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- TIDY TOWNS REPORT



EDITORIAL

“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour,  
summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all”  
(Stanley Horowitz)

“Summertime and the living is easy”. Yes, this summer was easy after the wet winter and spring. Best summer since 1976 but it came at a price. It showed the need to conserve water even after all the early rain we had. The general public were happy but understandably, the farmers were not. Not enough water when it was needed. Animals had to be fed winter fodder so this winter will show a great shortage. A second cut of hay or silage is not possible in many parts of the country.

Now that autumn leaves are starting to fall, it is the start of a new school year for children and adults. Time to book new courses, learn something different. Do that something you always wanted to. So good luck and success to everyone! There are also lots of charities and community organizations that need help – new blood to keep them going, to give back to the community, that which has been given to us.

So many things are happening in our community, it is only fitting that we pass on the information to others, whether it be our neighbours or family and friends abroad. We often have to go away to appreciate what we have at home and it is up to us to safeguard this for future generations like our ancestors did for us. We invite you to send in articles, photos, stories and items that may be of interest to our readership to corribnews@gmail.com. We are looking for news from all around the Corrib and, as you can see from our Table of Contents, we have a wide variety of topics covered in this issue. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

Jack McCann  
on behalf of the Corrib News Team

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“Quiet Man Bridge” was taken by Jess Walsh, one quiet evening in late summer.

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What's On ...?

OCTOBER

**25th:** Oughterard Film Group “The Passion of Joan of Arc”, Power’s Thatch Restaurant (upstairs), 7:15pm  
**26th October - 4th November:** John Corbett Art Exhibition, Oughterard Courthouse

NOVEMBER

**22nd:** Oughterard Film Group “Like Father, Like Son”, Power’s Thatch Restaurant (upstairs), 7:15pm

DECEMBER

**16th:** ConTempo Christmas Concert, Oughterard Courthouse, 8pm  
**17th:** Community Carols in Kilcummin Church, 8pm

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Judging the sheep's bums! Photo by: Fran Taylor

26TH AUGUST, 2018:

## 55TH OUGHTERARD AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The days leading up to show day were somewhat manic as preparation is key to ensure everyone has a safe, enjoyable day. The volunteers who give up their evenings and Saturday truly have to be commended, without their assistance it would be an impossible task and the Committee and its members are extremely grateful to these people who gave up their time.

Show day arrived, everything hopefully in place! The core events, for which the show is renowned, were a great success: the Powers Quarry Cup and the Western Region Championship, and the Pony, sheep and cattle sections were all of high standard as well as the very popular Dog categories. Domestic Arts and Crafts in the community Hall were as always a great hit, even mouth watering!!

The good weather helped the community to meet, mingle and greet one another which is part of what the show is also about.

The return of the Ladies Best Dressed, Bonny Baby, Little Miss and Master Oughterard were well received. A huge thank you to Damelza Gibbons, in charge of this mammoth task which was executed flawlessly.



At the Oughterard show on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of August, the Power's quarry 34<sup>th</sup> ridden registered Connemara performance pony championship was won by Alicia Devlin Byrne on Blackwood Fernando. The reserve champion was Dean McGrath.

Photo Presenting the Power's quarry cup is P J Burke with judges, Ciara Durham and George O'Malley. Photo by: Tom Broderick

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Stephen Kinneavey, with George, won the Noel Costello perpetual shield in the rough collie border collie class. Photo by: Tom Broderick



Domestic art section. Photo by: Donal Kelly



The pedigree champion in the cattle section was won by Liam Nugent from Claddaghduff. Photo by: Tom Broderick



Demelza Gibbon and her team. Photo by: Myoptix Photography



Daniel & Eoghan O'Connor with their dad earned a red rosette with their butcher's lamb over 45 kg. Photo by: Tom Broderick

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Catherine and David Quinn with Gizmo won 1st prize in the toy dog class.



Joe Dodd with Snowey, winner of the mixed breed dog class.



The Oughterard show, August 2018.



The reserve pedigree champion (a bull calf) is owned by Willie Flynn from Newbridge.



The commercial champion in the cattle section was won by Mary Fitzgerald from Clonboo.



The supreme championship in the sheep section in the Oughterard show on Sunday was won by Thomas and Stephen King from Roundstone. The reserve champion was won by Adam and Dylan Killeen from Claremorris.

Photo L to R, Dylan and Adam Killeen, Stephen King, Pat Deane (judge), Thomas King, and Ciara Murray presenting the Rosette & Thomas Welby perpetual challenge trophy.

All photos in this page by: Tom Broderick

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Domestic art section. Photo by: Donal Kelly



Photo by: Rynes Walker



Fell asleep in his food bucket after the exertions of the show! Photo by: Fran Taylor

The committee and its members would like to thank all the Sponsors for their generous contributions as well as the local community who supported fund raising events throughout the year. We welcome new ideas for next year so if you think something is worth pursuing, let us know by dropping a note into the Show post box or indeed, to one of the Committee members.

Just a reminder that tickets are still available as regards our "Bumper Hamper" – your support is gratefully received.

Thank you all – look forward to seeing you all in 2019 and hope you enjoy some of the photo reminders of the day.

Great idea for a birthday or Christmas present

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## EVAN WELBY WINS AT THE NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Written by Mairéad Welby*

Local swimmer, Evan Welby, won Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals at the National Swimming Championships in July. He competed in Backstroke, Freestyle & Relay. It was so exciting. He now has 8 All-Ireland Medals to his name. This definitely is not a sport for the faint hearted. Swimming gives you great all-round fitness and is a fantastic discipline.

Evan's relay team (pictured) includes Ryan Horner, Billy Clarke & Niall Joyce; they are all members of Shark Swimming Club, training 6 days a week in the pool, in addition to 2 gym sessions. Three of these sessions are at 6 am before school. They attend long course training once a month in the 50 metre pool at the University of Limerick. Coming up to National Finals they train twice a day for several weeks.



*Aoife with the Cup*



*Nuala Walsh*

## AOIFE WALSH WINS AN ALL-IRELAND

Aoife Walsh (granddaughter of Nuala Walsh from Bealnalappa, Oughterard) recently upheld the great sporting tradition of the Walsh family, being a member of the Dublin junior camogie team that beat Kerry to win the All Ireland on Sunday 9th Sept in Croke Park.

Nuala herself was an active sportswoman all her life. She won an All Ireland medal for Springboard Diving. She played hockey at home and abroad. In later years she enjoyed tennis, badminton and golf. Eamon, her son, is also a great sportsman. He won boxing titles at home and abroad, he was an all rounder athlete and won several awards. He is still playing Gaelic football at club level.



*Aoife in action at the All-Ireland*

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# THE COURTHOUSE UPDATE

*Written by Leslie Lyons*

## ART EXHIBITIONS

Over the course of the summer we have had five fantastic art exhibitions organised by Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme; these exhibitions are described elsewhere in this magazine. Openings were well attended and all were greatly impressed by the wonderful facility which we have for such events as well as the overall ambience of the space and the natural lighting from the tall windows. Congratulations to all of the artists who participated and to those who helped with organising these five events.

## ACOUSTIC PANELS INSTALLATION

According to an acoustic test carried out in June the panels which have been fitted to the walls have reduced reverberation levels from 4.6 to 2.2 which has resulted in a marked improvement in that area. The addition of a few more panels may bring even further improvement but we are reminded that the nature of acoustics is such that, when a certain level of improvement is achieved, the installation of an equal number of additional panels does not cause improvement at the same rate.

## NEW FACILITY

In ensuring that the Courthouse can be a good multi-functional facility for a variety of activities one of our aims has been to make provision for the showing of films. With this in mind we have now installed a new roll-up screen and sound system which will not only provide for film shows but will also cater for illustrated talks, seminars and lectures of the kind which have been held on a regular basis over the past four years.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are pleased to say that the Study Centre resumed in September and that Amelia Joyce's Book launched very successfully on Saturday 8th September. An art exhibition by John Corbett which is also scheduled to run from 26th October to 4th November.

At the time of writing Galway Music Residency have confirmed a Christmas Concert in the Courthouse with ConTempo String Quartet which will take place at 8p.m. on Sunday 16th December. ConTempo have played here on a number of occasions and, of course, it was they who, with members of Bel Canto, performed at our very first function held on 8th of December 2014.

## CORRIB NEWS FEEDBACK

Comment on the last bumper edition of Corrib News has been most positive and we are most grateful to Mimi at Myoptix Photography for her work on lay-out and design. To use a phrase from a familiar source "She is doing a fantastic job!"



*Early morning maintenance.*

# OUGHTERARD TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Towns results for 2018 are due shortly. We will hold our A.G.M. in October/November when we will elect a new committee. We need new members with fresh ideas for the forthcoming year, so we appeal to the residents and clubs in Oughterard for their support. At the moment we are finishing the information lecterns concerning the natural environment and local history. The polytunnel will help us recycle and propagate our plants. Anyone interested can support us. The water butts will aid conservation and use of a precious natural resource. I would like to thank everyone who supported us with their tireless work and commitment. Litter control is the most labour intensive and time consuming of all our efforts so we ask that everyone refrain from discarding paper, cardboard, bottles, cigarette butts, and anything else on the ground willy-nilly. The streetscape is the first thing visitors notice in our town. Thank you.



*Tidy Towns volunteers taking time out from a paint job to entertain a visitor in the heat of the summer.*



*Summer hanging baskets over the river.*



*Summer hanging baskets on Camp Street.*







SEACHANGE exhibition.

## OCAAP'S SUCCESSFUL SUMMER ARTS PROGRAMME!

OCAAP (Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme) is a voluntary group which was formed to run a programme of Visual Art Exhibitions during the Summer months in Oughterard Courthouse with support from both Oughterard Courthouse Conservation & Heritage Company and Galway County Council. This summer, OCAAP presented 5 exhibitions, each featuring a diverse range of Disciplines and Artists, which ran from the 30th of June to the 2nd of September.

**CONNECTIONS** featured the work of uachtarARTS members Celeste Auge, Renske Boef, Sue Bott, Gil Cusack, Barbara Dunne, Colette NicAodha, Geraldine Farrell, Kathleen Hinde, Susanne Keane, Grainne MacManus, Patricia McQuinn, Phillippa Maguire, Maureen Mooney, Catherine O'Leachain, Adrienne Parsons, Nicky Taylor and Jess Walsh. The Exhibition ran from the 30th of June to the 10th of July.

Our second show was **RESONANCE**, a group show featuring the work of Landscape Artists, Bernie Dignam, Don Soules, Dymphna Heanue, Laura Vecchi Ford and Yvonne King. This Exhibition ran from the 13th to the 22nd of July.

Our next show was also a group show. **ELEMENTS** featured the work of Artists Audrey Murray, Catherine Patrickson, Stephanie McLaughlin and Tamaru Hunt-Joshi. **ELEMENTS** ran from the 27th of July to the 5th of August.

Our fourth show was **SEACHANGE** a Solo exhibition by Artist Susanne Keane. SEACHANGE ran from the 10th to the 19th of August.

Our final show of the Summer Arts Programme was **SUSPENSION**, presenting the work of Installation Artist, Tim Kelly, and Brenda Flannery's drawings. SUSPENSION ran from the 24th of August to the 2nd of September.



**ELEMENTS:** Audrey Murray, Stephanie McLaughlin, Tamaru Hunt-Joshi, Catherine Patrickson and Nollaig McGuinness.

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Some photographs from **CONNECTION** exhibition.



**RESONANCE:** Laura De Monne, Gil Cusack, Phillippa Maguire, Bernie Dignam, Yvonne King, Maureen Mooney, Don Soules, Jess Walsh, Susanne Keane, Laura Vecchi Ford, Cormac O'Neill, Sharon O'Grady, Renske Boef, Rynes Walker.



