

Youth Café grand opening

THE Castledermot youth cafe are holding their grand opening on Friday 10 February at 7pm in the community centre. All parents and members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available on the night. The youth cafe is open every Friday night from 6pm for 6th class pupils and from 8pm to 9.45pm for secondary school pupils. Anyone wishing to attend, please come along.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir has been accepted again to perform in the Emmanuel concert on Thursday 22 March. This week several students recorded auditions for the concert with their teacher Rosanne Dempsey. Best of luck to all. The choir also performed at the St James Parish carol service, the school carol service and also were recorded by KFM before Christmas accompanied by 6th year Brian Kehoe and were heard on the radio on Thursday 22 December. The choir rehearses every Tuesday from 4pm-5pm.

ICA

The local guild of the ICA will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday 9 February in the Community Centre, commencing at 8pm. New members are welcome.

TIDY TOWNS AGM

Castledermot Tidy Towns are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25 January at the community centre. All are welcome.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner in the lotto held on Tuesday 17 January. Numbers drawn were 5,10,19,27. The winners of €50 were Aidan

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Hickey, Crophill (seller Tom Hickey), Trish Curry, Castledermot (seller Trish Curry), Bernie O'Brien, Castledermot (seller John O'Brien) and Mick Bradley, Barnhill (seller Micky Byrne). Next draw will take place on Tuesday 24 January in the Granite House. Jackpot is €3,600. You can now buy lotto tickets for 52 weeks in advance for a reduced rate of €85. Contact any committee member for more information.

FIGHT NIGHT

There will be a fight night on Friday 16 March. Tickets on sale at the moment. Limited tickets available. Price €20. Contact any committee member for more information.

LOURDES SEPTEMBER 2012

Castledermot Lourdes organisers have organised to travel on 5 September for seven days with two options for those interested. Option 1 Shrines of France: will fly from Dublin to Paris and travel by luxury coach through France to Lourdes and visit the various religious Shrines. On 12 September flight from Lourdes to Dublin. Price €869 pps. Option 2 Lourdes for 7 nights. 5 September depart Dublin to Toulouse, travel by coach to Lourdes. 17 September return flight from Tarbes Airport, Lourdes to Dublin. Price €749 pps. Option 1 will be the priority if 30 persons or more travel, if not the group will travel to Lourdes for the seven nights. To reserve a place deposits must be paid by Friday 17 February. Enquiries to Adrian Lawler 059

91 45174, Kathleen Moran 059 91 44278.

CASTLE VILLA LOTTO

There was no winner of the lotto jackpot of €9,700 and the numbers drawn were 1,5,6,24. There was one match three winner of €200 Dermot Murphy, Kilkea. Next lotto jackpot is €9,900 and the venue is the Castle Inn.

YOUNG AT HEARTS GROUP

Diseart Diarmada Young at Hearts club meet every Monday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm in the community centre. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a chat, a cup of tea and a game of bingo.

JUNIOR INFANT ENROLMENT

Enrolment for junior infants in Scoil Diarmada for 2011/12 is now taking place and enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting the school.

SCOIL NAOMH LORCAIN, LEVITSTOWN

Scoil Naomh Lorcáin, Levitstown are now taking enrolments for September 2012. If you have children or know of children who will be enrolling for September, please collect an enrolment form from the school, download it from www.levitstown.scoilnet.ie

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DUNLAVIN EXTRA NOTES

MEITHEAL

If you have some time to volunteer, Camphill would welcome help in their coffee shop 'Meitheal'. Drop in for lunch or a coffee or treat yourself to a novel from their large book selection or buy a nice piece of homemade baking, preserves, craft work, art or free range eggs. Open Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am - 5pm.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please keep your used postage stamps from your Christmas cards for St Patrick's Missions, Kiltegan who can use them to fundraise. Used stamps can be dropped into the parish office anytime. Thanks to all who have donated stamps over the past number of years.

PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

A photocopying service is available in the Parish Centre, telephone 045401871 for details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

The telephone contact number for the local branch is 0857274194 and the contact number for the Samaritans 1850 609090.

WEBSITE

Check out the Dunlavin and District Forum's website at www.ddf.ie.

BINGO

Bingo takes place in the Imaal Hall every Saturday night at 9pm. The funds raised by the Bingo go towards the upkeep of the Imaal Hall and well worth supporting.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Dunlavin library opening hours are as follows: Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm; Wednesday 3pm - 5pm and 6.30 - 8.30pm; Friday 11am - 1pm and 3pm to 5pm; Saturday 11am - 1pm. The library is closed on the Saturdays of Bank Holiday weekends.

If anyone has a notice for the Dunlavin Notes please email dunlavinnotes@hotmail.com.

