

# Carrigtwohill Community News



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## Tidy Towns Award



Eileen Stoap, Chairperson Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns Committee being presented with the Trophy and Certificate for the Barryscourt Roundabout project by Cork County Mayor Tom Sheehan. (See page 18)

## Amgen Supports local All Weather Sports Facility



Presentation of donation by Amgen Technology to the Community Council for the all weather sports facility project on December 6th 2007.  
Left to Right: Lorraine McCarthy, Treasurer, Community Council ; Mark Sawyer, General Manager and Vice President of Operations Amgen Ireland Technology; Anthony Barry, Chairman Community Council; Annette Condon, Amgen Corporate Communications; Sharon Bunce, Secretary, Community Council.

**Carrigtwohill  
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extends  
Seasons Greetings  
to all members of  
our community.**

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a joyous and a  
happy Christmas  
and a successful  
New Year.**

## Community Care Christmas Party



Seated: Willie John Daly, Monsignor Reidy, Margaret Walsh, multi-medal winner at the Special Olympics in China; Annette Lane, Pat O'Riordan, Pat Golden  
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## Community Council Members Elected, nominated and co-opted

### District A

Ballyrichard, Waterrock and the Curragh:  
**Annette Lane, Margaret Long and Mary O'Mahony, Sheila Boland.**

### District B

Balyvodock, Ballyannon, Baneshane:  
**Robbie Sheehan, Charlie O'Sullivan**

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**Seamus Fenton, Ann O'Driscoll, Martin Healy.**

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**Eleanor Geraghty, Joan Flynn**

### District J

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**Mary Gregoriy, Geraldine O'Flynn, Noel O'Keeffe**

### District K

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**Ollie Sheehan, Geraldine Cashman**

### District L

Ballyleary, Lackabeha, Garranes, Longstown, Gortnamuckey, Fahydorgan, Ardglass, Woodstock:  
**Dave O'Sullivan**

### District M: - Rocklands:

No representative

Co-opted Members: - Lorraine McCarthy

GAA Representative: - Pat Kelly

St. Vincent de Paul: - John Dennehy

Badminton Club: - Patricia O'Brien



## Local Contacts

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## Community Welfare Officer

The Community Welfare Officer will be in Carrigtwohill at the Family Resource Centre each Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

# Community Centre



The Community Centre is run by the Community Council and is available to everyone for a wide range of activities.

The main hall can seat up to 250 people and is also used for indoor soccer, badminton etc.

The Tullagrein room can seat up to 80 people while the Mulvany and Fota Rooms can each seat up to 30 people. A fully equipped kitchen is available with all rooms.

For bookings or further information contact Annette on 4882265 or 086-3225229.

## Community Centre Activities

### Monday

Shevaun Hogan, Speech and Drama  
4.00pm – 5.00pm  
5.00pm – 6.00pm  
6.00pm – 7.00pm

Snowdrop Brownies 6.30pm – 8.00pm

### Tuesday

Tuesday Club 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Boxing Club 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
Badminton Senior 8.00pm – 11.00pm

### Wednesday

Ladybirds 4.00pm – 5.00pm  
Bluebell Brownies 6.30pm – 8.00pm  
Girl Guides 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
Fitness for Fun 8.00pm – 9.00pm

### Thursday

Gymboree 10.15am – 11.15am (6mths – 2 ½ years)  
11.15am – 12.15pm (2 ½ - 4 years)  
Weightwatchers 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
Set Dancing 8.30pm – 10.00pm  
Badminton Juniors 7.00pm – 8.00pm  
Badminton Seniors 8.00pm – 11.00pm

### Friday

Jacinta O'Sullivan  
Irish Dancing 5.00pm – 6.00pm Beginners  
6.00pm – 7.00pm Intermediate  
7.00pm – 8.00pm Advanced

The Kids Black Belt Club  
3.00pm – 4.00pm Ages 4 – 12

Indoor Soccer 4.00pm -5.00pm  
6.30pm – 7.30pm  
7.30pm – 8.30pm

# Countdown To Christmas

Christmas tends to creep up quickly so make a start now and give yourself plenty of time.

Plan menus and make a list of how many you'll be feeding, with notes about any dislikes or dietary problems. Place orders for meat and special treats such as salmon.

Clear out the fridge and freezer to make room for extra food and find somewhere cool to park ie the garage or shed for the inevitable overflow. This is also a good place to defrost food.



Start buying luxuries and booze now to help spread the cost

Check the last posting date for Christmas cards.

Stock up on time saving ingredients such as ready-made pastry, breadcrumbs, nibbles and ice-creams.

Check your kitchen equipment and make sure you have everything you need. Foil turkey roasting trays are great at this time of year as they are cheap and you can chuck them out after the meal – so no greasy washing up.

## 2 weeks to go

Buy non-perishable groceries such as tins, jars and packets and household essentials such as washing up liquid, toilet rolls and blank videos/dvds to record your favourite films.

Make lots of ice cubes and store in bags in the freezer.

Wrap up all your presents

Fetch the decorations down from the attic, check that the lights are working and replace if necessary.

Post your Christmas cards

## 1 week to go

Check you have enough plates, bowls and glasses if you're cooking for a large crowd.

If you have guests staying sort out your bedlinen and towels and make sure they are all clean.

## 2 Days to go



Pick up your turkey or remove from the freezer and leave in a cool place to thaw out.

Shop for your fresh vegetables and fruit and other perishables.

Christmas is just around the corner so follow these easy recipes for a tasty Christmas meal.

## Mulled Wine (Serves 8)

To serve 8: pour 1 bottle of red wine into a pan and add 1 mulled wine sachet, a few slices of orange, 1 ½ oz of sugar and ½ pt of orange juice or water. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer gently for 10-15 mins. Stir in 4 tbsp brandy or port. Serve in heatproof glasses with sugar frosted rims – simply brush the rim of each glass with water and dip into caster sugar.

## Starters:

### Chilli and Lime Prawns (Serves 4)

Serves 4: 12oz Cooked Tiger prawns, juice from 2 limes, 1 red chilli finely chopped, 2 tbsp soy sauce, 2 tsp sesame oil, 1 tsp caster sugar, ½ a cucumber



Peel the prawns leave on the tail and place in a bowl, Whisk together the lime juice, chilli, soy sauce, sesame oil and caster sugar and pour over the prawns. Cover and leave to marinate for 30 mins. Pare the cucumber into thin ribbons. Divide between four serving plates and season with ground black pepper. Divide the prawns between the four plates, pour over the marinade and serve. You could also cover and leave to chill in the fridge for 2-3hrs before serving if you wish.

### Garlic Mushrooms.(Serves 10)

Serves 10: 4oz butter, 3 garlic cloves chopped, 2 tbsp chopped parsley, salt and pepper, 11oz mushrooms.

Soften the butter in a bowl, add the garlic, parsley and seasoning and mix together. Cover and chill. Cut the stalks from the mushrooms and spoon a little of the garlic mixture on to each mushroom. Roast in a preheated oven at Gas 4/180oC/350oF for 20-22mins.

## Main Course:

### Roast Turkey and Stuffing – the quick way

Serves 6-8: 10lb-12lb turkey (giblets removed and wishbone removed), Salt and pepper, 2 large carrots peeled, 1 large onion peeled, 2 sticks of celery, 1 leek, 2 bay leaves, 1 x 75cl bottle of dry white wine, chicken stock cube, 2oz melted butter, 4tbsp cornflour mixed with 8tbsp water.



Preheat the oven to Gas 6/200oC/400oF.

Season the bird well both inside and out pack the stuffing (see below) into the neck cavity. Tie the legs and parson's nose together with some string. Chop up all the vegetables into large chunks and place in a roasting tin leaving at least a 2" gap all round. Add the bay leaves.

Place the turkey on top of the vegetables, pour in the white wine, ½ pint of cold water and the chicken stock cube. Place the roasting tin on the hob. Bring to the boil then cover very carefully with two layers of tin foil making sure to seal the top edge of the tin. The steam cooks the turkey so make sure you get as much as possible in and around the bird.

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Place the covered bird in the oven and cook for about 1 hour 5mins, to check if the bird is cooked insert a knife where the thigh attaches itself to the turkey – the juices should run clear, if not cover again and cook for a further 20mins.

When the bird is cooked, remove from the oven and turn the heat up to Gas 8/230oC/450oF. Lift the bird out of the tin and place in a clean roasting tin (a foil roasting tin is ideal – no washing up) Once the oven is at the right temperature, pour the melted butter over the turkey, pop back into the oven for about 10-15mins so it browns evenly. Once browned, remove from the oven, cover with foil and keep warm.

To make the gravy, strain the juices from the roasting tin into a saucepan and stir well. Bring to the boil and simmer gently to reduce the stock. Add the cornflour and water or some chicken gravy granules and bring to the boil stirring until thickened. When you carve the bird, the flesh will be soft and juicy.

### **Chestnut Stuffing**

2tbsp veg oil, 1 small onion, chopped finely, 1 garlic clove chopped, 2tbsp of fresh thyme or 1tbsp of dried, 1lb of sausage meat, 6tbsp of breadcrumbs, 1 medium egg, 6oz of chestnuts peeled, Salt and Pepper.

Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the onion and garlic and cook until soft. Add the thyme and sausage meat and stir well. Cool slightly and add enough breadcrumbs to stiffen the mixture, stir in the egg and beat the mixture well, add the chestnuts and season. Use to stuff the turkey when required.

### **Brussels sprouts (with a twist)**

1lb of sprouts trimmed, 1oz unsalted butter, 3tbsp olive oil, black mustard seeds, 1oz ginger finely chopped, 3 small shallots finely chopped, 3 pinches of nutmeg, Salt and Pepper.

Cook the sprouts in boiling water for about 10mins, cool under cold running water and drain well, heat the butter and oil, add the mustard seeds, ginger, shallots and nutmeg. Heat gently for a few mins, add the sprouts and turn them in the mixture to coat thoroughly, season with a little salt and pepper.

### **Honey-roasted parsnips**

2lb parsnips, 4fl oz vegetable oil, 2tbsp clear honey, Salt and Pepper.

Peel, top and tail the parsnips, cut length ways and then quarter. Heat the oil in a baking tin in a hot oven for 10mins. Bring a pan of salted water to the boil add the parsnips and bring back to the boil and simmer for 1 min maximum (or they will fall to pieces) Drain well and carefully lay in the very hot oil and season with salt and pepper. Return to the oven. Cook for 35mins and carefully turn over and cook for a further 30mins or until crispy, pour over the honey and glaze for 5mins (They burn very quickly so keep an eye on them)

### **Desserts:**

#### **Mincemeat and Apple mini strudels (Makes 8)**

8tbsp mincemeat, 1 small cooking apple peeled and grated coarsely, 8 sheets of filo pastry about 7" x 12 ½", 2oz butter melted, icing sugar to dust.