**SUSPENSION** exhibition.



**SEA CHANGE:** Katherine West and Susanne Keane



**SEACHANGE** exhibition.

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**CONNECTIONS:** Barbara Dunne, Nicky Taylor, Renske Boef, Susanne Keane, Phillippa Maguire, Sue Bott, James C. Harold, Adrienne Parsons, Kathleen Hinde, Colette NicAodha, Gil Cusack, Grainne MacManus, Kathleen Furey, Maureen Mooney, Jess Walsh.



**SUSPENSION** exhibition.



**SUSPENSION:** Brenda Flannery, Tim Kelly and Dr Gavin Murphy



**CONNECTION** exhibition.

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We would like to thank all the Artists, guest speakers, the board and staff of Oughterard Courthouse, and all the OCAP volunteers who came together to make the Summer Arts Programme 2018 so successful. We were delighted that the community of Oughterard and numerous visitors had the opportunity to engage with these wonderful shows in the historic surroundings of this beautiful building, and we thank all who attended the openings and gave us such positive feedback during the shows. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

For more information or if you wish to be involved in our summer programme for 2019 contact [oughterardcap@gmail.com](mailto:oughterardcap@gmail.com) or follow us on [www.facebook.com/OughterardCourthouseArtsProgramme](http://www.facebook.com/OughterardCourthouseArtsProgramme).



## uachtarARTS

Following a highly-successful summer exhibition in the Courthouse, uachtarARTS have resumed their Tuesday Meet-ups at the Oughterard Courthouse from 10.30am to 12.30pm each week. Members exchange skills and ideas and spend time in a creative environment. This Autumn the group will focus on printmaking and will experiment with the new Polymetal Etching Press purchased recently with funding received under the Galway County Council Community Support Scheme. There will be master classes and drop-in skill sharing sessions to introduce

artists to various safe-printmaking processes such as drypoint, chine collé, collograph and monotype.

Drypoint is a method of intaglio printmaking in which the artist scratches directly on the plate with a sharp instrument such as an etching/drypoint needle. The technique differs from etching in that it is entirely manual and does not involve the use of acid to cut the plate. The prints can be enhanced with the addition of coloured papers (chine collé) and water-colour and other mediums may be added after printing.

Watch out for upcoming uachtarARTS events by liking us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/uachtarARTS](http://www.facebook.com/uachtarARTS) or contact [uachtararts@gmail.com](mailto:uachtararts@gmail.com) for more information. If you would like to be involved with uachtarARTS just let us know, new volunteers and members always welcome. uachtarARTS would like to thank Galway County Council, Clann Resource Centre and the Oughterard Courthouse for their continued support.



**uachtarARTS**  
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Archive 5, Kathleen Furey, Hand-colored Drypoint print.



Landscape 4, Kathleen Furey, Drypoint print with chine collé.



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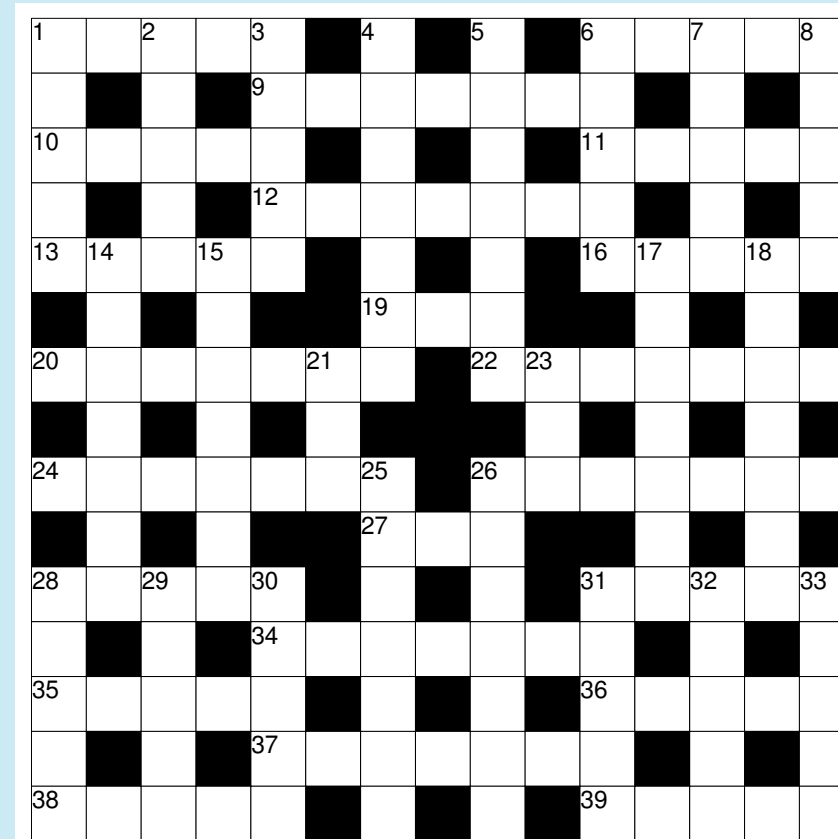
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## AUTUMN 2018 CROSSWORD



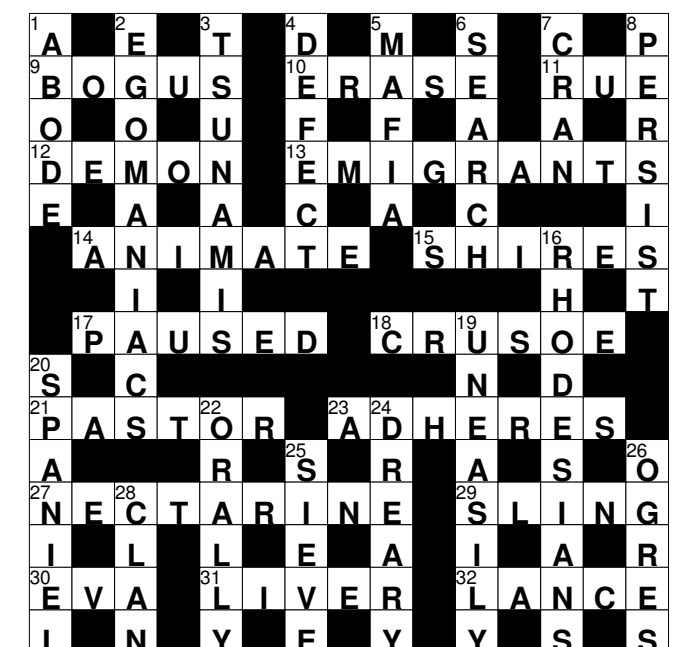
### DOWN

- 1 Very hard objects, but it helps to put the baby to sleep. (5)
- 2 Someone who looks after the elderly or the incapacitated at home. (5)
- 3 Undersea creature with tentacles. (5)
- 4 Musician on the roof, scamming his taxes. (7)
- 5 Certificate awarded by a college to a successful student. (7)
- 6 Precious stone. (5)
- 7 A degree of madness for an activity or object. (5)
- 8 In an unusual manner. (5)
- 14 Moorhen is disturbed by naturally occurring chemical in the body. (7)
- 15 Lived or at least once was alive. (7)
- 17 Has bet been torn up in Ugandan city? (7)
- 18 Tom's offspring. (7)
- 21 Used to propel boat. (3)
- 23 The spirit that comes in naggings? (3)
- 25 Getting on. (7)
- 26 Particular version of a published work. (7)
- 28 Strength and muscle. (5)
- 29 Hangman's knot. (5)
- 30 It may be one of the five or common. (5)
- 31 Moves along at an easy pace like a horse. (5)
- 32 Short-sighted animal being poached for its horn. (5)

### ACROSS

- 1 Different nationalities or contests of speed. (5)
- 6 Large size name for a very large sized animal. (5)
- 9 Medicine that controls malaria. (7)
- 10 Holiday destination in Greek islands. (5)
- 11 Got weaker, opposite of waxed. (5)
- 12 Give into one's wishes and humour one. (7)
- 13 Destroy document, or a tiny amount. (5)
- 16 Not a good condition for a boat or a container. (5)
- 19 Wood that makes up most of a ship's steering gear. (3)
- 20 One who commits a crime of betrayal against the state. (7)
- 22 Cause trouble and incite unrest. (7)
- 24 Inflict great pain upon. (7)
- 26 Empowered. (7)
- 27 Top of box or can. (3)
- 28 Corners are enough to make a diver sick. (5)
- 31 Curt and using few words. (5)
- 34 One who votes for a politician. (7)
- 35 Very, very, very young oak. (5)
- 36 Branch of the Peace Process? (5)
- 37 All gone. None left in the shop. (4,3)
- 38 She's a relative. (5)
- 39 Given by doctor to prevent death or by a hunter to cause it? (5)

### ANSWERS TO SUMMER 2018 CROSSWORD







Junior Double Sculling rowers head out for their aquatic drag race.

# DOUGHTERARD REGATTA

Written by Donal Kelly

Peter's looking for an air horn. But it's already late into Regatta morning on Monday 6th August, and events begin in a couple of hours. Kevin needs flags hung. Boats to be moved and checked. Footsticks to be tied down, sandwiches to be sandwiched, electricity to be wired across from the sockets of generous residents. Busy volunteers have been on the shore since shortly after dawn.

By the first boat race, an air horn blasts across the lake to start the rowers. Earlier a gang of wetsuited figures swam round half a kilometre marked by buoys, led in with a considerable margin by Evan Welby. To complete the aquathon they ran 4km along the Glann shore road, with Aidan Kelly, possibly on duty, first runner home to take the overall win.

The heatwave of '18 (hot on the cold heels of the snows of '18: remember that?) has faded by the August Bank Holiday weekend. All-natural tans are fading back below bottle bronzes. The year can be safely classified though, as containing an actual summer, complete with melting roads and some melted minds. It was

complete too, with a stranger to these parts, a genuine drought, that coloured lawns to rust, leaves to brown, and left farmers struggling to manage growth and feed.

The Corrib's 150+ square km of water warmed and lowered but thankfully didn't quite evaporate, though the rivers thinned to streams. By the Regatta, all is aflow again, and Atlantic indecisiveness has resumed. Rain... no, wait, sun... no, rain... no, hang on, both, kinda. Kids in kayaks circle the sandy bay. Others kick footballs or race through the plastic tunnels, under nets and across balance boards. By afternoon, all seem to have painted faces, muddy shoes, soaked clothes, and smiles.

A low-stress format sees a series of races in the traditional lake boats and punts alongside other events: the Aquathon, Splash n' Dash races for the younger crews, a Relay Obstacle Course Race. There's a duck race where the yellow plastic ducks seem to set off in a hurry out the lake, heading east. Billy Molloy is giving lessons on using a mini digger to move barrels. Music and the smells of McDonald-cooked McGeough's burgers

waft over Baurisheen.

The Tierney brothers master the Senior Men race, while Aidan Kelly shows up again to win the Senior Punt race. Eamonn and Rachel Molloy take the Senior Mixed. The Rower of the Day cup though, goes to Sean Geoghegan, whose training sessions in the 19-foot larch boats has paid off with multiple results. The relay begins with kayak, swim, and obstacle course legs, and finishes with wheelbarrows being filled with turf, then pushed to the line at reckless pace. It's unlikely a bog ever saw such speed, unless they have them in Jamaica.

Without too much fuss, event follows event, day drops to eve. The Pope doesn't show up. Galway football and hurling are still in the running at the pointy end of summer GAA. The yellow ducks seem to have reached Roeillaun.

Somehow, without much official delegation, there is a hand to every task. Tanks of tea dispensed, sandwiches cleared, the last burgers gobbled by volunteers waiting to clean up and start taking down the tents.

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The shallow sandy bay is rare to the Corrib; easier on the feet than zebra mussels-covered stones.



5m from the line: a photo finish needed for a junior Splash & Dash race.



