fellow trustees.

John suggested that, when he came aboard the Community Council, all that he had to do was to follow in the steps of these great men and, by doing so, he knew he would not go wrong.

John Buckley also paid tribute to his good friend John Healy who was one of the most active and effective members of Carrigtwohill Community Council during John Buckley's membership.

He also paid tribute to the current members of the Community Council and expressed his confidence that they would continue the proud tradition of Carrigtwohill Community Council in promoting community development in the area.

Anthony Barry, reminded John and those gathered that the celebration was not intended to mark the end of an era but was simply an opportunity to thank John for his tireless work over such a long period and to encourage him to continue his good work in the Community Council.

The evening ended with a presentation by John Healy of a bottle of champagne to John and Kathleen Buckley who, coincidentally, were celebrating their wedding anniversary that evening.



Ladies Football

Carrigtwohill are U14 A East Cork League Ladies Football Champions 2008

Carrigtwohill succeeded in defeating a gallant Aghada outfit in the U14 A League East Cork Final in Rostellan on Friday night June 20th.

Carrig opened the scoring with a point from Kelly Fitzgerald to which Aghada quickly replied; indeed the sides were level three times during the first half. Other scorers for Carrig were Lauren Dunford 1-1, Eilis Barry 0-1, Rachel Sheehan 0-1 and a further point from Kelly Fitzgerald left Carrig leading by the narrowest of margins at half time. Indeed were it not for the outstanding defensive display by all six backs and captain Andrea Buttimer in goal Aghada could well have been ahead at this stage.

The second half opened just as the first had finished with nothing between the teams. The outstanding work rate of the mid-field pairing of Rachel Sheehan and Eva Horgan resulted in an excellently executed goal by Kelly Fitzgerald. Aghada to their credit never gave up but couldn't break down a resolute Carrig defence. Tara O Connor in her position was outstanding at centre back. As the game entered its final phase Eimear O'Mahony the tormentor in chief of the Aghada defence scored a brilliant goal to put daylight between the teams. Kelly Fitzgerald added another point to leave Carrig victorious on this occasion by 6 points.

Team; Andrea Buttimer, Claire Keegan, Julie Foley, Rachel Daly, Grace Bunce, Tara O Connor, Caroline Fenton, Rachel Sheehan (0-1), Eva Horgan, Eimear O Mahony (1-0), Eve Corry, Kelly Fitzgerald (1-3) Lauren Dunford (1-1) Lauren Horgan, Eilis Barry (0-1), Holly Breheny, Aisling Kelleher, Therese O Sullivan, Gemma Barry, C Roche, Nicola O Sullivan

U12 East Cork League Semi Final Carrigtwohill v Inch

Report by Mary Barry

A nail clincher of a semi-final between two equal sides which went to the bitter end resulting in a win to a well deserved Inch side. Playing against the wind in the first half, Carrig held Inch to a 2pt - 1pt going into the 2nd half. While it was an equal possession game with the backs holding their own & maintaining constant pressure on the Inch forwards, Carrigtwohill when in possession missed some vital wides along with a well taken penalty taken by Hannah Lane, saved well by the Inch goalkeeper. This penalty was as a result of tenacious defending by forward Katie Nolan who was fouled on a run through at goal. Coming into the 2nd half & Carol O Donoghue replacing her sister Rachael O Donoghue in corner forward, Carrig started off with the wind in their favour. A switch to bring Holly Breheny into centre forward and Robyn Jenkinson resulted in Holly breaking through as a result of some fine 1-2's scoring some vital points in response to a well taken goal by Inch minutes previously. Hounding on the doors of the Inch back line, it would be fair to say we had at least 60% of possession but un-

fortunately could not convert due to the presence of the Inch backs. Final result 2-2 to Inch & 5 points to Carrig (I may be slightly off on this, so apologies but very caught up in the moment.

It was a great match to watch, the excitement was catching & maybe if we converted some of our wides, the result may have been different. But continued success to Inch who will play St. Colemans in the final.