Preheat the oven to 200oC/400oF/Gas 6. Mix the mincemeat and grated apple, take one sheet of filo pastry and brush with melted butter, place a spoonful of the mincemeat mixture along



one short end, fold in a little of the pastry along the long side, then roll up to enclose the filling. Place seam side down on a large greased baking tray. Repeat with the rest, brush with melted butter. Bake for 10-15mins until the pastry is crisp and golden. Cool for 5mins then cut in half, dust with the icing sugar and serve with fresh cream

or ice cream.

These can be made in advance and heated up on the day.

#### **Chocolate and Rum Mousse (Makes 4)**

6oz plain chocolate broken into rough pieces, 2tbsp rum, ½ pt of double cream, 3tbsp greek yogurt, 2tbsp caster sugar, chocolate shavings and edible coloured balls to decorate.

Place the chocolate and rum in a bowl and set over a pan of simmering water. Leave until melted, remove from the heat and gently stir in 3tbsp of the cream until smooth, cool for 10mins, Pour the rest of the cream into a large bowl and whip until peaking Leave aside 4tbsp of the cream for decoration. Fold the yogurt and sugar into the remaining cream in the bowl, then fold in the melted chocolate mixture, spoon into four small glasses, top with the reserved cream and decorate with the shavings and edible coloured balls.

#### **Vanilla Ice-Cream Coffee Shots (Serves 6)**

500g tub of luxury vanilla ice cream softened, 2tbsp brown sugar, 2tbsp coffee flavoured liqueur such as Tia Maria, ¼ pt strong warm black coffee.



Scoop the ice-cream into small balls and place on a foil-lined baking sheet. Return to the freezer and 1-2 hrs until very firm. Divide the ice-cream scoops between six small coffee cups or heatproof glass dishes, Stir the sugar and liqueur into the warm coffee, pour the coffee mixture over the ice-cream.

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## Clarification

In the July 2007 edition of the Carrigtwohill Community News Newsletter a letter sent to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche, was published.

This letter referred to the issues which the Community Council had experienced with Cork County Council in relation to the removal of litter and illegally dumped rubbish which had been collected by volunteers under the auspices of the Tidy Towns Committee.

The Community Council accepts that the issues referred to in the letter had been resolved by the County Council at the time of publication of the newsletter and we would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Savage, Local Area Engineer and his staff at the Midleton Office of Cork County Council for their assistance in resolving the issues.

## Carrigtwohill Camogie Club

The club would like to wish all its members, friends and supporters a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Camogie training will resume on the new year on Saturday January 12th.

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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.

Our 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 glitches with the distribution of the last issue and we apologise to anyone who did not get a copy.

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## Parish Pastoral Council

It is almost twenty five years since the Irish Bishops first called for the development of Parish Pastoral Councils in line with similar initiatives that had been taking place in the Church worldwide since the Second Vatican Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.) is a structure that enables priests and people to work together to build up vibrant Christian Communities.

Carrigtwohill is one of the first parishes within the Cloyne Diocese to establish a Pastoral Council.

The Council was formed as a result of a consultation process with the people of the parish culminating with an election in June this year.

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council are:

Tom Carey  
Mary Cronin  
Rev. Stephen Cummins  
John Dennehy  
John Fitzgerald  
Margot Hartnett  
Mary Hinchcliffe  
Peter Hyde  
Connie Lane  
James O'Brien  
Teresa O'Donovan  
Sheila O'Gorman  
Rev. Denis O'Hanlon  
John O'Mahony  
Monsignor Denis Reidy  
James Roche  
Cora Rohan

In preparation for their new role all P.P.C. members attended a formation course held over four evenings, and a day of planning and reflection at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes suggestions from parishioners to help us in our new role.

Please feel free to contact any of the above Council members or alternatively the Council may be contacted through the Parish Office on Saturday mornings between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon.

## Carrigtwohill Girl Guides, Brownies and Ladybirds

Carrigtwohill Girl Guides, Brownies and Ladybirds are holding a coffee/information evening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, from 7.45 – 9.00pm.

This is an invitation to anyone in the parish with daughters who would like to join and for parents who would like to know more about us and also who would like to help.

Our times of meetings are as follows:

Buzzy Ladybirds	-	Wednesday afternoons 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Snowdrop Brownies	-	Monday nights 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Bluebell Brownies	-	Wednesday nights 6.30pm – 8.00pm
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## Community Centre Birthday Parties

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# Carrigtwohill Community Council

## Presentation to East Cork Area Roads Committee 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2007

A delegation from Carrigtwohill Community Council attended a meeting of the East Cork Roads Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> November last to discuss the dissatisfaction locally in relation to the N25 and the local road network generally.

The following is a synopsis of the issues and concerns that were presented at that meeting

### Concerns to be Addressed:-

#### 1. Upgrade on N25 and Interchange at Amgen Site

Planning Permission was granted to Amgen on the basis that a major upgrade to the roads and sewerage infrastructure in the Carrigtwohill area was to be undertaken. Both the NRA and Cork County Council were consulted and given an opportunity to set out their requirements before allowing any work to commence on the site.

The departure of Amgen is regrettable for all concerned and the consequences for the Community of Carrigtwohill are serious.

Work was commenced towards the construction of a new junction on the N25 at the Amgen site including the following:-

- (a) Various medians along the N25 between Carrigtwohill and Middleton were closed,
- (b) traffic lights were installed at the Amgen site,
- (c) there was interference with the junction of the Hedgy Boreen and the N25.

There has been a huge impact on the local Community during the course of the road works and the sewage works to facilitate the Amgen proposed development. These works were undertaken or authorised by our Local Authority and the NRA and, while it is very regrettable that the Amgen contribution to the cost has been lost, the Local Authority and/or the NRA who authorised the commencement of these works now must accept responsibility for completing them.

The current situation is entirely unacceptable. Some of the difficulties are as follows;

(A) to access the "John A Wood Road" drivers travelling from the west now have two choices;

- (i) do a dangerous u-turn at the next median opening near Healy's Quarry (unless, of course, the plan to close this median proceeds) or,
- (ii) go into Middleton town and use the interchange there. This will serve to worsen the existing traffic congestion in the town of Middleton.

(B) to access the N25 eastward, drivers from the John A Woods road have two choices;

- (i) enter into the village of Carrigtwohill thereby exacerbating an already dangerously congested junction at the Costcutters Supermarket or,
- (ii) travel an extra distance of approximately 1 ½ miles round trip to use the Tullagrein interchange.

Unless and until the interchange/flyover on the N25 is completed one of the following must occur:-

1. (a) All central medians must be reopened and the "John A. Woods Junction" must be reinstated as it was prior to the recent works and

(b) The Hedgy Boreen Junction at the N25 must be reinstated as it was prior to the recent works or,

2. The temporary traffic light junction which was proposed at the Amgen site must proceed fully including the construction of the new link road from the John A. Wood roads to the N25 and from the Hedgy Boreen to the N25.

If any private individual wishes to undertake a significant development, Cork County Council insists on security being put in place to ensure the completion of that development. It is therefore incumbent on Cork County Council and the NRA, having allowed work to commence on the N25, to now undertake and complete those works.

The fact that Amgen's contribution to the work may now be lost does not remove the responsibility from the NRA or the Local Authority to fulfil their part of their contract with the local community to finish what was started.

The following questions must now be answered:-

- 1. What was the anticipated budget of the proposed interchange at Amgen.
- 2. How was this cost to be funded and in particular;
  - (a) what was the contribution from the Local Authority,
  - (b) what was the contribution from Amgen,
  - (c) what was the contribution from the NRA
  - (d) was there any other Government Department or Body to contribute funding either directly or indirectly by way of contribution to the Local Authority or the NRA. If so what Government Office or Department was to make this contribution.
- 3. If the funding for the interchange was not fully secured, why were the works on the Amgen site allowed

commence at all.

4. How much of a contribution has already been collected from Amgen and what commitment has been obtained from Amgen with regard to future contributions to be paid (if any)
5. Of the other parties who were to contribute towards the cost of the interchange which (if any of them) have withdrawn their funding from the project and what reasons have been given.

The planning and zoning process constitutes a contract with the local community. In this case the people of Carrigtwohill were given assurances with regard to the upgrading of the infrastructure locally on foot of which they waived their rights to object through the planning process. Unless the Local Authority and the NRA now fulfil their part of the Contract with the local community, the faith of local communities everywhere in the planning process will be seriously undermined.

## 2 Secondary Roads

The secondary roads between Carrigtwohill and Midleton have suffered hugely during the recent infrastructural works. The condition of the roads, in particular the Ballintubber Road, is entirely unacceptable and it is imperative that immediate steps are taken to address the subsidence which has arisen on this road, prior to the recent infrastructural works which were significantly worsened by virtue of the additional traffic on that road during the infrastructural works. Again, this is an issue which was flagged by Carrigtwohill Community Council well in advance of the infrastructural works being undertaken but, unfortunately, our warnings fell on deaf ears.

## 3. Amenity Provision

Members of Carrigtwohill Community Council met on the 19th of September 2006 with the then County Manager, Mr. Maurice Maloney as well as Mr. John O'Dell, Mr. John O'Neill and Mr. Noel O'Keeffe and Mr. Ned Flynn from Cork County Council. Concerns were raised by us in relation to the provision of amenity facilities to compensate for the impact of the major infrastructural works in the area. These infrastructural works were undertaken not for the benefit of the residents of Carrigtwohill but to facilitate the implementation of Cork County Council's Development Plan and to facilitate the development of the Amgen Site.

The Management of Cork County Council present at that meeting agreed that a fair portion of the development contributions being collected in the Carrigtwohill area should be spent in the area to provide amenity facilities.

A commitment was given by Cork County Council at that meeting that, on the completion of the sewerage works which were then in their infancy, Cork County Council would resurface all roads affecting by the sewerage works and would implement a proper landscaping scheme and would also upgrade the public lighting and in particular consider the installation of

attractive public lighting in the town centre.

