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# Carrigtwohill Cultural Street Festival

In spite of the wet weather that we had been experiencing over the Summer months, the Carrigtwohill Cultural & Fair Day Festival enjoyed a very fine and successful day on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Thousands of people enjoyed the fantastic variety of activities for all ages which were held in the village's Main Street around our Community Centre/All-weather pitch and adjoining field. A lot of attention was put into the organising of family activities and entertainment by dedicated volunteers which resulted in a very enjoyable family day.

Face painting, hook a duck, lucky dip, taekwondo displays and the very popular pony rides are just some of the events enjoyed by many. In addition, a number of the usual favourites returned including tug-o-war, old time kitchen, vintage cars and steam engine, Irish dancing and pig on the spit.

The climbing wall provided by Waterford Adventure Centre was a great success whilst the old time threshing and sheep shearing pleased the large audience.

Live music added to the fantastic festival atmosphere and local musicians Hell for Leather played to a large audience on the Main Street until late in the evening, followed by more excellent music in the local pubs.

But, the high-light of this year's Festival was the cultural presentations of the various nationalities living in Carrigtwohill and its surrounding town lands.

A beautiful display of colour, music and their traditional foods entertained all and provided a wonderful opportunity for older established residents and relatively new residents to get to meet and know each other.

A truly great day was had by all which created a wonderful Community spirit and established new friendships.

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# Carrigtwohill Community Council

“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mould the present into a future of which we can all be proud.” Helen Dyer.

Carrigtwohill Community Council is a voluntary body elected by the people to represent the interests of the Carrigtwohill area. As well as the elected members there are also a number of people co-opted onto the Council usually because of their involvement in various sub-committees.

The Community Council is affiliated to Muintir na Tire which is the national umbrella organisation for Community Councils. Muintir na Tire was founded in 1937 by Canon Hayes. Its aims were to enhance the capacities of people in communities, rural and urban, to become involved in local social, economic, cultural and environmental development based on neighbourliness, self help and self reliance. His philosophy was based on the Irish proverb “Nil neart go cur le Cheile” which roughly translates as – together we are stronger.

Elections to Carrigtwohill Community Council are due to be held next Spring and anyone living in the Parish is eligible to be elected. So how does the community council operate and what is involved in being a member? The work of the Community Council is done by various sub committees who report to the Council at the monthly meeting which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Below are some of the activities of the community council.

## **Tuesday Club**

This provides a social outlet for retired people and senior citizens. They meet in the Community Centre every Tuesday morning at 10a.m. They now have over forty members. Their activities are many and varied. These range from computer classes to keepfit, yoga, arts and crafts, flower arranging, card playing, bowls and bingo. They go on outings and trips and the highlight of this year was the trip to meet the President Michael D Higgins. They are also involved with the younger generation through visits from Transition year students and teaching primary school students to knit. Long may they continue!

## **Community Care.**

This committee provide support to families who have been bereaved by providing refreshments after funerals. No charge is made for this service but donations up to a guideline of 2 euro per head are welcomed. The committee also organises a special needs party every year in December and it is always very well attended. As one of the beneficiaries of the Barryscourt 5K run the committee help with the refreshments for the runners.

## **Car Boot Sales**

About eight Car Boot Sales are held every year. They were originally held to raise funds for the Playground but once that project was completed they were so successful it was decided to continue with them and they are now provide income towards the running costs of the Community Centre.

## **Community Centre**

Carrigtwohill Community Centre which was built to provide a recreational and social outlet for local people celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

It continues to be a very busy place. It is used by many clubs and organisations from the village and wider community.

Among the activities using the facility are Banninton, Bowls, Tuesday Club, Zumba, Pilates, Speech and Drama, Dancing, Taekwando and Weight Watchers.

Parties are held there by various organisations and community groups. The blood bank hold several clinics there every year.

The Meals on Wheels operate out of the kitchen there 3 times a week. Rooms are available for hire for meetings etc.

## **Festival Committee**

The Community Council has had a festival committee for many years and the type of festival held has changed and developed over the years from the Fair Day to the Medieval Festival to the Cultural Street festival held this year.

## **All Weather Pitch**

Like the Playground the development of the All weather Pitch arose from the need to provide facilities for the growing population in the village and surrounding area.

It has now been operational for the past three years and is a much used and popular amenity.

## **Carrigtwohill Community News**

This is a Community Council publication. It is produced 3 to 4 times per year.

It is entirely funded by our advertisers and is delivered free into all the houses in the village and surrounding area.

This is the 21st edition of the magazine.

## **Tidy Towns**

The Community Council has always been involved in Tidy Towns, planting trees, bulbs, shrubs all around the village, but in the last year has decided to concentrate more fully on this project.

Hence people in high viz jackets were to be seen all over the village and surroundings picking litter, sweeping, painting, weeding all to very good effect as you can read about elsewhere in the magazine.

## **Local Authority Liaison/Environment**

Since the mid 1990s this committee has been making submissions to Cork County Council re Local Area Plans and developments, underlining the need for roads, green areas, schools and other amenities.

At a more local level this involved lobbying for the filling in of pot holes, provision of bus shelters, repair of street lighting etc. As Carrigtwohill has no Urban District Council all of this work had to be undertaken by volunteers working in their spare time and around their other commitments.

This is a summary of some of the activities undertaken by Carrigtwohill Community Council so whether you have lived here for years or have only just arrived we would ask you to consider volunteering when the elections take place next Spring.

Remember “volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.”

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*Smile Fm - Your Community Radio*

SmileFM is a community radio station and will reflect what is happening within its catchment area of seven miles. Set to broadcast every Saturday from the Fota Point Industrial Estate, it will reflect the news, views and interest of listeners.

SmileFM will also invite experts in to the studio to answer questions and give advice on a wide range of subjects.

Anyone with an interest in getting involved in SmileFM - either in front of or behind the scenes - we would be delighted to hear from them.

Presenters, producers, researchers, engineers - if you have an interest in radio and what is happening or concerning YOU - please get in touch.

For more information please contact Jim Fenton on 086-8530974 or email Jim at [jimfentonsmilefm@gmail.com](mailto:jimfentonsmilefm@gmail.com).

A dedicated group has been working away at preparing a licence application and fundraising for several months.

Our thanks to all who have supported our fundraising to date, particularly the two table quiz nights held in Carrigtwohill and Glounthaune.

While the operation will be run by volunteers, capital costs in setting up the station will be high and any support will be greatly appreciated.

The chairman is Jim Fenton, Vice-chairman Brendan Cronin, Secretary Denise Roche, Treasurer Conor O'Driscoll and the PRO is Noel O'Brien.

Actress, broadcaster and scribe Gerry McLoughlin is a member of the group and will use her wide ranging experience to mentor those involved in production and presenting. Gerry has appeared in everything from pantomime to high drama and has toured extensively all over the country.

For well over twenty years she was a familiar voice over the airwaves of RTE, Radio Kerry and 106FM in Dublin.

Gerry was last seen at the Everyman Theatre in October in Tim Firth's comedy 'The Calender Girls' which was directed by Mary Curtin.

In September 2011, Gerry appeared in Declan Hassett's critically acclaimed one-woman play 'Sisters' and this production was also part of the Summer Festival 2012 in Ardmore.

And now with the new community radio station 'SmileFM' on stream for transmission in the near future, she is absolutely delighted to be back again behind the mike.



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# Fota Rock Residents Association

## Fota Rock Autumn Update

Now that summer is long behind us, Fota Rock Residents Association has turned its attention to revamping the large planted areas around the estate. These planted areas are a wonderful resource but because of initial poor design and maintenance, they are in urgent need of help. Over several weekends this Autumn, a small number of dedicated residents have given up their free time to come out and lend a hand.

Under the watchful eye of Tommy Murphy from T&N Landscaping great progress has been made transforming areas that were unmanageable into areas that we can be proud of. Progress will be slow but we hope that once the planting has been reorganised and the new lawns have been laid, the results will be obvious when the spring growth takes off.

All this work doesn't just happen on its own and special credit must go to Tommy and all the volunteers.

But like everything, finance underpins all the activities of the association and without the support from residents who have paid the €40 annual contribution none of this work would happen. A big thank you to all who have helped out in any way this year and we hope that in 2013 we can again build on the work we have carried out so far. There's always plenty more work to do with many smaller planted areas needing attention down the line which we are currently planning for.

If you are a Fota Rock resident, tenant, property owner or landlord and have not paid your 2012 contribution it's never too late to contribute to improving your immediate community. Simply contact us at 087 2040646, [fotarock@gmail.com](mailto:fotarock@gmail.com) or call to 30 Ash Road. You can be assured that every last cent collected goes towards improving and maintaining Fota Rock.

Finally the FRRA board of management would like to wish a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year to everyone in Fota Rock.

# Tidy Towns Competition 2012

## Adjudication Report

Centre:	Carrigtwohill	Ref:	363
County:	Cork (South)	Mark	228
Category:	D	Date(s):	12/06/2012

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2011	Mark Awarded 2012
Overall Development Approach	50	32	36
The Built Environment	50	30	30
Landscaping	50	28	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19	21
Litter Control	50	24	27
Tidiness	30	14	14
Waste Minimisation	20	6	8
Residential Areas	40	28	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25	28
General Impression	10	7	7
Total Mark	400	213	228

### Overall Development Approach:

Thank you to Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns Committee for your entry for 2012. Thank you for the submission, the photos, the map, your plan to 2014 and the copies of your community news. The jubilant faces of your senior hurlers is testimony to the well-being of your community.

It is evident from your submission that the grass was not allowed to grow under your feet since last year's competition. You have expanded your committee. Also you have formulated your plans for the coming years. Great progress. Your ambition is obvious throughout your submission, for instance, your determination to achieve medal status by 2015 or your determination to enlarge your meitheal of workers to 100. Admirable.

Already you appear to have a fine meitheal of volunteers. Businesses seem to have been won over and are willing to assist. Your website mentions the enormous expansion of the town envisaged in the next few years. Creating a 'sense of ownership' of that change in a sustainable manner is a worthy objective for your Tidy Towns group.

The involvement of the schools is a key objective of Tidy Towns and one is pleased to read of your progress in this regard. Specific projects as you have described are more effective with the young than mere talking. Long may Tidy Towns continue to be a driving force in your Carrigtwohill community. You include many photos. If including a photo ensure you write down why the photo is being included.

### The Built Environment:

Lets start with the main street. While there are recent changes to the built structure of the main street most of the buildings

have seen generations come and go. These buildings have not only housed families but housed businesses of all sorts. These buildings have seen massive changes to the street. Who would have expected ten years ago that so many of the buildings would now be providing international cuisine to the Carrigtwohill natives. These buildings deserve all of the respect your community can bestow on them. How proper it is that you would tend to the infirm buildings by painting, camouflaging, art work until their next usage is decided.

Dereliction is always a transient challenge. You are coping well. Have you any plans for the preservation of your castle? It is seldom that there are schools bang in the middle of town. One expects that the pupils bring life to the street during term. All school buildings enhance their surroundings. Great to see the green flags flying in the town centre.

The street that includes the Church has many challenges to face. But again you recognise the problems and you are taking action. The Church is a most attractive design. Your GAA complex is a tribute to the spirit of volunteerism in your town. The Gaeilge makes an appearance every now and then. Teach an tsagairt caught the adjudicator's eye.

It is equally meaningful in some estates like Cul Ard. Get the clock to work on the clock tower.

### Landscaping:

The adjudicator was struck by the quality of the design and the finish of the timber of your plant and tree containers. These seem to be unique to Carrigtwohill and they are most attractive in their present presentation.

One feels that they are expensive and also expensive to keep



flowers and plants in so be judicious in how you site them. The adjudicator was not sure that the two at the Community Centre might not be considered a traffic hazard as there appears to be a lot of vehicular traffic in and out of that entrance. The landscaping at estates will also be mentioned under residential but deserves a mention here also. The decking in Cluain Cairn was an unusual feature and suggests a time to relax. The approach roads are most attractive. Your ongoing policy of tree planting is commendable also. When considering your landscaping plans do take account of feeding bees, birds and insects. Ensure that your planting is not for visual use only.

#### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Good to read that you are providing amenity paths for Carrigtwohill. The other projects with bat boxes and the wild flower garden are worthy initiatives in the wildlife section. The report of 2011 mentions a biodiversity survey that had been completed. One feels from your Plan for Year 1 that it has not been completed. Include the main findings in next year's wildlife submission. Use the survey as the basis for some wildlife projects. In Year 2 of your plan the 'Implement Wildlife Plan' statement is too nebulous. The danger in not being specific in your statements is that nothing will happen.

#### **Litter Control:**

Your litter picks and meetings with the warden etc are paying dividends. There is some litter as in the walkway at the Millennium Park but of a low level variety. So there is an improvement from the comments of last year's report. But the adjudicator feels that there is not sufficient emphasis on litter awareness in your litter strategies. The adjudicator does not want to weigh you down with sermonising on good practice. You develop your own unique Carrigtwohill approach to reducing the amount of litter. The Green Flag Status of the schools does filter into the communal psyche. Involvement of the youth, as is your practice, will help eliminate this bad practice from our future adults. Keep up the good work.

#### **Tidiness:**

This category is challenging for you on a number of fronts. We have dealt with dereliction. You mentioned the road surface from Costcutter out to the N25, very poor. The advertising on the boards that serve a great purpose but are defaced by the advertising boards nailed onto them. The style and script of many of the shop signs conflict with the traditional approach to shop signs. These signs detract from the street appearance and create a careless impression. This is your town. Create a coordinated theme that you feel represents your town. The hedge as one approaches the junction at Costcutter is interfering with the road sign. One day the cables will be ducted. These are the negatives. There are many positives. The presentation of most of the buildings on main street, the weed free footpaths, the neat verges, the maintained shrubberies and flower beds, the sweeping of the street are among the positives. It is these positives that point up what is not so good.

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

It was worth including the Community News with your submission just to let the adjudicator know that you are actively promoting the minimisation of use of energy in your community. Continue haranguing your community with the message. Your submission tells of the various other projects that you have undertaken this year, all admirable. All Green Flag activities are worthwhile. Continue to inform your committee, note

your committee, about the objectives and the practices involved in waste minimisation. Recycling is a mere element of what is required to be successful in this section. Have you taken the advice of last year's adjudicator and consulted the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding waste minimisation?

#### **Residential Areas:**

The figures for population increase in your town are staggering. Your initiative in setting up Residents Associations is a noble response. Integration of the new comers is a priority. If your hurlers keep up the good work then that integration will be made all the easier. There is no better way to integrate a community than by involving them in work that puts community first. Many estates were visited in the town and in general they present themselves very well. New estates, as in Fota Rock, are creating superb places in which to live by maintaining the fine landscaping infrastructure already in place. Older estates and terraces are adding to the residential experience also in their landscaping and in the presentation of the road frontage of their estates. Well maintained housing contributes to creating a healthy community. Inter estate competition and garden competition is the next step, in order to spice up the rivalry between areas while improving appearance. It is in your plan for year 1. Cúl Árd would have to tend to its entrance.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Many of the approach roads to Carrigtwohill are a delight to travel. Wide expanses of roadway with neatly trimmed verges, trees planted along banks, residents contributing to the colour with their individual choices of hedging, shrub colours and texture, schemes of houses that light up their particular part of the road with their communal theme. The approach road from the motorway is still functional in appearance and needs to be looked at.