Our thanks to all the supporters & especially our subs, who while may not have played on the night are every bit as important as those on the field and whose presence is valued.

Best of Luck:

The very Best of Luck to Rachael Daly, our centre back, who flies out to Latvia on June 24th to represent Ireland in the u/12 European championship..

Player of the month:

A new concept introduced to the u/12 team in recognition of the person who brings so much to the team in terms of attitude, turning up to training, socially, skills improvement etc.

Congrats to Laura Hinchliffe & Carmel Cronin, the former, player of the month for April & latter, player of the month for May.

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Let's admit it: Today Carrigtwohill is like such a child - one of the most unfortunate villages in Ireland. Not many nice parts and growing too fast. It doesn't matter how many hours it takes you when heading to work but in the evening you have to come back. Why not come home to a more attractive Carrigtwohill?

When moving to here in 2001 we were told traffic was terrible before the Dual Carriage Way opened. Well, often enough traffic in the village comes to a stand still and you wonder how much more people have to take. What, if something happens and ambulance or fire brigade need to pass?

But stop! Don't we have a positive attitude? A couple of times I joined the local council meetings.

This gave me a fair impression about what is –or is not- going on in our area. More than once I felt like saying something but in the end I did what most people did: Nothing. Personally I hate people who complain all the time instead of doing something to improve the mess. I realised I might become one of them once I don't change my attitude for the good.

In this time of nail biting thoughts something happened that definitely changed my life:

I got a phone call saying I was nominated to our town council. The meeting took place on the 1st of April and it was no April joke.

To make a long story short, on that evening I realised I was not alone with my thoughts and worries. There I met a group of devoted enthusiasts already up for action, sacrificing their free time and don't even expect recognition from the people of Carrigtwohill whom they are battling for.

I listened to unbelievable episodes about their fights against public officers sitting in Cork. There are ongoing fights with different institutions, organisations and companies trying to avoid doing their often very well paid duties. Often enough badly needed support from the high bosses in Cork seem to end up in bureaucracy.

What kind of decision maker plans a bus shelter where people have to wait behind the construction when it rains or otherwise get drowned by cars passing the pot holes in front of it?

There are also other issues discussed, like unsocial behaviour of our own people: What kind of mindset do some of our own neighbours have littering our streets and roads and don't even care?

Let's just hope the newly introduced youth club will have a positive long term impact for our teenagers. It was high time to come up with this alternative to hanging around and being bored. I hope there are a few youngsters confident enough to come up with own suggestions for more activities in future. Most of them will grow up to become valuable members of our community, if we are lucky enough. This is why I feel it is up to us adults to give them as much help as possible.

Positive changes took place initiated by council members like creating flower beds and other eye catching welcoming spots at roundabouts and other public places. It must be frustrating to see some of the arrangements stolen or destroyed shortly after finishing them.

They don't give up! They meet again every first Tuesday in the month and in between once they feel it would be necessary. I am proud to be one of them. You will read more about our actions in future. Trust me.

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Pyjama Day Fundraiser

Pre-school and after-school children at Mary Geary's Crèche display a presentation cheque for €1,078.00 which was given to the Make a Wish Foundation as a result of their Pyjama Day fundraiser in March