It was also agreed that it was fair that Cork County Council should apply some of the development contributions collected in Carrigtwohill towards the provision of amenity facilities in the Carrigtwohill area and the Carrigtwohill Community Council was invited to submit its proposals with regard to such facilities. The proposals we submitted included such basic requirements as safe footpaths and cycle paths and public lighting along areas developed under Planning Permissions granted by Cork County Council. Despite various written and verbal submissions to-date no commitment has been forthcoming from Cork County Council to anyone of the proposals put forward.

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# *Carrigtwohill Ladies Football*

## **Annual Report**

We have 113 players registered with the club this year. We are delighted with the clubs success this year, namely winning the U10 East Cork Final and the U12 County Final. We also had representatives in the U13 Blitz East Cork Team and U16 County Panel, Stephanie Beausang.

The Committee would like to thank all the managers of all the teams in the club for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. If these people did not give of their time voluntarily we would not have any club at all.

U6-U8 – Catherine Garde

U10 manager – Ann O Mahony

U12 Manager – Anthony Barry

U14/U16 Manager – Arthur O Leary

Minor/U21/ Junior – Ger Barry

We also want to thank the parents. There has been a huge increase in the amount of parents involved.

## **Team News:**

**U6-U8** training continues every Wednesday in the Community Hall from 3-4pm, thanks to Catherine Garde who trained the 6-8 year olds to date.

A very successful open day was held in April last introducing football to girls between 6-8 years of age. Approximately 40 girls turned up on the day. It was well organised with drills and games, the open day was a great success and well done to those involved. Catherine Garde, Niamh Garde, Lisa Collins. Ann O' Mahony and Mary Roche Barry.

**U10** Team beat Inch Rovers in the East Cork Final to become East Cork Champions.

**U12** Team beat Corcey Rovers in the County Final but they lost to Watergrasshill in the County League Final.

**U14** lost to Courcey Rovers in the semi final of the County and Lost to Aghada in the East Cork semi final.

We would also like to Congratulate the Sciath na Scol Winners. Also congratulations to the U13 Blitz winners; East Cork who beat West Cork on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October in Carrigtwohill.

Special congratulations to our Carrig players Andrea Buttimer and Grace Bunce who played tremendously on the day and represented the Blue and Gold to the highest standard.

Special congratulations also to Stephanie Beausang who was part of the U16 panel that won the all Ireland. We are very proud of her and her commitment to ladies football.

**Junior Team** – Congratulations to Ciara Desmond, Catherine Garde & Orla Dineen who were playing for the Imokilly Senior Panel this year.

The Junior Team beat Aghada in the East Cork Semi Final but we lost to Glanmire in the East Cork Final.

In the county Championship campaign we lost to Kinsale in the Quarter Finals. Kinsale went on to win the competition.

We made it to the semi final of the County League but unfortunately due to lack of numbers we were unable to field against Glanmire.

Glanmire were beaten by Bishopstown in the League final.



Mairead Kennedy Inch Rovers who was an invited guest. Stephanie Beausang who was on U16 County Panel, Julie Foley Captain of the U12 County Champions, Amy Barry and Sarah Warren Joint captains of the U10 Team. Rachel Sheehan Captain of the victorious Sciath Na Scol Team.

## **Presentation Evening:**

There was a presentation of medals to our victorious U10 and U12 teams on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of November.

It was a great evening. Robert White and Aidan O Reilly were on hand to present the medals.

There was a presentation to the GAA to thank them for their support over the years and to recognise their clubs achievements this year at juvenile and senior level.

It was also our first opportunity in an official capacity to welcome back the Camogie Club.

Linda Cashman Chairperson of the Camogie club was presented with flowers.

We are delighted that some of our girls are playing camogie and we look forward to working along side the Camogie Club in the future.

## **2008.....**

We hope to continue our success in 2008. We have a very committed team of coaches and we need our players to be equally committed.

Finally, I would also like to thank Christine Garde for her 8 years of service as secretary of the club.

Sincerest best wishes also to the new committee for 2008.

If you would like to join our club you can contact Arthur at 087-9187114.





# Carrigtwohill Area Youth Project

## The following work has been undertaken since September 2007:

### Hillwalking

A group of 15 young people aged between 12 and 16 years went hill walking on the Galtee Mountains in October. A great day was had by all involved.

The young people thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt a great sense of achievement having made it to the top. It is hoped that a similar trip will be planned in the coming months as it was such a success.

### Indoor Soccer

There are over 80 young boys that take part in indoor soccer on a Thursday and Friday evening.

They have been on outings to the cinema and it is hoped that a group will enter the Community Games.

### Health and Beauty Group

A group of 8 young girls are currently involved in beauty workshops. They are learning about the importance of self-care and basic beauty therapy skills such as skin care, make up application, nail care and facials.

### Young Girls Personal Development Group

There are four young girls participating in this group, who have been involved in activities such as cooking, computers and film making.

### Film Making Group

There are five young people involved in the film making group. The group have been involved in activities such as the film making workshop, cooking and hill walking. The group participated in a film making workshop from which they made their own mini film called "Bad Day At The Office". The group had the opportunity to learn about sets, behind the scene action, re-takes and all the other aspects that go into film making. The group really enjoyed the film workshop and have expressed an interest in getting involved in similar projects.

### Boxing Club

The Carrigtwohill Boxing Club takes place on Tuesday evenings at 7 o' clock and is open to new members joining. The boxing club is a good way for young people to get fit while having fun. The annual Carrigtwohill Boxing Club table quiz took place in Spratt's Bar on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The fundraiser was a great success which raised €711 euros. The Carrigtwohill Boxing Club would like to thank all the local business that supported the event and a special thanks to Spratt's Bar who hosted the table quiz.

### Update on Youth Café

The official opening day of the youth café will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008. A pool table and flat screen TV have been purchased for the café.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of the above please contact Sinead McGrath on 086-8364366 or call to Family Resource Centre Carrigtwohill.



**Brownies and Ladybirds singing Christmas Carols at the Craft Fair**

# Carrigtwohill Community Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Carrigtwohill Community Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in the Community Centre

**Present:** Officers and members as per the Attendance Book.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed off. It was proposed that Martin Jones be co-opted as a member to the council, this proposal was seconded and the motion was carried. Martin was welcomed to the committee by the Chairperson. The meeting then proceeded.

### Agenda

#### Treasurers Report

The Treasurer provided a detailed report of the income and expenditure for the month, followed by a further breakdown of sundry expenses incurred by the Community Centre.

#### Church Gate Collection

It was confirmed that two dates are allocated every year for Church Gate Collections. The Tidy Towns collection was on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April this year and the Community Council collection is usually late October/early November. It is necessary to contact the relevant authorities to check out if there is a date available in the near future and if not, we will have to take the next available date.

#### Newsletter

The Chairperson congratulated the newsletter team and stated that it was the right decision to delay publication for the outcome of the Senior Hurling Final and the subsequent photographs of the two victorious teams.

It was reported that the only areas remaining for distribution are Castlelake and Castlerock, and the committee are seeking people in these areas to help with the distribution.

It was confirmed that there will be another newsletter published before Christmas and the committee will be meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November next to discuss this issue. It was suggested that a questionnaire aimed at newcomers to the area could be put into a future edition of the newsletter, with a view to getting feedback from these new people to the area.

It was also suggested that a feature advertising the facilities of the Community Centre could be printed in Polish and perhaps some other language to inform foreign nationals of the availability of the Centre.

#### Tuesday Club

The committee reported that the club hosted a group from Blackpool recently and a Beauty Consultant visited to give some tips and advice.

A representative from Seniors Money gave a talk on money matters and a party was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October last.

Next week the group will be given a pottery lesson and some other upcoming events include a gentle exercise session, a visit to Killumley Garden Centre, a Christmas meal in Garryvoe Hotel and a computer course being given by ECAD.

#### Hall Committee

December will be a very busy month for the centre with the

following events booked:

- Whist Drive 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Juvenile Junior St. Vincent De Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Special Needs Party 5<sup>th</sup> December
- All Ireland Final Macra Capers 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Craft Fair 9<sup>th</sup> December

It was agreed that the Christmas Tree will be erected on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> December before MACRA set up and the Hall Manager will organise help with this. It was confirmed that the sewer in the Gents Toilet has been covered and the water flow in the Gents toilet has been regulated. The painting of the Main Hall and Stage area will commence on Tuesday of next week and the Hall Manager stated that some activities may have to be cancelled on Wednesday but this will be the only day that activities will be affected.

#### Car Boot Sale

The next Car Boot Sale will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November and all volunteers will be contacted in due course to help on the day. Meanwhile volunteers will be needed to distribute leaflets in Rathcormac this Sunday and names will be taken after the meeting.

The Craft Fair will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December and there will be refreshments served on the day. It is planned to officially switch on the Christmas Tree lights on that day and the local Brownies will provide a Carol Singing Service at the Community Centre. If members have any other suggestions to add to this day then these will be most welcome.

Help will be needed on the day from members and signs will have to be made up to advertise the event.

There will be a Christmas Tree erected in the Hall for the Special Needs Christmas Party and this could remain in place for the Craft Fair.

#### All Weather Pitch

The committee reported that they are in the process of obtaining quotes from contractor's for the pitch and this will take another few weeks.

Following the submission of all quotes, the next step is to begin the interview process, then to award the contract to a company and then to appoint an engineer to oversee the project.

It was proposed that a sub-committee should be formed to oversee this project and the following people have agreed to sit on the sub-committee:

- Jimmy O'Reilly
- Martin Jones
- Brian McCarthy
- Aidan Long
- John Dennehy
- Dave O'Sullivan

#### Environment

The committee reported that C.P.O.'s are being drawn up to acquire land for the Carrigane Footpaths, the margins on this stretch of road are to be upgraded and the white line in the centre of the road is to be extended as far as Water Rock cross. With regard to Ryan Aherne Place, the council are not in favour of rumble strips and instead would prefer to erect 'Children at

Play' signs. There will be a public consultation meeting in relation to the Traffic Management Plan on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November next in this Community Centre and on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Midleton.

### Local Area Development

The committee referred to the Public Consultation meeting with regard to the Traffic Management Plan, the dates of which were confirmed earlier by the Environment committee.

The committee reported that they have written to the council regarding the Amgen road works and in particular to the issue of the traffic lights on this stretch of road.

The committee are asking for this junction to be sorted as the situation cannot be left as it is with J.A. Woods's traffic having to travel to Carrigtwohill village when they need to travel to Midleton. The committee will meet with Local Council representatives and representatives from NRA on 19<sup>th</sup> November next to discuss the knock on effects of the Amgen deferral and other related matters.

The Chairperson stated that one of the issues to be highlighted at this meeting is the illegal dumping of refuse at the Hedgy Boreen and the committee have taken photographs of this area to bring to the council's attention.

