

Fourth Green Flag for Tullow girls' school

Tullow



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THERE'S great news this week from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, where the girls were successful in their application for their fourth Green Flag. This application was based on the theme 'Travel', the aim of which was to reduce our dependency on car transport and walk where possible or organise a car pool. You may have seen the girls walking to school on Wednesdays, as this was their walking day. The girls and their parents took on this challenge with great vigour, and An Taisce awarded the school its fourth flag in recognition of this hard work. Mrs Doyle and some girls from the Green Schools Committee travelled to Kilkenny on Tuesday 2 March for the awards ceremony. Well done to all the girls.

staff and parents of Scoil Padraig Naofa for their generosity in raising €627.64 for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. This sum will be passed directly on to Sr Helen Ryder, La Sainte Union Nun, working in an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The school's Christmas draw was a great success, raising €6,014.79, and congratulations to the following winners: 1st prize, premiership match tickets, including flights and accommodation, value €1,500, John Byrne, Leaney, Ardattin; 2nd prize, weekend away for two, value €250, Connor Fleming, Tullow Hill; 3rd prize, mountain bike, Padraic Brophy, Ardattin. Scoil Padraig Naofa Parents' Association presented the school with a cheque for €6,000, the proceeds of their recent voucher auction in the Ramada Hotel, Kilerig.

This money will be used to upgrade and improve the IT facilities in the school. The Green Schools Committee encourages anyone who can safely walk or cycle to school to do so everyday, but especially on Wednesdays when they will be counting or graphing all those who walk or cycle. It is hoped that their new covered cycle park will be ready soon. Parents who wish to enrol their children for this coming September are asked to call Maire in the school office on 059 9151625, or call in for an enrolment form. The closing date for enrolments is Monday 12 April. Finally, congratulations to Pamela Dowling, Carlow Ladies' Footballer of the Year 2009.

ICA GUILD MEETING
Tullow Guild ICA will hold its next meeting

on Monday 15 March in Teagasc at 8pm. The guest speaker will be Honoria Gilchrist from Women's Aid, Carlow. Members are asked to please bring an old school book.

JUVENILE GAA
St Patrick's Juvenile Hurling and Football Club will hold a committee meeting tonight, Wednesday 10 March, in Forward Steps Resource Centre at 9pm, and a full attendance is requested. Membership for 2010 is now due and can be obtained at any of the following training sessions: indoor hurling for U6, U7 and U8 on Thursdays at 6pm, football for U6 and U8 on Fridays at 6pm, and U12 football on Fridays at 7pm, all in the community school gym.

ACTIVE RETIRED NEWS
The very efficient and active PRO of our local Active Retired, Martha Tynan, tells us that their March meeting was very

well attended. After the business of the meeting was concluded, the group's line dancing troupe gave a great ho-down demonstration of their skills, carefully nurtured by their tutor Frances Codd. This was followed by a talk on healthy eating and other health-related topics by Ashling Ward. Ashling trained at the Irish Institute for Nutrition and Health in Bray, and she can be contacted at Ward's health, vegetable and fruit store, The Square or phone 087 6140386.

An earlier meeting gave the members many tips on how to be safer in their homes, with an excellent talk by Garda Mick O'Driscoll of Tullow Garda Station (they can be contacted 24 hours a day on 059 9151222). Please note that the trip to Dáil Éireann has been deferred to 27 April, and more details in this column in a later issue. Monday 22 March is the date set for the visit to Croke Park Museum. This trip costs

€15, and those intending to travel are asked to please give their name and fee to Bernie in Forward Steps as soon as possible. Best wishes to all the bowlers taking part this week in the National Bowls Competition in Castlebar. Forward Steps will be closed from 1 to 8 April, so the next committee meeting will be held in that venue on Tuesday 13 April at 1.30pm, followed by a members meeting at 2.30pm. New members are always very welcome.

RADIO SYSTEM REPAIRED
The parish radio system for broadcasting Mass from Tullow Church has now been repaired. Anyone wishing to avail of this service is asked to please call into the parish office or phone 059 9151277.