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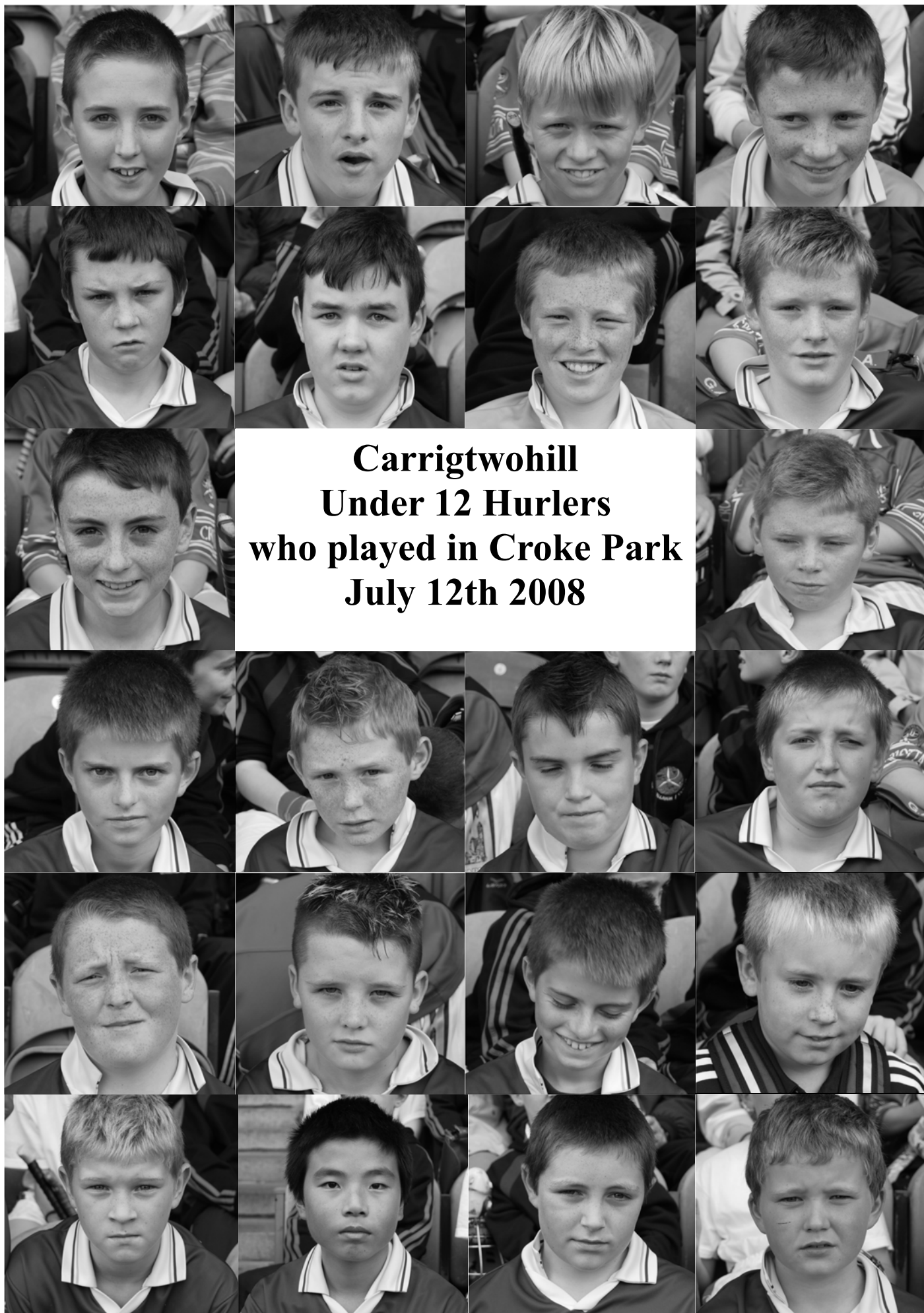
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Carrigtohill - Midleton Road Improvement Scheme Public Consultation

Cork County Council, in consultation with the National Roads Authority, held a public exhibition on Thursday 3rd July 2008 for the above project to outline the short term and long term strategy for the N25 from Carrigtohill to Midleton, which has been developed in the Cork National Roads Office.

The exhibition was held in Midleton Park Hotel and was attended by a substantial number of people from Carrigtwohill.

The proposal is to proceed with the interchange at the Amgen site and to construct 2 roads running parallel to the N25 to accommodate residents and businesses located alongside the N25 or in the townlands currently accessed directly from the N25.

The proposal, if it proceeds, would mean that those people going to or coming from any townland adjoining the N25 and wishing to travel to Carrigtwohill or Midleton can do so along the new parallel roads without having to cross the N25.