The committee will speak to other members who have specific road issues that can be raised at this meeting and the committee will report back to members at the next meeting.

### Community Care

The Special Needs party will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December next and Margaret Walsh will be invited as guest of honour following her recent success in the Special Olympics in Shanghai.

So far the following groups have confirmed their attendance, COPE, Greenville House, CASA and the Organisation for the Blind. It was agreed to forward a letter of congratulations to Margaret Walsh for her outstanding success.

It was reported that a Multi-Cultural day will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November next in the Midleton Community Centre between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm with a food stalls among other attractions there on the day.

### Tidy Towns

The committee reported that the finals of The Pride in Our Community Competition took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October last in the Oriel House in Ballincollig and the Barryscourt Roundabout project took second place in the overall competition and the project also won an award for the most creative project, and as a further compliment to the team, a photograph of the Barryscourt roundabout was used for the design on all the certificates awarded on the night.

The Chairperson of Tidy Towns committee thanked her colleagues Tom Crowley, Tony Flynn, Trish O'Brien and the Barryscourt locals, with a special thanks to Vincent Cashman for his horticultural skill, to Ollie Sheehan for providing the inspiration for the project and to Robbie Sheehan for giving of his time so generously.

A letter of thanks is to be forwarded to all suppliers and sponsors. The Chairperson congratulated the committee and stated that this is a fantastic achievement for the Tidy Towns Committee and a tribute to all their hard work and dedication.

The committee are at the moment finishing some work that started during the summer months and they will be planting daffodils some weekend over the next couple of weeks.

### AOB

It was suggested that we could investigate some options at improving the quality of the sound in the hall. It was agreed to seek professional advice regarding a sound system and to try a speaker at the back of the hall, however it is not feasible to spend a large amount of money trying to solve this problem.

Correspondence was received from Mr. Michael Ahern TD following the developments in relation to the Amgen deferral.

### Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were taken for those who died in the locality recently, RIP.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 pm.

Sharon Bunce,  
Secretary.



### Amgen Irl. Technology support All Weather Sports Facility

Carrigtwohill Community Council are pleased to announce that Amgen Ireland Technology have very generously donated €50,000 towards the All Weather Sports Facility.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December last Mr. Mark Sawyer, General Manager and Vice President of Operations, and Ms. Annette Condon, Corporate Communications, presented the cheque to the officers of Carrigtwohill Community Council.

Mr. Sawyer commented that Carrigtwohill is a community that any company would be proud to call home and he wished Carrigtwohill Community Council well in all future endeavors.

*Picture shows Mark Sawyer presenting the cheque to Anthony Barry, Community Council Chairman.*

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**HOURGLASS::** If you have a neat hourglass figure with all your curves in proportions you will be able to wear most belt styles; cinching-in-waist will show-off your figure even more. however, you do need to think about where your waist is; if you are high or short waisted, for example, a wide belt will end up sitting under your bust where it shouldn't be!

**PETITES:** Petites with a fine bone structure should stay away from big belts as they will completely swamp you, as will large buckles.

You should stick to narrow and lightweight belts to complement your figure.

**TALL:** Belts are great for tall women allowing them to 'break-up' the long look. If you have a long torso, wide belts are perfect. If you are short in the torso try wearing your belt low slung to elongate the body.

#### **LEAN COLUMNS OR RECTANGLES**

If you have a rectangular body shape or boyish 'lean column' you don't want to advertise the fact that you don't have a defined waist. Avoid wide and stiff belts as they will emphasise your 'column' shape and instead opt for a more subtle belt style such as cardigans or jackets with ribbon ties. These will give you a little definition and softness around the middle.

If you are a rectangle and have a neat bust and no waist you could wear a belt that sits under the bust; more detail on the top half or on the hips will give the illusion of a waist.

**CHRISTMAS** is nearly upon us and if your looking for the perfect gift, why not try something different with a Voucher for Personal Shopping or a Make-up lesson or even a Wardrobe weed.

Watch the calories Ladies, and see you all in the New Year

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**The Main Hall at the Craft Fair on December 9th**

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# Pride in our Community Competition 2007

## The Red Roundabout

The Pride in our Community 2007 Environmental Project/ Competition was a coordinated joint venture by Cork County Federation of Muintir na Tire and Cork County Council. The main aim of the competition was to develop a new or existing community based amenity/ project which would be of long-term benefit to the community. The competition also sought to make people conscious of their environment and to promote an awareness of litter free communities and the overall impressions of an area. The Pride in our Community Competition was open to any voluntary group.

There were three categories in the competition based on the following criteria:

- Category 1. Population Centres of less than 1000 people
- Category 2. Population Centres over 1000 people not having an Urban District Council.
- Category 3. Population Centres having an Urban District Council.

The Tidy Towns Committee had agreed that the development of the Roundabout at the Barryscourt entrance to the village would form a significant part of their work for 2007 and it was decided to enter this Project for the Competition under Category 2.

The project involved a total refurbishment of the Roundabout at the Barryscourt entrance to the village and a plan of action was drawn up.

The red signpost at the centre of the roundabout provided the theme and it was agreed that as far as possible red stones and shrubs would be used to link with the Signpost colour. Hence the name, The Red Roundabout.

As a first step a sleepers were placed around the signpost in an octagonal shape to form a shrub bed. This area was then covered with top soil, weed block and stones and then a variety of shrubs (mainly red) were planted.

The next step was to develop the outer circle and the external grassed area was removed.



Eileen Stoap, Tony O'Flynn and Vincent Cashman with the trophy and certificates.

This area had to be levelled manually. Weedblock was then laid down and sandstone and limestone were placed. In time, Phormium Pink Panther were added to the outer circle to continue the red theme.

At this point we had come through the 1<sup>st</sup> level of the competition with 87%, which was extremely high marking.

This high mark was a very encouraging point and the committee then decided to develop the islands around the roundabout. All the grass which had overgrown on to the footpaths was removed with edgers, hedges were trimmed; the area around all the trees was cleaned, weed blocked and covered with stones. Weeds were removed from the kerbside and overgrown kerbs were cleared with edgers. The grass was cut neatly and all the beds were strimmed. All the gravel was removed from around the roundabout and the bricked islands were cleaned of moss and weeds. Shrubs were planted where possible in keeping with the centre of the roundabout and in keeping with the red theme.

The project was awarded 87% again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> judging of the competition. The final judging was done in early August.

The results of the Competition were announced in Oriel House



in Ballincollig on Tuesday 23 October, 2007.

All the participants in the competition were invited to attend and there was a power point presentation of all the projects submitted for the Competition.

The County Mayor, Cllr. John Patrick O'Shea, presented the prizes. Representatives of the Tidy Towns Committee attended the presentation and Carrigwohill Red Roundabout was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in its Category with a project in Millstreet taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize. The prize was €400 and a framed certificate. This was a great achievement considering it was the first time that we had entered the competition.

A further Category entitled "The Most Creative Project" was also included in the competition and the Red Roundabout in Carrigwohill had the great honour of winning this prize. The prize was a cheque for €200, a framed certificate and a beautiful 12" high Galway Crystal vase.

The representatives present felt very proud and privileged to receive this prestigious award on behalf of those people who worked so hard on the project during the summer. The work involved is estimated to have taken over 100 m/woman hours.

The Tidy Towns Committee is a small group but a number of local residents helped to a huge extent with the work involved and the Committee would like to pay tribute to the great commitment of the Barryscourt people who worked so hard on this project. We were particularly pleased to have a number of our young people involved.

The Competition is run on an annual basis so we look forward to coming up with another project in 2008.



Marian Mariga, Vice Chairperson of Cork County Federation Muintir na Tíre, Eileen Stpao, Carrigwohill Tidy Towns, Cork County Mayor Tom Sheehan and "Pride in our Community Competition" Chairman Sean Holland.



The Tidy Towns Committee would welcome volunteers. The commitment is just one hour per week normally and you can contact either the Hall Manager at 021 4882265 or the Chair of Tidy Towns at 086 8337684 if you would like to join with us.

Eileen Stoap  
Chairperson, Tidy Towns Committee



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# History of Carrigtwohill

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## Christmas Memories of Carrigtwohill in the 1930's

Rolling back the years over half a century ago, before the pace of life ever began to increase as distinct from today, the author will muse over his memories and will recall the stories of those golden years.

Beginning with a religious flavour, the most noticeable preparation in the houses for Christmas was the use of red berry holly and ivy to decorate every available holding space of the living quarters - be it the kitchen or the living room. On the weeks and days leading to the festive day, people would even cycle to Ballyadam, where you were sure to get the finest growth of variegated holly.

As money was scarce at that time, cash flow was disciplined only to make Christmas Day special for the children. December 8<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, was a definite date in the calendar of many households. This was traditionally a day when the country folk would visit Cork City to make their purchases of working clothes and boots.

As the more well off visited the larger shops, the poorer class were to be found striking a bargain for second hand clothes at the Coal Quay Market.

Customers of O'Connell's shop in Carrigtwohill, (current location of *Et Cetera*), were always in receipt of a Christmas hamper gift. It would consist of a large cake, a candle, a bottle of wine and a plum pudding. Our eyes would dance as the box was opened and in spite of having a good idea of what was inside, the anticipation and excitement was heartfelt! Stories told by our parents at the fireside (remember no electricity, radio or television!!), reminded us of families in poor circumstances who would have the kettle boiling on the hob of the fireplace, waiting in anticipation for the O'Connell's van on Christmas Eve and what Christmas cheer the sound of it's engine brought, as it made it's way along the country roads.

Another tale recounted is that of two farm labourers, Pad and Mick who were working for an English gentleman around the 1920's. As darkness fell on Christmas Eve, the old squire addressed his men and wishing them a happy Christmas, informed them that the cook had a special treat for them to compliment the festive season.

In the kitchen they found themselves comforted with a dinner that surpassed their own imagination. On the plate were; turkey and ham, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower and bread stuffing. The beautiful Kerr Pink's potatoes were on another plate bursting in their skins before their eyes - to tempt them. To crown it all were two bottles of stout to wash it all down!

As they began their meal, Mick turned to his workmate and said "Pad, shor we can't eat this dinner because this is a Black Fast Day on Christmas Eve and we are forbidden to eat meat".

"Oh! Be quiet you idiot", responded Pad, "this is our Christmas dinner, we won't have anything like this tomorrow so you may as well eat it and enjoy it".

And so they did to their hearts content.