The approach from the railway station provides many challenges even if it is presented beautifully in some instances.

This road needs special attention.

A walk to examine the back of the Community Centre became the highlight of the visit to Carrigtwohill. What a Pandora's box of delights. Firstly there is the car park. Next the Bring Centre comes into view and is well maintained. Next up is the childrens' playground. A wonderful amenity and busy too. It would have been a disaster not to have strolled in here because now I am in the Millennium Park. What a facility. That looks like a Carrigtwohill Stonehenge down there. The journey down takes one through a wilderness on a lovely path. Beautiful pitches. Well done and the planting on the way in must get a mention. Cycle lanes also create a peace and Carrigtwohill has not neglected their provision.

#### **General Impression:**

The adjudicator admires your aspirations with regard to 'community development and integration'. These are worthy motives. Creation of Residents Associations is a major step in community activity. Community based ambitions are of far greater importance to the Tidy Towns ideals than the winning of medals in a certain time scale.

If your plans for improving the sense of community in Carrigtwohill reach fruition you can be assured that marks will increase and you will be rewarded with your medal. But for now 'Look after the pennies.....' The medals will follow.



# News from St. Aloysius College Carrigtwohill

## A Centre of Academic Excellence and Social/Personal Development

- The College is yet again this year celebrating outstanding Leaving and Junior Certificate examination results 2012. Two students achieved 595 points in Leaving Certificate and in Junior Certificate one student achieved 12 A grades and two students achieved 11 A grades.
- Best wishes to Art teacher Mrs Bernadette Power who retired from a wonderful teaching career in St Aloysius` College in September.
- We congratulate our school choir who were selected to sing on the Late Late Toy Show.
- Our College sports teams in hockey, camogie, football and basketball are having a very successful year to date.
- Debating teams in English and Irish are having a very successful year.
- Many educational trips have been organised including two trips to Dáil Éireann, trips to English plays, Geography and CSPE field trips.
- Beginning of school year Masses were held for Junior and Senior Cycle years.
- A group of 22 fifth year students were among three schools representing Ireland in the Empire World Mock Trial Law Competition in New York in October. One of our students Eimear Lane won an Outstanding Attorney Award.
- A school tour for Transition Year students to Derry and Belfast will be organised.
- A new Student Council for the 2012-2013 school year was elected.
- We were privileged to have John Lonergan visit the school to speak to our senior cycle students.
- A very successful subject inspection of Irish in the College took place in November.
- We wish all a very Happy Christmas and successful 2013.

## Tenders to be Sought for €17.48M Upgrade of Carrigtwohill Wastewater

We have been notified by David Stanton T.D. of the approval by the Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan TD for Cork County Council to seek tenders for works on Carrigtwohill Wastewater Plant.

These works, which will cost an estimated €17.48 million, will include the upgrading of the wastewater treatment plant and the three main pumping stations in the town.

The upgrading works will mean the facility complies with the EU's Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (91/271/EC) ensuring Carrigtwohill's Wastewater services meet national standards for sewerage treatment and effluent discharges.

## Carrigtwohill Community Bowls Club

Bowls is a game in which players roll a set number of bowls from one side of the mat to the other end, trying to get them as close as possible to the target ball, called the jack

Our club was set up in 2009. We practice on Tuesday nights from 8 to 10 pm in the Community Centre (on the stage).

We have eleven members this year but would hope to increase this membership.

We now compete in Cork County championships and also in tournaments held in the local Cork area.

Competitions are for teams of two, three or four. Competing is very beneficial as it helps us to experience playing against some very skilled players which is a huge learning experience.

Four of our members went to a tournament held in the Woodstock Hotel in Ennis in September 2012.

Whilst all of our members played well in different teams, Denis Mulcahy's team got to the semi-finals to be narrowly beaten for a place in the final.

We are looking for new members and would welcome any person who may be interested in joining us to come along on Tuesday nights to our practice sessions in the Community Centre.

***"You make a living by  
what you do.  
You make a life by what  
you give."***

## Carrigtwohill Tuesday Club

**Carrigtwohill Tuesday  
Club would like to wish all  
their friends, a very  
Happy Christmas and  
Healthy  
New Year.**

# Carrigtwohill Community Games



Active



Lives

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Community Games in Carrigtwohill have had a quiet few months since the Munster and National Finals. The County A.G.M. was held recently at Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire.

Here we learnt of a lot of changes to the normal community games activities, where a lot of events have been set aside and many new activities have been added. This is being done on an experimental basis.

The National & Munster timetables have also been changed, with just 2 weekends of National Finals in 2013 as opposed to the usual 3 weekends

At Munster level the customary date of 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July has now been changed to **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013**.

The following is a brief summary of events and dates for the National Finals 2013: -

You can get full details on [www.communitygames.ie](http://www.communitygames.ie)

## National Finals

**Weekend 1 - will take place at AIT (Athlone Institute of Technology) 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

- Art, Cycling, Duathlon, Gymnastics, Handwriting, Judo, Model Making, Swimming, Solo Dance, Solo Music, Solo Recitation, Solo Singing.
- Badminton, Chess, Choir, Cross Country, Debating, Draughts, Handball, Indoor Soccer, Mixed Distance Relay, Project, Rugby (Hybrid, Mini, Tag), Table Quiz, Table Tennis, Group Dance Irish Contemporary, Group Dance Modern Disco, Drama Comedy Sketch, Group Music, Group Singing, Set Dancing.

**Weekend 2 - will take place at AIT (Athlone Institute of Technology) 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

- Athletics Track, Field, Relay and Marathon
- Basketball, Camogie, Culture Corner, Futsal, Gaelic Football, Hardcourt Tennis, Hurling, Pitch&Putt, Rounders, Throw Ball (Rounders), Skittles, Soccer Outdoor, Spike Ball, Variety

Cork Community Games



1972 - 2011



If you have an interest in competing in any of the above mentioned activities and are aged U8 to U16 and living in the parish come along to a meeting in the Community Hall on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013@ 7.30pm** where we will discuss our participation in events for 2013.

Cork/Carrigtwohill Community Games have some lovely photos and memories spanning several decades.

If you would like a copy of this book, they are on sale in our local Centra Shop or you can contact Jimmy O'Reilly 4883487, Anna Fitzgerald 4883484 or Catherine Ryan 4883472.

**Our thanks to all contributors to this edition of Carrigtwohill Community News.**

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## Tidy Towns Committee

A report of the Tidy Towns Adjudicators 2012 is contained in this newsletter for the information of the whole community. The results in 2012 showed an increase of 15 points over 2011 and this was a remarkable achievement. In addition the Committee was given an Endeavour Award with a monetary value of €500.

The Competition is a huge challenge to every town and in Carrigtwohill the Committee met this challenge head on in 2012 and the results offer great encouragement to the committee and the volunteers who showed such dedication to the completion of a range of projects. The report also provides very helpful feedback on how the adjudicators viewed the projects and their very advice is very welcome.

## Residents Associations

Over the last decade the population of Carrigtwohill has increased dramatically. The most recent census shows that the numbers have increased from 2,782 in 2006 to 4,551 in 2011, an increase of 64%. Unfortunately this development has coincided with the economic downturn and no new infrastructure has been put in place to provide for the needs of the increasing numbers.

The Community Council recognised the need for a programme of community to integrate the new residents and to give them a sense of belonging in Carrigtwohill.

A Strategic Plan to examine these needs and solutions for this problem was commissioned. One of the recommendations was that the Tidy Towns Competition would become a focus for the Community Council and with this in mind the members were encouraged to become part of the Tidy Towns Committee. This was extremely successful and several members bought into the ideals of Tidy Towns. A public meeting was held on 20 March 2012 where the new revitalised Tidy Towns Committee put forward a three year plan to 2015.

Within this plan, it was proposed that the Tidy Towns Committee would facilitate the setting up of Residents Associations in all estates in the village, new and old, public and private.

The purpose of setting up the Residents Associations was to create within their own estates, a sense of ownership and pride in the environment in which they live. The success of this development has been extraordinary with Residents Associations being established to date in a number of estates. The upshot of this has been

that over 100 people have on occasion been working together on various projects in the village. Its success can also be measured by the astonishing level of regeneration in some of the older estates.

Reports of the activities of a number of the Residents Associations have been submitted to the editor and these reports will give a much clearer picture of the success levels achieved by the residents in those estates in 2012.

## Flytipping

You may have noticed some random flytipping in recent times, particularly on the slip road out of the Barryscourt roundabout and in a number of other areas around the village. The Cork County Council Litter warden has been very helpful to us in examining these incidents and the culprits will face charges in due time. If you see any illegal dumping, please don't touch it, instead you might ring the Litter Warden (4285417) or contact any member of the Tidy Towns Committee and we will arrange to have it removed.

John McCann  
Chairman  
Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns Committee



## Carrigtwohill Community Council Election of Members 2013

Arrangements for the election of members to the Community Council which will place in 2013 are currently underway. Should you wish to put forward a representative in your area for election, or be elected yourself, you will be in a position to do so when the next Newsletter is published.

A list of the existing Community Council members will be published in the Spring copy of the Newsletter together with full details on the election process

## Merck Millipore invests in new technology at their Carrigtwohill facility.

Merck Millipore are at an advanced stage of construction on a €3.5M investment to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant at their Carrigtwohill facility. This investment follows other recent investments which increase production capacity at the facility in response to increased market demand for the company's products. Keeping up to date with ever increasing environmental standards, part of this investment includes installing new technology for odour treatment, as the operation of a wastewater treatment plant can result in an unpleasant odour from time to time.

Merck Millipore wish to highlight that during January/February 2013, the construction phase will involve the demolition and safe disposal of old equipment and consequently there is a higher risk of odour during this period of time.

Merck Millipore Management is committed to ensuring the overall project meets the target timelines to have an additional biological treatment tank in operation by the end of December and the new odour treatment equipment in operation by end of March 2013.

Oliver Sheehan, Carrigtwohill Community Council Chairman, visited the Merck Millipore site during the first week of October and had the opportunity to tour the construction site and see first hand the progress of the investment.

Merck Millipore is a division of Merck KGaA, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical, chemical and life science companies with 40,000 employees spread over 67 countries.

Merck Millipore Ireland was established in 1988 and since then has been a major employer in Carrigtwohill, East Cork area.

The Carrigtwohill site manufactures membrane filters and filtration devices which are used in a wide range of applications requiring precision filtration and purification. The main activities of the site include membrane casting, plastic moulding and the assembly of small-area filtration devices.

Merck Millipore provide technology, tools and services for the development of new therapies and drugs that enable people to live longer and healthier. For example MM products are used to purify a

range of applications from apple juice to insulin.

In addition to manufacturing Merck Millipore operate a direct sales and technical support office out of the site in Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.

Attached are photos taken during the construction stage of this project.



**Rachel Sheehan**

Captain of the victorious Carrigtwohill Minor Camogie Team who won this year's County Final.

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### John O'Grady R.I.P.



It is with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of our good friend John O'Grady. John hailed from Broomfield just outside Midleton town.

He contributed to the success of our medieval festival with the exhibitions of his now famous Limousin bull and some lovely sheep.

John was a great judge of livestock and a member the Limousin Cattle Breeding Society of Ireland.

He made regular trips to the south of France to exchange knowledge and compare different systems of finishing cattle to the highest standard.

He was a lifelong supporter of Macra Na Feirme and very generous with his time.

He loved to share his knowledge with anyone.

John lived life to the full and outside of running his farm he had connections with the various shows around the country.

His kindness and generosity will always be remembered.

May he rest in peace.



# Carrigtwohill GAA Club

Pairc Seamus de Barra

[www.carrigtwohillgaa.com](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa.com)



## Carrigtwohill Win Cork GAA Communications Award

Carrigtwohill GAA Club is the winner of the September/October Cork GAA Communications Award powered by Compu b, in association with Silver Springs Moran Hotel. Carrigtwohill use a combination of communication methods to reach all who are interested in the club, including their very impressive website, [www.carrigtwohillgaa.com](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa.com), Twitter, Facebook, posters, text service and more. From members to supporters at home and abroad, to local press and the wider GAA community, the club can keep in touch with everyone to spread news and results and to promote the GAA. For full details of the Carrigtwohill communications network, see <http://url.ie/g8va>.

Pictured:- Standing - Jim O'Rourke, Registrar; Ger Manly of Compu b; Denis O'Mahony, P.R.O.; Ollie O'Connor, Stephen Moore, Imokilly Webs;  
Seated:- Ted Carroll Insurance Officer; Eddie O'Riordan Club President; Denis Walsh, Club Chairman; Peter Hogan, Secretary.



## Vmobile join with Carrigtwohill as associate sponsor

Carrigtwohill GAA club are delighted to welcome vmobile as one of our associate sponsors. Vmobile are established members of the local business community, specialising in mobile phones, iphones, car kits and office supplies. Special offers and promotions from vmobile will be flagged to our members on twitter and facebook in the coming months. Vmobile join Ballyseedy, Guilders Bar and Spratts Bar as associate sponsors. Lagan are the club's main sponsor. Pictured are Denis Walsh, Mark McCarthy from vmobile and Frank Hannigan.

## 1962 Reunion of Minor and Junior Hurlers

A get-together of the surviving members from the successful 1962 minor and junior hurling teams is planned for Sunday 20th January 2013 in the Community Centre.

The junior team won the 'A' East Cork championship by defeating Castlemartyr in a memorable final after two replays and, after a great run in the county championship, were narrowly beaten by Eire Óg in the county final.

The minor hurlers won the county championship (country section) for the first time when they defeated Inniscarra.

Eddie O'Riordan, club president, is organising the event on behalf of the club. Eddie was club secretary at the time and also a member of the junior team. He fondly remembers 1962 as a very special year in the history of the club and attributes the revival in the club's fortunes, after descending from the senior ranks in 1961, to the success of that year.

Further details of what promises to be a great social evening for the hurlers of 50 years ago will be communicated over the next few weeks.

## Carrigtwohill GAA Shop

Our online store is now up and running at [www.carrigtwohillgaa.com/shop](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa.com/shop).

Launched in early October it currently has 15 products, with more to be added shortly.

On the shop website you can view the products, select the size and pay online.

If you prefer you can also select to pay in cash.

In the case of a cash payment we'll contact you via email/text to arrange payment.

We don't hold any stock so there is a lead time for all products, ranging from 2 weeks to 4 weeks.

All products must be ordered and paid for in advance.