Organiser supreme Clodhna Ruane explains the Splash & Dash route.



Mairead Welby powers her wheelbarrow to the finish of the slightly unorthodox relay race.



Spot the larch-boarded boat amongst the plastic kayaks.

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The Stand Up Paddleboard was a popular new addition to the flotilla.

The Regatta Committee would like to sincerely thank every helping hand, that came together before, on, and after the day, to make it possible. The regatta is a ground-up community effort, whose reward is to see the shore and lake come to life, as it has done, for generations. We look forward to having everyone get involved again.

### Oughterard Regatta Results 2018

**Aquathon** (450-500M swim + 4km run)

**Overall:** 1st Aidan Kelly, 2nd Donal Kelly, 3rd Enda Gannon

**Relay:** Mike & Evan Welby.

### Rowing

**Senior Men Doubles:** 1st Stephen & Matthew Tierney, 2nd Kevin Molloy & Eoin Kelly, 3rd Brian Molloy & Sean Geoghegan

**Mixed Doubles:** 1st Eamonn Molloy & Rachel Molloy, 2nd Eoin & Lucy Kelly, 3rd Sean Geoghegan & Avril Molloy

**Senior Punt:** 1st Aidan Kelly, 2nd James Kelly, 3rd Cathal Diviney

**Under 16s:** 1st Bryan Molloy & Sean Geoghegan, 2nd Ailish McDonnell & Avril Molloy, 3rd James Lowry & Cian Diviney

**Under 14s:** 1st Grainne Molloy & Gavin Forde, 2nd Sam Ryan & Tommy Tuck Waters, 3rd Amy Molloy & Clodagh Gallagher

**Under 12s:** 1st Adam Colton & Mark Molloy, 2nd Grainne & Katie Molloy, 3rd Alisha & Bridget Molloy

**Under 10s:** 1st Adam Colton & Mark Molloy, 2nd Sean & Bridget Molloy, 3rd Gavin Ford & Evan McIntyre

### OUT & ABOUT



Galway hookers competing off Spiddal in Cruinniú na Seol Bád on Sunday 24th of June.



# DONKEYS OF GLANN

Written by Fran and Nicky Taylor



Charlie, Phoebe, and Milly

Donkeys hold a special place in the hearts of people here in the west of Ireland. It wasn't so long ago when they had to work for their living. You could see them hauling loads of turf from the bog on their sturdy little legs, or carrying delighted young children along a sandy beach - and some still do this. They have a reputation for being dependable and, mostly, sweet tempered.

Nowadays, life having become more mechanised, they are generally kept as pets. You'll see them in the fields around Oughterard and Glann, sometimes providing company for a single horse or pony. Our family has kept donkeys in the Glann area for getting on for 40 years. There has been Neddy (everyone's favourite - more of him later), Lily, Helen, Jenny, Phoebe, Charlie, Milly, Delia and Dorothy. At one time we had three generations of donkeys living here. Some are no longer with us - except in our memories.

## Donkey care

Donkeys come in very handy at keeping the vegetation down. They will chomp

their way through all sorts of plants, small bushes, tree bark, etc. So **rule 1** for donkeys is to keep them securely fenced; you need to keep them where you want them, and away from your prize blooms and vegetables so they don't become a donkey's dinner. You also need to make sure that they can't escape onto the road and cause havoc.

**Rule 2** is to make sure they are properly fed and watered. They need adequate grazing, supplemented by hay and a special feed in the winter when the grass is scarce. They always need a good supply of fresh water.

**Rule 3** is to provide them with shelter. Although they are hardy creatures, they need shelter from the rain and cold winds, and some shade in strong sunshine. Donkeys are the possessors of wonderful coats, which make them masters of disguise. In winter, when their coats have grown thick and warm, they can look like furry teddy bears. As summer arrives with warmer days, they gradually shed their winter coats and are transformed into elegant and sleek creatures. So although they are naturally adaptable, they do need some protection from the extreme range

of Irish weather - especially as we have been experiencing recently.

**Rule 4** is to check on them regularly, and if there's a medical problem to seek advice from the vet. Every so often they may need some medication to prevent parasites and infections taking hold. Karel Verbruggen of Camp Street, Oughterard is, we think, the best vet in the west - he and his team have provided great care for our donkeys.

**Rule 5** is to make sure that their hooves are regularly trimmed. Like human toe nails, the hoof will keep growing and needs to be trimmed and the foot inspected for stones or sores to ensure the donkey stands and walks properly. It is true that some donkeys behave better than others when it comes to having their pedicures, but the farriers who have cared for our donkeys have been so patient and kind, sometimes in the face of some rather bad behaviour. Bryan O'Halloran based in Connemara is a highly skilled farrier who has a particular interest in donkeys; he manages to trim their feet without any fuss. In earlier years our donkeys have had equally great care from Eugene and Fergal from Loughreagh, and from Shane from Gort.

## Donkey do's and don't's

Donkeys usually love to be hugged and petted. The more they are handled, stroked, patted, brushed, talked to, and generally made a fuss of, the tamer they will become. They will get used to the sound of your arrival and will call out, ever hopeful of a tasty snack.

We save kitchen vegetable peelings for our donkeys. They are of course vegetarian. They shouldn't be given much in the way of starchy food, and they should not eat any sugary food - it is bad for their teeth and waistlines, just like with ours!

Carrots are a donkey's special treat. Remember to cut these lengthwise so

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they can't get stuck in their throats. Feed them with a flat hand with your fingers stretched out straight, so they don't confuse your fingers with pieces of carrot. It's lovely to feel a donkey's soft muzzle.

Beware - some donkeys are better mannered than others and you need to respect them. They can be skittish. Never get too close to a donkey's back legs - there's a chance that it might kick out, especially if you take it by surprise.

## Donkeys in culture and literature

Donkeys are part of our cultural heritage and are strongly represented in literature and in our language ("donkey's years"; "he can talk the hind legs off a donkey"). Which child (or adult, for that matter) can fail to adore the endearing but irredeemably gloomy Eeyore in A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh/Christopher Robin stories? Then there's poor Violetta, the sick donkey in Paul Gallico's The Small Miracle, whose owner, a young boy called Pepino, seeks a cure from St Francis of Assisi. In Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream the comical character Bottom the weaver is magically transformed into a donkey and becomes the love object of the enchanted queen of the fairies, Titania.

One of us remembers, as about a ten year old, having to stand up and sing a song about a donkey called Nicholas Nye. This was based on the poem of the same name by Walter de la Mare and is about the affinity between a lone child who comes across a lone donkey grazing in a meadow one summer's day. In music, a donkey features in The Carnival of the Animals by Saint Saens with its "eeee-awww".

Then of course there are biblical donkeys: especially the ass which carried Mary to Bethlehem and which is to be found in every crib scene, including those wonderful ones that Phyl knits here in Oughterard.

"Pin the tail on the donkey", along with "Blind man's bluff", "Pass the parcel" and "Musical bumps" were (and maybe still are) key ingredients of the children's birthday parties we used to attend.

We're sure you can think of plenty more examples of donkeys in our culture. The threads that seem to run through are qualities of kindness, dependability, warmth and lovability.



Donkeys of Glann.



A great roll of a scratch.



Milly the baby donkey.



Neddy with friends.

## Neddy

Neddy was a legend. He was white with a pink nose and had the sweetest of natures and the gentlest of manners. He was everyone's favourite (but we kept this fact from the other donkeys). Some people remember Neddy pulling a cart in his younger days. He was already past retirement age when he arrived with our family in the early 1980s. He had a big fan club - one little friend took home with her a treasured clipping from Neddy's hoof after the farrier had visited. We were all heartbroken when he passed away only a few years ago when he was well into his 50s - possibly the oldest donkey in Ireland!

## Hug a donkey!

So donkeys are a big feature of Oughterard and surroundings - they are a regular feature at the Show. They have their own special place in the community and in our hearts. There's a proverb that it takes a whole village to raise a child - well the same goes for our donkeys. We are so grateful to everyone concerned - and you know who you are - including those we have mentioned above, for all the care you give to our four-legged, long-eared, faithful, dependable, much loved, carrot-eating friends.

[Note from the Editor: please send us your favourite donkey tails to entertain readers for our upcoming Christmas issue.]



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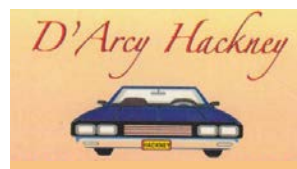
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# REFLECTIONS OF A B&B OWNER

Written by Deidre Forde

I am writing this in mid -August and the familiar windy, wet weather of these parts has returned, the memory of the greatest heat wave experienced by Ireland since 1975 is fading rapidly but I am determined to keep this memory fresh as we head into the winter months.

One of the most amusing aspects of this heat wave phenomenon was how we coped at night, many people were overheard saying they couldn't sleep a wink, this inability to sleep also seems to have affected our neighbour's donkey who delivered a near operatic performance on a number of nights. My husband overheard some guests coming down to breakfast one morning when one of them asked the other "had she heard that weird noise last night?" "Very scary" was her comment, no doubt they thought some heinous crime had taken place. When my husband explained it was our neighbour's donkey they laughed with relief!

Being responsible citizens and seizing this

opportunity to address one of the most frustrating aspects of B&B i.e. guests taking overly long showers, we put a notice in the guests' rooms explaining that Ireland was experiencing a water shortage and drought conditions were occurring, asking them to reduce their shower time if at all possible. We had a group of tourists from Israel staying with us at that time, one of them asked, quite reasonably, how long had it been since we had rain, I replied confidently- 6 weeks, to which they all fell around laughing. Feeling my patriotism coursing through my veins I explained that Ireland was used to having a high water table, I did feel like adding that we all don't live in a God forsaken desert but in fear of a bad review on Trip Advisor I bit my tongue!

I never thought I would see the day that I was asked if we had air conditioning? Or did I have a fan? And this was from guests who live in a hot climate! But on a more serious note, one thing this heatwave has brought home to me is the precious commodity water is and that we take it

so much for granted in this country. I adopted the practice of using a basin in the sink and any waste water was used to water some of the plants in the garden, the Hydrangeas were very grateful for any drop we could give them. But I was shocked at the amount of water that was wasted and am definitely continuing this practice.

This summer we had a lot of day trippers who took a boat out on the lake where they experienced the joy of being on the water. They were astonished at the beauty of Inchagoill Island and for many it was the highlight of their holiday. A good reminder to us all what a beautiful place we are lucky to live in.

So while the heatwave is long past and we still have water conservation measures in place, we can remind ourselves of the summer of 2018 with the beautiful mornings, the long warm evenings , the many barbeques with friends and family, and the joy of swimming in the pristine clean, warm waters of the Atlantic.



In full voice.

## TENNESSEE CHOIR GIVES A MEMORABLE SUMMER CONCERT IN OUGHTERARD

Written by Tom Cusack

The 53-member University of Tennessee Chamber Choir gave a most successful concert in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oughterard on 11th July. Led by Dr. Angie Batey, the choir sang a delightful programme of American folk hymns, love songs, sea shanties, and Irish songs, including some well-known favourites, to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Afterwards, the choir members mixed

with the audience for an animated social with mountains of home-made refreshments in the Parish Office, where the weather was kind enough to allow the crowds to spill out over the patio and lawn. Thank you to all volunteers and participants from near and far who made this evening so memorable, and of course to the choir from afar who fueled a wonderful community event with great music and camaraderie. The community will retain many happy memories of this event, which raised 1,152 euros through

donations for the church restoration fund.

This well-known choir are more familiar with singing in large venues such as Cathedrals and Concert Halls, but told us they greatly appreciated the informality and friendliness of Oughterard. At the post-concert social, when a group of choir members were asked what they had learned since coming to Ireland, they replied that they had found out that they wanted to live here, if Oughterard was anything to go by!

## IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL WALSH

The Family of Micheal Walsh, and especially his wife Una, would like to express our deepest gratitude to our extended family and neighbours, as well as the people of Oughterard and surrounding villages, for all of their kind words following the passing of Micheal. Sadly missed but never forgotten, your sympathy cards and kind words have given us great solace at this very hard time.

Thank You.



Waiting For Swallows



Post concert social.



Tea and cake.



A tasty selection of home-made cakes.



LATEST NEWS

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:  
RESTORATION UPDATE

Written by The Restoration Committee



Over the last number of months the Church restoration committee brought to fruition a competitive tendering process which allowed essential work - specifically the three towers and the sacristy - to commence on the church.

The contract was awarded after a competitive tendering process (five tenders were received) that was based on criteria consisting of price, experience and quality of work. The tendering process was designed so as to select a contractor who would have experience in conservation work, with health and safety as major consideration.

The current works underway include the removal of the existing stone on all the three towers, as the stone was built on a screed that is crumbling, particularly in the case of the bell tower. The works will include the removal of all the cut stone down to the deficient screed and then the removal of the screed. The stone will then be reconstructed onto the existing concrete roof, which also may need some rehabilitation, and a new screed will be poured between the stone and all the

works to enable the structure to be sealed to the elements. The works will resolve the issue of stone instability and significant water ingress on all towers.

Major works will also be undertaken of the external roof of the sacristy, and a new internal false insulated ceiling will be completed in the sacristy and connecting porch. It is envisaged that when other works are complete in the sacristy then this area could be used for small services.

These works are the second phase of works (the first phase was the sealing and plastering of the front porch last year) and these will form part of approximately twenty-eight items that were identified by the committee. Some of the issues include heating, painting, fire safety issues and wheelchair access to name a few.

A commitment was give that a public meeting would be held to outline the proposed works, and potential costs and details of the finance required. This meeting was held in the Boat Inn on Thursday 23rd August and the attendee's were informed of the current and future proposals. The current works contract is in the region of € 170 k and the parish

has in the region of € 110 k available; this deficit will be made up by additional money which will come in the form of an interest free loan from the Diocese. Overall, the proposed works are estimated in the region of € 600k and the parish have applied to the Diocese for an interest free loan of € 400k to carry out the works. Other sources of funding are also been explored including a grant from the Albert Gubay (application pending) and Galway County Council. A recent donation of € 3k from the Oughterard Heritage group was very welcome.

The finance committee are currently investigating various fundraising options. Information of all aspects of the project, works and finances will be relayed through church newsletter, community newsletter, notice board in church and Facebook page, Oughterard Parish.

The church was constructed by our forefathers in a time when the community was extremely poor; it is considered the oldest catholic church in Connemara and our aim is to work with the community to preserve the building for the future generations that will come after us.

THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Written by June Threlfall

A warm welcome to the parents of all the children who will be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year!

The programme was revived in 2017 and proved to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for the parents and young people alike. Many parents were able to find the time to get actively involved in the programme and found it enlightening; so we hope it will prove to be as fruitful this year.

The first meeting for the parents of children who are going to be prepared for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** will take place in the **Parish Office on Monday the 24th of September at 8.00pm.**

The first meeting for the parents of

children who will be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Monday the 5th of November at 8.00pm in the Parish Office.



First Holy Communion  
dates

**Sunday 30th September**  
Enrolment Mass - 11.30am

**Saturday 27th October**  
Family Mass - 5.00pm

**Saturday 24th November**  
'Thumb' Mass - 7.00pm

**Monday 24th December**  
Family mass - 5.00pm

Confirmation dates

**12th November**  
Mary Kelly (Galway Diocese)

**26th November**  
Children's Session in the Boat Inn  
Function room 7.30pm

**3rd December**  
Children's Session in the Boat Inn  
Function room 7.30pm

**10th December**  
Children's Session in the Boat Inn  
Function Room 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing you! Watch this space for more dates in the New Year.

OUT & ABOUT

OUR DAY IN CROKE PARK

Written by Katelyn Joyce



On Saturday the 25th of August we travelled to Croke Park for the World meeting of families. We travelled by bus with families from Moycullen and Roscahill. When we arrived in Dublin, there were flags and banners

everywhere to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland. On arrival in Croke Park, there was music and Irish dancing. Our favourites were Riverdance, The High Hopes Choir, Nathan Carter and Andra Bocelli. Alan Kerins, the Galway Hurler and footballer, gave a very moving speech about the power of family and how his family had helped him when his son was ill. We also heard from families from Africa, India, Canada and Ireland on how their families have supported and helped them throughout their lives. There was great excitement when Pope Francis arrived into Croke Park on his Pope Mobile, everyone stood up and cheered as he travelled around Croke Park waving and shaking hands with people. A girl from Dublin who spoke about Traveller Ethnicity got a great cheer when she took a selfie with Pope Francis. Pope Francis spoke to everyone about how all families should use "Please", "Thank You" and "I'm sorry" in their everyday lives, he also spoke about technology and how it is so important in today's world but that sometimes we need to put it down and just chat with each other. The Joyce Family really enjoyed our day in Croke Park for this historical occasion.





Laragh and Raymonde Standún.



Roisin Walsh.



Demelza Gibbons



Mary Gillespie.

# LADIES' DAY FASHION SHOW

The Ladies' Day Fashion Show in Oughterard on Thursday the 2nd of August. The show was held in the Boat Inn, in aid of the Oughterard Rugby Club and the youth mental health group, "Jigsaw".



Three generations of the O'Flynn family. Patricia, Gertie, and Áine.



Sisters, Mary and Rachel Clancy.



Winner of Best Dressed Lady, Regina Gorham.

## LATEST NEWS

# AUTUMN AT OUGHTERARD LIBRARY

Written by Karen Connolly, Branch Librarian

The kids are back at school, and the evenings drawing in. Soon it'll be time for lighting the fire and stretching the toes out in front of it.

We have a busy season coming up at the library.

Culture Night is falling on Friday the 21st of September this year, and there's lots to see and do being arranged for the day. Why not call into the library after school – we'll be having an arts and crafts workshop with artist Kathleen Hinde and the aim is to create a fabulous light-filled installation at the library using the simplest of materials. Suitable for ages 6 – 12, event is free, but places are limited.

In November, as part of Galway's Great Read, we'll be welcoming biographer Mary J Murphy to discuss the life of Eva O'Flaherty. Eva was a Caherlistrane woman who popped up at many of the interesting moments of the early 20th Century. She was one of the founding members of Cumann na mBan, was pivotal in the development of Irish Modern Art on Achill between the wars, and was also a successful businesswoman. She even found time to do a little modeling in fin de siecle Paris. An interesting woman in interesting times – it will be a fascinating event.

Keep an eye out too for talks and events under the Healthy Ireland at Your Library banner. Talks about everything from screening programmes to the benefits and pleasures of hiking are being arranged in libraries across the county - the

Oughterard dates are to be confirmed.

Most importantly of all, the Summer Stars Reading Challenge has finished up. Again, this year has been a huge success, the young readers of Oughterard are constantly outdoing themselves. Congratulations to all who took part and really pushed themselves on this summer. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. Hope to see you all at the Cert Presentation, as it is well deserved. (Date TBC.)

Of course, after all that, don't forget to pop in to borrow a book or two!

## Popular items

Popular items at the Library over the summer, in no particular order:

**Skin Deep, by Liz Nugent.**  
Third creepy thriller by the Irish writer.

**Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine, by Gail Honeyman.**  
Lonely 'oddball' Eleanor learns how to connect with people again after the horrific events of her childhood. Both touching and funny, Eleanor's story ends on a sweet, hopeful note.

**Various books on cures and pishreogs.**  
Toothache? Warts? Child has a cough? We learn that holy water and herbs work well, but more stubborn cases require the hairs

plucked from a donkeys' ear or saying the Rosary in the pigshed.

**Prisoners of Geography and Divided by Tim Marshall.**

For those of us who are confused at The News. These books examine flashpoints around the world in an engaging and lively way. Confused no more.

**Thirteen by Steve Cavanagh.**  
Courtroom drama featuring the intriguing strapline The Serial Killer isn't on Trial.... HE'S ON THE JURY

## Interested in joining a Book Club?

New Book Club being set up this Autumn in Oughterard. Call into the Library for details.

## The Summer Stars Chart

The stars earned by the children have massively outgrown the chart and are creeping around the library walls like ivy!



## To Autumn

Written by Phyl Furness

Autumn, the season of beauty untold,  
With your richness of colours, of reds and of gold,  
Brown, green and yellow, the pale blue of the sky.  
Dear autumn, please linger a while ere you die.

Now faded your colours, the trees stark and bare;  
The cold breath of winter is felt in the air.  
Too long you have tarried, on swift wings you must fly,  
Farewell dear autumn, good-bye, good-bye.

## POETRY





# MARTIN OLIVER MCEVILLY OF ROSSCAHILL

From material provided by Martin McEvilly, Michael McEvilly and Joe Murray



Martin winning the Masters European 3,000 meters Steeplechase in San Sebastian, Spain, in 2005.

The well-known local runner, Martin Oliver McEvilly, has been a member of Galway City Harriers for the past 40 years. Martin ran with a number of famous clubs while resident for 15 years in London. He continues to successfully compete at national and international levels as part of an illustrious running career spanning more than 40 years, but says that Father Time is now beginning to impact on competitions abroad.

Martin is also a farmer and has worked in the construction industry at home and abroad for many years. In addition to running, he enjoys looking after his livestock and helping out with the COPE charity. A huge influence on Martin has been his cousin, Mick Molloy - formerly of Derrydonnell and Oughterard ACs - who lives locally, who won a variety of national titles and who represented Ireland at the 1968 Olympics.

Martin has competed as far away as Istanbul and throughout Europe. He has represented Ireland in the 3,000 meters Steeplechase in Crystal Palace Stadium in London on many occasions. Back in 2005, he won the Masters European 3,000 meters Steeplechase in San Sebastian, Spain, with stiff competition from Finland, Hungary and Turkey. In 2010, he won the Masters 3,000 meters Steeplechase in Hungary with a convincing margin. In recent times he took gold in the 3,000 meters, silver in the 1,500 meters and bronze in the 800 meters in the National Championships in Athlone in July, 2017.

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Martin at home in Rosscahill.



The "Hall of Fame" jug.

Recently, Martin was awarded "The Hall of Fame" by Galway City Harriers for his contributions to Galway athletics over the last 40 years.

As he enters his eighth decade, Martin took first prizes at 800 metres and 1500 metres, and second prize at the 5,000 metres races, in the National Masters Track and Field Championships in Tullamore, only a few weeks ago. The "Rosscahill Hare" obviously has a lot further to run!



Martin feeding his sucklers.



Martin on the winners' podium for the Masters 3,000 meters Steeplechase in Hungary, in 2010.

## POETRY

### Beauty

There is much beauty in the world  
If we'd but stop and look.  
The Grandeur of a mountain  
A softly murmuring brook.  
Poppies in a cornfield, a river running by,  
The lark that sings in the pure clear air  
His love song to the sky.

Tread softly through that woodland glade  
and see at break of day  
The sunbeams dancing through the trees  
And watch the squirrels play.  
See the bright eyed robin,  
Hear the thrush and the linnets song  
The clear sweet notes of the blackbird  
As he sings the whole day long.

So find the time to stop and look  
'Tis then that you will see,  
The glory of the flowers  
The majesty of the trees  
All the wonder that surrounds you  
God gave you eyes to see.  
And the beauty that surrounds you  
God gave to you and me.

Written by Phyl Furness



## OUGHTERARD TEAM TAKE TOP PRIZE AT RECENT GERMAN SHEPHERD TRIAL

The German Shepherd club based in the west of Ireland, OG Corrib, recently held an all-category trial or International Working Examination.