Memories of Christmas Eve, recall the presence of decorated lit candles on the window sill's of every house and the very large number of people who went to Confession in preparation for the Feast Day. The side aisles of our Church in Carrigtwohill would be packed with people waiting for their turn to confess.

On Christmas Morning we would rush to the kitchen table where our Christmas stocking with our name on it, would be lined up for the taking!

The contents were treasured; an orange, an apple, a doll for the girls and maybe a steam-roller for the boys.

In those days there was no mid-night Mass. The first Mass on Christmas Day was at 8.00am while the *High Mass* for the Feast to welcome the Christ Child was celebrated at 11.00am. Concelebrating with our Parish Priest, the late Canon Bowler and our Curate, Fr. O'Brien, were local priest of our parish who returned home for Christmas.

Among them were; Fr.'s Pat Barry, Ardglass, Luke Mulholland from the family who had the Post Office and Gabriel Barry of Templecraheen who with Fr. Luke were both in the Carmelite Order.

May they all now Rest in Peace.

Boyhood memories recall the solemn atmosphere at this *High Mass*, intoned in Latin and with the male voice choir singing the Gloria, Creed, Sanctus and the Agnus Dei.

The great organ was played eloquently by the late Sr. Raleni and she together with the other Poor Servants of the Mother of God, did then as they do to-day - share every hour and gift they have, with the people of our parish.

As our voices and music entwined, Heaven surely met Earth on this special occasion. After Mass, which lasted an hour, we headed home with the echoes of *Adeste Fideles* and Silent Night in our hearts and minds.

The aroma of the bastible cooked roast goose greeted us as we approached the door. The plum pudding was having it's final boil in the skillet pot and together as a family, the dinner was enjoyed.

Following a nice cup of tea and a slice of Christmas cake, it was time for us to rest on our oars!

The day would conclude with a little glass of hot wine punch, plus a slice of cake after which the Rosary was recited together and then we went to bed.

*Silent Night, Holy Night, now all was calm after a joyful celebration of the birth of Christ.*

**John Harte,  
Woodstock.**



# Childrens Page

Why not make some of these easy sweet treats to give to your friends or grandparents or to someone special. They are very easy to make but make sure you have adult supervision when you are using the oven.

## White Chocolate Truffles

142ml pot double cream, 1lb white chocolate chopped, icing sugar for dusting, 30 dried cranberries.

Line a large baking tray with baking paper or greaseproof paper. Put the cream into a small saucepan and bring just up to boiling point, remove from the heat and stir in 9oz of chocolate until just melted, transfer into a bowl and leave to chill for at least an hour.

Dust your hands with icing sugar, take 1 tsp of the mixture and roll into a ball.

Repeat with the remaining mixture. Place all the balls on the lined tray and put into the freezer for at least 30 minutes.

Melt the remaining chocolate over a pan of simmering water, dip the truffles into the melted chocolate using a fork and leave to dry on sheets of greaseproof paper. While the chocolate is still wet place a cranberry on top of each truffle and leave to set for at least 30 minutes.

**For more grown up truffles add 2 tbsp brandy or rum or your favourite liqueur at the same time as the chocolate.**

## Peppermint Creams

1lb icing sugar, 1 tsp lemon juice, 1 egg white, lightly whisked, few drops peppermint flavouring, few drops of green food colouring.

Mix the sugar and lemon juice together in a bowl with enough of the egg white to make a pliable mixture. Add the peppermint flavouring and food colouring, dust your work surface with icing sugar and knead the dough before rolling out and cutting into circles with a biscuit cutter. Leave for 24 hours to dry thoroughly.

**For all chocolate lovers you can dip half in melted chocolate and leave to dry.**



## Honeycomb

7oz caster sugar, 4 tbsp golden syrup, 1 tbsp bicarbonate of soda.

Butter a deep sided 8" round tin, put the sugar and syrup into a pan and heat gently, continuing to stir until the sugar melts.

Simmer for 2-3 minutes or until the mixture is thick, bubbling and a light golden colour, remove from the heat and quickly whisk in the bicarbonate of soda.

When the caramel has foamed into a golden cloud, immediately pour into the tin – it will rise up again. Leave to set for a few hours, then bash or cut into pieces.

**This is really delicious crushed into tiny pieces and sprinkled over vanilla ice cream.**

## Gingerbread men

350g plain flour, 1 tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 100g butter, 175g soft brown sugar, 1 egg, 4 tbsp golden syrup.

Combine the flour, ginger and bicarbonate into a bowl, rub in the butter. Add the sugar, then stir in the egg and syrup to make a firm dough, Roll out to 1cm thickness then cut into shapes.

Add raisins for eyes.

Cook in a reheated oven 180oC/350oF/Gas 4 for 12 mins. Leave to cool then decorate with icing. Allow to set.

**Punch a hole in the top before you put it into the oven and when its set you can thread some ribbon through the hole and hang on to your Christmas tree.**



## Five Little Snowflakes

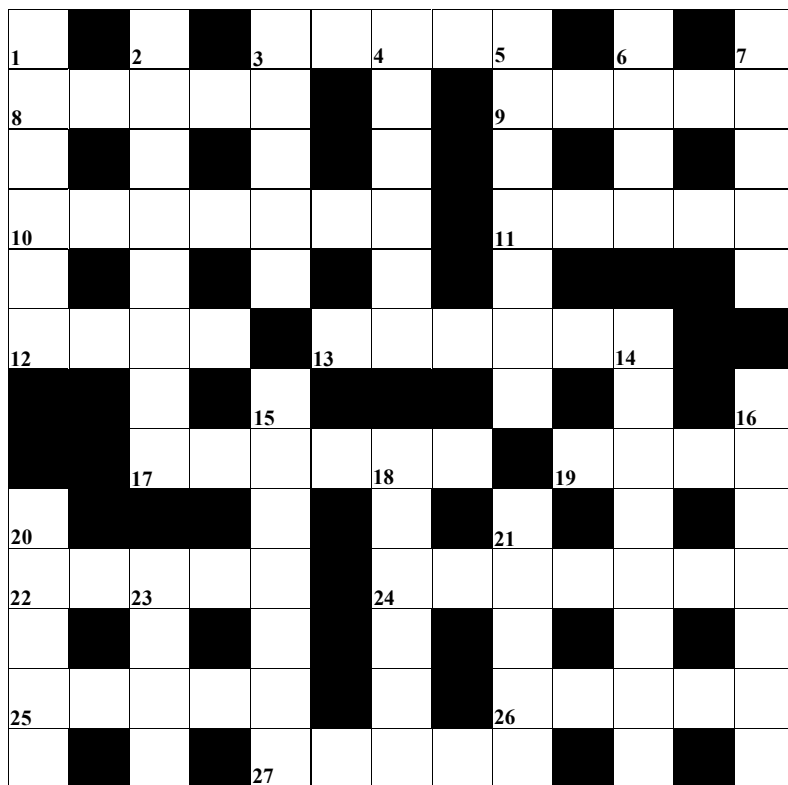
*One little snowflake with nothing to do.  
Along came another one  
Then there were two*

*Two little snowflakes laughing with me  
Along came another, and  
Then there were three*

*Three little snowflakes looking for some more  
Along came another and  
Then there were four*

*Four little snowflakes dancing a jive.  
Along came another and  
Then there were five.*

*Five little snowflakes having so much fun.  
Out came the sun and  
Then there were none*



#### Across:

- 3 The colour of holly (5)  
 8 Bingo winners call (5)  
 9 Follows orders (5)  
 10 Initial Payment (7)  
 11 Displayed (5)  
 12 Clean, remove dirt (4)  
 13 Take willingly (6)  
 17 Light, healthy meal (6)  
 19 Hackney carriage (4)  
 22 Xmas pud cooking vessel (5)  
 24 Santa's entry route (7)  
 25 Loosen knots on presents (5)  
 26 Manmade waterway (5)  
 27 The ones here (5)

#### Down:

- 1 Follows closely (7)  
 2 Intentions, meanings (8)  
 3 Once the favourite Xmas fowl (5)  
 4 Impressively foreign (6)  
 5 At greater volume (7)  
 6 Brave man (4)  
 7 Taking advantage of (5)  
 14 Coaching (8)  
 15 Bed cover (7)  
 16 Two-Wheeled vehicle (7)  
 18 Make up one's mind (6)  
 20 Concerned with (5)  
 21 From then on (5)  
 23 Poses artistically (4)

#### Find the hidden words in the grid.

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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and 3 x 2 box contains all digits 1-6



Enjoying the Craft Fair - James, Sam, Cian and Liam



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Mr. Micheál Martin, T.D., Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr. Tony Lee, Principal St. Aloysius College and Mr. Michael Ahern, Minister for Innovation Policy pictured at the official opening of the new gymnasium at St. Aloysius College.



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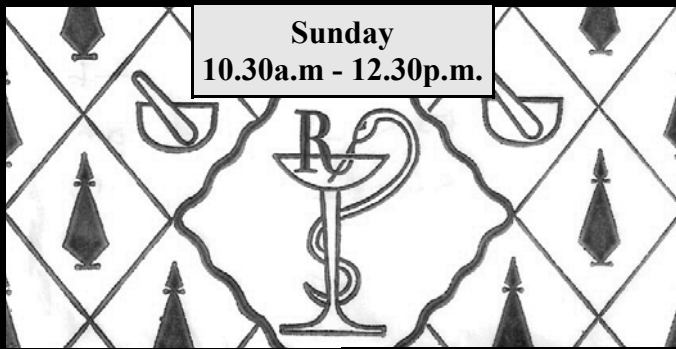
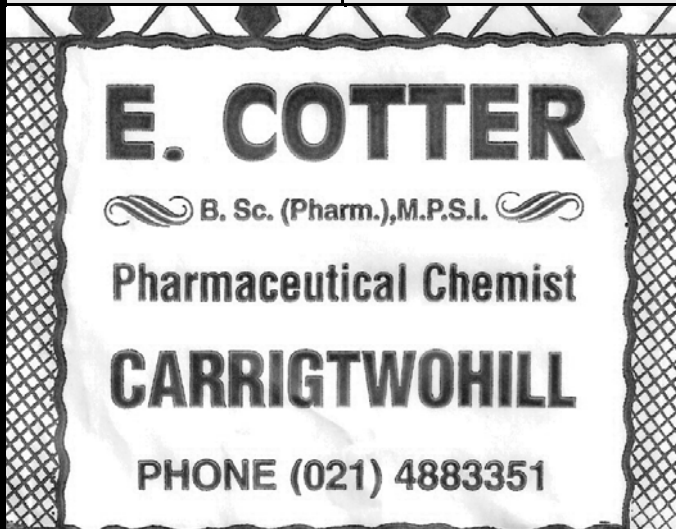
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# Scoil Chlochair Mhuire applies for Green Schools Award

The girls of Scoil Chlochair Mhuire, Carrigtwohill have recently applied to An Taisce for their “green flag”.