**[www.carrigtwohillgaa.com/shop](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa.com/shop)**



# 1962 Champions Junior and Minor Champions



**Carrigtwohill - East Cork Champions - Junior A, 1962**

Back Row:- Willie Harte, Johnny Roche, John Joe Jeffers, Mattie Fouhy, Val Deasy, Paddy Duggan, Johnny O'Riordan, Tommy Jeffers, Davy Sheehan, Billy Savage, Joe Neville, Mick Savage, Donal Buckley, Paddy Roche, Peadar Seymour, Liam Harris,

Front Row:- Eddie O'Riordan (Runaí), Timmy O'Donovan, Anthony Kelly, Val O'Connor, Tom Browne, John Barry, John O'Connor, Neilus Kidney, Leo Kidney, Tim O'Shea, Seated:- Davy O'Donovan (youth), Davy O'Keeffe, Finbarr Kidney



**The Carrig team which defeated Inniscarra in the country county minor final of 1962 in the Cork Athletic Grounds.**

Back row:- Anthony Kelly, Tim O'Connor, Johny O'Riordan, Danny Conroy, Eamonn Tattan, Ollie O'Connor, Tom Browne, Davy Sheehan, Pat O'Connor, Mick Barry, Liam Harris, Front row:- Noel Cotter, Mick 'Fox' Shehan, Dick Hegarty, Seán Twomey, Donal Barry, Michael John Roche, Mattie Fouhy, Pad O'Brien, Michael Finn.



## GAA Golf Classic



Standing: Denis O'Mahony, Tony O'Flynn, Michael Aherne, Christy Roche, Paddy Vaughan, Jimmy O'Reilly, Donal Harnedy, Seamus Cotter, Peter Hogan.

Seated: Maurice Moloney, Denis Walsh, Eddie O'Riordan, Sean Harte, Mickey Da Fitzgerald.

The tournament was played in East Cork Golf Club and the winning team were Tony Healy, Martin Healy and James Curtain. The first prize was once again generously sponsored by Guilder's Bar.



Carrig won the 1998 Premier Minor Hurling County by defeating Na Piarsaigh at Ballygarvan. As the final whistle was blown Cian McSweeney was in possession of the ball, which he then triumphantly struck into a crowd of Carrig supporters. Dan O'Mahony reacted with lightening speed and won the scramble to retrieve the ball which he has looked after with great care and attention for the past 14 years.

In a gesture very much appreciated by the club, Dan has now donated the match ball to the Club Memorabilia and Artefacts Collection.

Picture shows Dan presenting the ball to club secretary, Peter Hogan with Paddy Vaughan (left) and Ollie O'Connor.

**Carrigtwohill GAA Gym**  
New Equipment now installed  
Details on page 43



### New Main Sponsor

Carrigtwohill GAA club would like to extend a warm welcome and sincere thanks to Lagan who have come on board as our new main sponsor.

A presentation of a new Carrig jersey was made to Fraser Thom of Lagan by Ronan Power, senior hurling vice-captain, Peter Hogan, club secretary and Denis Walsh club chairman.

## Sean Twomey Tournament



The Carrigtwohill team who were narrowly beaten by Aghada in the final.

Excerpt from the blog of Frank Hannigan:

This bunch of 9 & 10 year olds represented their village, Carrigtwohill, in the Sean Twomey Tournament last Saturday.

My wife put it perfectly at the end of the tournament – "this is exactly what I wanted my sons to experience"

What they experienced was:

A sense of place, something different from a sense of nation but just as profound.

A sense of achievement, the years of training turned into fluency and craft.

A sense of team, they played for each other, they supported each other to achieve shared success.

A sense of pride, they never gave up because the journey was just as important as the objective.

The effort to prepare for this tournament and the complete commitment they showed on Saturday will impact on their adult life.

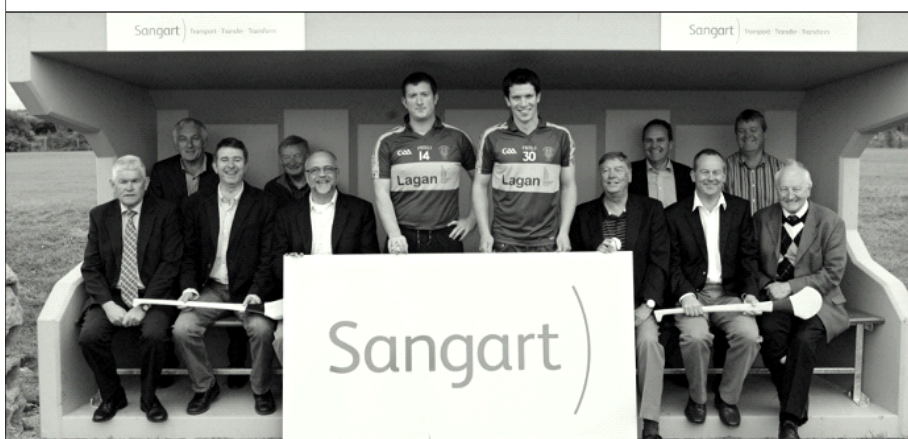
This is the purpose of the GAA.

The GAA's purpose comes from their ability to change the scale of a kid's personal ambition. The capacity to allow that kid to explore their personal skills and power.

The space to allow that kid to imagine how to apply those skills and powers working with others to impact on society.

This is the transformational ability of all sports.

The GAA's position in every village/parish allows them a unique role in re-imagining the Republic one citizen at a time.



## New dug outs sponsored by Sangart

Carrigtwohill GAA would like to sincerely thank Sangart who have sponsored the new dug-outs on our main field. Sangart is an American Pharmaceutical company with major plans to build a manufacturing facility in Carrigtwohill. To officially launch the new dug outs Sangart were represented by Walter Matzmorr who is Vice-President of Sangart in Ireland, Don Brown, who is the Chief Operating Officer for the company and Alan McNeice who is leading the project to build a new plan in Carrig.

## Rocklands Maintenance

Rocklands Estate maintenance kicked off with a great effort on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 with the combined efforts of many residents and contractor Tommy Murphy. The removal of overgrown and dead trees, sweeping the roadside kerbing, clearing of dumping spots, trimming the hedges and picking bags of rubbish all enhanced the estate and created a good and enthusiastic vibe amongst the residents.

A few more work parties were held in the spring, again well supported by the residents which had the estate in great condition before the summer.

Tommy Murphy was awarded the maintenance contract for another year and he diligently kept the greens cuts and weeds to a minimum.

Unfortunately the summer was very wet reducing drastically the number of cuts we were hoping for.

On the positive side, the budget for our contractor was not required in full and along with a record number of houses paying the maintenance contribution, in a proactive move, it was decided to invest in trees for the estate.

A selection of mountain ash, silver birch & liquid amber trees were purchased from Fána Nurseries, Fermoy and successfully planted on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

A sincere thank you must be expressed to the many residents who willing volunteered their time from 7am until early afternoon carefully planting and staking each tree. This project has enhanced the estate and hopefully will pave the way to more similar developments in the future.

Finally, congratulations must be expressed to Mary & Noel Hurley whose garden was included in the "Open Garden trail" which was organised and run by Carrigtwohill Flower & Garden Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

This event raised over €10,000 for Crumlin's children hospital and Marymount hospice.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mary & Noel's garden enhances the entrance to Rocklands Estate and is a great positive feature.

# Carrigtwohill Garda Forum

25<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Carrigtwohill Community Centre

**Attendees:** Sergeant Eamonn O'Connor, Oliver Sheehan Community Council, approximately 46 people attended.

Meeting opened by Oliver Sheehan, followed by Sergeant O'Connor who commented on the good behaviour of the youth of Carrigtwohill and praised the spirit of the community. Also read out sections of 2 letters sent to Gardai with issues. Sergeant reported that there have been 6 houses burglarised 3 weekends ago.

**Questions** from floor included:

### **Q. How to manage anti-social behaviour?**

A. Don't hesitate to ring Gardai. Anti-social forms can be served.

### **Q. What comes after an anti-social form?**

A. 100% Compliance is the local Gardai experience of anti-social forms served in Carrigtwohill. If an individual gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 months, they are put in front of Superintendent. May be referred to Juvenile Liaison Officer if reoffend repeatedly (Under 18 year olds).

### **Q. Road safety risk outside Girls National School was raised.**

A. Sargent recommends that people to report registration plate of car of offender to Gardai as soon as possible. Local Gardai did make a submission to Middleton/Carrigtwohill Transportation Study for a Single yellow line but this has not been implemented. Community Council to talk to New Area Engineer.

### **Q. Dog fouling/loose uncontrolled/unaccompanied dogs**

A. Report to Dog Warden. Tidy Towns looking at Dog poo bins. Loose dogs must be accompanied by a person over 16 years old.

### **Q. Litter**

A. Report to Litter Warden.

### **Q. Abandoned vehicles**

A. Local Authority can remove same – Phone Gardai.

### **Q. What to do when station is closed?**

A. Leave a note in the letter box and they will arrange to meet with you.

**Proposal for Community Council** to look for a meeting with Superintendent in Cobh re: Garda issues in Carrigtwohill

- 2 Gardai for 12,000 people. Carrigtwohill population 3,800 but less Gardai now than 30 years ago
- Can Text alert be rolled out in Carrigtwohill?
- New Garda roster starting next Monday will be 6 day on with 4 days off. 10 hour shift
- Garda Liam O' Leary will be a resource in Cobh more so than Carrigtwohill – leaving Carrigtwohill with just 1 Garda. No maternity cover for Garda Carmel. 3 Gardai on duty in Cobh (2 + Liam O' Leary)
- Skeleton staff at times

- Will Middleton Traffic Gardai respond to incidents in Carrigtwohill?

**Any ideas/volunteers for Youth areas of recreation**, e.g. Skateboard park/Boxing club etc. – Please contact **Oliver Sheehan Community Council on 087-8509213**.

A big thank you to Betty O'Donovan for organising the forum. Sergeant O'Connor for attending and all local residents who provided a lively interactive forum.

**More volunteers are always needed in a busy growing community like Carrigtwohill – please help out.**

**Contact any of the many local organisations.**

**Volunteering gives great rewards to all – All welcome.**

## Parking in Public Areas

Theft from cars and other vehicles is a common crime in Ireland today. Ideally, property should not be left unattended in cars or other vehicles. However, if you must, please bear in mind the following-

- Ensure all windows are closed and all doors are locked.
- Ensure that your alarm/immobiliser is set
- Do not leave property on view inside your vehicle
- Do not leave cash, credit/debit cards, cheque books or other valuable items inside your vehicle
- Do not leave personal documents driving licence, insurance certificate, utility bills, bank statements etc.) as this can facilitate identity theft or lead criminals to your home address
- Be particularly careful with laptops, mobile phones and other small electronic items as the data they contain may be very attractive to the thief.
- Do not place property under the seat – it is not a secure location and can often be seen
- If you must store property in your vehicle, place it in the boot but do so at a location other than the area where you intend to park
- Avoid parking in isolated places and at night time park in a well-lit area
- Consider retracting, where possible your wing mirrors as flush as possible to the doors to avoid criminal damage.

The above recommendations equally apply when parking at home. If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside it and keep your garage locked.

Satellite navigation systems are becoming very popular and as a result are being targeted by thieves. The following guidelines can help to reduce the risk of your equipment being stolen-

- Avoid leaving portable Sat Navs in your vehicle
- Take them with you when leaving your car including the support cradle and suction pads
- Wipe away any suction pad marks left on the dashboard or windscreen
- Security mark your Sat Nav with your vehicle registration number

Do not programme your Sat Nav to indicate home.





## Win Win Win For Carrigtwohill Community

Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns Committee is thrilled with the latest results of the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012, the Cork County Council Inter-Town Litter Challenge and the Muintir Na Tire/Cork County Council Pride in our Community Competitions.

### Endeavour Award in the Tidy Towns Competition 2012

In the adjudication report the judge stated that 'It is evident from your submission that the grass was not allowed to grow under your feet since last year's competition.

You have expanded your committee; you have formulated your plans for the coming years, great progress. Your ambition is obvious throughout your submission, for instance, your determination to achieve medal status by 2015 or your determination to enlarge your membership of workers to 100.

The involvement of the schools is a key objective of Tidy Towns and one is pleased to read of your progress in this regard.

Long may Tidy Towns continue to be a driving force in your Carrigtwohill community. (full adjudication report on page 10)

Carrigtwohill was awarded an Endeavour Award in the Competition and the presentation of the award was made by Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, in The Malton Hotel in Killarney, Co. Kerry on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012.

### Most Improved Town in the Cork County Council Litter Challenge

Cork County Council announced the Anti Litter Challenge competition 2012 in April. The objectives of the competition are to reduce litter pollution in the county as a whole and to encourage community involvement in the solutions to litter pollution.

The competition ran over a 6 week period and commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2012. The competition is designed in such a way as to give everyone in the community an opportunity to get involved and to play their part of their own town.

The winners of the competition were announced at a special ceremony held in the County Hall on September 6<sup>th</sup> and Carrigtwohill was awarded a special prize of the Most Improved Town in Cork County during the competition.

### Pride in Our Community Competition sponsored by Cork County Council and Administered by the Cork Federation of Muintir Na Tire.

County Mayor Councillor Derry Canty officially launched the sixth Annual Pride in Our Community Competition in the foyer of Cork County Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The competition is organised by Cork County Federation Muintir na Tire in conjunction with Cork County Council and supports and rewards community groups who develop new or

existing locally based Amenity/Projects that are of long term benefit to the local community.

The competition also seeks to make local people conscious of their local environment and promotes litter free communities. It is open to all voluntary groups in County Cork; however only one group was allowed enter on behalf of their community. The competition was simplified after consulting with local groups in 2012 with just one round of judging in the competition between mid July and mid August.

The projects submitted highlighted the important link between our surroundings and our quality of life and also brighten up communities and enhance the natural beauty of the surroundings in which we live.

This year Muintir na Tire introduced new awards which were of interest to local tidy town groups, development groups and community councils. These include The Pride of County Cork Award, Social Inclusion Award, Best New Entry and Best Maintained Existing Project. These new categories added a new and stimulating element to the Competition.

The presentation of the Pride in our Community Awards took place at The Oriel House Hotel in Ballincollig on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

The County Mayor, Councillor Barbara Murray praised all the winners of all categories and all those who entered the competition this year. She said that it was great to see the effort being put in by community groups in developing projects. She added that this great competition recognises and rewards community groups who develop new or existing locally based Amenity Projects which are of long-term benefit to the local community.

Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns committee submitted the upgrade of the village and placing of trees and planting of flowers in baskets and tubs on the main street as its project. The award of runner up in the Section for Towns without a UDC was awarded to Carrigtwohill. The winners of this section were Carrigaline Tidy Towns Committee. A prize of €200 together with a silver framed certificate was awarded on the night.

The Carrigtwohill Tidy Towns Committee is very proud of our awards and would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone who helped to achieve this wonderful result. A BBQ was held in Guilders Bar on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this success and to allow the Committee to thank all concerned for their contribution to same.

We should stress, in order for us to continue improve our village, more volunteers are very much needed, should you wish to get involved or should you know of anyone who may be interested in any aspect of our work please do not hesitate to contact John at: (087) 7749052 or Eileen at (086) 8337684.

The Adjudicators report on all aspects of our village can be viewed on the Tidy Towns 2012 web site.

**Ann O'Driscoll  
P.R.O**





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# Castlelake

Residents Association



*Working to improve our community*

Hello! We hope that everybody has noticed the work being done around the lake and the estate recently. At the moment most of the work is taking place on the area behind the Marketing Suite, BAM/Gable are planting a flower meadow here and we look forward to seeing it in the Spring! Many thanks to BAM/Gable for their interest in the estate and work around the estate and we do try to work closely with them.

A lot of work has been carried out on the lake and the island over recent months and many thanks to Frances Gallagher for all her hard work and time spent meeting residents and informing us about the wildlife living in and on the lake.