CHRISM MASS
All choirs and choir members in the parish are invited to come together to celebrate the Chrism Mass which will be held

in Carlow Cathedral on Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm. This special Diocesan occasion will be under the direction of Fr Liam Lawton and organist Marian Gaynor, with a practice rehearsal taking place that evening at 6.30pm.

ST PATRICK'S GFC:
The draws for the 2010 championship were made at a recent county board meeting. In the senior championship, St Patrick's was drawn in a group with Rathvilly, Palatine, O'Hanrahan's, Fenagh and Kiltbride. The Tullow side will open its campaign with a match against Kiltbride. St Pat's will play the Blues in the preliminary round of the junior championship, with the winners meeting Éire Óg in the quarter final. Slaney Rangers will meet O'Hanrahan's in the opening round of the under-21 B championship. The Slaney Rangers minor side will play in the Minor A championship this year and will take on Tinryland

in its first group game. Dates, venues and times of these matches have not yet been fixed but will be published as soon as they are finalised.

COUNTRY MARKET
Tullow country markets now have a supplier of gluten-free and dairy-free products, including a lovely variety of cakes and breads. Many people nowadays have food allergies and sometimes it is difficult to find tasty food in this range, so come along to the parish centre on Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB
Tullow Group of Parishes hope to run a children's holiday club this summer. They need leaders and teenage leaders to help out, and if you are interested or know someone who is please contact Rev. Andrew Orr, The Rectory, Tullow on 059 9151481.

TOUR TO MAYO
There are six places avail-

able on the four day coach tour to Mayo on the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. For bookings or further details, please phone Martin Coady on 086 2661655.

TULLOW PHONE NUMBERS
Schools: Tullow Community School 059 9151473, Monastery Boys 059 9151625, Girls Primary 059 9151875, Grange Primary 059 9163881, Ardattin Primary 059 9155649, St. Columba's 059 9151873; Parish Centre 059 9151277; Priests: Monsignor Brendan Byrne P.P., The Shroughawn 059 9152159, 087 6646616, Fr. Andy Leahy C.C., 2 The Rise 059 9180641, 087 9438270; Garda Station 059 9151497; Tullow Library 059 9151427; Tullow Post Office 059 9151256; Tullow Credit Union 059 9151542; Doctors: Dr. Aidan Kehoe 059 9151101, Dr. John Murray 059 9151492.

Fashion Show for Ballyroebuck NS

Bunclody



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A FASHION show will be held tomorrow Thursday 11 March at 8pm in the Millrace Hotel, Bunclody to raise funds for the recently completed extension at Ballyroebuck National School. The following businesses will be represented in the show: Finesse Boutique, Tresor Shoes, Klassy Dress Hire, Deirdre Minogue, Inspire Shoe Boutique and Ken Rothwell Menswear. Teachers, pupils (First Holy Communion wear), past pupils, and parents will join professional models on the runway. A great night and plenty of fun is guaranteed. Tickets costing €12 are available in Finesse Boutique, Carnew or by contacting the school at 053 9377410. All are welcome.

year's show are in aid of autism. More details over the coming weeks.

BUNCLODY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
Bunclody Adult Learning Centre, Ryland Road, Bunclody is offering the following courses. Basic computers: open to all but particularly those with limited or no previous experience of computers; initial adult literacy; tutor training will be delivered in September and is for those who wish to become an adult literacy volunteer tutor; FETAC level 3 computers: open to all FETAC level 5 childcare: learners must be in receipt of a social welfare payment or have less than leaving certificate; introduction to business & enterprise; learners must be in receipt of a social welfare payment or have less than leaving certificate. The days and times of the course will be determined by the availability of the learners. For further information, contact Mary Ruth or Grace on 053 91 52067 or call into Bunclody Adult Learning Centre on Ryland Road or go to www.cowexfordvec.ie.