An Taisce awards the “green flag” to schools that have introduced good environmental habits to their schools. The Carrigtwohill girls have been working on the first theme Litter and Waste since they registered with the “Green-Schools” programme in 2006. They have now join thousands of schools all over the world already registered with “Green-Schools”.

From the date of registration to our recent application for the green flag award, seven stages had to be implemented.

A committee had to be formed, an environmental review had to be carried out and an action plan was drawn up which was monitored and evaluated. Curriculum work on waste supported the aims of the action plan. The Green School Code was composed and the committee publicised their work.

Since we registered with the **Green-Schools** programme the girls have undertaken many projects in the school to decrease the amount of litter and waste in the school.

The Green-Schools’ assessor will be visiting the school early in 2008 to see all the projects listed on the application and to decide if the school is entitled to the green flag award.

The Green Flag will be valid for two years from the date it is awarded in early 2008 and then the school will have to reapply and take on a new theme to renew it. The next theme is energy.

## Recycling

Every Friday evening, Emily and Carol and their helpers collect the rubbish and recycling bags from every classroom and advise the classes if they have dumped anything that could be recycled or reused or composted. They try to divert as much waste as possible away from landfill.

One of our first schemes was designed to curtail the amount of paper being used in the school. At break-time every day, paper that has been used on one side only is collected by Robyn and Norah and brought down to the office to Mrs. Seymour.

This paper is used again for photocopying.

Every day, at the end of lunchtime, Clodagh and Katie visit every classroom and the staff room to collect tea bags, peels and other stuff that can be composted. The peels (green waste) is mixed with hedge cuttings and paper (brown waste) and this compost is used in the garden. Ann O’Mahony, a parent in the school used some of this compost when gardening with the children.

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class planted vegetables and flowers.

Sixth Class cleared out an old herb garden and created a new rockery. They also planted some new plants around the grotto. During the first week of November, daffodil bulbs were planted in a few containers at the front of the school and at both sides of the new classrooms.

## Litter Rota

The school litter rota has been in force over the last year.

Liam, the caretaker ordered three litter pickers and a litter rota was set up immediately. Some photos of the yard were taken so that they would be able to see the difference at the end of the year.

Girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class “litter pick” every day for ten minutes at the end of lunch-time. This has really improved the appearance of the school grounds and made it a safer place for all.

## Green School Committee

The green school committee is made up of twelve students and two teachers. The committee meets once a week to discuss the green school action plan and to resolve any issues that prevents them meeting their targets.

In order to be awarded a flag, every green school has to have their own green code. This is a statement of the schools commitment to the “Litter and Waste” theme. Each class was invited to submit a code and the teachers voted a winner.

Claire from 4<sup>th</sup> class composed the winning code.

First class won the junior section of the competition.

We combined the two codes and we will be able to recite our green code with gusto for the assessor when he or she arrives.

## Waste free lunchbox week”.

An Taisce and the GreenSchools Programme insists that every school must have a **Day of Action**. The green-school girls wanted to raise awareness of packaging in lunchboxes.

At present, in the school there is a rule “what you bring in, you bring home” so this was a waste problem we hadn’t addressed already.

The girls decided to have a “**waste free lunchbox week**”. The whole school got involved. Firstly, the green school committee did a whole school survey on all lunchboxes in the school to see how environmentally friendly they were.

This revealed how much packaging ends up in landfill sites. The findings of this survey were published and distributed around the school with suggestions on how to make lunch boxes more environmentally friendly.

On the survey day, there were many convenience foods in lunchboxes such as **cheesestings** and **frubes** that have packaging that cannot be recycled and all this plastic packaging ends up in landfill. Eighty-nine new sealed plastic drink bottles came into the school that day.

All of these bottles were reusable but were probably never used again.

During this “waste free lunchbox” week, everybody had to re-use, eat, recycle or compost everything in their lunchboxes. The green schools committee gave out small washable containers to some girls to discourage them from using tinfoil and cling film.

Finally, fourth class collected some typical lunch packaging and leftover foodstuffs from lunchboxes and made their own mini-landfill site in the grounds of the school.

They collected things such as tin foil, plastic wrappers, fruit peels crusts, popcorn bags and Frubes wrappers. They will check the landfill site every month and see what has disappeared. Anything that hasn’t disappeared by June will be put in the rubbish bin.

In January, the green schools committee will do a spot check some day and there will be a prize for any girl who has a green lunchbox. A lot of girls have now stopped using packaging altogether so we will be giving out lots of prizes.

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**At the end of Green Lunchbox Week, the rubbish of the school was down to half the usual amount.**

Birgit O Driscoll, from East Cork Area Development visited the school for one full day. She works with all the schools in the area that are registered with *Green-Schools* programme. She told the girls about the importance of recycling. She showed the girls some pictures of people sorting the recycling and this emphasised how important it is to wash out cartons and containers before recycling them.

She also showed them the recycling sign and also the repak sign (green dot). The recycling sign is a triangle made of arrows with a number in the middle. This symbol can be found at the base of most yoghurt cartons. This symbol should not be confused with the repak sign which simply means that the company that made the product is funding recycling facilities throughout the country.

By law, companies that make packaging are obliged to do this. This does not mean the chocolate bar wrapper that has the repak sign (green dot) is recyclable.

#### **Recycle for Christmas**

The green school committee would like to remind everyone that we are approaching a time of year that generates a lot of rubbish. Some wrapping paper needlessly ends up in landfill. This year, try to recycle all your wrapping paper.

Open big presents carefully and use the big sheets of wrapping paper for wrapping smaller gifts or keep wrapping paper for party games such as pass the parcel. Think of other alternatives. Many shops do Christmas gift boxes. These can be tied with reusable ribbon from a haberdashery and the box and ribbon can be used again by the recipient of the present.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, the box can always be used to store decorations till the following year. Wrapping paper is on sale in the school in aid of school funds. Please notice that we put a sticker on each packet of school wrapping paper to remind buyers to recycle it.

Fifth and sixth class have made cards and Christmas decorations. They will be on sale in the school during the last week of term. Proceeds will be in aid of the SMG Missionary Fund.



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## Carrigtwohill Juvenile GAA Club

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### **Saturday Morning/Wednesday Evening Coaching sessions**

These sessions play a vital role in the development of the basic skills that our younger members learn and mature on.

These young players are the clubs future and we would appeal to parents to get involved in these sessions your help is most welcome.

### **Fé 10 Peil**

#### **11/Nov/07: Carrigtwohill 1-2 Midleton 0-6**

In the East Cork Semi-final replay both the Carrigtwohill and Midleton teams continued where they left off and produced another wonderful display of football.

In the end Midleton won the game the by a solitary point on a score line of 0-6 to 1-2.

Panel on duty: S Walsh, C Gosnell, O Murphy, F Kieran, M Beczek, S O'Flynn, A Cull, S Murphy, B Cashman, D Hodnett, J Royane, J McCarthy, sP Barden, D O'Driscoll, J Ahern, D Behan, A O'Leary, L Kelly, W Lieu, P O'Halon

#### **1/Nov/07: Carrigtwohill 4-0 Midleton 2 -6**

In Rostellan on Thursday 1st of November 2007, under lights in Fé 11, teams from Carrigtwohill and Midleton provided a game of football for everyone present to enjoy.

For the first half the Carrigtwohill team were out of sorts and Midleton lead on a score line of 0-4 to 1-0 .

In the second half Carrigtwohill came out of the blocks, chased and harried for every ball and in the closing minutes were leading Midleton to 4-0 to 2-4.

Midleton fought back to draw the game and at the end a draw was fitting for both these two teams.

Panel on duty: S Walsh, C Gosnell, O Murphy, B McCarthy, M Beczek, S O'Flynn, A Cull, S Murphy, B Cashman, D Hodnett, J Royane, J McCarthy, P Barden, D O'Driscoll, J Ahern.

#### **21/Oct/07: Carrigtwohill 3-8 Glanmire 3-5**

On a cold and windy morning the Carrigtwohill Fé 11 footballers played Glanmire in the 1st round of the league. This was a fine game of football played by both sides.

Carrigtwohill lead at half time with a scoreline of 2-5 to 2-0.

In the second half both side continued playing a band of lovely football which Carrigtwohill ran out winners on a score line of 3-8 to 3-5.

Panel on duty: S Walsh, B Murphy, S O'Flynn, P O'Halon, J Ronyane, O Beaverstyock, C Gosnell, O Murphy, J McCarthy, D Hodnett, B Cashman, A Cull, C O'Mahony , D Behan, K Longran, J Ahern, D O'Driscoll, PBarden

### **Fé 15 Peil**

#### **14/Nov/07: Carrigtwohill 2-12 Erins Owns 2-05**

Carrigtwohill were crowned U15 football East Cork Champions on Wed 14th in Rostellan.

This team continued their great performance with an emphatic win over Erins Own 2-12 to 2-4, having beaten Glanmire on a

scoreline of 2 - 18 to 0 - 2 in the semi final.

They showed all the ingredients of a great team coming back from a narrow and unlucky defeat in the final of the hurling two days earlier to old rivals Midleton and performing with great determination and majestic skills combined with a great team spirit to win the football championship.

Panel: J Leahy, P Hogan, C Buckley, Buttimer, C Rohain, C Cronin, O O Donaghue, P Deane, K Baverstock, K Murphy, D O Mahoney (capt), A Gosnel, S Carry, W McCarthy, K O Shea, A Barrett, J Donovan, M Beseck, T Creagh, P Ahearn, S Casey, R Manley □ Selectors Tadhg Donovan, John Rohain, Terance O'Brien and Fank Buttimer

### **Sciath na Scol 2007**

#### **Football 2007**

We were very lucky in our group this year as the draw gave us the advantage of having four out of our five matches at home. This meant we would be playing Millstreet BNS, Gael Scoil Ui Riordain, Ballincollig, Scoil Eoin Inishannon and St. Patricks Gardiners Hill at home and our only away match would be played in Dungourney against Dungourney National School.

We opened our campaign with a decisive victory against Millstreet on October 2nd winning the match 7:9 to 0:6 with the team looking impressive on all parts of the pitch.