This trial / examination was held under visiting Judge, **Ludger Vortkamp (SV Germany)** from Germany. Nine dogs participated in this trial, run over four different levels. As well as the Galway dogs, teams came from Cork, Sligo and Donegal. The Oughterard team of **Ronan O'Halloran** with his dog "**Lizmik Hurricane**" attained an IPO 2 title, and won the trial outright. The pair achieved the highest score in the "**tracking phase**", registering an excellent 99/100, their best tracking display to date.

If you would like to find out more about this sport, please feel free to contact the local club OG Corrib, through our Facebook page.



The winning pair receiving their award from judge, Ludger Vortkamp.



Ronan O'Halloran and Lizmik Hurricane take to the floor.

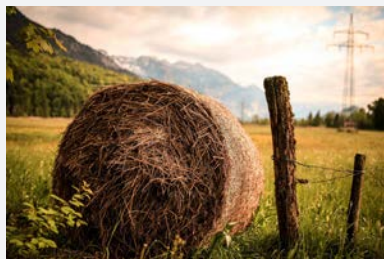
### FARMING MATTERS

Written by Martin Gibbons

#### Fodder Price Hike

As we prepare for the coming Winter and the potential fodder crisis looming, there are reports from all over the Country that silage and hay yields are down a minimum of a third and this is as a result of the bad Spring and extremely hot Summer.

It is important that Farmers ensure that they have an adequate supply of fodder for the Winter and not to leave it too late as it will be very hard to source fodder as the year progresses.



Prices being quoted already for round bales of hay/silage are €30/€40 per bale and prices for round bales of straw are €40. This is a huge price hike as normally hay/silage were sold for €25/30 and straw was €18/€22.

#### Livestock Stress

As we enter the Autumn period when the largest number of weanlings and lambs are sold it is important to have all stock in good, healthy condition. This is achieved by keeping stress on livestock to a minimum. Also, it is important to dose and complete vaccinations a number of weeks prior to weaning as veterinary reports this year suggest there is a large worm problem in animals. Feeding a small amount of meal prior to weaning is also a big help in reducing stress on the young animals. We would appeal to everyone attending all Marts to please adhere to the new regulations

on health and safety put in place throughout the year.

#### Farm Safety

Once again, a reminder on the importance of farm safety as this has been a very bad year for farm accidents. Sadly, there have been over 20 accidents where lives have been lost on farms in 2018. Some of these have involved livestock and some have been a result of falls from heights, slurry agitation, and machinery. This year has seen a high number of these deaths in our own County of Galway.

Prepare well for the coming Winter and remember we, as farmers, need to look after ourselves first and perhaps we should have an "NCT" on our own health. Also remember to look out for our neighbours and keep the farming community thriving.

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# OF BOGS, BOATS & TREES

Written by Tim Kershaw



A huge bog pine root, 2000-3000 years old, on John O'Sullivan's farm. Taken on the 26th of June 2016, during the Oughterard Trails Festival.

On the Clifden road out from Oughterard, John O'Sullivan's townland is just along from Glengowla, the old lead mine where a film set of a Wild West town was built for the Irish-language television series An Klondike. We went there as part of the first Oughterard Trails Festival in 2016. After our group had a go at stacking turf, we learned that John and his bogland neighbours used to truck their cut, dried peat to the local power station, where it was burned to drive turbines which fed electricity back to the farms.

Buried in the glistening black-brown peat they found many roots, trunks and limbs of long-dead trees, most of them two to three thousand years old: silver-white bog pine and the black bog-oak, iron-hard, which is prized for free-form, often abstract, sculptures.

They're a reminder of what was: it's sobering to realise that Ireland, one of the least wooded countries in Europe, was once dense with forest. It's not just the lost extent which saddens, but the realisation of the colossal size of the trees which once grew here, taller than we're likely to see again.

The British Admiralty took soundings of Lough Corrib in Victorian times. The resulting chart was published in 1846 and although the note on magnetic variation was updated in 1912, the revised version noted "This chart has not been corrected since first date of publication and should be used with Caution." Remarkably, it was the only one available until 2013

when Captain Trevor Northage published a splendid new chart based on his own soundings. A retired master mariner, he spent hundreds of hours on the lake with his up-to-date surveying gear. The resulting charts are works of art as well as aids to navigation.

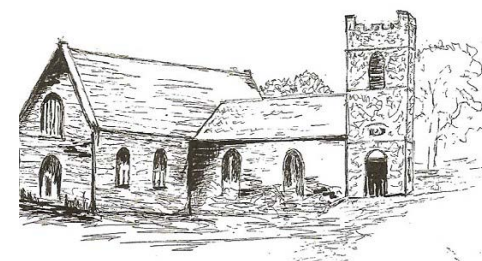
In the process he found several sunken boats. One in particular stands out. Known as the Annaghkeen boat, it's a dugout canoe dated to 4,500 years ago, in the early bronze age — the same as the estimated age for an oak trackway revealed by recent storms along the north Galway shoreline. It pre-dates the pyramids and is roughly contemporary with the early stages of Stonehenge.

It's not just its age which astonishes, nor its sophistication, with a full-length central rib, two cross ribs and a smooth-sanded interior, all hewn from a single log. It's the size of the thing: forty feet long, three-and-a-half wide, made from a dead-straight section of oak probably of at least fifty feet. Northage writes: "The area must have been closely wooded with these huge trees — and evidence of them remains in the form of bog oak — and rarely found artefacts such as this vessel. You can clearly see the platform type bow and stern." No solitary oak could grow that tall and straight. It must have grown in dense oak woodland close to the lake shore. Perhaps it fell naturally, perhaps it was riven by lightning, but even so the work must have needed considerable skill and organisation. Two other boats of similar size and age have been found within thirty miles, perhaps the work of the same master boat-builder.

In this part of Ireland, at least, areas of woodland survive along the Glann shore, around the lake and on its islands, although straight oaks of such size are no longer found. But maybe the possibility, the potential, is still there. It became fashionable for a nineteenth or twentieth-century gentleman's lakeside residence to be ornamented with exotic conifers: silver fir, cypress, Monterey pine, western red cedar. Some of them have now reached great heights in the mild, wet climate of the West. They are still climbing skyward.



Title block of Capt Northage's splendid Corrib chart.



## LATEST NEWS

# KILCUMMIN PARISH CHURCH

As mentioned in the last edition of Corrib News, the new Rector of Galway and Kilcummin Union of parishes is the Reverend Lynda Elizabeth Anne Peilow who was installed as the new Rector of Galway and Kilcummin by Bishop Patrick Rooke at a special service of institution in St Nicholas's Church Galway on Friday 14th September at 8p.m. Present were Diocesan clergy together with clergy from Lynda's former diocese as well as the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, The Most Rev'd. Patricia Storey and Bishop of Galway Most Rev'd. Dr Brendan Kelly. Invited guests included the Mayor of Galway, Niall Mc Nelis, Eamonn O'Cuiv TD, Hildegard Naughton TD, Noel Grealish TD and Sean Kyne TD. The sermon was preached by Rev'd David White, Rector of Carlow Group of Parishes. We look forward to Lynda's first visit to Kilcummin for a 9.30 a.m. service of Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd.

Since the departure of Gary Hastings at the beginning of April we have been ably looked after by Dean Alistair Grimason assisted by Diocesan and Parish Readers. We now look forward to Lynda's ministry here in the west of Ireland and trust that she and her family are enjoying life in their new home at the Rectory on Taylors' Hill. The new rector will become the 18th person to look after the parishioners of Kilcummin since John Wilson was given that duty in 1806 - four years before the church was built.

On 15th July, in recognition of her valued service over the past 16 years, we presented Kay Dunne with a water colour of the church organ which was specially

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## TIMES OF SERVICE

### Rector:

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### First 3 Sundays of each month:

Morning prayer at 11.00am

### Fourth Sunday of each month:

Holy Communion at 9.30am

### Fifth Sunday of each month:

Morning prayer at 11.00am

(These times of service may change as the new Rector decides what best suits a busy Sunday schedule.)

painted for her by Doc Gilbert. Kay tells us that the picture takes pride of place in her home at Glengowla and she now deserves all the time she can get to enjoy her retirement without the need to rise early on cold, dark or wet winter mornings. Thanks go to Doc Gilbert for once more taking on such a difficult challenge! Looking further ahead, Monday 17th December at 8p.m. is the likely date for

this year's Community Carol Service. Confirmation of that will be given later.

We all send our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to John de Lacy, brother of Walter, who is in hospital in Dublin following a fall at his home in Dublin and to Christina Previte who has recently spent time in hospital in Galway.



Leslie Lyons with Kay Dunne and Doc Gilbert's painting.



## LAUNCH OF AMELIA JOYCE'S BOOK "MY CONNEMARA JOURNEYS - JOYCE COUNTRY"

Written by Olga Magliocco



Amelia signing her book.

The Courthouse, Oughterard, has played host to many wonderful cultural and artistic events since its recent renovation. The building is beautifully restored and has brought new life to the local community of artists and volunteers who care for this historic building in the heart of the village. This Summer has seen a number of highly acclaimed artists showcase their work thanks to the Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme which delivered five distinctly different exhibitions presented by uachtarArts, that volunteer group of artists who work to ensure the highest standard of art and culture is thriving in this beautiful village and is accessible to all.

What better way to end the season than with a book launch by a local author with a long family history in Connemara. This combined with the work of an artist whose passion is to paint that very same magical landscape.

Throughout our lives most of us feel we have a book in us, but few of us grasp the moment and find the courage to discipline ourselves to sit down, put pen to paper and write our story. We make excuses, about not having time, worry about what others will think or even feel we have left it too late.

One such lady has turned all those excuses out, cleared her desk and has produced a wonderful guidebook based

on her own journeys throughout the beautiful landscape that carries her name and that of her ancestors.

"My Connemara Journeys – Joyce Country" by Amelia Joyce is a compelling read. Amelia, a native of Connemara, presents seven carefully selected journeys through the landscape of Connemara that are dear to her heart and shares them with us in this beautiful book. The seven journeys represent one journey for each day in one week. "The idea for my book is that readers are offered a bespoke journey every day. They will get insights into the fascinating people that lived all over Connemara and hear their stories".

Amelia's guidebook is filled with a native's knowledge of unique and hidden gems that can go unnoticed to visitors. Growing up in this enchanting landscape, Amelia enjoyed a magical childhood, climbing the rugged mountains, swimming in Killary Harbour and picnicking on the many white sandy beaches dotted along the coast. A young girl dwarfed by the majesty of the mountains exploring the winding roads, no sound to interrupt her childhood dreams apart from the bleating of the black-faced sheep, the call of a startled bird and the echo of her own footsteps. Amelia invites us into her world, her memories and her journeys through her beloved Joyce Country.

This is a true labour of love as Amelia opens her heart and shares her stories of life, travel, love and family. Having travelled the world, the call of the wild rugged landscape was never far from her heart. She was never shy about telling her many friends and colleagues of the beauty of her homeland. Returning home, some years ago, Amelia continued to promote and invite people from all over the world to come and visit Connemara. Eventually, having put it off for many years, Amelia found the courage to write her first book, one of many we hope.

As the courthouse filled with family, friends and locals, as well as many from

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Some of Kieran Tobin's paintings on display.

the surrounding areas, the space was a buzz of anticipation and excitement. The beautiful sound of the Harpist playing in the background added notes of magic to the air which complimented the mood of the evening. Amelia's touch was evident in the space, as it was candle lit, which added a sense of mystery and of a gentler time. As the room filled, to capacity, a sense of urgency increased as people queued to speak to the Author and recount some of their own memories, while she signed her book for them. Others were gazing on the beautiful paintings and sharing their memories of times spent fishing, boating and picnicking in the areas represented. It was to be a truly enjoyable and magical evening, bringing community and memory together.