SYMPATHY
Sympathy is extended to Brid Waters, Kilbranis, Bunclody on the death of her sister Margaret McGeer, Carlow, who died during the week ad also to Máiread Redmond, Carrigduff, Bunclody on the death of her brother Johnny Roberts, Kildavin, who died at the weekend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
Preparations are well underway for the annual Bunclody St Patrick's Day Parade. Marching groups and floats are asked to gather in the car park of the Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, from 9.15am (access from Barker's Road only). Great celebrations are planned for the day with on street entertainment from 10am. Blessing of Shamrock will take place at the Viewing Stand, Market Square, Bunclody at 11am. The Bunclody St Patrick's Day Parade has been growing every year and the organisers hope that this year will be bigger and better this year. For details, phone Barbara-Anne Murphy at 087 6736966.

MODEL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DRAW
Tickets for the 2010 Model County Development Draw will be on sale from this weekend. Members of Half-Way-House / Bunclody GAA Club will be calling to your door to ask you to support the club by buying a ticket. The top two prizes each month are cars and there are 60 prizes per month to be won. Tickets cost €60 fully paid up or €20 per month for three months. There is a prize draw for fully paid members. Please support your local GAA Club by buying a ticket.

STARS IN THEIR EYES
A great night of entertainment is promised when the 3rd annual Stars in Their Eyes will be held in Caesars Night Club, Bunclody on Friday 16 April. Proceeds of this

LEARN ONLINE AT BUNCLODY LIBRARY
Wexford Library Service and FÁS are collaborating to offer online courses free of charge for those who would like to improve their computer and administrative skills. A range of courses are on offer in Bunclody Library, including ECDL, Microsoft Word and Excel and finance fundamentals. Drop into the library to register or contact Bunclody Library at 053 9375466 for more details. Storytime for under-7s continues in Bunclody Library on Wednesdays at 4pm. Children have fun colouring and listening to popular children's stories and rhymes. The Senior Chess Club meets in the Library on Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. until 9pm. The Junior Chess and Board Games Club meet on Fridays from 3pm for ages eight to 14. All are welcome. English conversation takes place in the library on Tuesdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The Library Service also hosts reading groups for adults and children. Contact library staff for details. All are welcome to these free events. Should you require additional support to enable you to participate fully in any of these events, contact the librarian at 053 9375466.

COFFEE MORNING
There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Special Olympics in Redmond's, Main Street, Bunclody on this Saturday morning, 11 March, from 10am to 12 noon. Your support will be very much appreciated.

KILMYSHALL NATIONAL SCHOOL
The first week of March was a very busy week for Kilmyshall NS as on Monday 1 March Dr Betsy Hickey from the Heritage Council of Ireland came

to the school and planted Holly, Aspen and Hazel trees with the Infants in the Woodland section of the Sensory Garden which is just coming to life after its winter sleep with the crocus bulbs making a colourful appearance. The trees were given by Wexford Co Council to mark National Tree Week which had as its theme 'Twenty Ten – Plant Again!' The aim of the National Tree Week is to promote an awareness about trees and their care. The Infants in Kilmyshall National School will now be able to enjoy watching their trees grow for the eight years they are in the school. On Wednesday 3 March, the boys participated in the boys' football section of the Mini Sevens where, despite not getting through to the second round, Jordan Hall was 'Man of the Day' stopping some real bullets! On Thursday 4 March, it was the girls' turn as they outshone Coolgreaney, Caim and Courtmacduddy to qualify for the next round. Boys' Panel: Jordan Hall, Darren Murphy, Diarmuid Crean, Brendan Roberts Dylan Kavanagh, Bobby McKeown, Laurence Dunne, Jamie Dunne, Adam Sadler, James Sheridan. Girls' Panel: Edel Crean, Máiread Dunne, Michaela Maloney, Rebecca Murphy, Ava Slye, Roisin Kelly, Shannon Plunkett, Emily Parr, Shannon Redmond, Ciara Kelly. Enrolment of pupils for the 2010-2011 school year is currently taking place in Kilmyshall NS. Enrolment forms, available from the school, should be returned as soon as possible. Children starting school must be four years of age by the date the school opens after the summer recess.