Our next match was the following Thursday October 4th against Ballincollig.

Carrig took most of the first half to settle but eventually ran out comfortable winners with a score of 6:5 to Ballincollig's 2:6

On Tuesday 9th of October we travelled to Dungourney where we were met by a very strong side. Again we struggled in the first half, and managed to keep out a strong Dungourney attack towards the end of the game to win 5:4 to 3:3

Our winning streak came to an unfortunate end on October 11th when an exceptionally strong Inishannon team visited Carrig. With a very strong mid field and forward line, we found it very hard to break them down and they took control of the game from the very beginning.

A better performance from Carrig in the second half saw Carrig put some scores on the board but not nearly enough to catch Inishannon. Final Score 2:6 to 6:15

#### **Sciath Results:**

The fourth and third teams were competing again this year in the Indoor Hurling Sciath na Scoil.

#### **Fourth Class A**

The Fourth Class A Team have again qualified for the Premier County Final, provisionally to be played on March 16th.

This team last year won the Third Class Premier County Final.

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On route to the finals they beat Douglas, Ovens, North Mon, and Mallow.

The team members are Ciaran Gosnell, William Buckley, Shane Walsh, Darragh Behan, Darren Hodnett, Jamie McCarthy, Brian Cashman, Owen Murphy, Eoghan McSweeney, Stephen O'Flynn and Paul Barden.

#### **Fourth Class B**

The Fourth Class B Team played extremely well in their qualifiers but were narrowly beaten by Dungourney who now advance.

The team members are Paul Barden, Brendan McCarthy, Gavin Smiddy, Brian Murphy, Oliver Baverstock, Aaron Cull, Paul O'Hanlon, Paul Mulcahy, Michael Deasy and Joseph Ronayne.

#### **Third Class A**

The Third Class A Team played a cracker of a qualifying section, beating Cloghroe, Blarney and Cobh, before being beaten by the narrowest of margins by Charleville, who now advance. The team members are Luke Kelly, Brendan McCarthy, Joseph Ronayne, Oliver Baverstock, Brian Murphy, Alan O'Leary, Daire Crotty, Conor O'Mahony, Michael Deasy and Adam McNamara.

#### **Third Class B**

The Third Class B team again played very well in their qualifiers, but on the day were beaten by a better team. The team members are Ronan Donnelly, Calvin Carroll, Conor Keegan, Billy Manning, Sean O'Sullivan, Jamie Long, Gearoid O'Leary, Aldas Venckus, Stuart Johnson and Luke Foley.

#### **4th Class Premier Indoor Hurling Competition**

Carrigtwohill won the regional finals beating Douglas, Ovens, the North Mon and Mallow.

They then went on to play in The County Finals at Na Piar-saigh. Here they faced Beaumont in their first game which they won. This meant that victory over Middleton would secure the title. Carrig and Middleton were tied at full time and extra time beckoned. Despite a valiant effort to secure the elusive Golden Goal, victory fell to Middleton on a score line of 6 goals to 5.

Carrig had won the competition the previous year (3rd Class) Well done to all the lads. This was a long campaign and great credit is due to the lads on reaching the final.

Team: William Buckley (C), Ciarán Gosnell, Shane Walsh, Darragh Behan, Darren Hodnett, Jamie McCarthy, Owen Murphy, Brian Cashman, Eoghan McSweeney, Stephen O'Flynn.

This year the boys took part in Sciath na Scol Hurling and Football competitions. Success eluded us this year as we had been promoted to the A Grade having beaten Scoil Oilibhéir at PáircUí Rinn last year.

The Boys also took part in the GAA/INTO mini sevens skills competitions in both codes with some success. We have yet to play in the 4th class hurling Blitz which will be held in June. We have won this for the last 4 years.

The Carrigtwohill Juvenile GAA club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Carrigtwohill parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **Fair Day Sponsorship Presentation**



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In the picture L. to R. Anthony Barry, Chairman Community Council; Dan Mulvihill, Managing Director, Rossdale Enterprises; Ann O'Driscoll, Chairman Fair Day Committee; Tim O'Sullivan, Commercial Director, Rossdale and Jimmy McCarthy Community Council.

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## Scoil Cholchair Mhuire Girls Win Sciath na Scol GF4 Final



### Carrigtwohill 2 – 2 Gael Scoil de hide, Fermoy 0 – 2

On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 the girls of Scoil Chlochair Mhuire played superbly to overcome Gaelscoil de hide, Fermoy in the Allianz Sciath na Scol GF4 Final at Parc Ui Chaoimh.

In a closely fought encounter, Carrigtwohill led by 0 – 2 to 0 – 1 at the break, through points from Hannah Lane and Captain Rachel Sheehan. The girls played with great determination in the second half with the back line in particular playing some fantastic football.

Two goals from star forward Hannah Lane sealed victory for Carrigtwohill. Fermoy tried to respond and managed to score a point but it was too late.

A great day for Scoil Cholchair Mhuire – Well Done Girls!

**Team:** Emily Horgan, Sydney O'Shea, Rachel Daly, Holly Breheny, Caroline Fenton, Therese O'Sullivan, Rachel Sheehan (Captain), Sarah Warren, Amy Barry, Hannah Lane, Nicole O'Sullivan.  
**Subs:** Luran Horgan, Grace Aribasoye, Katie Nolan, Carmel Cronin, Carol O'Donoghue, Shauna Dorgan, Rachel O'Donoghue, Kristienne Makinano, Lauren Roche.

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## GAA Club Visit Girls National School.

John Flannery Chairman of Carrigtwohill GAA Club making a presentation to Mrs. Nora Moran, Principal of the Girls National School on the occasion of the GAA clubs visit to the school with the East Cork and County Cups recently won by the club.

# Carrigtwohill Community Games

## MOSNEY 2007

Since we re-affiliated to Community Games back in 1991, this year 2007 has been our smallest representation at the National Finals, with just one participant attending.

On the first weekend our participant namely; Susan Higgins and her parents arrived in Mosney, Co. Meath in time for the customary opening ceremony. The participants from all 32 counties partake in a colorful and spectacular parade and the games are officially opened.

Susan was in action on Saturday afternoon and can be extremely pleased with her performance, to have got to Mosney was a huge achievement in itself. Well done Susan.

The second weekend it was to be the turn of our athletes.

Our U16 Girl Relay Team of Ciara Santry, Marie Corry, Eimear Griffin and Tanya Yeriskin should be lining up to take part in the U16 relay. But unfortunately it was not to be as one of the competitors was very ill and as a result the team was unable to travel. Hard luck to all.

To our competitors, who competed throughout the year we say, well done and remember, "it is the competing that is important"

To all managers, coaches, trainers and supervisors who were involved with the children during the year, we say very well done on a job brilliantly executed, thanks for all the hard work, time and dedication

Community Games have had a quiet few months since the National Finals.

The local A.G.M. took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and the County A.G.M. took place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The following officers were elected at our local A.G.M.

Chairperson: Billy Power  
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021-4883484  
Secretary: Catherine Ryan  
021-4883472  
Assistant Secretary: Sinéad McGrath  
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The format for National is to change this year with 3 full weekends of National Finals with a lot of the team games being moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May.

The following is a list of dates for the various activities at National.

## NATIONAL FINALS 2008

### Week-end 1 (23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May)

Art & Model Making  
Badminton  
Chess  
Choir  
Comedy Sketch  
Cross Country  
Culture Corner  
Draughts  
Group Music  
Group Singing  
Handball  
Indoor Soccer  
Modern Group Dance  
Projects  
Recitation  
Set Dancing / Traditional Irish  
Solo Modern Dance  
Solo Music  
Solo Singing  
Table Tennis  
U14 Quiz  
Sport Induction

### Week-end 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August

Cycling on Grass  
Gaelic Football  
Gymnastics  
Hard Court Tennis  
Judo  
Pitch & Putt  
Rounders  
Skittles  
Soccer – Outdoor  
Swimming  
Variety  
Sport Induction

### Week-end 3 (29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August)

Athletics  
Basketball  
Camogie  
Futsal  
Hockey  
Hurling  
Olympic Handball  
Rugby – Mini  
Rugby – Tag  
Volleyball  
Sport Induction

The Provincial Finals for team games will take place in Limerick on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March to qualify for the 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend at the National Finals in May.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend the team games will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> July (customary 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July).

The following is a list of the various age groups: -

## **Individual Events**

### Boys & Girls

Art U8, 10, 12, 14 & U16  
Model Making U10 & U14  
Cycling (Grass Track) U12 & U14  
Gymnastics U8 to U16  
Judo U16  
Swimming U8 to U16  
Athletics (Track & Field) U8 to U16

## **Team Events**

### Boys & Girls

Badminton U15 Mixed  
Basketball U13 & U16  
Camogie U14  
Chess U12 & U16  
Choir U13 & U16 Mixed  
Draughts U10, U12, U14  
Gaelic Football U10 Mixed  
U12 Girls  
Handball U13 & U15  
Hardcourt Tennis U13 & U16 Mixed  
Hockey U16  
Olympic Handball U13  
Hurling U11  
Pitch & Putt U15  
Rounders U13 & U15  
Mini Rugby U11  
Tag Rugby U11 & U14 Mixed  
Soccer Outdoor B & G U12  
Girls U15  
Soccer Indoor U13 & U15  
Table Tennis U13  
Variety U16 Mixed  
Volleyball U15  
Quiz (Also Adult Quiz) U14  
Cross-Country -  
Mixed Distance Relay U13  
U12 & U14  
Project U11, U13 & U15  
Culture Corner U15  
Set Dancing U14

Everyone who is living in the parish from age **U8 to U16** is welcome to take part in any competition.

Happy Christmas to all

## Carrigtwohill Community Council Election of New Council Members 2008

An Election to Membership of the Community Council is being arranged for February 2008. Membership is confined to people who live within Carrigtwohill parish and whose names are included in the current Draft Register of Electors.

New members will be elected for a period of three years. To ensure the widest possible representation the electoral area has been divided into the following districts.