Master of Ceremonies on the evening of the book launch, 8th September, was Leslie Lyons, member of the Board of the Courthouse, who introduced the guest of honour Sean Leonard, Actor, Teacher, and Writer of the one-man drama Humanity

Dick. Sean's opening speech was delivered with great drama and thrilled the crowd as he officially launched 'My Connemara Journeys' by Amelia Joyce. He has promised to bring his one-man drama Humanity Dick: A Tale of Beasts and Bullets, a story of deadly duels, contrary cousins, wayward wives, fiscal fecklessness, the birth of the SPCA and, a donkey in a courtroom, to the Oughterard Courthouse, so keep an eye out for that announcement.

Amelia invited Kieran Tobin, the highly acclaimed Connemara Landscape artist, to paint scenes based on her seven journeys to hang in the Courthouse Gallery to compliment her Book Launch. Kieran has painted eleven paintings that speak to the places highlighted in each of the seven journeys. He works in both pastel and oils. Kieran is also currently exhibiting 'A Hint of Autumn' – his fifth solo exhibition at the Kenny Gallery since his first twenty years ago. He has had two solo exhibitions in the United States and has participated in many group

shows and Art Festivals. For many years Kieran was the only international member of the San Diego Pastel Society. From his studio in Connemara he sets out to explore and record the hinterland, his long walks through the Connemara landscape constantly excite and amaze, creating for him a new awareness of the nuances of colour, of how the reflection of cloud and skies can be seen on the little lakes, of the sometimes-primeval landscape untouched by humanity. He loves the quiet unspoilt corners and while his paintings are topographical, they are also imbued with the spirit of the place. For Kieran, the act of painting is an all-embracing experience. "Paintings may bring us back in our minds to special places or trigger memories of private moments". Kieran would wish viewers of his work to enter the scene and derive a sense of peace and appreciation of the beauty of nature and the countryside.

These two artists, Author and Painter, were well matched in this beautiful space that is the Oughterard Courthouse. United in their love for Connemara and their deep desire to share that with reader and viewer makes this a truly powerful combination.

'My Connemara Journeys', by Amelia Joyce is available at John P. Keogh Gifts and Crafts, Oughterard, and Moycullen Book Store, and is published by [www.bookhub.com](http://www.bookhub.com) Price: 12E.

For information on the artist Kieran Tobin, see [www.thekennygallery.ie](http://www.thekennygallery.ie)



Harpist Lynn Saoirse entertaining the crowd.





## WALK WITH ALPACAS

*Written by Jack McCann*

Stuart and Ruth Newton are living a dream. They have not alone changed their lifestyle but country as well, coming from Hartlepool, north-east England to Glann, on the shores of Lough Corrib. They are breeding, farming and walking Alpacas.

Alpacas are a type of South American camelid often confused with Llamas which are noticeably bigger but are closely related. They live in herds and can die of loneliness if alone. They are very hardy animals, easy to handle and have a wonderful temperament. They are very attractive to look at, having the face and eyes of a Beany Boo soft toy. But their cuddly looks are deceptive; they are known to be very protective in warding off foxes from a herd of sheep and lambs, and from poultry.

They are bred mainly for their luxurious wool which is as good as cashmere and have been introduced in to farms as walking companions, and in some places for trekking. Ruth and Stuart attended a Conference on Glamping (glamorous camping) and it included Alpaca walks. They were smitten and decided to give it a try leaving their nursing jobs. A group of five pregnant Alpacas came up for sale and they bought them but had no land to put them on so they went on the hunt for a small farm. They looked at Scotland initially and then Ireland because of the higher value of the pound. They saw Curraghduff Farm on the Glann Road and fell in love with it.



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After purchasing Curraghduff Farm they set about creating their own piece of Heaven. They put up shelters for the Alpacas and made walking trails with beautiful views of Lough Corrib. They wondered if there was sufficient interest in people walking the Alpacas and trialed August and September; since only putting it on facebook they have been inundated with interest from news papers and T.V., bookings are strong, and if combined with Glamping they feel they could make a living and offer something different to the public. They have had great support from the local community in training the Alpacas for walking and in sorting out farm problems which were totally new for them. Their son Charlie has settled in St. Paul's Secondary School and, as well as playing rugby with the school, plays with Connemara as there is no age division for him in Oughterard yet, but trains with them. He loves to breed hens and hopefully turkeys this Christmas.

Their aim is that the walks will be booked in advance, last about an hour and followed by tea or coffee. Next year they will also run an Alpaca Experience combined with local crafts for under twelve year olds during the school holidays. So far they have had mostly five star reviews and hope to develop their website over the winter. They plan to open from March to September next year. They are taking it slowly and finding out what works for them.



Why don't you try a slow Alpaca walk yourself? It is a small intimate experience where knowledge is shared about Alpacas in a most beautiful setting. As they are not a pet farm, booking is essential.

Their contact details are phone: 087 3968305, email: [curraghduff@gmail.com](mailto:curraghduff@gmail.com).

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LATEST NEWS

# SCOILE MUIRE

DOIREGLINNE, OUGHTERARD



award this year. We will update you more in the next issue.

Just to thank anyone who supported our Bumbleance Fundraiser. You might have seen our bee ballon or the black and yellow balloons floating around the town. Thank you so much to Teach & Baile who donated the balloons to us at no charge. Collectively, we ran a total of 108km. It was lots of fun, but it was a little tiring. We mixed up how we covered the distance with walking, jogging, running and some went really fast! Its hard to hold some people back. Our parents had buckets and collected money in the village and we got to take it in turns collecting with them. Afterwards Rory brought us all to Powers for hot chocolate and biscuits. It was a great day and it really gives you a great feeling to be able to help other children who aren't as lucky as us. We raised a total of €2161.70. Thank you again to anyone who donated to Bumbleance.

Just a quick note from us this time. We are just back to school so don't have much news to update you with yet. We had a great summer and really enjoyed the fine weather. We don't know how we feel about being back to school! It's so much fun coming back to see all our friends and catching up, but that means we start the obair too! This year looks busy already with trips to Babaró already booked. Carole Reynolds, Connemara Wildlife Park Ranger, has also been booked and we hope to work towards an

Speaking of bees, David Geoghegan visited us in June and brought some of his bees in and we all had a look. It was so interesting how the bees work together. He answered all our questions and we got to get up so close to them. Some of us decided to stay well back though. Bugs and flying minibeasts are not our thing!!

This year we have three new boys starting with us; Oran, Dara and Oisín. Fáilte romhaibh go léir!

SCHOOL PHOTOS



ST ANNIN'S SCHOOL  
Junior Infants photo, September 2018

# NEW LITERACY PROGRAMME

LAUNCHED IN OUGHTERARD NS TO MARK 10 YEARS

A new programme in literacy was launched by Linley McKenzie, in Scoil Chuimín agus Catriona, Oughterard, as part of school celebrations to mark 10 years since opening the school.

Scoil Chuimín agus Caitriona was founded following the amalgamation of Scoil Chuimín and Scoil an Chlochair. The new literacy programme, co-ordinated in the school by Siobhan McSharry, utilises PM readersand the accelerated Reader programme to optimise existing school resources. The programmes could not have been implemented without the support and fundraising of the school parent's association.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



FIRST YEARS AT OUGHTERARD NS



# LUNCH IDEA: FARM-THEMED BENTO BOX



To make a chicken,  
Cut thin slices of carrot into a flower shape for the chicken comb and a small triangle shape for the beak. Make two slits - on top of the egg the egg and halfway down the egg. Insert the shapes then draw two eyes on the egg.

To make a cow,  
Use a cow shaped cutter to cut a slice of cheese, then draw eyes and spots using the food-safe marker.



For full tutorial on how to make this lunch box, visit YouTube channel by [www.wendolonia.com](http://www.wendolonia.com)

## WORD SEARCH

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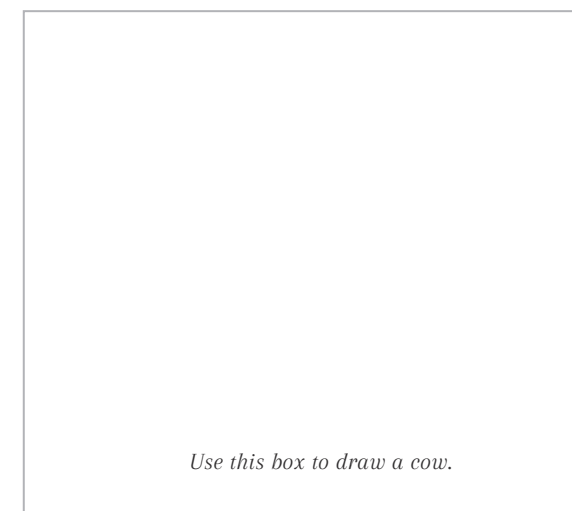
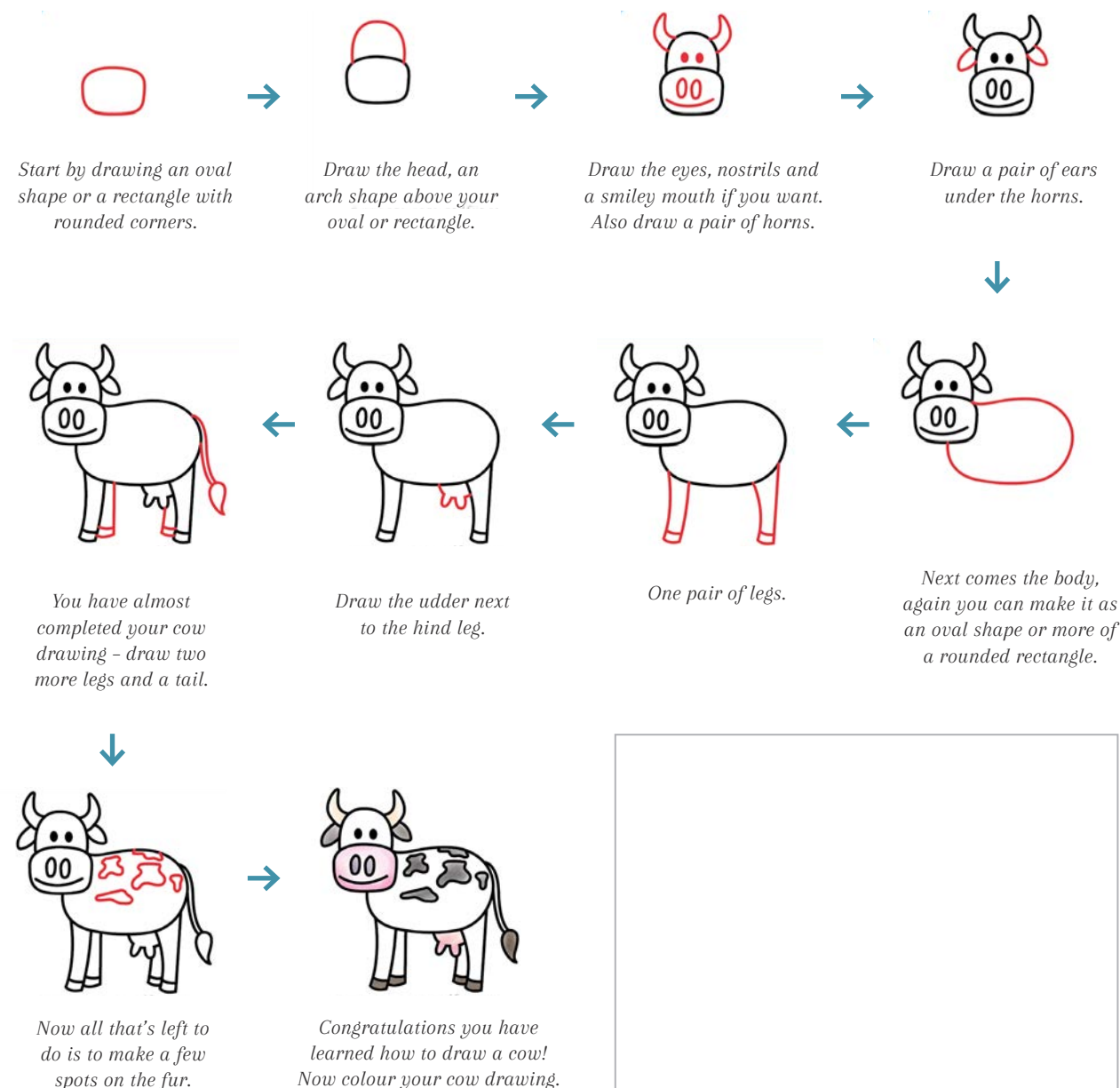
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## LET'S LEARN TO DRAW!