BUNCLODY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Gerry Daly will give a talk on Monday 22 March at 8pm in The Sunday School. Admission for non-members is €10. The full list of spring and summer activities will be circulated to members before end of March.

BUNCLODY/KILMYSHALL DRAMA
Bunclody/Kilmyshall Drama Group is presenting Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller as their entry on this year's amateur drama circuit. Tommy Murphy is the director of this production. More information on Bunclody/Kilmyshall Drama Group can be found on their website: www.bunclodydrama.com They continue on the festival circuit appearing in Mountmellick Friday 12 March; Carnew, Tuesday 16 March; and Shercock, Co Cavan on Friday 19 March.

WHIST
Whist continues every Monday night in St Aidan's Hall, Irish St, Bunclody. First deal at 8.30pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE
The annual pilgrimage to Medjugorje departs on Easter Sunday 4 April for seven nights. The cost is €665, fully inclusive. A deposit of €80 now secures your seat. Contact Ann Murphy on 087 2254206.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NS
Parents wishing to enrol pupils in the school for September 2010 should contact the school secretary, Helen, for an enrolment form at (053) 9377380.

Bryan O'Hara, Matthew Byrne, Declan Byrne, John Byrne, Shane Kehoe. Subs used: CJ Meyler and Liam Kelly Half-Way-House/ Bunclody's third team had an impressive win in the first game of the 2010 league which they won on a score line of 1-9 to 0-6 points. There was a good balance to the team with a mixture of youth and some experienced players. Team: J Carton, J Jackman, T Kavanagh, A Doyle, P Atkinson, C Atkinson, J Kane, N Guinan, C Roberts, B Foley. JP Connors, B Memagh, R Byrne, M Connors, J Connors. Subs: C Kelly, O Dunbar, F Reck, M Berry, J Doyle, M Connors and D Finn. The club's minors had a practice match against a very strong Rathvilly on Thursday and despite missing a few players they gave a good account of themselves. Their first match in the championship is next Sunday versus Maudlintown at home. All support would be welcome. Plans are underway to make a book of the history of the GAA in the parish and we are requesting people who have photographs and newspaper cuttings to forward them to Liam Kelly Junior or call email him on liamkelly23@gmail.com or contact him on 087 7704045 and he will collect them from you.

ENROLMENT now taking place for September 2010. A few places are still available for the ECCE scheme (free year). Spaces are limited. If you wish to enrol your child, you should contact Mary (087 9079657) or drop into the school any day between 9.30am and 1pm for enrolment form. The school is just approximately two minutes away from Talbotstown National School.

RECEIVED CONFIRMATION
For the first time ever, the

Liz back for South African building blitz

Ballyconnell/Coolkenno

LIZ BUTLER will be travelling back to South Africa in November with the Niall Mellon Trust to take part in their building project. Last year, she made the journey for the first time and although the work was time consuming and heavy going she found it very fulfilling. Over her week on the building blitz, she made many new friends and experienced a very different way of life from growing up on a farm or her regular job. She is very much looking forward to returning for a second year on the project during

which they hope to move several families from tin shacks and temporary wooden accommodation into proper purpose-built brick homes. In order to fund her trip, she is holding a race night in the Tara Arms in Tullow on Friday 26 March at 8.30pm.

BALLYCONNELL ICA
Congratulations to Mary Hutton from Killinure, a member of Ballyconnell ICA guild. Mary was one of the prize winners in the national inter-federation craft competition in beaded jewellery. Mary's

necklace was on display at the spring conference in Tralee, Co Kerry. Ballyconnell ICA had nine entries in the contest altogether. The beading classes continue every Monday night in the hall in Ballyconnell at 8pm, with tutor Mary Timmins. Next meeting is Monday 15 March at 8pm.