The only access to the N25 will be at the Amgen interchange.

The current proposal is for only one interchange between Carrigtwohill and Midleton.

Anyone travelling to Midleton from the western direction will have to exit the N25 at the Amgen interchange and travel along the parallel road.

It is understood that many businesses in Midleton have expressed concern in relation to the proposal and that submissions have been made seeking a further interchange closer to Midleton.

The closing date for submissions has now passed.

The timeframe for completion of the new road layout is unclear but it is likely to be 2010. The steps remaining to be taken include land acquisition, detailed road design, tendering and construction.

The NRA is adamant that the current median openings on the N25 pose a danger to health and safety and they will all be closed in the early future before the new scheme is in place.

Scouting in Carrigtwohill

Scouting Ireland is coming to Carrigtwohill, opening in September 2008.

Fancy a bit of real adventure?

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Maria Kelleher launches her third book 'From Cobh to Carrig'

At a very pleasant function in the Community Centre, friends and family of Maria Kelleher, Main Street, Carrigtwohill gathered to launch her third book 'From Cobh to Carrig'.

This 140 page work covers events important in Carrigtwohill life from the launch of her second book in October 1999 right up to July 2008.

Among the events covered include the passing of many of the older generation in Carrig, the changing of the local landscape over the years, major GAA events, Carrigtwohill Fair Days, her own 80th and 85th birthdays, her visit to the Late Late Show and the demolition of two buildings across the street from her own home.

The book concludes with the words of seven songs composed by Maria. The titles are 'Somewhere', 'Sweet East Ferry Shore', 'Changing Times', 'Home'Neath the Mountain', 'I'm Going Home for Christmas', 'Along the Valley' and 'We'll Meet Again'.

It is a great read and is available from local shops or from the author at the modest price of €10.00.

Maria's previous books were 'Over the Bridge' published in 1992 and 'The Road Home' launched in 1999.



Dan Harte with author Maria Kelleher



Seated: Sarah, Maria Kelleher and Pat Burke
Standing: Liam and Michael



Maria Kelleher with friends



Ann White, Ann Naughton, Eleanor Geraghty and Annette Lane



Ivan Roche presents flowers to Maria Kelleher

Carrigtohill Family Resource Centre Services and Programmes.

Background.

The Family Resource Centre in Carrigtohill is managed by a voluntary board of management under the aegis of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. It has been in existence for the past seventeen years and emerged from the experiences of local conference members doing home visitations who recognized the need for the development of new models of intervention and support to individuals and families whose experience of poverty led to their exclusion and marginalisation from society.

Services And Programmes.

From its two locations in Carrigtohill the following services and programmes have been developed over time as targeted responses to community needs.

- Breakfast Club.
- Toddlers Group
- After Schools Service.
- Youth Club/Shared Reading.
- Summer Camps.
- English Language Classes.
- Computer/IT Classes
- Parenting/Child Care.
- Women's Group.
- Tuesday Club-Retired People.
- Art-After School.

Social change and Emerging needs.

In recent years Irish society has undergone profound social and economic changes and these changes have also had a local effect as Carrigtohill developed from being a village with a largely rural hinterland to an urbanized community with new housing, commercial and industrial development.

For the Family Centre social change has placed new challenges before it particularly in terms of meeting the needs of the New Irish Communities with whom the Centre has daily contact.

An important point of contact with the new communities is through "Vincent's" a charity shop operated by the SVP.

The number of children of from the new communities, which use the Centre's services, breaks down as 7 African, 2 Lithuanian, and 3 Polish in addition to 11 Irish Travelers.

In response to the needs of the new communities the Centre has active in supporting measures in developing cultural understandings between the old and the new communities and to promote integration.

To develop its programmes further the Centre has been involved with a mapping exercise of the new communities and is presently supporting research by the Department of Applied Social Studies UCC into the relationships and demographics of the communities in the Carrigtohill area.

It is hoped that these pieces of research will provide a basis upon which to further develop the Family Centre and its services.

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