### No. Area

1. A. Castleview.
2. B. Ballyvodock, Ballyannon, Baneshane.
3. C. Fota, Rossmore, Barryscourt.
4. D. Ballinabointra, Burgessland, Clyduff, Ballyadam, Carrigane.
5. E. Ballyrichard, Waterrock, Curragh.
6. F. Tullagreine, Killacloyne, Ballynoe, Annegrove, Terrysland
7. G. Ballintubber.
8. H. Maryville, Ahern & Ryan Tce. Tara Court, Cois Carraige.
9. I. West End, Kent Tce., Carrig Downs, Main St., Carrig East, Carrigane South.
10. J. Chapel Lane, Church Road, Pearse Place, The Rock, Ashbrook.
11. K. Springhill. Ballyregan, Ballinbritig, Renasallagh, Cloneen, Tibbstown, Forrestown, Carhoo, Labaun, Garrycloyne.
12. L. Ballyleary, Lackabeha, Gurrane, Longstown, Gortnamucky, Fahydorgan, Ardglass, Woodstock.
13. M. Rocklands, Fota Rock.
14. N. Cul Ard.
15. O. Castle Lake.
16. P. Castle Lands.

Ballot Papers will be distributed to the homes of all those on the Register with the next issue of the Newsletter. A list of the persons in your district who are eligible for election will be circulated with the Ballot Papers.

Outgoing members of the Community Council are eligible for election. You may vote for any eligible person from within the district having first established their willingness to serve on the Council.

Ballot Boxes for the return of the papers will be located in local shops and at the Community Hall. Votes will be counted in the Community Hall and details of the date and time of the count will be included in the Ballot Papers.

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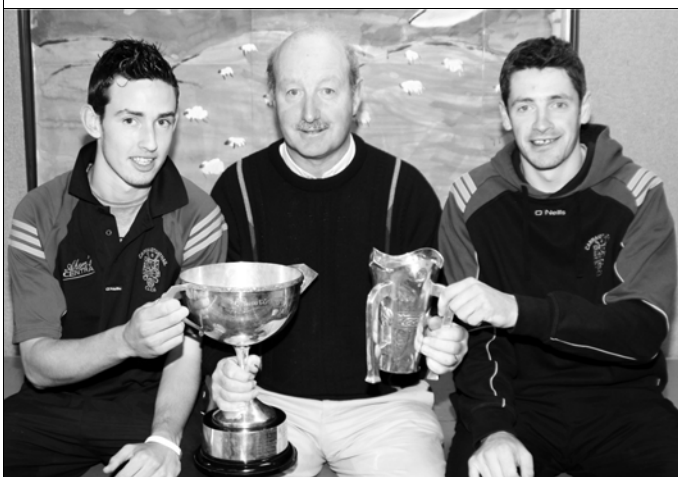
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Liam O'Sullivan Captain of the Minor A Hurling team who won both East Cork and County Championships, Ger Foley who looks after hurling and football in the Boys national school and Jason Barrett, Captain of the Intermediate Hurling County Champions.

It was a very successful year for the GAA in Carrigtwohill winning the Premier Intermediate Hurling County Final, the Minor A Hurlers won the East Cork and County championships and the Junior A Footballers won the East Cork League final. Both the A and B footballers reached East Cork finals and were unlucky on both occasions.

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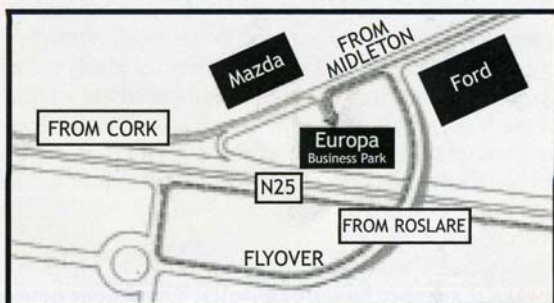
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# Local Authority Liaison

By Mary O' Mahony

## Traffic and Transportation Study

The good news for the village and surroundings areas is that a traffic and transportation study is being undertaken and is ongoing for six months.

It is very important that as many people as possible come along and have their say when the maps are on display in the local community centre. Advertisements for display nights will be in your local press.

The purpose of the study to allow you to contribute towards the future development of the area and hopefully sort out the major congestion.

## New Bus Stops

I am pleased to announce that two new bus stops have been erected at the western end of the village and I am now hoping that planning permission for the bus shelters will be submitted shortly. We all know how long five minutes can be when one is waiting in the rain and wind at this time of year. I would hope that we would not have to wait too long for the bus shelters.

## Street Lights

It is very disappointing to see the western end of the village from Tullagrain so dark, a letter and map of the area has been submitted to Noreen O' Mahony who has replaced Mr JP Harrington Public lighting county hall.

After speaking to her and letting her know of people's anxiety she has called out to inspect and see for herself and has assured me that with funds available, the western end of the village should be lit up before winter 2008.

## No rumble strips for Barryscourt

The Barrycourt slip road leading into the village from the east seems to encourage speed however our local engineer is not in favour of rumble strips to slow down traffic. The roundabout is now looking fantastic thanks to Eileen Stoap, her team and a great group of local neighbours who voluntarily gave their time to achieve this award-winning roundabout. It just goes to show what can be achieved when people work together. Thanks to all concerned.

## Carrigane Road

Good news for the Carrigane Road Residents. There is good news for the residents of Carrigane road where their concerns in relation to a footpath being put in place is being taken care of.

Compulsory Purchase Orders are presently being negotiated and hopes are very high for a successful outcome and that being the case work will get under way as quickly as possible. Everyone is aware of the danger and urgency of the situation.

## Carrigane to Waterock Road

The Carrigane to Waterock road is taking a very large volume of traffic in recent times resulting in potholes and subsidence on the margins but I have been assured of an upgrading of this road and a continuous white line is being considered for safer driving.

The Ballintubber road and all other side roads are under pressure from traffic. I have asked that these be upgraded and potholes repaired regularly.

## Ryan and Aherne Place traffic

The residents of Ryan and Aherne Place have been concerned about speeding in their estate but again our engineer is not in favour of rumble strips. He did suggest children at play signs which we hope to have erected shortly.

## Litter

Litter is an ongoing problem in our parish and everyone who witnesses someone littering should contact the litter warden at 4276891.

**Help Required**  
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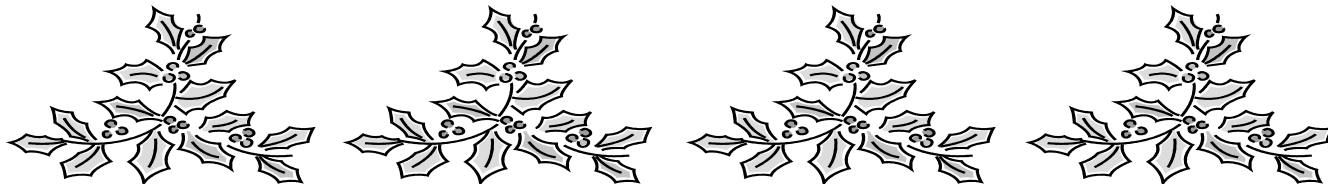
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Another convoy will be going out to Chernobyl again in late April/early May.

### **East Cork Glenmary Basketball Club**

The club currently fields two teams in Cork county competition, a men's team in division 2 and a ladies intermediatae team.

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# Community Care Annual Christmas Party

On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> December in Carrigtwohill Community Centre, the Community Care group were proud hosts of the annual Christmas party, for people with 'Special needs' in both the Carrigtwohill area and the whole of the East Cork Area.

This annual event is looked forward to by our group, Community Care, but equally by all the invited guests from C.A.S.A., COPE, The Wheelchair Association, The Blind Association and all the young people from the local Greenville House Autistic Society.

This year our special guest line up included Margaret Walsh, who did herself, family and country proud by winning a collection of medals including two Golds, which she was happy to bring along to the night and show to all of us. These medals were won at the special Olympics held this year in China.

Other guests were John Flannery, G.A.A Chairman and Jason Barret, Captain who brought along the coveted intermediate trophy which Carrigtwohill had not won for 57 years.

The young people cheered both Margaret and in turn Jason for their various achievements and then it was time for the very short speech from Monsignor Reidy, who always comes along to this event and gives support every year to the work of the Community Care group.

He praised Margaret's achievements in bringing home the wonderful medals and called on everyone present to give Margaret a big cheer.

He then thanked Jason and his team's great achievement. John and Jason said a very few words and once more there was resounding cheers from everyone in the hall.

It was then Pat Golden's turn to call upon another faithful supporter of our group, Councillor Noel Collins to say his few words.

Noel is a loyal friend to our association and always finds time to attend and offer support.

This year he not only thanked the organising committee but paid special tribute to Paudge Deehan from the Wheelchair Association for all the help that he gives.

Pat Golden then called on Sr. Teresa, a member of C.A.S.A and a great supporter of Community Care to come forward.

Sr. Teresa retired from teaching in our local secondary school this October but instead of taking time out she is now planning a second career in Kenya with her order. She will be sadly missed in the Carrigtwohill area by all her many pupils.

Pat made a small presentation to Sister Teresa from the community care group and wished her well.

Sr. Teresa thanked Community Care.

Pat then thanked everyone for coming and all in community care for their continued hard work throughout the year and especially for this event.

John Hartnett once again took over the running of the disco and everyone joined him on the floor bobbing and singing and really having fun.

Santa Claus was on his way at this point with his cart heavily laden with gifts for everyone in the hall.

We must thank Joe Bunce, Santa's helper who Santa, always



Raymond Crowley, Margaret Walsh with Santa Claus

asks to come along to this event and bring all the toys on the wonderful trolley that Dan Harte manages to make for the event.

It was drawn by two (out of breath) community care ladies Colette and Kathleen, who were led by the bell ringing by Dan Harte.

Santa distributed the gifts and then left us to prepare for the happy event coming up on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

We in Community care are very happy to be able to host this annual party, but it is only possible through the generosity of our many sponsors.

Once again, Mr. Dan Mulvihill of Rosssdale Developments came on board as our main sponsor and John Hurley of Super-value, Middleton was very generous as he is every year.

This year we received a sizable donation from Gilead Sciences Cork Ltd.

Johnson and Johnson sent a hamper of goodies and Paul Twomey of 'Costcutters' supplied all the Crisps, required for the party.

C&C provided a very good selection of soft drinks.

We also received a beautiful Christmas tree from Maurice Smiddy of Southern Fuels and many people sent smaller donations including Ann and Paul White and Noel Collins

We are very grateful to everyone including our own member John Healy who always turns up with such wonderful gifts for our very special people.

Once again can I thank everyone in Community Care who put on this event and who throughout the year continue to supply the wonderful service of catering after funerals.

This service has been a widely availed of and is very much appreciated by the community and bereaved families through the years.

At this point it only leaves one final thing to do and that is to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Information on community care can be obtained from Pat Golden at 021-4883378 and new members are always very welcome.





# **Carrigtwohill Community Care Christmas Party December 9th 2007**

*Pictures by Majella Sylvester*





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