Use this box to draw a cow.

Tutorial from [www.easypeasyandfun.com](http://www.easypeasyandfun.com)

## DO YOU KNOW?

- Cows can clean their noses with their tongues.
- Cows are sacred in India.
- Happier cows produce more milk.
- Because their eyes protrude slightly, cows have panoramic vision, allowing them to see nearly 360° around.
- There are about 920 different breed of cows in the world.

## SEND US YOUR CREATIVE WORK!

Corrib News welcomes submissions by young writers and artists - it can be artwork, a poem or any creative project that you would like to share with our readers.





LATEST NEWS

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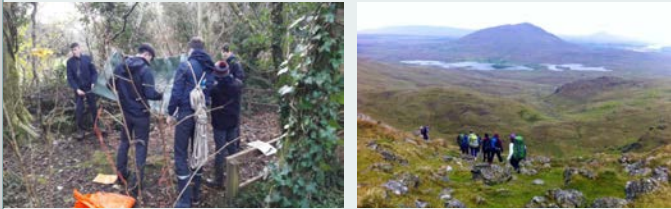


Welcome to the latest edition of the youth café newsletter. In this months news we look back on the summer activities, while also highlighting a few exciting activities coming up in the new term. There is loads happening for young people of all ages. For more information about supports and services in the centre please contact Barry@ o87 6768774, or Devworker.clann@gmail.com

Summer Programs 2018

We've had a busy few months in the Oughterard Youth Café with loads of activities taking place for all ages throughout the summer months. The summer program schedule kicked off with a week long summer camp for 1st yr students going into 2nd yr. It was an action packed week with loads of activities including arts, sports and the group climbing Diamond hill on a very challenging day. Well done to all on making it to the top!

This was followed with an overnight camping expedition involving 14 transition year boys hiking the western way from the Inagh Valley to Oughterard (45km!!). The group spent a full day planning and preparing to ensure they had the right food and equipment for the trip. It was a fantastic achievement by all involved and will hopefully give the group a taste of adventure for the future!



For younger kids, we ran a week long arts camp in early July, two weeks of Coder Dojo camps, followed by two weeks of camps for 6th class students entering 1st yr. We would like to thank everyone involved in all camps, volunteers, facilitators, parents and the young people for making each camp such an enjoyable experience!



New Youth Club for 1st Yrs

A new youth club will be starting in the Oughterard Youth café soon for 1st year students to run every Friday evening from 7.30-9pm. Each week the group will meet up to participate in fun, healthy and educational activities, workshops, trips and excursions.



We are currently seeking volunteers and parents to get involved and help out in the establishment of the group. If you are interested, please come along to an information meeting on September 12th at 8pm in the Youth Café to learn more. Without the support of parents and community volunteers, this project will not be possible!

All enquiries should be made to Barry in the Youth café for more details.



Youth Café Autumn / Winter Schedule 2018

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Junior arts</b>	<b>2.45-5pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Guitar Group</b>	<b>4-5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Board Games</b>	<b>4-5pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Teen Mindfulness</b>	<b>5-6pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Outdoor Group</b>	<b>3.30-5pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Codor Dojo</b>	<b>7-8.30pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Drop in service</b>	<b>3-5pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Youth Clubs</b>	<b>7.30-9pm</b>



Autumn Schedule

Our regular schedule of activities have returned to the youth café this term with **Junior arts** starting on Mondays from 2.45pm with two classes for both younger (5-7yrs) and older kids (up to age 12yrs) running. The **Codor dojo** computer programming group have also returned this term, meeting now on Mondays from 7-8.30pm with all levels and abilities welcome to join this FREE volunteer led group .

Affordable **Teenage Guitar lessons** will return on Tuesdays from 4pm with all levels welcome.

**Our new Board Game Group** will be running from the café at 4pm on Wednesdays, followed by **Teen Mindfulness group**. at 5pm. On Thursdays the **Outdoors leadership group** will meet to explore local environmental issues while The youth café will open again as usual on Fridays for **drop in** for all teenagers between 3-5pm for play pool, to surf the web or to just hang out. If you would like to sign up or learn more, please drop into the café to get more information!

The Oughterard Mens Shed



A group of local men have been working closely with Clann FRC over the past year to help establish a Mens Shed project in Oughterard. The group are currently making plans to fit out their new a shed with funding from the SSE fund, while also planning to undertake a number of workshops and activities over the coming months. If you would be interested in getting involved in the group please contact Clann FRC at 091 556733 to get more information. All welcome.

Watch this space for more information.



Find Us Out on Facebook for more info @ Youth Café Oughterard





# ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

## 1st Years



### St Bridgets

Matthew Angland, Jerome Bumanglag, Daragh Casey, Oliwia Ciesielska, Hannah Clarke, Shannon Clifford, Tom Crotty, Sinead Duffy, Isabel Fahey, Cillian Foqertv, Orlaith Geoghegan, Keanah Goggin-Irons, Joseph Grimes, Sean Karpakis, Amy Keleghan, (Dasha) Philomena Kelly, Tom McCormack, Orlaith McNamara, Seamus Stewart O'Connor, Ethan O'Halloran-Bell , Cormac O'Malley, Joy O'Sullivan, Mark Osborne, Niamh Tierney, Teegan Walsh

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### St Patrick's

Elaine Maria Anil, Luke Carr, Jane Cunningham, Lindsey Higgins, Beth Hooper, Tiernan Howe, Caoimhe Joyce, Joshua Joyce, Amy Kelly, Adam Keogh, Sean Kerr, Paraic Faherty Larkin, Abby Leonard, Cailim McDonagh, Christopher McDonagh, Niall McDonnell, Zoe Bella McVey, Nicolas O'Connor, Kyla Sweeney, Serena Tierney, Aaron Walsh, Ella Walsh, John Walsh, Katelyn Welby



To request for digital copy or order prints of your school photos, please contact: Myoptix Photography, Bridge Street, Oughterard at 0857038140 (Alex & Mimi) [www.myoptixphotography.com](http://www.myoptixphotography.com)



### St Odhrans

Ronan Angland, Kenneth Carter, Jack Felmingham, Sophie Fogerty, Oisin Folan, Dylan Gibbons, Rachel Gibbons, Oisin Grimes, Ellie Healy, Kai Heanue, Molly Howley, Eoghan Kelly, Bonnie Keogh, Ture Kleefeld, Chriopher Langan, James Lowry, Aisling Lydon, Matthew Mannion, Roise McGauley, Anna McHugo, Calum O'Connor, Kathryn O'Connor, Amelia Gibbons Turner, Ailsa Walsh, Sarah Williams

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE

Make Change Happen: Creating new Vision and Practice on Domestic Violence – a conference celebrating 20 years of the work of Domestic Violence Response.

**WHAT:** Our understanding of domestic violence is changing. This is reflected in a key concept underpinning the new Domestic Violence Act (2017) – that of coercive control. This conference is an essential opportunity to learn from the expertise of international and national experts on these new developments.

**WHO:** This conference will be of interest to survivors, researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, judiciary, students, people involved in delivering services to women and children and anyone interested in this important topic.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 24th October 2018.

**WHERE:** Institute for Lifecourse & Society, NUI Galway.

Confirmed speakers: Davina James Harman, Independent Violence against Women consultant (<https://www.centreforwomensjustice.org.uk/our-people/>), Dr. Emma Katz, Liverpool Hope University, (<https://www.hope.ac.uk/staffindex/staffindeximport/dr-emma-katz.html>) South Hall Sisters (<https://www.southallblacksisters.org.uk>).

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## OUGHTERARD FILM GROUP

Written by Séan McDonagh

The film group has returned for another exciting season at our Venue, Powers Thatch Restaurant (upstairs) at 7.15 pm; films for the three Autumn months are:

## Thursday 20 September: "Madame de ..."



French, with English subtitles  
Cast: Danielle Darrieux, Charles Boyer, Vittorio De Sica, Jean Debucourt and Lia de Leo

When, beset by debt, the titular Countess Louise (Danielle Darrieux) decides to sell a pair of earrings that were a wedding gift from her husband André (Charles Boyer), she unwittingly sets in motion a chain of events that will have serious consequences not only for the Parisian couple but for André's mistress and for an Italian Baron (Vittorio De Sica), who purchased the, by then, much-travelled jewellery. Featuring nuanced performances by all three lead actors and directed by celebrated auteur Max Ophüls, this intricately constructed and elegantly designed drama is a searing study of fateful passion wound up in deceptions, deals and desires.

## Thursday, 25 October: "The Passion of Joan of Arc"

The Passion of Joan of Arc (French: La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc) is a 1928 silent French historical film based on the actual record



of the trial of Joan of Arc. The film was directed by Carl Theodor Dreyer and stars Renée Jeanne Falconetti as Joan. It is widely regarded as a landmark of cinema, especially for its production, Dreyer's direction and Falconetti's performance, which is often listed as one of the finest in cinema history. The film summarizes the time that Joan of Arc was a captive of England, depicting her trial and execution. Danish film director Dreyer was invited to make a film in France by the

Société Générale des Films and chose to make a film about Joan of Arc due to her renewed popularity in France. Dreyer spent over a year researching Joan of Arc and the transcripts of her trial before writing the script. Dreyer cast stage actress Falconetti as Joan in her only major film role. Falconetti's performance and devotion to the role during filming have become legendary among film scholars.

## Thursday, 22 November: "Like Father, Like Son"



Japanese, with English subtitles  
Director: Hirokazu Koreeda,  
Writer: Hirokazu Koreeda  
(screenplay) Stars: Masaharu Fukuyama, Machiko Ono, Yoko Maki

Ryota is a successful workaholic businessman. When he learns that his biological son was switched with another boy after birth, he faces the difficult decision to choose his true son or the boy he and his wife have raised as their own.

## POETRY

The Weather from an  
Irish point of View

As a rule a man's a fool,  
When it's hot he wants it cool,  
When it's cool he wants it hot,  
Always wanting what is not.

If it's dry we need some rain,  
To water flowers is just a pain.  
But still far too much rain we get,  
It's never dry it's always wet.

If wind is blowing there's no doubt,  
It's far too cold to venture out.  
When calm in summer making ridges,  
A breeze would keep away the midges.

In winter if we get some snow,  
To school the pupils cannot go.  
And frost at night is never nice,  
For cars will skid about on ice.

But let's be pleased with what we've got,  
No matter cold or calm or hot.  
At least, if sunny out today,  
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CORRIB RAMBLERS

Written by Tom Cusack



Wading across to Finis Island.