Frances stressed that we shouldn't be feeding bread to the ducks as it is only drawing vermin around the lake. We would like to thank everybody for their help in observing this.

We are delighted with the addition of the dog litter bags at the lake – thanks to Carrigtwohill Community Council – and we would appeal to dog owners to please use them when they are walking their dogs around the lake and estate. It is an amenity that we can all enjoy and children love walking around the lake and so we would ask all dog owners to be vigilant about cleaning up after their dogs.

As everybody is aware dog litter is a public health hazard and it isn't a pleasant job trying to clean it off shoes or buggies!

All parents of school-going children are well aware of how busy the primary schools are and over the next few years there will be a shortage of places for boys at second level.

If you haven't already done so could you fill in an *Expression of Interest* form for a new second level school in Carrigtwohill at [www.cocorkvec.ie](http://www.cocorkvec.ie) to put pressure on the Minister for Education and Skills to prioritise it. There is a link on the homepage for the new school. The form will only take a few minutes to complete online and you can only fill it in once!

Over the coming months, could parents/guardians please remind children of all ages not to walk on the lake if it looks frozen. While the water may appear frozen on the surface, it is not safe or thick enough to walk on.

The Residents' Association needs new members urgently. It can be hard to find the time but we can all benefit from a strong residents' association. Please get in touch by email or facebook if you would like to be involved in what's happening in your estate.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM in the new year!

***Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful  
Christmas and best wishes for 2013!***

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## Christmas Memories 2012



Having lived through my 90<sup>th</sup> Christmas, nothing much has changed. It is still celebrated as it always has been - a happy event for young and old.

My earliest memory is fattening up the turkeys, killing and plucking them in the shed, hanging them up, ready for the usual customers in Cobh.

Going out with my father cutting holly and ivy in the fields to decorate the house. Making the Christmas pudding with my mother, giving it an extra stir for a special wish, boiling it in a cloth for four hours in a big pot hanging over the kitchen fireplace. Cutting it while hot that evening, nothing tasted better. Lighting the big red Christmas candle on the window sill to guide the travellers at night.

I used to wonder who they were?

Walking to our local Ballymore church for Christmas morning Mass in cold crisp air with all the neighbours and in later years going to Midnight Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh.

The packed church, the mighty organ, choir, sermon, lights, unforgettable to this day. The Christmas dinner, all the family around the table including my three brothers, the fun and laughter.

Afterwards playing the tunes on the gramophone, playing cards that night with a few neighbours in.

Next day 26<sup>th</sup>, the boys went out with the wren, their first ever when aged about 10 and 12. They started at a house up the High Road for their first stop. The man opened the door gave them one look and said "clear off out of here and learn how to sing" and banged shut the door. Disgusted they carried on fair dues to them and finished the day anyway, after such a bad start.

When I was in my teens, that night we went to Steves Dance Hall top of the hill in Cobh and danced the night away, cycled in and home over hill and dale. Great times!

In later years we went by car to The State Hall, Midleton, the Show Boat in Youghal, Trabolgan and Fermoy. Met all the big bands for years until the singing pubs took over.

People returned home from England for Christmas sporting new suits, hired cars and plenty money, returning again before the New Year. Every Christmas in my young days a number of girls came home from the Civil Service in Dublin, dressed up in the very latest, looking rich and self important. They met up with school pals and off they went again until their next visit home at Easter. Oh, the Glamour!

So life goes on, people left for U.S.A., families scattered, parents passed away, we got married, started our own families and Christmas was celebrated in the same way all over again. Now we have the grandchildren looking forward to Santa, toys, carols, pantomimes, time off school with their mobiles, TV's, etc, but Christmas is still much the same as ever, a happy event for families to celebrate together the birth of Christ.

Happy Christmas to you all  
Maria Kelleher

# Carrigwohill All Weather Facility Reflects on 2012 and Eagerly Awaits 2013

By Colin Santry

Community Development and Facilities Administrator, Carrigwohill Community Council Limited

The clocks have gone back and the winter is well and truly here. A clear sign of this in Carrigwohill is the fact that not a week night goes by without seeing the floodlights shining down on the hive of activities at Carrigwohill All Weather Facility. We are into our busiest time of year with people travelling from Cork city and county to avail of Carrigwohill All Weather Facility.

With the curtain almost fully drawn on 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the initiatives which took place over the past year.

Secondly, I will look forward to 2013 and give you an idea of what activities we expect to run at the facility.

Carrigwohill Community Council Limited appointed me as Community Development and Facilities Administrator in April of this year. One of the primary roles of this position involves the administration of the All Weather Facility.

With my background in Sport and Exercise Sciences along with my experience in coaching, I quickly realised the huge potential the facility had to offer.

Isaac Newton's famous expression '*If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants*' quickly came to mind for me however.

If it weren't for the vision and work ethic of those responsible for establishing this facility then none of the following programmes would have been possible to orchestrate.

## Friday Night Youth Activity

Strengthening the Friday Night Youth Activity hour was my first target. This programme, an idea adopted from Dublin Late Night Soccer Leagues, involves giving teenagers in the community an opportunity to play sport with their friends in a safe and semi-structured setting.

Soccer is currently played with mainly local male teenagers in the community participating. It takes place every Friday night from 1930 – 2030 at a cost of €2.00 per person.

All are welcome to come down and check out the lads showing off their silky skills.

## After Schools Activity Programme

The After Schools Activity Programme (ASAP) took place during the months of May and June. This was run with the help of the staff in Scoil Chlochair Mhuire. It took place for one hour after school on five consecutive Wednesdays and was open to all girls in first class.

The primary aim of the programme was to give children a **safe, structured and professionally supervised** environment where they could learn new skills and be physically active.

Overall the programme was a huge success due to numbers in attendance, the help from parent volunteers and the enthusiasm and cooperation from the children.

## FUNDamental Movement Skills Summer Camp

A three week FUNDamental Movement Skills Summer Camp was organised during the months of July and August.

It was aimed at children in national school from junior infants to second class. Similar to the ASAP, the programme content included developing children's Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) and achieving the recommended daily amount of physical activity ([www.getirelandactive.ie](http://www.getirelandactive.ie)).



FMS are basic movements required to allow a child to perform many sports and games at a competent level. These include movements such as running, jumping, throwing, catching, kicking and striking. Over 40 children attended the camp and volunteers helped on a daily basis.

## 2013

The challenge for 2013 is to build on and create more of these innovative projects.

I plan to open up the ASAP to more classes and to both Scoil Chlochair Mhuire and Scoil Mhuire Naofa.

Currently the Friday Night Youths involves male teenagers.

I attempted to establish an hour for female teenagers earlier this year but it didn't succeed.

I am confident this can be done with the help of others in the community sooner rather than later.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in any of these projects please contact me as the involvement of volunteers is paramount to the success of these community programmes.



The facility is also available for hire hourly throughout the year at very competitive rates. Many companies and clubs in the East Cork area are availing of the all-weather surface.

Among these are Carrigwohill United AFC, Middleton FC, Leaside AFC, Glounthaune United, Stryker Orthopaedic and GE Healthcare.

Finally there is a part-time Sports Development Facilitator position currently available with Carrigwohill Community Council under the FÁS CE Scheme.

The primary role of the position will involve working at the All Weather Facility assisting me in the running of the facility.

If you are interested in this please contact me, Colin Santry, for a full job description on: Tel: 087-9867596

Email: [allweather@carrigwohillcommunity.ie](mailto:allweather@carrigwohillcommunity.ie)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/carrigwohillawf](http://www.facebook.com/carrigwohillawf)



# Part-time Job Vacancy Sports Development Facilitator

## Purpose of Job

The Sports Development Facilitator will be mainly based at Carrigtwohill All Weather Facility. His/her main duties will involve assisting the Community Development and Facilities Administrator with the following:

- Supervision of bookings on the pitch
- Assist in the upkeep of the facility
- Assist in delivering Physical Activity programmes.  
For example After School Physical Activity Programmes and Fundamental Movement Skills camps
- Promotion and advertising of the All Weather Facility
- Any other duties as may be required from time to time

## Hours per Week

The position involves working 19.5 hours per week. Applicant must be prepared to work both weekend and evening hours on a regular basis.

## Duration of employment

1 year with one month trial at start of term

## Inclusion Criteria

Applicants for this position must qualify under a CE Scheme.

Inclusion criteria include:

- Being in receipt of Social Welfare over the previous 12 months
- Being over 25 years of age

## Closing date for Applications

Friday 11 January 2013

## Applications to:

Colin Santry  
Community Development and Facilities Administrator  
Carrigtwohill Community Council Limited  
Carrigtwohill Community Centre  
Main Street  
Carrigtwohill  
Cork

*If you have any questions or queries in relation to this vacancy*

*Please telephone 087 986 7596*

*or email [allweather@carrigtwohillcommunity.ie](mailto:allweather@carrigtwohillcommunity.ie)*

## Diamond Wedding Anniversary



On Sunday September 9th 2012, Paddy and Charlotte Deady, from Belvelly, Cobh, celebrated their diamond (60th) wedding anniversary.

Paddy and Charlotte are well known around Carrigtwohill and beyond. They celebrated the occasion at home with family.

Paddy and Charlotte have 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Congratulations to them both.



## Barryscourt Castle Volunteers Wanted:

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# East Cork Glenmary Basketball Club

Another new season has come upon us in Glenmary Hall with both men's and women's teams back in action in their respective leagues.

## Men

Our men as always began their season with a preseason tournament, this year however there was a change of format with an eight team round robin league. Due to a number of commitments the men fielded a number of weakened teams, but in this ultra competitive tournament a couple of wins meant the team narrowly missed out on the semi-final spots.

With the new preseason tournament there was a later than normal start to the Division 1 league campaign. They opened proceedings with a match against St. Brendan's of Tralee in Glenmary Hall. Both teams fielded strong line ups with St. Brendan's only missing Kerry football stars, Kieran Donaghy and Micheal Quirke. In a game that was nip and tuck for the majority, the first and second quarters finishing with a point in the difference at the end of each quarter with John Hartnett and Stephen Ryan contributing the majority of the points. Glenmary came flying out of the traps at the start of the third quarter with Mike Waldvogel and Stephen Ryan bossing it, Glenmary brought a two point lead into the final quarter with the scoreline of 41pts to 39pts. With another strong start Glenmary appeared to wrap the game up with a 3 point play from Kevin Lomasney. However the experienced Vinnie Murphy and the youthful Fergal O Sullivan brought St. Brendan's back into the game and they ran out narrow 54pts to 57pts winners.

The men's team then went on the road to play Blue Demons B, again the lads played some positive basketball. Unfortunately tiredness played it part against a young Blue Demons side in this tight game and they lost narrowly by a scoreline of 60pts to 66pts.

The men then returned home for their next two games and really showed a Jekyll and Hyde side to their game. They first met a Cork Celts who they expected to beat, but everything went wrong from minute one and the team never recovered and were soundly beaten.

With the team lying in 7th position following the Cork Celts game, the men's team showed their better side when they turned on the style against CorkInfo.pl, a team made up of members of the Polish community in Cork. John Hartnett and Kevin Lomasney in particular scored some fantastic baskets and Glenmary led by 15pts to 6pts. Some excellent rebounding from Rory Quinlan and further scores from Aidan Coughlan and Eoin Lomasney saw them increase their lead to 44pts to 27pts. In the final quarter they eased up and saw out the game winning on a scoreline of 51pts to 38pts. Following this positive performance the men's team should move up to 5th in table.

## Ladies

The woman's team started even later than the men's and their season started on the 11th of October against last years senior league winners, Ballincollig. With a number of players returning from time away and also with some new blood Glenmary returned impressively to action when they played fantastically

with the returning Maria White contributing handsomely upon her return. With both teams changing tactics, Jamie Reddy found some space in Ballincollig press defence, however unfortunately with the fouling out of Aoife Burke in the last quarter Glenmary could not hold on and lost the game on a scoreline of 43pts to 48pts.

Following the senior game, the woman's team stayed on the road with two games against premier opposition. First they met the up and coming Fr. Matthews side who have brought in national league experience. In another fantastic game Glenmary flew into the 5 point leads at the end of both the 1st and 2nd quarters this was thanks to the scoring of Aoife Burke and Maria White. Fr Matthews changed their defence in the 2nd half, however Jamie Reddy found some gaps in the defence to keep Glenmary in the lead. Eventually the pressure told and Glenmary despite some brave resistance lost out on an even narrower scoreline of 53pts to 50pts.

The next game found the women's team meet Glanmire Premier, this team also acts their National League Division 1 team. Unfortunately nothing went right on the night and the team lost heavily.

The following night saw Glenmary return home to play Skibbereen in a senior league game. Possibly struggling with a hangover from the previous nights games Glenmary started slowly but points from Louise Lane and Lyndsey Horgan kept them in the game and they were 3 points at the end of the 1st quarter. They again played sluggishly in the 2nd quarter and trailed by 9 points going into half time. Following a change of tactics Glenmary came flying back into the game with points from Joanne Naughton and some fantastic passing from Lyndsey Horgan turned the 3rd quarter into a 20 to 2 rout which saw them lead 34pts to 23 pts. The final quarter saw the team control matters and they ease to a 38 to 30pts win.

Both teams face into a number of league game in December with the men's team meeting St. Brendan's in the quarter final of the championship.

The club held their first fundraiser of the year with their now annual poker fundraiser, thanks to all who attended on the night. A total of €455.00 was raised on the night, thanks to Rory Quinlan and Stephen Cotter for organising the night and Jim Cooney and all the staff at Guilders Bar for hosting it. Congratulation to Colin Menzies who won the first prize on the night.

If anyone is interested in playing, there is an open training session for both men and woman on Monday nights from 7.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

Men's training is on Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and followed by the woman's team from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

If you have any further queries please feel free to call to any of the training sessions or visit us on Facebook at East Cork Glenmary Basketball Club





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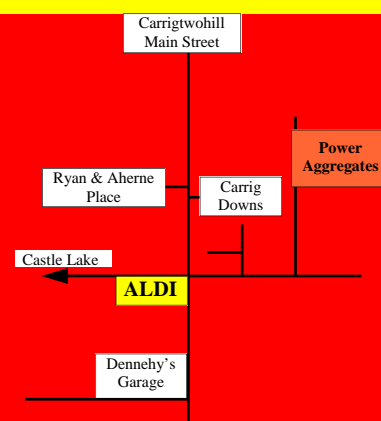
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### **Tidy Towns - before and after pictures**







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## SVP Annual Christmas Appeal 2012.

Every year at Christmas time the local Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul holds a special collection for the purposes of raising additional resources to support the work of the Conference throughout the year.

Last year has been a challenging one for the Conference as it had to respond to an increase in the number of requests from people for support. Very often these appeals arose as a result of the situations people found themselves in as a consequence of the decline in the national economy.

We would not have been able to help them without the generous support that we were given as a result of our appeal last Christmas and to our weekly church gate collections.

We are only too well aware of the additional demands that Christmas places upon families, but hope that you will continue to be as generous in your response as you have been in previous years and I would now like to thank for that and your ongoing support shown to us throughout the year.

The good news from the Conference is that we have constructed and reopened our new Family Resource Centre to meet the needs of the community.