Ciorcal Comhrá larscoile i gCeatharlach

Tá an-áthas ar Glór Cheatharlach a fhógairt go reachtálar Ciorcal Comhrá larscoile go speisialta do mhicléinn na hArdeistiméireachta i gCeatharlach an t-earrach seo. Is cinnte go mbíonn cleachtadh breise sa Ghaeilge ag teastáil ó mhicléinn agus díreoidh an ciorcal ar mhicléinn atá ag lorg deiseanna chun Gaeilge a labhairt go neamhfhoirmiúil lasmuigh den seomra ranga mar ullmhúcháin don Bheáltriall Ghaeilge. Gan dabht cuirfidh micléinn fáilte roimh gach deis chun barr feabhais a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge go háirithe i rith na scoilbhliana seo agus méadú mór go daichead fán gcéad de mharcanna an ábhair i scrúdú na hArdeistiméireachta le dul don bheáltriall.

Beidh an Ciorcal Comhrá ar siúl in Ionad Phobail Darach Úir gach Céadaoin ó 4.30 go 5.30i.n. le tosú ar 22 Feabhra agus ag dul ar aghaidh ar feadh sé seachtainí. An táille don tréimhse iomlán ná €15. Ní foláir áiteanna a chur in áirithe agus tabharfar tús áite don chéad fiche iarratas. Beidh fáilte roimh mhicléinn shinsir in iarbhunscoileanna uile an cheantair. Chun clárú is féidir dul i dteagmháil le Glór Cheatharlach, Sráid an Choláiste, Ceatharlach ar eoilas@glorcheatharlach.ie nó glaoch a

Cór an Aifrinn

Cuirfear fáilte roimh amhránaithe agus ceoltóirí don chór a chanann ag an Aifreann as Gaeilge in Ardeaglais na Deastógála, Ceatharlach. Ceiliúrtar an t-aifreann trí Ghaeilge ar an gcéad agus an dara Dé Sathairn de gach mí ag 6.15i.n. Iomáin thraidisiúnta ach go háirithe a cantar. Beidh fáilte roimh dhaoine nua ag an gcéad chleachtadh cóir eile a bheidh ar siúl anocht, an Mháirt 31ú Eanáir ag 8.00i.n. in Ionad Pharóiste na hArdeaglaise. Bí linn agus fáilte.

Gaeilge le Chéile na míosa

Cuirfear fáilte roimh chách ag Gaeilge le Chéile na míosa ar an Déardaoin, 2ú Feabhra ag 9.00i.n. i dteach tábhairne Reddys. Tagann daoine, a bhfuil suim sa Ghaeilge acu, le chéile ar an gcéad Déardaoin de gach mí le linn na bliana chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt go sóisialta. Beidh fáilte go háirithe roimh dhaoine atá chun freastal ar Chúrsaí Ghaelchultúir an earráigh. Cead isteach saor.

Glór Cheatharlach

Naomh Bríd

Cuireann Lá Fhéile Bhríde, a thiteann ar an gcéad lá de Mhí Feabhra, tús le séasúr an earráigh. Rugadh Naomh Bríd lámh le Fochairt i gCo. Lú. Theastaigh ó Dhubhthach, a hathair, go bpósfadh sí ach bhí a haigne déanta suas ag Bríd go gcaithfeadh sí a saol ina bean rialta. Chuaigh sí ag lorg talún ó fheirmeoir i gCill Dara agus dhiúltaigh sé ar dtús ach lean sí ag tathaint air fairsing a clóca a thabhairt di. Sa deireadh ghéill sé agus leathnaigh clóca Bhríde ar an talamh go dtí go raibh

dóthain talún aici chun clochar agus séipéal a thógaint. Thóg sí cill nó séipéal faoi scáth chrann darach agus tugtar Cill Dara ar an áit ó shin.

Is iomaí nós a bhaineann le Lá le Bríde. Déantar Crois Bhríde as luachair agus crochtar í sa teach chun muintir an tí a chosaint ó thine agus ó aon olc i rith na bliana. Deirtear gur cheart an luachair a

bhaint roimh éirí na gréine Lá le Bríde. B'í Bríd féin a rinne an chéad crois. Thug sí cuairt ar thaoiseach a bhí ar leaba a bháis. Fhad is a bhí sí ag caint leis phioc sí suas beart luachra a bhí ar an urlár agus rinne sí crois astu. D'fhiafraigh an taoiseach di cad a bhí á dhéanamh aici agus d'inis Bríd scéal íosa dó. D'éist an taoiseach go cúramach agus dúirt gur theastaigh uaidh go mbaistfí é. Bhaist Bríd é díreach sara bhfuair sé bás. Déantar croiseanna Bhríde go forleathan i scoileanna agus i bparóistí ar fud na tíre agus is minic a díoltar iad ar mhaithe le carthanachtaí sa bhaile agus i gcein.

Tugtar Muire na nGael ar Bhríd agus is naomh phatrún Dheoise Chill Dara agus Leighlinne í.

Gluais:

Lá Fhéile Bhríde
bean rialta
crois Bhríde
fairsing
ghéill sé
dothain
clochar
luachair
crann darach
carthanachtaí

Glossary:

St. Bridget's Day
nun
Bridget's Cross
spacious
he yielded
sufficient
convent
rushes
oak tree
charities

