

# MOYCULLEN/OUGHTERARD

## Alzheimer woman to tell her story

The first person in Ireland to speak publicly about her early onset Alzheimer diagnosis will be in Oughterard this Friday to tell her story and speak to people who have any queries or worries.

The event will take place from 10.30am at the Connemara Lake Hotel, and - in addition to hosting Helen Rochford Brennan - the organisers are hoping to have some information on various research projects that maybe of interest and also an expert to offer advice on legal affairs.

The Connemara Lake Hotel is sponsoring the coffee morning and we look forward to welcoming all and hopefully easing some fears and answering some questions for individuals who maybe worried, have just received a diagnosis or are living for some time with a diagnosis - and families, carers, maybe residential care home staff may like to drop by.

This is also a fundraiser for the Living with Dementia conference which takes place on May 28 in Glenlo Abbey with people from UK and Alzheimer Europe coming to share their experiences.

For more information, see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-with-dementia-in-rural-ireland-tickets-44751322410?aff=eac2>

## Mesolithic talk

Oughterard Courthouse was packed last Friday to listen to Bill Daly giving an interesting and entertaining presentation on the first people to settle in Oughterard, almost 7,000 years ago.

Evidence of this Mesolithic, or Middle Stone Age, settlement is provided by small stone tools which were found at River Island, where the Owenriff meets Lough Corrib.

Physical reconstructions of a Mesolithic house, tools, weapons and artefacts were also on display at the presentation, and much of the audience enjoyed taking hands-on advantage of this. What a wonderful celebration of our first residents, proving once again that we all came from somewhere else!

Bill Daly plans to continue developing this project, including involvement of local schools in a Mesolithic Village, and a further presentation at the Courthouse in September.

## Showtime

Arrangements are in place by the Aisteoirí an Bhaile group to bring shows of music, song and dance to two nursing homes in Moycullen.

The shows will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 20 - at Teaghlach Uilinn from 2pm to 3pm, followed by a similar performance at Áras Banaltrais Mhaigh Cuilinn in Baile na hAille. It is hoped that the residents and staff will get much enjoyment and benefit from the live performances.

## Heritage Collection

The very active members and committee of Maigh Cuilinn Sonas Senior Citizens group are getting involved in a very special project relating to gastronomy and heritage.

In 2018, in Galway, West of Ireland will share the honour of Region of Gastronomy with North Brabant in the Netherlands.

Both regions will use the award year to work collaboratively on a number of projects and also work with the other regions in the



His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, commissioned 62 students as extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and 3 students as Ministers of the Word, at a ceremony in the College Chapel on Monday, 30th April. Melissa Keady, Moycullen is pictured above with Archbishop Jude receiving her parchment.

European Region of Gastronomy platform.

The plan is to collect material in the Moycullen area from more senior citizens - and this will then be available to future generations.

The project was launched at a Sonas get-together in Áras Uilinn when Claire Doyle of Galway County Council Heritage section gave much information on what is involved.

Many Sonas members will submit material on recipes, folklore, cures, the coming of electricity, details on fairs, local business concerns and photographs amongst much more.

The members will consider those areas over the coming few weeks and material will be brought back to Sonas by Friday, May 25. An exhibition of the material will then take place.

## School Reunion

The Leamhchoill School Reunion committee are sifting through a number of ideas to commemorate the opening of the new school in 1958 and its closure for the final time twenty years later.

Committee members will seek out photographs and memorabilia, as well as school memories over the coming weeks. Such material can be forwarded to Mary Anne Feeney in the Moycullen Community Office.

The committee also plan to connect with former pupils who are resident in many parts of the world and to gain material for an historical booklet. A special reunion function is planned for later in the year, as well as a series of talks. More definite arrangements will be put in place at the next meeting.

## Regret

Most sincere sympathy was expressed in Beárna - Moycullen areas with the extended Curran family on the untimely death following a recent illness of Claire Curran of Fureymelia West in Beárna. She is survived by her husband Bert, son, daughters, father, brothers, relatives and friends, as well as many family connections around Moycullen.

Large numbers assembled for the Reposing of Remains at An Cillín in Beárna and the burial ceremonies which took place to Réalt na Mara Cemetery in Furbo following the celebration of Requiem Mass on Sunday afternoon.

## Féasta Sráide

Many plans are in place by a local committee for a Féasta Sráide event at Maigh Cuilinn village on Sunday, June 10.

It is hoped that the programme of interesting events can be staged in the vicinity of the

Coachhouse, which is a very historic building in the area.

In the past, a sports day which was held nearby and the Parish Aeríocht drew big crowds in mid-Summer and the organisers hope that the Féasta Sráide in association with 2018 Bliain na Gaeilge will have extensive support from many groups.

## Draw

For the first time in a County Senior championship campaign, the Maigh Cuilinn hurlers have secured two draws.

Having registered a 2-14 each draw with Abbeyknockmoy at Stáid an Phiarsaigh, Salthill in the opening round, they returned to the same venue and had another draw (1-15 to 2-12) against Ardrahan, despite being ten points adrift at one stage in the second half.

When the championship resumes later in the year, Maigh Cuilinn will have big games against Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry, Athenry and Padraic Pearses in a very competitive group.

## Confirmation

Confirmation ceremonies for Rosscahill-Killannin areas took place at Killannin church on Tuesday with a big congregation from the general area. First Holy Communion ceremonies will take place in Killannin church on Saturday, May 26, at 11.30am. Confirmation for Moycullen schools will take place on Friday, May 25, at 11am and 3.30pm.

## Trip to Inishbofin

The Moycullen Activities and Social group are ready for the eagerly awaited stay in Inishbofin at the end of May.

The members had an enjoyable four day tour in Armagh and a big number is expected to visit Inishbofin. The group convenes in Áras Uilinn on Monday mornings for a range of events, talks and yoga.

## Encouraging

With two good victories in recent County Minor B championship fixtures, the Maigh Cuilinn hurling side is developing well for further games in the competition. The Maigh Cuilinn side had a 2-13 to 1-7 victory over Padraig Pearses in Ballymacward and they followed this with a 1-18 to 2-12 success against Ardrahan at Páirc Mhaigh Cuilinn in Baile Dóite.

## Bingo

Maigh Cuilinn Community Bingo continues at Áras Uilinn on each Thursday evening at 8pm.

## Cluiche Mór

Táthar ag súil go mbeidh drong maith daoine as Comharsanacht Maigh Cuilinn ag díriú a N-áird ar Pháirc an Mháimín i Leitir Móir ag an deireadh seachtaine do Chomórtas Áitiúil Peile na Gaeltachta.

Beidh peileadóirí Mhaigh Cuilinn leis an Spidéal agus tá foireann láidir ag an Spidéal.

Má bhíonn go leor peileadóirí ar fáil do Mhaigh Cuilinn ba chóir go mbeadh dianchoimhlint i gceist ach ní bheidh aoin fháil orthu-siúd atá ar phainéal na Gaillimhe. Beidh an Comórtas Náisiúnta ó thuaidh ins na dúnaibh i dTír chonaill faoi chincís.

## Exhibition Continues

The fine exhibition of Mountmellick Embroidery by Rosscahill ICA Guild members is continuing at An Cillín in Maigh Cuilinn village.