The project was funded by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul nationally and regionally and through Cork County Council, SECAD and local fund raising.

You can make your contribution to our annual Christmas Collection which will be taken up after all Masses on **Saturday and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2012**, to any member of the local Conference or donate to Vincent's Shop, Main St, Carrigtwohill.

On behalf of the Conference I would like to extend to you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

John Dennehy, President.



Caught by photographer Eddie O'Riordan at the Cultural festival 2012

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The Citizens Information Board have statutory responsibility for MABS.

MABS is funded and supported by the Citizens Information Board ([www.citizensinformationboard.ie](http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie)).

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The first meeting to set up the Cúl Árd residents association took place back on the 17th July in the community centre, where we had an attendance of 27 residents from the estate

Ollie Sheehan, Chairman of Carrigtwohill Community Council, also attended and spoke about other resident associations in the village and the challenges that they faced in starting up the association, and to keep it going as the work often falls to the few people to carry it onward. Of course, we were hoping that wouldn't happen !!!

Following the positive first meeting for the Cúl Árd residents association, we discussed dog fouling, litter, speeding traffic through the estate, future of grass cutting and estate maintenance currently being arranged by Murnane & O'Shea

On the 18th Sept an e-mail was sent out to all the people that provided their contact details on the first night, and we arranged a litter pick from the station road

entrance on Saturday morning the 22nd Sept from 9.30am, and 8 people turned up to help.

One girl saw us cleaning up on her way home from the night shift and came over to help for 2 hours. We brushed the road side and took away all the litter and weeds (See pics - before/after) and we disposed of some of the rubbish through our own weekly refuse collections, and the Community Centre also took some rubbish, for which we would like to give our sincere thanks

Following on from the initial clean-up we decided to continue and on the following dates we arranged to meet, and a mail was again sent everyone.

Thursday the 27th for an hour at 7pm  
Wednesday the 3rd October  
Saturday 13th October at 5.30pm

Unfortunately only the same few people arrived to help, which is a shame as we are lucky in the current climate to have an estate more or less completed, compared to some of the unfinished ghost estate around the countryside. Murnane & O'Shea are currently arranging for the grass cutting in the common areas of the estate but this will cease once the estate is signed over to the County Council in the coming months.

When the estate is signed over and the grass cutting is not being maintained, I wonder will people notice! There is an issue in Cúl Árd, along with the other areas of the village where dog

fouling is an on-going problem.

The community Council has since funded and placed doggy litter bags and bins around the village, so there should be no excuses for letting your dog foul the grass and footpaths throughout the estate or village.

A number of people have been seen letting their dogs continue to foul throughout the estate and we have contacted the Dog Warden to follow up.

The Warden has also confirmed that they will be patrolling the area over the coming months and will prosecute individuals not cleaning up after their dogs.

I'm sure no one like stepping into a stinking mounds of dog faeces and trailing it in their hall door!

Equally as disgusting as the dog fouling, is the dumping of litter in the estate. A number of individuals have also been identified and further prosecutions will be taking place in relation to this issue.

I would ask that people have some self-respect for themselves and their neighbours before dumping your used nappies, new shoe box's, mobile phone box's and fast food packaging. You know who you are!

A big thank you to those who helped with the clean-ups. Hopefully we will see a few more turning out for future work.

If you would like to get involved in the Residents Association, please feel free to e-mail:

**culardcarrigtwohill@gmail.com**  
including your name and contact number.







# Carrigtwohill Camogie Club

Our 6<sup>th</sup> AGM was held in front of a well attended meeting in November.

The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year:

Chairperson	Caroline Dixey
Secretary	Sheila Boland
Asst Sec/Registrar	Deborah O'Mahony
Treasurer	Jackie Bogue
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The Club continues to grow year on year, we now have over 180 members.

There were over 100 matches played in the club this year.

This takes a lot of work and background organisation - my sincere thanks goes to coaches, parents and supporters who clocked up many miles to travel to these matches. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you to our sponsors and donors for your generous contributions made during the year - O'Brien Butchers, Paul Twomey Costcutters, Carrigtwohill Pharmacy, Carrigtwohill Dry Cleaners, Fota Hotel, Millipore and individual donations that were made during the year.



Our highlight of the year was undoubtedly winning the Minor D County Final - this is a great achievement by the girls, mentors and coaches.

Well done to the players who showed

their commitment and resilience during the year - the hard work being put in now has brought the well deserved success to Carrigtwohill with our Minors winning the 1<sup>st</sup> ever County Championship.

## Competitions:

Teams were entered into several competitions during the year which included, the new 'Go Games' competition which ran through the summer for U8s, U10s & U12s (12s being of a competitive nature). The matches ran all summer with a Gala Blitz in August for U8s & U10s.

Our U14 & U16 took part in county games, with the U13 and U15 taking part in the Imokilly Leagues.

Also challenge games and blitz were arranged at local level.

We can't forget about our U6s with approximately 6 challenges matches being played, and as one parent proceeded to inform us that 'it was more exciting than an All Ireland'!

## Carrigtwohill Camogie Street Leagues:

We had two new events in the club this year, our under age street leagues, which was held in April with over 100 girls taking part in matches over two weekends. This was thoroughly enjoyed by coaches, parents and Children.

Our second event was our Competitive Street Leagues, where we had 4 teams. This was very competitive with two outside refs having to 'brought in', Thomas Hogan & Dominic Rooney.

It was an absolute brilliant afternoon with coaches getting very hot under the collar.

## Schools Primary/Secondary

Our girls were involved in the Cork National Schools Camogie 'Sciath na Scoil'. And in the Secondary school, the Club is well represented in the Cork, Munster and All Ireland Colleges.

Cúl Camp was run again this year and the Camogie Club was well represented.

Many thanks to Dominic Rooney from the GAA in co-ordinating this very successful event.

## U6's Report

**Coaches - Natasha Durity, Bryan O'Flynn, Betty O'Donovan & Lorraine O'Connell**

The Under 6's got off to a busy start with the highest numbers ever being registered.

Training sessions went very well and basic skills were mixed with fun games and matches. The constant challenge and aim at this age group and with these numbers is to practise the basic skills every week without the girls getting bored.

Splitting the girls into smaller groups and using different drills are key to achieving this aim.

## U8's Report

**Coaches - Amy Horgan, Caroline McCarthy, Jackie Bogue & Val Cotter**

This year we had 31 girls registered in the U8's group and attendance was excellent during the year for both matches and training.

And boy what a busy year we've had. In total the U8's have played over 22 matches plus the Street Leagues.

## U10's Report

**Coaches: Caroline Dixey, Willie Higgins & Arthur McCarthy**

We started the year with small numbers for this age group. However as the year progressed, the numbers increased. And what a great group of girls to work with, the enthusiasm was infectious!

'Go Games' was introduced to all clubs this year from the Juvenile County Board and what a great success this proved to be.

During the summer months, the girls had a game a week. In our group, 9 out of 10 matches were played, the wet weather playing havoc with schedules!

## U12s Report

**Coaches & Mentors - Bryan O'Flynn & Tara LeGuilleux**

The under 12 season started in late July and ended in late September. We played eight games. They were against Aghada, Castlelyons, Watergrasshill, Youghal and Dungourney.

Out of these eight we lost five, drew one and we won our final game of the season against Youghal in the gala. This was played in Aghada.

## U13s:

**Coaches & Mentors - Ger Horgan, Tom Crowley, Karen Horgan**

In this years Imokilly League, Carrig were selected to play in the "A" Grade playing Dungourney, Fr.O'Neill's and Killeagh. This young panel of 22 gave a great account of themselves and reached the semi-final in late August.

## U14s:

### Coaches & Mentors – Ger Horgan, Tom Crowley, Karen Horgan

The Season started off in February with training every Sat. at 1.30.

2012 brought in new faces, old faces enthusiastic faces & committed faces.

We started the season with a panel of 23 players playing in the County “B” grade.

The County League started in March with a thrilling encounter away to Mallow. Next up was Buttevant away and narrowly beaten. In early April we played Millstreet at home and had a great win in a closely fought game. The girls were improving as the season went on. The following week we played the Glen but were defeated with a depleted team. Our last league game was against Newtownshandrum at home and what a game this was. On the night the girls played their Camogie the “Carrig” way, but unfortunately were beaten by the narrowest of margins.

## U15s/U16s Annual Report 2012

### Coaches & Mentors: Michael Boland & Deborah O Mahony

The Imokilly Summer leagues have finished, our under 15 team were drawn in a group with Killeagh, Cobh and Dungourney, with the first two teams making semi finals.

Our girls have made great progress this year in this grade. Some great camogie was played through the summer in each game. We had great performances winning in the Cobh game, losing to Killeagh and to Dungourney.

We made semi final of 'A' grade section v Sars. We were beaten on the night but the character we showed against the U16A County Champions was brilliant.

I think it was our best performance of the year in this grade. We lost by a few goals but the score line did not do us justice

## Juniors

### The League

The Juniors trained throughout the winter, taking a well deserved break for the month of December, returning to the all weather pitch from January to March. The League started for them on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April against St Fanahan's, however they were defeated by 3 points having put up a mighty fight!

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April they were up against Grenagh in Grenagh with the home team victorious on this occasion.

Charleville was next on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, and despite having a home game, Char-



### U13 team Plate semi final v-Dungourney

Back Row left to right: Sarah Crowley, Niamh O'Mahony, Taylor Lane, Sarah Rearden, Sophie Dixey, Shauna O'Mahony, Ciara Brennan, Olivia Roche, Clodagh O'Flynn, Grace Cotter, Sarah O'Neill, Miriam Curtin, Susan Higgins,  
Front row left to right: Hannah Conroy, Kayla O'Riordan, Lauryn O'Sullivan, Aoife Dalton, Nicole Horgan, Magda Kinjanka, Niamh Boland, Olivia Roche.

ville were successful on that night. Followed by Cobh in Cobh and again our girls were pipped at the post again.

### The Championship

Bride Rovers were the first opponents in Rathcormac on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, we won't mention the score, but our girls played as if only a point was in it, however no joy.

A home game against Blarney where a brilliant performance was put on by the girls final score 2 goals 3 points to 1 goal 7 points, but they just ran out of time.

### The Minors

The girls did not play any League games as it was non-exam.

The Championship 2<sup>nd</sup> of September in Carrigtwohill against Grenagh – final score 6 goals 13 points to 1 point.

A victorious Carrigtwohill on the day blitzed Grenagh, they never saw them coming!

While it was not Carrig's intention to annihilate any team, in an attempt to level the playing field somewhat our backs were put to forward and vice versa, but obviously we have all round players!

29<sup>th</sup> of September at home against Castlelyons – 11 goals 10 points to 6 points, yet again our girls were on fire! Again our backs and forwards were swapped but again they still continued to score.

### PRO Report

#### 2011/2012 Events

Long Puck – Dec 2011  
'Go Games' Coaches Course – Feb 2012  
Go Games Referees Course – Mar 2012  
Cork Trials U14 – March/April 2012

End of School Disco – June 2012  
Cork Trials U15 – June 2012  
Cul Camp Event – July 2012  
'Go Games' Gala Blitz day U8s /10s – August 2012  
'Go Games' Gala Final Under 12s – September 2012  
1st Competitive Street Leagues – September 2012  
Halloween Party – October 2012  
Imokilly Trials – October 2012  
Church gate collection – October 2012  
Street Leagues Medal Presentation – Dinner Dance Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012  
Winning MINORS Medal Presentation - Dinner Dance Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012

A full AGM report is available to all our members. If you would like a copy, please contact Sheila Boland. Regular updates are posted on the website below:

[www.carrigtwohillgaa/camogie.com](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa/camogie.com)

## Carrigtwohill Camogie Club

### 1st Annual Dinner Dance

Midleton Park Hotel

Sat December 8th 2012

7 - 11pm

Music by Cruz Entertainment

Under age must be accompanied  
by an adult  
Tickets €20.00





On Saturday the 13th of October, the J.H Kim Institute (Carrigtwohill Taekwondo Academy) welcomed teams from United Taekwondo International Wales and Warrior Taekwondo in Clonakilty to Carrigtwohill for the Sword Of Friendship international tournament. Wonderful sportsmanship coupled with bundles of skill and courage were the overriding themes of the day as the Welsh contingent, under the stewardship of Master Gary Brady brought a taste of Welsh flair to the East Cork town. Fantastic local competition was supplied by Mr. Barry O'Mahony's very admirable students from Clonakilty.

The tone for the day was set early on as competitors warmed up for the team competitions to follow with a series of individual fights, designed to give a whole range of fighters, both young and old, big and small the opportunity to test themselves in a friendly arena. There was an exhilarating buzz around the hall as the opening rounds of the main team competitions got underway. The junior boys teams kicked off the festivities, showcasing an abundance of skill and courage as teams vied for a place in the finals that evening. The JH Kim School contributed two teams to the final, both fighting hard to overcome their Welsh and West Cork counterparts respectively. In the senior semi-finals, a mixture of youth and experience was evident as both semi's went down to the wire. The JHK first team had to dig deep to overcome a very capable Warrior team, winning by the narrowest of margins. In the other semi, a spirited Welsh effort was enough to scrape through to the final as the other JHK senior team barely missed out on a place in the main event.

The sword itself, the main prize on offer, is a magnificent piece, given by the Welsh government modeled on the weapon of choice of the last known Prince of Wales. It is one of only two known swords of its kind in the world. As competition heated up, it became evident

that all teams involved had designs on giving this incredible prize a home. The atmosphere was immense as the teams made their way into the hall for the finals.

In the girl's finals, it was to be a Welsh-Irish encounter, a precursor to the senior event to follow. A great back and forth final was to unfold as the lead changed hands numerous times. Sudden death was needed to separate the two talented groups with the Welsh team eventually coming out on top, winning their own sword.

The boys final was also to be a cracking affair as friendships were momentarily put aside as the two Carrigtwohill outfits went head to head, each determined to triumph.

The result was second as sportsmanship and courage was displayed throughout by both sides, it was unanimous that all involved were a credit to themselves.

The curtain was brought down by the senior final where skill and determination was definitely at the fore as the tide continued to turn in what was a thrilling encounter.

The Welsh team had a youthful tinge to it and brought a different style of attack to the well rounded Irish unit.

The Irish took the patterns section whilst honors were even after the sparring. Going into the final, destruction section, Ireland were up by two points but were pegged back by a well constructed Welsh routine, to make the scoring even.

It went down to a sudden death decider and Irish hearts were broken as the Welsh came away the victors.



The real winner on the day was Taekwondo and comradeship. This well-run tournament was the culmination of months of hard work for most involved and it was received by all in a friendly manner as the whole day went off without even a hint of tension or animosity that can often be found in other events.

Credit must go to Master Brady for bringing a pool of such talented martial artists across the Irish sea for the event and to Mr. Barry O'Mahony for making the trip from West to East Cork with his crew of well-rounded students.

A huge thank you must go to the students and parents of the JH Kim Institute (Carrigtwohill) for all their efforts on the day and in the weeks leading up to it, these are an incredible group of people who have helped make this wonderful event a reality.

Speaking after the competition, Master Cyril McSweeney thanked all of the students and parents as well as the instructors who worked so hard to make the event such a success.