WELL DONE TO DAVID
Well done to David Lofts, who survived two rounds of the All-Ireland Talent Show. Unfortunately, he was voted out on Sunday 7 March and won't be

appearing in the finals, but he has proven he's a brilliant talent and is a great singer who will have a great career. Good luck in the future, David.

CREDIT UNION
Tullow CREDIT UNION will be closed today, Wednesday 10 March, for computer updating. It will be open the rest of the week as usual.

WHIST DRIVE
Whist drive in Ballyconnell Hall on Saturday 13 March at 8pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Stations of the Cross every Sunday afternoon during Lent at 3pm in Ballyconnell Church car park.

PASSION PLAY
Una Meehan is seeking teenagers and young adults to take part in a Passion Play over Easter. For details, contact her on 087 2639106.

BINGO
Bingo every Sunday night in Ballyconnell Hall at 8pm. The jackpot is now worth €1,000; prize for check on number 13, €40, and for Mother's there will be a special gift for all mothers in attendance.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
Adoration every Monday in Kilquigan from 10am to 6pm and in Ballyconnell, every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

Tinkerbell Community Playschool

Kiltegan



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following children received their Confirmation at the Church of the Assumption, Tynock school: Jamie, Kayleigh, Donna, Niamh, Meadhb, Kevin and Donal.

day between 9.30am and 1pm for enrolment form. The school is just approximately two minutes away from Talbotstown National School.

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MINISTRIES TRAINING
Cantor training, choir training in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Thursday 18 March and 8 April, commencing at 7.30pm. More details available from Julie Kavanagh on 059 9164084.

TROCAIRE BOXES
These are now available at the back of the churches.

RATHCOYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL WINNERS
Congrats to the Rathcoyle School, who won the annual Cumann na mBunscoil for the fourth year in a row. It was held in the Bracknagh Centre in Laragh. The team was Shane O'Toole (captain), Padraig O'Toole, Padraig Byrne, Bryan Keamey and Darragh Byrne. They were accompanied by their teacher Triona Byrne.



Mí an Mhárta & Féile na Lusanna

Le Mí an Mhárta faoi lán seoil anois tá séasúr an earragha againn ar deireadh, bhfuil go hoifigiúil ar aon nós! "Má thagann an Márta ar nós an leoin, imeoidh sé ar nós an uain. Agus má thagann an Márta ar nós an uain, imeoidh sé ar nós an leoin." Is é is brí leis seo ná, má bhíonn tosach an Mhárta ciúin beidh deireadh na míosa gaofar cruaidh ach má bhíonn tosach na míosa gaofar fáin, imeoidh an Márta go ciúin séimh síochánta. Sea, mí an Mhárta an tríú mí den bhliain agus is iontach an rud é go bhfuil na laethanta ag

dul i bhfad agus gliondar ar gach éinne go bhfuil an geimhreadh thart agus laethanta gach an tsamhradh romhainn amach. Cuirfeadh an clog ar aghaidh uair an chloig ag deireadh na míosa agus is céim mhór eile é an t-am nua nó am an tsamhradh. Ar an 21 Márta bíonn an lá agus oíche ar chomhfháid. Deirtear nach maith an rud é beach a fheiceáil i mí Márta mar is droch-chomhartha aimsire an gheach Márta. Bíonn na bhcaithe agus imeacht fáin sa Mhárta ach is cosúil go mbíonn síciní a saoltaítear a rith na míosa an-shláin-

tíúil ar fad. Tagann fás iontach ar bhliáthanna an earragha agus is iontach an radharc iad páircéanna agus gairdíní lán de lusanna an chromchinn ag luascadh sa gaoith. Tá Seachtain Lusanna an Chromchinn ar siúl faoi láthair i nGairdíní Céadfaíoch Delta i mBaile Cheatharlach agus leanfaí leis an bhféile álainn seo go dtí Dé Domhnaigh, 14 Márta. Tugann féile seo na lusanna deis dóibh siúd go bhfuil suim acu sa ghraoideoireacht bailiúcháin de bheagnach 10,000 de na lusanna buí de gach aon sórt a fheiceáil ag fás ins