Corrib Ramblers meet up in Oughterard Carpark on almost every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM, to carpool for interesting, varied and social walks within one hour’s driving distance. We occasionally walk further afield, including The Burren, other parts of Ireland, and in other parts of Europe. Usually, the walks are 2-3 hours long on established paths, with plenty of opportunities to loiter along the way - including a picnic lunch break and great camaraderie. Also, many take refreshments at a local hostelry immediately after the walk. We welcome new members and visitors at any time: just turn up at Oughterard Carpark on a Sunday morning, or ring Mary Kyne (0860779114), Barbara McSharry (0873531535), or Joe Murray (0872192682) for more details. While taking the fresh air and exercise, we enjoy the ever-changing landscapes of the West of Ireland - mountain paths, pastureland, woodland, bogs, lakes, shorelines, sandy beaches, islands such as Inishboffin and Omey, and limestone plateaux, - not to mention the exotic environs of the likes of The Camino, Lanzarote and Tuscany.



Heading for the Puffins on Inishturk.



Stretching it on Inishturk.



Taking a break at Hag’s Head.

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Having a laugh near Buckaun.



Beach picnic on Finis.

DATE 2018	LEADER	LOCATION	LENGTH
02SEP	Anne Gallen	Derroua trail, Oughterard	13k
09SEP	Barbara McSharry	Derryclare Wood (Lough Inagh)	7k
16SEP	Joe Murray	Lough Avalla Farm, Burren,	9k
23SEP	Mary Kyne	Drumsnauv, Cornamona	8k
30SEP	Nora Ann Carter	Muiceanach idir dhá sháile	10k
07OCT	Seamus Leyden	Windfarm, Doon East, Rosscahill	8k
14OCT	Úna Fleming	Inverin area	10k
21OCT	Peggy Campbell	Cong Woods	9k
28OCT	Agnes McEvilly	Old Farm Loop, Moycullen	8k
04NOV	Kathleen Ellis	Spiddal	10k
11NOV	Betty Clancy	Lough Nafooe	10k
18NOV	Nigel Rickard	Hill of Doon	7k
25NOV	Anne Gallen	Mám Éan	10k
02DEC	Tom Cusack	Glenarevagh, Leenane	7k
09DEC	Michael McEvilly	Collinamuck Church/Knockferry Loop	10k
16DEC	Joe Murray	Weekend in Renvyle Hotel	TBA
23DEC	Mary Kyne	Maghera, Oughterard	7k
30DEC	Angela McDonagh	S Quirke Rd via Dangan to NUIG	7k

The attached table summarises our planned walks for the next several months; we are looking forward to an Autumn season of great variety. This summer, we enjoyed a great series of well-attended walks covering all parts of Connemara, and greatly appreciated the generally fine weather.

In June, we enjoyed a 2-night mid-week summer outing based at the Ennistymon Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, County Clare. We took the shuttle bus to Hag’s Head, and walked from there to Doolin via the Cliffs of Moher. At Doolin, we took the shuttle bus back to base. The day was mild and there was only a slight breeze, so perfect walking weather. Apart from admiring the cliffs and ocean, the highlights were spotting the puffins, avoiding an unintended swim in the ocean far below, and managing to grab a drink as we briefly passed through the merry crowds at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre. The next day, we enjoyed a peaceful walk on back-roads from Ennistymon to Lahinch, finishing off with a very pleasant walk along the length of Lahinch beach. The Ennistymon Falls Hotel was very comfortable and the food was excellent. We enjoyed the fact that it was almost impossible to

find your room, as the place was a labyrinth of twists and turns and random doors on corridors that had been added over the years as the place expanded. To get to my room, I needed to go down one flight of stairs, through two different twisty corridors, then up two flights of stairs, and through two further corridors, all of these separated by various doors. It was easier but less fun to be escorted to your room by a member of staff.

In July, we had a most memorable day trip to the wonderful island of Inishturk, by ferry from Louisburg, where we took a lazy all-day walk around the island, becoming reacquainted with puffins on the edges of more cliffs, and drinking in the serene island atmosphere. It was a wonderful mild day which started and finished with refreshments in the quirky Louisburg 74 cafe.

In August, on a wonderfully warm and calm day, one of our regular Sunday walks took us on a 3-hour beach ramble to Finis Island, timed for low tide, so we only had to wade up to our ankles (for the quicker walkers) or our knees (for the laggards) to get back from the island in time.





## OAFc (OUGHTERARD SOCCER CLUB)



A scene from the 2018 FAI Summer Camp which was hugely successful.

Another season begins for us in OAFc, we'd like to wish everyone the very best of luck this year and thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Upcoming events include a Table Quiz at 9pm in the Boat Inn on Friday, 5th of October, and our Social will be held on the 10th of November in the Boat Inn. Our Social is open to everyone and tickets are eur 25 pp which includes a meal and disco. Please contact Jame McConnell 087 2578755 for more information.

### Some information about us:

- The Club serves a catchment area west of Lough Corrib from Moycullen to Reccs.
- OAFc provides football for Boys & Girls from U6 to Adult at Newvillage Football Park.
- Competitive football is provided for Boys U12 to U18 and Girls U12 to U18.
- OAFc COMETS: Coaching provides development football for Boys & Girls from U6 to U11 on Sunday mornings,

10.00-11.00am.

- COMETS Coaching commences on September 9th and will continue until May 5th 2019.
- OAFc GIRLS coaching takes place on Mondays from 6pm.
- OAFc BOYS coaching takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6pm.
- OAFc has a long established men's squad and this season will also have a Reserve Squad.
- Adult coaching takes place on Tuesdays.
- A long term objective of the Club is to have a Women's Squad which will participate in the Galway League. It is hoped that a sufficient number of players will be available in the near future to fulfil this objective.

The Club has consistently had players, male & female, selected for the Galway FA representative squads, including the U14 & U16 Gaynor winning squads. A significant milestone for the Club this season was having two players selected for the U15 Girls Squad which won the Bob Doherty International Tournament.

For coaching information check out

our Facebook page Oughterard AFC & website [www.oughterardafc.com](http://www.oughterardafc.com). Feel free to visit Newvillage Football Park to inspect our coaching and our facilities, and chat to us about your aspiring young footballer.

New members are always welcome. If you have any queries, please contact us on Facebook Oughterard AFC or email [oughterard@galwayfa.ie](mailto:oughterard@galwayfa.ie)



Our latest Powerball winner, Francis McHugh, getting his cheque of €500 from Colin Maloney.

## GOLF CLUB PRIZE GIVING

President's Prize-Giving Day in the Oughterard Golf Club clubhouse on Saturday the 23rd of June, with brilliant weather and the golf course in tip-top condition.



David Healy being presented the Claret Jug by Lady President, Freda White, for taking first place on the day.



Margaret O'Neill being presented the Claret Jug for taking first place in the ladies' competition.

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## OUGHTERARD ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

*Written by June Threlfall*

Before we began our summer break in July and August, we enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk from Tony Hiney of the RNLI. As a group we were so impressed with the amazing and often dangerous work that this group of volunteers participates in, that we followed the talk with a visit to the Lifeboat Station in Galway. During this visit, we gleaned more information about the volunteers, all of whom have day jobs and many have families. We also saw the equipment that is used and learned how much funding is needed to keep this life saving organisation 'on the road'; or should I say 'on the sea'!

In May, we visited Turlough Park Museum of Life in Castlebar. It was a fascinating look into the past which many members related to. Also, in May, two dieticians from UHG gave a talk on the 'food pyramid' and advice on a healthy lifestyle. Before leaving us, the young ladies informed us that they were looking for volunteers to participate in research into heart and kidney disease at UHG. Some members volunteered and those accepted on to the research programme, made a two-year commitment. As a group, we are looking forward with interest, to the outcome of this.

A visit to the Town Hall Theatre to see the **Blue Teapot Theatre Company** perform 'Dancing at Lughnasa', was our penultimate outing. **Blue Teapot** is a unique and pioneering Galway company, breaking down barriers and challenging pre-conceived perceptions of artists and audiences alike. The part of 'Rose' was performed by an actor with an intellectual disability. We were all impressed at how the play was portrayed and look forward to watching more performances from this company.

We finished for the summer by taking a 'cruise' on the Corrib Princess in Galway, followed by lunch at the Park House Hotel.

During our summer break, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that we had been successful in our application to the Galway Wind Park Community Fund. Along with other local groups,

our chairman, Mildred Joyce, treasurer, David Martin and other ARA members, attended the awards presentation evening in the Oughterard Community Centre to receive the cheque. The money received will be of great benefit to the group in purchasing necessary equipment and helping to fund transport for daytime and evening social outings and other requirements which are vital to keep the group running.

Our meetings resume on Tuesday, 11th September in Oughterard Community Centre at 11.00am and as usual, we extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in joining us. During September and October we have planned a visit to Kylemore Abbey, a quiz, a Night at the Dogs and a session of bingo. We are also hosting a meeting in The Boat Inn, for other Active Retirement groups in our area. This involves a short time given to sharing ideas and events, followed by a guest speaker and finishing with a light lunch.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Active Retirement members receiving a cheque from the Galway Wind Park Community Fund, which will be used to improve Association programmes.

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## OUGHTERARD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

### ORFC Club News

ORFC is looking forward to the next chapter in its development with the recent purchase of land on the Pier Road in Oughterard. We hope to progress to development of the land in the very near future.

### Registration Information 2018 - 2019

Minis registration (U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and girls) took place on the first day of the 2018-2019 rugby season, 1st September. Registration this year is online only through the following link: [https://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=1643&CLB=1](https://www.myclubfinances.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=1643&CLB=1). Please note that you can also access this website via [www.orfc.ie](http://www.orfc.ie).

New members are always welcome at Oughterard Rugby at all age levels so please come on down on Saturday mornings from 10.30am, visit the website at [www.orfc.ie](http://www.orfc.ie), find us on Facebook: Oughterard Rugby, or email [oughteradrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:oughteradrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com) for further information about the club.

The senior team are competing this year in J1C, a step up for the club in terms of the opposition and quality of matches. With a new coaching structure in place, it's exciting times ahead for the senior team. The seniors have already started back training. If interested in giving rugby a go at this level, you are very welcome to come down and try out or join this age group. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

Over 18 and want to get fit in a fun environment, non-contact? Mixed Social Tag Rugby takes place each Saturday morning @10:30 am from Saturday, the 1st of September. Both members and non-members are welcome. Whether you are dropping off children at their rugby session, or totally new to rugby, we would encourage you to have a go.



Main Sponsors and ORFC Committee Members at the 20K Drop Fundraiser launch night.

### Summer Camp - August 2018

Our annual summer camp took place over two days in August at our pitches at St. Michael's Field, in Oughterard. Over 100 boys and girls had a fun filled, action packed, couple of days, with the weather thankfully holding for the most part. Camp attendees learned about rugby values such as team work, commitment, and integrity. They also became aware of the importance of physical fitness and learned to develop and improve the basic rugby skills of passing, tackling, evasion and kicking, and, most of all, children had lots of fun and made new friends at the camp. Many thanks to all who helped out with the camp.

### ORFC Fundraising Events



20K Drop Jackpot winner, Orla McCormack.

In May, ORFC hosted the **20k Drop Fundraiser**. It was a fantastic event with over 250 people attending on the night at the Oughterard Community Centre. There was one winner, Orla McCormack, who won the jackpot of

€2,500. Over €20,000 was made on the night for the club. We are very grateful to all who sponsored the event and those who helped out to make it the huge success that it was.

In August, during Race Week, ORFC organised a **Ladies Day fundraising** event in The Boat Inn, Oughterard. A great day out was had by all who attended and all proceeds from the day went to Jigsaw Galway.

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Iveta Grigaite, ORFC committee, and George McGrath, Pallas Marketing, at the 20K Drop Fundraiser in May.



Our 3 Ladies Day judges l-r Áine Casey, Devon Morley, Cliona Staunton.



Some of our fashionable ladies at Ladies Day.

For further details on all matters ORFC go to [www.orfc.ie](http://www.orfc.ie), Facebook: Oughterard Rugby, email [ouhterardrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:ouhterardrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com) or call Niall at 0858887457. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for training times.

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