The Welsh Team plan to host the Sword of Friendship Tournament in Cardiff's City Hall in November 2013. We look forward to an exciting return visit to the principality,

For more information and to view a gallery of the event, visit [www.carrigtwohilltaekwondo.com](http://www.carrigtwohilltaekwondo.com)

# Maryville Residents Association

The Chairman of the Tidy Towns Committee and the Chairman of the Community Council set up a meeting with the residents of Maryville Estate in April of 2012 to discuss the possibility of establishing a Residents Association.

This recommendation had been made in the National Tidy Towns Adjudication Reports over the years and following on the success of other Residents Associations it was an opportune time to work with Maryville.

The meeting was held locally and a very large number of the residents attended and they were very keen to set up a structure to look after their estate and bring it up the standard of the other estates in the area.

The Association was set up and plans were made for improvements almost immediately.

The green area at the back of Maryville was in a very poor condition, with a lot of overgrowth and the grass had been left uncut and was very unsightly. The Community Council Lawnmower was provided to the Residents Association and work on the green started, the overgrowth was cut back, the grass was mowed and the whole area was upgraded to a very high standard.

An Taisce organised a clean up day at the end of April and the residents of Maryville joined in and helped to clear up all the litter around the estate. There was a huge turnout on the day and a very large amount of litter was collected. Adults and children were involved in this project and clearly the involvement of the children has helped to keep Maryville litter free since then.

The wall to the west of the estate was overgrown with bushes with a very untidy fence holding the wall together. This fence was used as a disposal area for cans and bottles and various pieces of rubbish. The Committee decided that the fence should be removed and be replaced with a capped wall of local stone. This project was completed in a very short time and flowers and plants have been placed where once the litter was left. The wall is an outstanding project and an example of the level of expertise and skills that exist within the Maryville community being put to such great use.

Other projects included the painting of the external wall on the street and plans are afoot for the upgrading of the capping of this wall in 2013.

The Committee is also continuing to maintain a very high standard of grass cutting and upkeep of the estate. The trees have been trimmed and are being well looked after. The Residents are very proud of the appearance of their estate and will con-

## Community Centre

### Switch on of Christmas Tree Lights

**Sunday December 9th  
at 5.00pm**

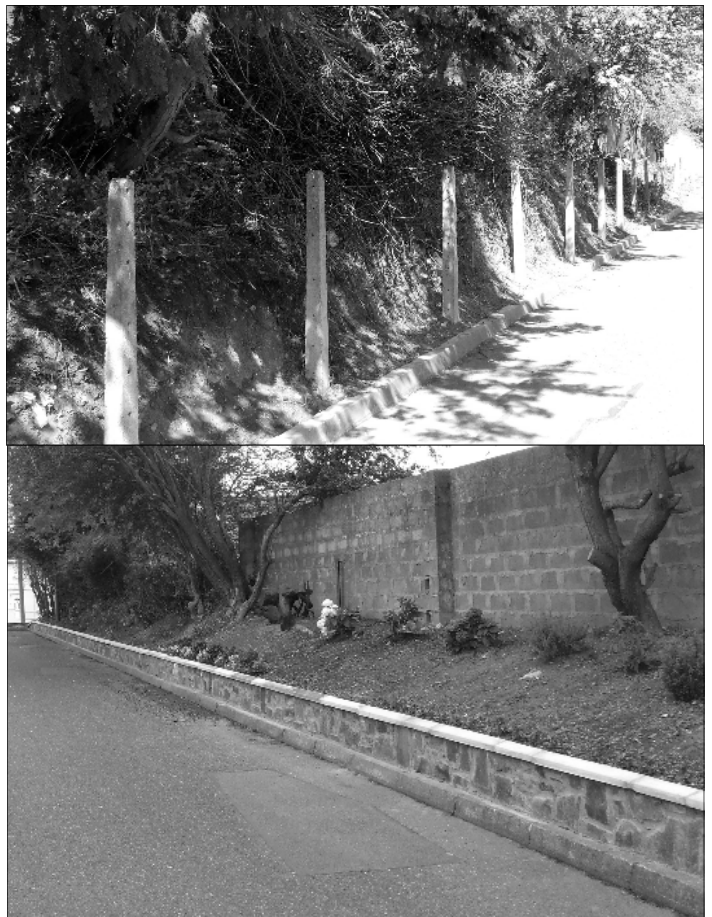
**Carol singing by  
Ladybirds, Brownies and Girl Guides**

tinue to keep up the level of maintenance in the coming years.

The Residents Association would like to thank the Tidy Towns Committee for their support and advice and for their assistance with the use of the lawnmower.

New members are always welcome to join the Committee and we look forward to continuing working to making our estate one to be proud of and to keep up with our neighbours in Ryan and Ahern Terrace who set such a great example with the upgrade of that estate in 2012.

John D Casey  
Chairman, Maryville Residents Association  
November, 2012.





# Carrigtwohill United AFC

www.carrigtwohillunited.com

Club Main Sponsor **BALLYSEEDY**  
HOME & GARDEN  
★★★★

Carrigtwohill United is enjoying one of its best years to date. 2012 has seen many significant developments which have taken the club to a new dimension under the Chairmanship of Barry McGrath. The club has full time access to three full size pitches, with room for more if needed, and this is essential for the smooth coordination of club activities.

This has facilitated for instance the development of the *Soccer Academy* to cater for the training and development of underage teams, with players aged 6 to 11 years of age.

The Academy is blossoming in the 2012/2013 season. With teams facilitating U9's, U10's and U11's who compete in a non competitive league. Being able to train players of such young age is critical for the performance of our football club because these panels serve as feeders for the schoolboys league teams, providing a regular flow of already experienced players. The U11s, Under 10s and Under 9s may not participate in competitive leagues, but they play a dozen friendly games per year each against a variety of teams from the region and this gives players significant experience in partaking in competitive fixtures.

Thus, in addition to the academy, this year the club has three schoolboy teams at Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 level. The club also has its two adult teams playing in the Premier A and 3A divisions of the AUL league respectively.

These developments have seen the club reaching unprecedented membership with over 250 players active in the club's different teams. Of course, such growth brings its own challenges, for instance in terms of coaching staff, as the club complies with the "two deep" FAI rules which requires a minimum of two coaches present during any activity.

In practice, each group of players is covered by three coaches. All of the club's coaches have obtained the FAI level one coaching qualification, specialising on the needs of underage players.

**Ballyseedy Home and Garden** have come on board again this year as the club's main sponsors. Ballyseedy, one of the country's largest lifestyle and garden centres set up a new store in Carrigtwohill, and Nathan McDonnell, the Managing Director of the new location was eager to find ways to meaningfully participate and contribute in the local community.

A keen sportsman himself, Nathan understands the important role which clubs such as Carrigtwohill AFC play in a community and he immediately offered the club substantial sponsorship in the shape of both financial support and help with maintaining the playing surfaces in tip top condition.

The expert advice has paid off! In fact, the grass now grows so strong that the cutting equipment had to be renewed because it could no longer cope with the amount of grass!

Even the rabbits now seem more respectful of the pitches now covered so densely that they cannot dig through.

The on-line shop is going down a treat with players and supporters alike. Players and supporters can purchase all the necessary clothing and equipment, including the clubs all important kit, adorned with the clubs logo and the sponsors branding (visit <http://www.carrigtwohillunited.com/> to check it out).

All the elements seem to be in place to make 2012/2013 the best season in the history of the club.

The club officers and the main sponsor have done their homework: now it's the players turn to show that they have got what it takes to fly the Clubs flag at full mast.

Carrigtwohill United would like to take this opportunity to thank it's main sponsor, Ballyseedy Home & Garden and all our associated partners:

Lynch Tiles, Carrigtwohill Pharmacy, Guilders Bar, Mary Geary's Creche, Airwave Internet, Hurley's Supervalu, The Elm Tree, and Lakewood Furniture

Manager: Liam O'Riordan  
Assistant Managers: Dave Keohane, Peter O'Brien,

## Premier A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Douglas Hall	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Innishvilla A	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Glen Celtic A	3	2	1	0	9	7	7
<b>Carrigtwohill Utd A</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Grattan United	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Kilreen Celtic	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Blackstone Rovers	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Leeds	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Kanturk	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Bohemians	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

Manager: Dave Keohane  
Assistant Managers: John O'Sullivan, Peter O'Brien,  
Liam O'Riordan, Adrian McDonnell

Carrigtwohill's B team have had a very positive start to the 2012/2013 season. In the league they have played 8 games, winning 6, 1 draw and 1 defeat which leaves them sitting at the top of the table at the moment. They are also in the last 16 of the AOH Cup which is a big achievement for a 3rd Division side, and the County Cup still to come. The new structure within the clubs Senior teams appears to be paying dividends with Liam O Riordan, Dave Keohane, John o Sullivan, Peter O'Brien and Adrian Mc Donnell all having an input with both sides.

## AUL Division 3A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Carrigtwohill Utd B</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
Knocknaheeny Celtic	5	4	0	1	14	9	12
Tower Athletic	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
St. John Boscoss B	5	2	1	2	9	11	7
Glen Celtic B	3	2	0	1	12	5	6
Evergreen	6	1	1	4	10	12	4
Dunbar Celtic B	6	1	1	4	8	19	4
Carrigaline United	6	1	1	4	6	18	4
Leeview Athletic	3	0	2	1	3	7	2

Manager: Pat Doyle  
Assistant Manager: Andrew Long  
Training on Wednesdays in Ballyadam Park at 6.30pm

#### CSL U-15 Division 4

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bandon	5	3	2	0	20	7	13	11
<b>Carrigtwohill Utd</b>	4	3	1	0	21	8	13	10
Blarney United A	4	2	1	1	9	8	1	7
Killinardish Coachford	3	2	0	1	15	11	4	6
Churchvillia	4	2	0	2	17	15	2	6
Midleton A	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
Carrigaline United A	5	1	1	3	4	15	-11	4
Lakewood Athletic A	4	0	2	2	4	16	-12	2
Leeds A	3	0	0	3	4	10	-6	0

Manager: Tommy Grimes  
Assistant Managers: Philip Dorgan & Vincent O'Brien

Training on Wednesdays in Ballyadam Park at 6.30pm

Squad - Kevin Coady, Gary O'Brien, John Hyde, Sean Mackey, Liam Gosnell, David Grimes, Ben O'Leary, Philip Dorgan, Billy Manning, Hugh O'Neill, Onur Balcik, Aaron Hutchison, Shane O'Hanlon, Shane Waters, Alan Warren, Jack Scully, Tommy Jenkinson Butler, Darragh McCann, Brendan Twomey, Dylan McCann.

#### CSL U-14 Division 5

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Carrigtwohill Utd</b>	4	4	0	0	34	4	30	12
Leeds A	4	4	0	0	21	2	19	12
Glounthaune United	4	3	0	1	15	6	9	9
Cobh Ramblers	4	2	0	2	12	3	9	6
Midleton A	4	1	1	2	9	17	-8	4
Blarney United A	4	1	1	2	5	14	-9	4
Richmond	3	1	0	2	5	11	-6	3
Avondale United A	4	1	0	3	4	13	-9	3
Carrigaline United B	3	1	0	2	4	23	-19	3
Douglas Hall A	4	0	0	4	5	21	-16	0

Manager: Martin Jones  
Assistant Managers: James Havanagh & Joe Mhondiwa  
Training on Tuesdays in Ballyadam Park at 6.30pm

#### CSL U-13 Division 3

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Riverstown	5	4	1	0	22	4	18	13
<b>Carrigtwohill Utd</b>	4	3	0	1	11	6	5	9
St. Mary's	4	2	1	1	11	8	3	7
Mallow United A	4	2	0	2	12	11	1	6
Passage United	3	1	2	0	5	2	3	5
Park United	2	1	1	0	9	4	5	4
Douglas Hall A	5	0	1	4	5	13	-8	1
Glounthaune United	5	0	0	5	8	35	-27	0



## Castleview Residents Association

### Barbeque

With the uncertainty of the weather over the summer the residents held a barbeque on the 14th of July. Great thanks go to Carmel Walsh, Eleanor Hyde and their group of helpers for organising the evening which stretched long into the night!!

### Future Work

Following a number of concerns which were raised by the residents over the state of the roads, a number of members of the committee met with the local executive engineer to see if any improvements could be done to improve the state of the roads and the footpaths in the area.

The County Council are interested in alleviating the problem however they are greatly restricted in what they can do because of budgetary cut backs and manpower resources.

As the County Council's resources are spread across all the county, they only have the resources to carry out urgent repairs to the footpaths and roads.

However one option has now appeared under which the Council could repair the kerbing etc. if the residents association were prepared to participate in a Community involvement scheme where the Council could carry out major resurfacing to the roads.

Under the scheme the residents would have to come up with 25% of the cost. The engineers have carried out an inspection of the estate and have sent their report to the committee. The committee are now considering the report and how to fund it. It is hoped to have further news in the New Year.

### Entrance

Following the completion of the work by Eircom and Tommy Murphy, a final clean up of the area was held on the 1st of October before the winter set in. A number of people from inside the estate and outside the village have commended the work on the entrance.

We were also informed by the Tidy Towns Committee that the inspector had high praise from the whole of the estate when he visited the area. Congratulations to all.

### Subscriptions

The second instalment of the subscriptions was collected early in October.

Many thanks to those we had the money ready on what was a very cold night for those collecting.

### Garden Competition

The results of the garden competition were recently announced at one of the regular committee meetings.

Congratulations go to Aidan Murphy (1st prize), Pat Carr (2nd prize) and Pat and Geraldine O'Gorman (3rd prize).

Finally the Committee would like to wish all residents and readers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





*fáilte cúig*

# Cumann Peil Gael na mBan Carraigthuathail



[www.carraigtwohillgaa.com](http://www.carraigtwohillgaa.com)

It is now December and finally the Ladies Football Season has drawn to a close. Our club had a great season in 2012 with Ladies Football growing in numbers at under-age level. We look forward to future success in 2013.

## U-8's and U-10's

Our under 10's started training last January down in the All weather pitch under the guidance of Jim and Caroline O'Connor, Vicki Buckley and Paula McCarthy. Every Wednesday night the girls turned up training and showed a huge commitment throughout the year.

The under 10's played a number of league games against the likes of Glanmire, Inch Rovers and Youghal. In championship we played Cloyne down in Cloyne and put up our best performance of the year.

However on the night Cloyne were that bit better than us and deserved to win.

The girls continued to train till October.

The under 8's trained the same night as the under 10's under Ciara Brennan, Kelly Harte and Andre Buttmer.

Again these girls were great to train, played a couple of games against Fermoy and Youghal.

Thanks to all the parents during the year for bringing the girls to training and matches and also showing great support to the club during the year.

Also thanks to Tommy Grimes of SuperValue who helped to make our Halloween party a great success.

Finally thanks to the Ladies Football committee and the Senior Hurling and Football Club for all their help during the year.

## U-12's

The under 12's had a great season under the guidance of Pdraig Dalton & Michelle Moriarty.

They performed very well in the league and made it to the East Cork Final in Championship.

The final was against Watergrasshill, it was a tough battle as soon as the whistle blew. The Carrig girls fought valiantly throughout the match but lost on the day.