na gairdíní. Osclaíodh Gairdíní Céadfaíoch Delta go hoifigiúil sa bhliain 2007 agus 'séard at iontu ná ceithre ghairdín déag nasctha lena chéile le triphictiúil foirmiúil agus neamhfoirmiúil araon. Ceiliúránn gach gairdín san ionad na heilimintí nádúrtha mar shampla uisce, cloch, plandaí agus duilí. Tá scairdeáin uisce ag slaparnach, plandaí cumhara neamhghnáth, toim agus toir galore chomh maith le plandaí agus an lán lán eile nach iad ann. Is fiú go mór cuairt a thabhairt ar Gairdíní Delta am ar bith ach go

háirithe i rith Féile na Lusanna. Tuilleadh eolais ar www.deltacentre.org 059 9143527 nó ar www.carlowtourism.com 059 9130411.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2010 faoi lán seoil i gCeatharlach

Tá féile Sheachtain na Gaeilge faoi lán seoil anois i gCeatharlach. Seoladh Clár na Seachtaine go hoifigiúil oíche Déardaoin seo caite ag dhá imeacht speisialta. Bhailigh grúpa le chéile don tríú seisiún den Chlub Cultúrtha nua trí Ghaeilge i Leabharlann Cheatharlach chun an clár a sheoladh. Ina dhiaidh sin tháinig slua breá le chéile i dteach tábhairne Reddys' do Gaeilge le Chéile, an oíche shóisialta míosúil trí Ghaeilge. Bhí gach duine a bhí i láthair ar bis faoin gclár agus faoi imeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge a leanfaidh ar aghaidh go Lá le Pádraig. I measc na n-imeachtaí idir an 8-17ú Márta beidh drámaíocht, ceol trádúil, rince céilí, maidin caife dhéitheangach, ceolcho-

irm le Dordán agus Mórshúil na Féile Pádraig. Tá gach eolas agus an clár iomlán ar fáil ar www.glorcheatharlach.ie Bainigí taitneamh as an gceiliúradh agus bain úsáid as gach deis chun Gaeilge a labhairt i rith na féile! Quizboird Sheachtain na Gaeilge Beidh Quizboird Sheachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl oíche amárach (an Déardaoin) i gClubtheach Éire Óg. Is trí Ghaeilge ach le cabhair aistriúcháin nuair a bhíonn gá leis a cuirfeadh an imeacht i láthair agus beidh ceisteanna ar chúrsaí reatha, spórt, teilifís, scannáin, ceol, stair agus tíreolas. Chomh maith leis sin beidh gluais ar fáil do na páistí chun cabhrú leo aon fhocal casta a thuiscint. Tá an quiz oscailte do pháistí

bunscoile ó rang 4 go 6 le ceathrar ar gach fóireann. Má tá do scoil ag iarraidh clárú fós is féidir gluaoch a chur ar Emma ar (085) 1340047 nó (059) 9158105 chomh luath agus is féidir.

THE LEGEND OF LOWRY LYNCH
Beidh seo puipéid an-speisialta ag teacht go Ceatharlach i rith Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus is seó é a bhainfidh an chlann go léir idir óg agus aosta taitneamh mór as. Tharla rud ait ar an lá a deineadh Rí de Lowry Lynch. Chun an rún uafásach faoin chlúasa móra a choimeád, díoltaíonn Lowry a chuid graige a ghearradh seachas uair amháin sa bhliain. Ach gach bliain bíonn praghas mór le n-íoc ag an mbearbóir ríoga nuair a thagann

sé ar rún an rí. Éalálann na bearbóir go léir ón tír, seachas ceann amháin, buachaill óg darbh ainm Séamus. Is scéal é seo faoi chairdeas, difríochtaí, bualaíocht agus graig ón grúpa Your Mans Puppets agus baintíoch gach aoisghrúpa spraoi agus suil as an seó iontach seo. Tá ticéad ar fáil anois ar costas €8.50 an Amharclann George Bernard Shaw ar (059) 9172400