Their season ended on a high note – when Carrigtwohill organised a bus to bring the girls to the All-Ireland final. They got to watch the historic victory by Cork over Kerry.

## U-14's and U-16's

Carrigtwohill had a tough year at both levels. Each team was graded A and came up against the best teams in Cork.

Carrigtwohill is just a small village – however each team battled courageously for each and every match.

The most memorable match of the year was the U16 semi-final in East Cork Championship against Aghada. Earlier in the year Carrig suffered a heavy defeat to Aghada but on this cold day in October, Carrig were up for the challenge. Leading at half time it looked like a historic win was on the cards, however the

Gods were against us and a late goal by Aghada meant Carrig lost by 4 points. It was valiant effort by the whole team.

To wrap up the season – the U16's celebrated in Cork with a treasure hunt throughout the City, finishing up with Bowling & Quasar.

Congratulations to Hannah Kierens who the players themselves voted as the U16 player of the year.

## U21's

So far the U21's have won their first match against Bishopstown. Here's hoping they will bring back a bit of silverware to the village!

## Ladies Intermediate Team

Ladies football lost many members in 2012 to emigration, and we struggled throughout the year to field a Junior team so we combined forces with Erin's Own to form an Intermediate Team called Carrig's Own.

Given this was the first year both teams played together 2012 was a great success. We made it to the intermediate league semi-final where we lost to the now Intermediate Champions of 2012, Eire Óg.

The Championship created a bigger challenge for the team as we were graded at Senior Level. In the first round of the championship Carrig met St. Vals. This step up proved too much for Carrig's Own and we suffered a heavy defeat.

Through the "back-door" we met Bride Rovers; Carrig's Own were focused and ready. We played out of our skins and despite conceding an early goal we were only a point down at half time. But Bride Rovers experience stood to them & that bit of cuteness helped them to close out the game and win by four points.

The season ended on a high note with a trip to Dublin to the 7's competition. Carrig narrowly lost in the semi-final.

A great weekend was had by all.

## Club Gear for Sale

Club gear is still available for underage girls.

Girls hoodies age 8-9 and 11-12 price 25 euro

Girls jackets age 8-9 and 11-12 price 20 euro

Club socks for all ages price 4 euro

Kukri body warmers adult size 8 and 10 price 10 euro.

Great gifts for Christmas!

Phone Caroline on 0877753552 if in need of club gear.

## Fundraising

We had a big fundraiser in October of this year – the Carrigtwohill Ladies Football Fashion Show in Fota.

The evening was a great success with numbers higher than ever!

A huge thanks to the committee who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success.

We'd also like to thank our models and all our sponsors without whose help & support this event would not have been a success.

### *Sympathies*

We would like to take this opportunity in sympathizing with all those who have lost a loved one in the past year

### *AGM*

We are always looking for **volunteers** and **new members**.

If you are interested in getting involved in the club or would like to see its progress, please come along to our Annual AGM which will be on in January 2013.

You can call Olivia Buttmer on 086-7779573 or you can send us an email at [carrigtwohill.ladies.football@gmail.com](mailto:carrigtwohill.ladies.football@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.



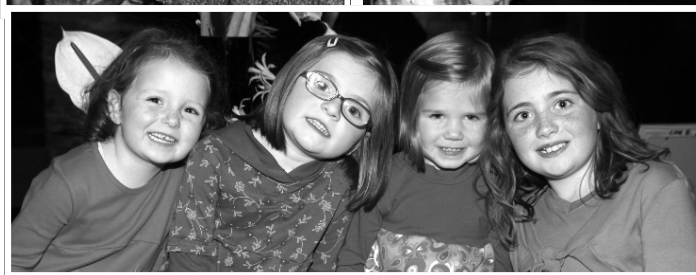
**U-16 end of season day out**



**U-16 end of season day out**



**Fashion Show**



# In the Garden

with Michael Clancy,  
Fota Garden Centre

In times gone by, winter work in the garden used to be compared to investing in a good pension plan. All your effort would be rewarded at a later date. Times have changed in financial services, but Mother Nature's goal posts remain firmly intact.

The weather has been difficult and unpredictable but I cannot help being optimistic about spring. Optimism cost nothing and may help me to endure the winter months. As a gardener, I find myself looking forward a lot and anticipating the future. In order to get the most out of the future, some garden projects have to be tackled now.

Winter pruning is essential throughout the garden and it is very important to learn the times to prune each different plant. I get very annoyed with large commercial landscapers who tend to be guided by convenience rather than what is technically correct.

Cornus alba or dog wood as it is commonly known, is used on a large scale throughout the countryside. It is grown primarily for its red branches which stand up in the middle of winter in landscapes with little other colour. The correct time to prune Cornus alba is March, just as the new growth has begun. At this point, cut the Cornus down to within 2 inches from the ground level. Very few plants should be given such brutal treatment.

Pay particular attention to the flowering time of the plant material in your garden and a very simple rule of thumb is, if it flowers early in the spring then you cannot prune it until well into the summer.

Hedges like Escalonia can benefit from a clipping, if they haven't already gotten one. This will give them a nice tidy appearance during the winter months. Laurel hedges can be clipped at any point during the year without causing any damage.

Because of the severe winters we had a few years ago, I feel it would be for the best if tender hedges like Grisolinia were left alone until the spring. The extra foliage insulates the main stems of the plants against freezing.

I like to give Roses a trim with a shears at

this time of year, this will reduce rocking in stormy conditions and the beds will look a lot tidier as a result. There is very little merit in having your roses blooming at Christmas time, this will reduce the blooming in the summer months when they are supposed to be blooming.

A good top dressing of farmyard manure at this time of year is great as it will have the winter months to leach down through the soil and condition the soil in the process.

Some years it is possible to cut your lawn all year round, a lot depends on access to your lawn due to wet conditions rather than cold weather.

It's always important to keep leaves off the lawn as over time they will do a lot of damage to the grass underneath. Edging the lawn at this time of year will improve the overall appearance of the garden.

When all pruning is completed, top dress your beds with a good quality bark mulch. When applied to a depth of approximately 4 inches, this will prevent a large amount of weed seeds from germinating, the root will be insulated from freezing conditions and water will be conserved during the summer months.

Many borders can look boring during the winter months, have a look in the garden centre for some winter flowering heathers to bring a bit of new life into your garden. Pseudowinterii is one of my favourite plants at this time of year, the colour of the foliage remains the same throughout the year, but at this time there are a lot of colours around that compliment it. Drimys lanceola is another plant which seems to shine during the winter months, the red stems become more evident and contrast well with the rich dark foliage.

Leucothoe are available in a couple of different varieties and both will provide great colour and interest at this time. Skimma are always very popular before Christmas, these are great in containers or in the open ground.

Cyclamens are a favourite for Christmas time, make sure, when planting they should be perched slightly above the level of the compost, this will keep the corm at the centre of the plant dry and enable the

plant to flower better.

Heuchera are great for a bit of winter colour and will continue to give value all year long, watch out for vine weevil and destroy effected plants.

If you haven't planted any bulbs, you will still be able to purchase pot grown bulbs in the garden centre.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any of your gardening questions on 087 237 9525 and if necessary we can organise a garden visit.

The tree and shrub expert is a book I always recommend, the photographs are excellent and the information is brief and to the point.

We will be selling Christmas trees and stands in the garden centre this year as well as a large selection of wreaths and all the plants mentioned above.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers and customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year

## Re-Surfacing of Main Street, Carrigtwohill

As you are all aware, our street and footpaths are in an appalling condition and are a hazard to the public.

Carrigtwohill Business Association, Tidy Towns Committee and Carrigtwohill Community Council, are organising surveys, documentation etc in order to present them to the relevant authorities in relation to the re-surfacing of our Main Street.

All efforts are being made by means of written communication, e-mailing and telephone calls to the relevant people, but to date, no commitment of resurfacing our street have come forward.

We will continue to use all our resources, including our local authority representatives in helping us in our quest and our hope is that the Master Traffic Plan for Carrigtwohill will be implemented. If you wish to forward your concerns or help in any way we would be most grateful.

Please contact a member of Carrigtwohill Community Council should you wish to comment or help in this situation.

Ann O'Driscoll, P.R.O



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## What to invest in for Autumn and Winter

**So many temptations! So many delicious colours! So little time! Not so much money!!**

The good news is that there are NO RULES about what's in, what's out and what's on trend. The most important thing is to know the right colours and shapes for you. Investment pieces you bought in the past few years will work just as well now as they did last autumn.

So, accessorising in a different way (ankle boots rather than high boots?) and mixing up garments and colours you might not have considered before.

If you are going to invest in some new items, follow these tips below on pieces that will last you through this winter and for many to come.

### A forever jacket

With fashion turning more elegant, what better than a neat little jacket to smarten up any outfit. To make it an investment item you must get the best cut and fit for your shape. Don't go for something that is *almost* good enough and don't skimp on quality.

### A stand-out coat

When buying a new coat we usually take the practical approach, but your coat can define your whole look, so make it something a bit special. Get a great colour and try some new styles.

Military and cocoon cuts are a favourite this season, but the most important thing is to ensure the style looks good on you.

### A desk to dinner dress

How do you choose a good dress this season? Versatility is key. You want a dress that can be dressed up or down. A good investment dress can have a lot of usage. Even a dress from last year can be accessorised differently for a new slant.

## The Perfect Red Dress

Forget the little black dress, it's a great red dress you want in your wardrobe for those unexpected special occasions.

Red remains this year's hottest colour and it's still the number one choice for a head-turning outfit. You will find a selection of gorgeous red dresses on the high street right now, so it's the perfect time to invest.

### Which Style?

This will depend on your personality as well as your body shape. Red is such a bold colour that a simple piece can look amazing with the right accessories.

On the other hand, you might want an opulent dress in luxurious fabrics with gorgeous details. It's all down to your personal taste. And what suits you of course.

Here are some ideas for you.



## Classic Personality

You prefer traditional and understated looks.

A simple jersey, shift or tea dress (depending on your body shape) with a little detail would be a good staple for you.

Here, Helen Mirren looks amazing in a very elegant and classic dress with just a little sparkle and gathering for detail.

This classic Wallis jersey dress with a little neck and gathering detail is perfect for you.



## Dramatic Personality

You like to create striking looks with the latest fashions and you are not afraid to stand out.

This shimmering dress worn by Mylene Klass will certainly get heads turning!

You will also enjoy this off the shoulder peplum dress from Karen Millen which is both an eye-catching look and right on trend.



## Romantic Personality

You like pretty, feminine fabrics and detail.

Floor length and floaty chiffon or delicate lace is perfect for you.

Nicole Kidman often expresses her romantic side as she does with this gorgeous, ultra feminine floor length gown.

This Biba dress will work the same magic for you.



## City Chic Personality

You follow trends rather than street fashion.

You like to coordinate and look immaculate at all times.

Meryl Streep takes a simple shirt dress style in luxurious fabric, belts it and coordinates with black accessories, and the obligatory film star sunglasses of course. Very simple but very stylish. With your fabulous sense of style, you could take a simple dress like this silk Biba shirt dress and make it look ultra chic by accessorising it to your liking.

Sunglasses are optional!



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## Creative Personality

You like unusual finds and mixing up pieces to create your own look.

You might find a vintage piece, or combine different fabrics and pattern.

Creative Chaka Khan mixes print and fabric and adds bold earrings.

This Reiss dress is a classic shape but has a quirky mix of textures that you would enjoy working with.

You could team it with a sumptuous satin or fur jacket



You're not a huge fan of dressing up and are happiest in jeans and comfortable clothes.

If you have to wear a dress you want it to be unfussy and comfy!

Kate Winslet looks every bit the star here and yet she is wearing a simple maxi dress, minimal accessories and easy updo for her hair. This Alexon maxi dress will give you the right look for a special evening out with minimum fuss. The jersey fabric is easy to wear and because it is a great red dress, you don't need bold accessories to make it look fantastic.



## ..And the perfect lipstick

If you are wearing red lipstick with your great new dress you must get the lip colour just right.

As you will have chosen the right shade of red dress for your colouring (naturally!) you need a lipstick colour close to that or a just a shade lighter. You don't want the lips to clash with your dress, you want a colour that complements your dress.



Alternatively, if you are going for bold eye make-up then your lip colour should be very pale or nude, as actress Berenice Marlohe has done beautifully here at the Skfyall premiere.

## Carrigtwohill Community News Distribution

This Newsletter is distributed free by volunteers to all homes and businesses in the community.

If you did not get a copy delivered to your home or business, please let us know by telephoning Annette at the Community Centre (mornings) on 021-4882265 or Dave on 087-6290574 (anytime)  
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We are always looking for volunteers to ease the load on our existing distributors. If you can help, please make contact on the numbers above.

## Castlelake Lake and Wildlife Meadow - an amenity for all of Carrigtwohill

Its been a great few months in Castlelake with a wonderful replanting of the lake and the beginning of a renovation of the wildflower meadow. This is an amenity for all in Carrigtwohill to enjoy and its great to see the care and attention given by BAM Gable's Aquatic Biologist, Frances Gallagher and her team. Frances treated us all to a talk recently to fill us in on the plans for the lake and meadow. The children, in particular, were enthralled by the sight of the many fresh water invertebrates up close and hear about the diversity of the lake.

The wildflower meadow will be developed over the coming months. The diggers moved in recently under the careful supervision of Frances, Liam Kelly and his team. "We had to take it very slowly" said Frances, "to avoid trapping the many voles, shrews, frogs and other wildlife populating the meadow". "The area was mown back, leaving a strip around the edge and one larger area to provide refuge to wildlife and later scarified ready for planting." These will be planted with annual seeds to provide attractive wildlife-friendly flowers next spring and summer.

Members of Carrigtwohill's Men's Shed that is based in and supported by Castlelake, have developed nest boxes for the meadow and will also supply rustic seating for the area. It is hoped the boxes will attract a variety of bird life including Blue Tits, Grey Tits, Wrens, Robins, Spotted Fly Catchers and Wagtails. The meadow, when completed, will boast pretty meadow annuals including Poppies, Cornflowers, Corn Marigolds and White Campanula and small woodland areas. It will be a delightful place to meander through or simply sit and linger.

Follow the project on Castlelake's facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Castlelake](http://www.facebook.com/Castlelake).





# Carrigtwohill History

Compiled by John Harte



## Terrysland

The Terrys were among the many families of Norman origin who came to Ireland soon after the Barrys of Barryscourt arrival in 1175. Other names included Goulds, Coppingers, Skiddys, Trents, Newtons, Galways, Hodnetts, Sarsfields, De Clavilles.

Some of these settlers received a tenure of land from Lord Barrymore, built houses for themselves, acted like minor landlords to the peasant farmers and tenants. They collected the rents and paid a head rent to Lord Barrymore.

On arrival in Ireland the Terrys soon distinguished themselves in many fields including merchandise in Cork City. They soon rose in fame and wealth and became Freeman and Aldermen in the Cork Corporation. Between 1321 – 1628 the Terrys were Lord Mayors of Cork twenty-five times.

Around 1440 Sir William Savage of Cork granted land around Carrigtwohill to Sir William Terry. The townlands included Tibbotstown, Forrestown, Ballinsperry (Annesgrove) and direct south to within one field of the old Cobh Cross. Then eastwards on the southside as far as Paddy Geaney's farm boundary and included all his farm. The north side was by the now Annesgrove road as far as Greenville Cross. On the eastern side of the Railway Station, it included all the bogs on the north and south of the railway line and as far as the top of the hill near Tom Jeffers cottage.

The eastern boundary went south as far as the main road to Middleton and Carrigtwohill. From there the south line ended on the hill above Roche's Garage. Again northwards to include the now Rocklands Estate, The Rock, Pat Horgan's farm, Murnane's farm, Cul Carraige, the Pond field, and the Bawnmore.

After the Cromwellian rebellion in 1641, some of these lands were forfeited including Tibbotstown, Forrestown, Ballinsperry (Joe Fentons) where a member of the Terry family resided. Some years later, Lord Boyle of Cork, whose son married Lord Barrymore's daughter, bought the remainder of Terrysland from Edward Terry as he feared some big gentleman might purchase it and perhaps make trouble for his daughter and son-in-law.

Being an expanded generation the Terrys had land in the Great Island, Rathcormack, Cloyne and Carrigaline, it was later forfeited in 1641. So influential were the Terrys that King James gave a grant of a Ferry from Passage to Carrigaloe to Patrick Terry. The present ferry is on the same site.

In 1615 Lord Boyle paid Eleazus Skiddy for releasing his interest to Patrick Terry (above) in the partible of Tithes in Great Island which he gave to Patrick Terry and his wife for 40 shillings per annum.

When the Earl of Cork, Lord Boyle, bought Terrysland he wrote the following statement:

"I Earl of Cork paid Edmund Terry of Carrigtwohill for all lands, parks, and tenements in the town of Carrigtwohill and surrounding fields, also Barryscourt known as Terrysland the sum of £20 and upon his deed recovery and yield up to me all

his ancient deeds and evidences. I have made a lease of my whole purchase to his brother-in-law Betau Meev Megante for his use for 21 years at £7 sterling per annum. The transaction provided that Lord Boyle would pay the rent for a number of years. In 1629 he still owed £80 sterling and had not received the ancient deeds of the property he purchased.

Lord Boyles will makes interesting reading and whereas to prevent a great and powerful man from coming into the town of Carrigtwohill that might be offensive and prove an unpleasant neighbour to my daughter and son-in-law, the Earl purchased several burgages and burgage lands (e.g. Burgesland) hereditaments from the Newtons and Terrys who were the ancient founders, inheritors and freeholders thereof.

Edmund Terry was a wealthy merchant and a Freeman in the Cork Corporation. His daughter married Dominick Sarsfield of Sarsfields Court, Riverstown. His son William became Bishop of Cork and Cloyne in 1623. He had to leave Cork in 1644 when Catholics were ejected in the Penal Laws. He had taken part in the Confederation of Kilkenny.

The Sarsfields were land speculators and were presumed to live in Greenville for a while. Blessed William Terry was born in Cork in 1609. He received his education for the priesthood on the Continent and on his return became secretary to his uncle Bishop William Terry. Fr. William's first cousin William Sarsfield, Viscount Kilmallock asked him to become his Chaplain and to serve as tutor to his two sons.

During these years a Catholic Rebellion erupted but was suppressed and the Penal Laws enforced. Blessed William was appointed to the parish of Fethard in Co. Tipperary. He was arrested eleven years later and at his trial he acknowledged the power of the government on temporal matters but in spiritual matters wherein my soul is concerned, I acknowledge the Pope of Rome and my own superiors to have greater power over me than yours. He was convicted and hanged in the same year. Pope John Paul II beatified William Terry in 1993.

When Queen Elizabeth died in 1603 the citizens of Cork were divided in proclaiming James I as King. Edmund Terry as Lord Mayor of the City was amongst those who were opposed to the King and was treated as a rebel. Later when Lord Mountjoy the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland came with Oliver Cromwell they arranged for the confiscation of the Terry properties of Cork City and County including the Terry lands Forrestown, Annesgrove, Tibbotstown and Pat Horgans farm in Carrigane. Murnanes farm was also included. The Terrys were allowed only to possess the low lying land as now Paddy Geaneys with the boglands as far as near Ballyadam Bridge.

Later in the 1600's the Terrys recovered a good amount of the properties that were taken from them in the City of Cork. This happened when the former Lord Peers of the early 1600s had died. The extended families settled in parts of the city, in East Cork and in the Great Island of Cobh. Many of them were farmers, others were weavers in Ballincurragh Woolen Mills under John Cogan.

Eddie Dunlea's mother in law whose name was Terry and a

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# Cork Acro Gymnastics Club

Cork Acro has settled into our new premises in Carrigtwohill Industrial Estate.

We spent the summer months painting and decorating the hall. We want to say a huge thank you to all parents and members of our club who gave of their time to help with the cleaning, painting and floor laying.

The club had an open day on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> where we opened the doors to members of the public to come in and have a look around and try some gymnastics skills.

We were delighted with the response and had to add a number of additional classes to our weekly schedule to cater for the demand.

We are especially delighted with our boys only class on Wednesday evenings, the emphasis in this class is on tumbling skills, balance and strength moves.

Our tumble tot class is also a successful new venture for our club, this class caters for 3 to 5 year olds.

Teen Gym caters for teenagers who would like to start gymnastics, the emphasis is on fun and fitness.

Here is a list of our weekly classes:

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4-5pm Junior Girls	5-6pm Boys Only	4-5pm Junior Gym	7- 9pm Senior Gym	11am-11.45 Tumble tots
5-6pm Junior Girls	7-9pm Senior Gym	5.15pm-6.30pm Intermediate gym		11.45-1.15pm Senior tumbling
7-8.30pm Teen Gym				

The senior gymnasts are training up to 4 times per week and are improving their skill level considerably as a result of the new training facility.

We are currently fundraising to purchase a sprung competition floor. This floor will cost €17,900 plus transport so it is a huge undertaking for our club. We have floor matting but as its not sprung we are at a distinct disadvantage when we compete at Regional, National and International events.

When we get our new floor we can invite International teams to Carrigtwohill for training and competitive events.

All proceeds from our displays in November and December will go into our sprung floor fund.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who have supported us in this venture.

Plans for the New Year include a friendly interclub competition in Carrigtwohill in March to include teams from around the country and hopefully some international visitors.

You can keep an eye on our progress on [www.corkacro.com](http://www.corkacro.com) or check us out on facebook.



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local resident in the area was a weaver in Ballincurrag

Records of the Terry families show that a Patrick Terry married a Bridget Geary in Carrigtwohill in 1823.

In 1871 a John Paul Terry was born at 25 Harbour View, Cobh. His brother is recorded as being born in Carrigtwohill. This family were the owners of a shop and bakery.

Mary E. Terry a merchant in Carrigtwohill married William O'Grady. A niece Josephine Terry lived with her. It is presumed William O'Grady took over the shop and bakery business. The above Josephine is referred to in the song The Bobbies of Carrig.

"Johnny at Terrys" he got a great fright  
He was pulled from his bed  
In the middle of the night  
He called up Miss Foe and it was his delight  
To sleep in the sofa for the rest of the night

The above synopsis of the Terrys of Cork history and genealogical settlement links is taken from the book, Terrys of Cork 1600-2000 by Kevin Terry, Coolboy, Cloyne, currently Director of Services and City Engineer with Cork City Council.

John Harte

## Green Cleaning

Instead of using harsh and toxic chemicals to clean your home why not use substances which are cheaper and are kinder to the planet. You will have more money in your pocket and protect the environment at the same time.

Common substances such as vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda (bicarbonate of soda) can be used in place of commercial cleaners.

White vinegar mixed with equal parts warm water makes an excellent window cleaner.

A similar mix can be used for cleaning the fridge.

Use full strength vinegar to polish chrome and stainless steel.

Neat vinegar will remove mould or mildew

Ants hate vinegar – so spray it around doorways etc.

Spray 50/50 mix of vinegar and water to soap scum on shower doors, leave then wipe or rinse off.

Bicarb of soda removes odours from carpets and rugs. Make sure the area is dry and sprinkle generously. Leave for up to an hour then vacuum up.

A paste of 50g of bicarb and 2tbsp water will clean silver.

Rub on the paste and buff dry.

Bicarb is a great deodoriser so can be used on cat litter trays etc.

Neat lemon juice can be used as a degreaser in the kitchen.

Use half a lemon to clean lime scale off a sink or taps.

A small amount of lemon juice can be added to vinegar based cleaning solutions to neutralise the smell of the vinegar.

An equal amount of lemon juice and water added to a spray bottle will create a chemical-free air freshener for your home.



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# Opening of Carrigtwohill Family Resource Centre

The blessing and official opening of the reconstructed Family Resource Centre took place at 3pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Following the blessing of the building by Rev Fr. A. O'Brien P.P. the official opening ceremony was performed by the National President of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Mr Geoff Meagher.

In his opening address Mr Meagher praised the work of the local Conference for their work and initiative in providing such a magnificent building from which the Society could carry out its work.

Following the opening of the centre all were invited to view the building where they received an address from Mr. John Dennehy, President, of the local Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul.

He praised the work of the architect and builder in completing the building in time and acknowledged the financial support which the project had received from the Society at national and regional level, the grant from Cork County Council towards the reconstruction of the building and to SECAD for their contribution towards the costs of equipping it and also to the HSE (South) and Cork County Childcare Committee for their invaluable technical support and advice.

He expressed his sincere thanks to the local community and the many people and volunteers for their support for the many fund-raising events which were organised and successful in raising essential finance for the project.

He paid tribute to the staff of the Centre for their work and efforts in seeing the project coming to fruition.

The Mayor of Cork County, Cllr. Barbara Murray praised the work of the Society and emphasised the importance to Cork County Council of local community enterprise and the vibrant community spirit shown in Carrigtwohill.

The opening concluded with light refreshments.

**Pictures Top:** Rev Fr, Anthony O'Brien: John Dennehy and Fr. Anthony;

Cutting the tape:- David Holden Regional President St. Vincent de Paul, John Dennehy, Geoff Meagher National President St. Vincent de Paul, Mary Carey, Liz O'Mahony, Barbara Murray Mayor of Cork.

Mary Carey, Barbara Murray and Margot Hartnett





# Ahern and Ryan Terrace Residents Association

On 20 March, 2012 the Tidy Towns Committee presented a three year plan at a public meeting held in the Community Centre. This plan included proposals for the setting up of Residents Associations in line with the recommendations of the National Tidy Towns Adjudication Reports over the years.

Officers of the Tidy Towns Committee met with the residents of Ahern and Ryan Terrace in April. This meeting took place by the Grotto in the Terrace to convenience the residents and to allow them the opportunity to talk about their own area within their own environment.

At this meeting it was agreed to set up the Residents Association. A further meeting was held where a Committee was elected and they set about drawing up proposals for improvements to upgrade the estate. In a short time, the wheels were put in motion and work began, slowly at first and then on to bigger projects. Arrangements were made for the collection of funds on a voluntary basis and this provided the finance to start work.

The green at the back of the Terrace was in a very poor condition, with a lot of overgrowth and the grass had been left uncut for quite some time. Approval for the use of the Community Council Lawnmower was given and very soon the green area was cleared, the overgrowth was cut back, the grass was mowed and brought up to a standard of a newly built terrace of houses. In addition the pathways between the houses and the back alleyways which were in very poor condition were cleaned and gravelled making access between the rows of houses much more pleasing.

The wall adjacent to No. 1 Ahern and Ryan Terrace was painted and this gave the whole estate an immediate lift. The kerbsides were repainted in black and amber and the grassed area at each side of the front footpath were edged and trimmed.

The Committee decided that the shrub bed in front of the white wall by the roadside was dangerous and blocked the view of cars leaving the estate.

Proposals were agreed to remove the shrubbery and to erect a small wall outside by the road to improve the external appearance of the estate.

A design for the wall was drawn up and together with photographs of the project were referred to the local area engineer with a request for Council approval.

This approval was provided with a number of clauses regarding traffic management and safety measures to be met.

Work began on the foundation of the wall in September,

2012 as soon as the weather improved and the building of the wall was completed by the end of September. Work is currently underway on facing of the wall with limestone.

The Committee of the Residents Association is indebted to Robbie Sheehan of East Cork Plant Hire for his support and for the use of equipment. In addition, much thanks is due to the Lagan Group for their sponsorship of the materials for the building of the wall. The Association is very grateful in particular to Mr. John Curran, Business Director at the Lagan plant for his recognition of the work being done to upgrade the estate and for his encouragement and support with the supply of materials. Without the support of both Robbie and John, the project would have taken much longer and would have been very expensive. The Committee is confident that the wall and the area inside it will be completed in time for the Tidy Towns Adjudication of 2013.

The Committee is also continuing to maintain a very high standard of grass cutting and upkeep of the estate. External garden walls of houses have been painted, the Grotto continues to be maintained with flowers and painting, flower beds have been planted and in general the residents have bought into the concept of keeping their own estate clean and tidy and are very pleased with the results.

A compost area has been located at the end of green behind the estate and a hedge planted on the perimeter to block the area off from the public eye.

The Tidy Towns Committee continues to support the Residents Association with advice, with materials, with the use of the lawnmower and with help with project work and the Association is very grateful for this.

New Members are always welcome to join the Committee and any ideas about the development of our estate will be welcomed.

We look forward to continuing the good work already achieved and to making our estate one to be proud of and a great place to live.

Teresa Twohig

Chairman, Ahern and Ryan Residents Association  
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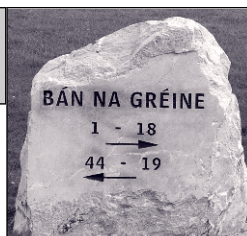
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If you want to keep your own area clear of litter, please contact any member of the Tidy Towns Committee or the Community Centre on 021-4882265 and they will arrange to provide you with bags and arrange pick up.

## Bán na Gréine Estate

As the year is drawing to a close and we look back on our achievement in the work we carried out in our estate Bán na Gréine to improve it's appearance and also in conjunction with Carrigtwohill's Tidy Town plan.



We added a lovely rock name place to our estate to make it easier for people coming into the estate to find the relevant house(s).

We planted flower baskets to the entrance of the estate and also around parts of the estate. We also put up a couple of signs again at the entrance to our estate in relation to "Children at Play, Slow Down" and a dog fouling sign.

The previous year we planted trees, shrubs and this year added flowers around the ESB box to prevent this area becoming a litter black spot. This planting has been a great success.

Thanks to the residents of the estate who paid our estate's annual maintenance fee, as this money goes towards maintaining the two grass areas in the estate and also helps out with other maintenance or improvements we need to do to the estate as the years progress. Also a special thanks to all the residents and children who came out to help in one way or another to keep our estate looking well and fairly litter free.

We hope to make some more improvements next year to our estate to enhance the appearance of the estate even further.

Wishing all the residents in our estate a Happy Christmas and no doubt Santa will be busy visiting all the good boys and girls in our estate.

Our new name place should be even more of a help to him this year!

Bán na Gréine estate wish all the people of Carrigtwohill a Happy Christmas and a Happy 2013, hopefully it will be a kind year to us all.

Breda Hennessy, Bán na Gréine Resident's Association

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