

# Bagenalstown parish year book 2009 launched last week

BAGENALSTOWN Parish year book 2009 was launched last week, and what a fantastic and interesting read it is. Beautifully published, illustrated and presented, it costs just €5 and is a must for everyone in the locality and beyond. It contains some very interesting photographs and details the history of the many groups, clubs and organisations in the parish. Fr Declan Foley PP's introduction says the magazine is like a kind of diary of events that took place within the parish and community over the last twelve months, a history that would act as a reference in the years to come.

## THANK YOU FROM SUSIE LONG FUND

The Bagenalstown committee of the Susie Long Hospice Fund has thanked the Bagenalstown fire service team of Mick Salter, Patrick Sullivan, Andy Fisher, Paul Gardiner, John Geoghegan, Michael Hogan, John Doran, David Gardiner, Eamon Bolger, Stuart Hynes, Brendan Ryder and Eddie O'Hara for their kind donation of €520, which they raised from their car wash. They also donated €520 to St. Lazerian's House, Bagenalstown.

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Alarms for older people The Newtown Nurney Fenagh Senior citizens committee has received a cheque for €2,986 from the Department of Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. This money will be used for the installation of nine emergency response personal alarms for senior citizens. These alarms will be installed early in January 2010. Anyone over the age of 65 in need of an alarm can still call Maria 0872369031 as we can apply again for the grant in 2010.

## DE LA SALLE NEWS

Presentation De La Salle College is delighted to offer a supervised study programme during the Christmas break for interested third and sixth year students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 4, 5 and 6 January 2010 from 9.30am to 2pm each day. Those interested are asked to please apply at the school office by this coming Friday, 18 December. Many thanks

to all those involved in the Parents Council Christmas Auction, which was a fantastic success. Thank you also to those who contributed items for the auction, parents and business sponsors across all sectors, and the members of the parents council for all their hard work.

## CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS

Ballinkillen Camogie Club recently held its AGM and the following officers were elected: chairperson - Geraldine Joyce, vice chairperson - Kellie Daiton, secretary - Bridgid Mulrooney, vice secretary - Brid Kennedy, treasurer - Ann Maria Quirke, vice treasurer - Stephanie Foley, child liaison officer - Jenny English, PRO - Catherine Kinsella. A special thanks was extended to outgoing officers Bernadette Cummins, Margaret Joyce, Sally Treacy and Sinead Minchin, who gave much of their time to the club. A social night was held last week in Ballinkillen/Lorum Community Centre, where the senior team

was presented with its medals for winning the Camogie Shield this year. Margaret Murphy was awarded the player of the year by the senior players, a very deserving recipient, having starred at both club and county level.

## HALFLIGHT WIN TALENT CONTEST

Congratulations to Darragh Doyle, Michael O'Mara, Jason Brennan, Kristian Dermody and Erica O'Hara of the Bagenalstown band Halflight, who won the KCLR Carlow/Kilkenny Talent Contest held recently in the Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny. All proceeds were in aid of local charities.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Newtown/Fenagh/Nurney Senior Citizens will hold their annual Christmas party in The Lord Bagenal Hotel this coming Sunday at 4pm. They will be joined with their friends from Bagenalstown, and Santa has also promised to pay a visit.

## EDUCATION AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE

Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society will host a lecture by Dr. Garrett Fitzgerald on Education and the Irish Language in The Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow tonight Wednesday, 16 December at 8pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. The society, after much work and planning, has its website up and running at www.carlowhistorical.com.

## SCOUTS CALENDAR 2010

The 2nd Carlow Bagenalstown Scouts have just launched their 2010 calendar, which is based around local groups, clubs and organisations in the parish like the Fire Service, ICA The Flower Club, The Beaver Section, Local Civil Defence, Country Markets, Cub Section, Erin's Own Hurling Team, Scout Section, St Andrew's Football Team and Kilree Celtic. The calendar costs €6 and to purchase your copy please phone 059 9720588 or 086 3219066.

## THREE COUNTIES CYCLE

Instead of being a couch potato, why not get up and get rid of those Christmas calories by participating

in the Three Counties Cycle on Monday, 28 December, supporting Beam Services, Bagenalstown. The 50km and 100km cycles start at 9.30am (entry fee €30 and €40 respectively), and the 25km cycle starts at 10.30am (entry fee €20). For sponsorship cards and further details please phone Beam on 059 9723504 or Email: eamservices@eircom.net.

## SPONSORED SWIM/WALK

The 17th sponsored swim and walk will take place on Christmas Day, with all funds raised in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. The walk will commence at the picnic tables at 11.30am and will continue around Green Road. The swim will start at 12 noon and for sponsorship cards please phone Mary on 085 1521232.

## CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets at €10 are now on sale for St Andrew's GFC's Christmas Draw. This is a very important fundraiser and your support would be very much appreciated.

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Tickets are available from Liam Barry, Aidan Coburn, Ken and Anne Hickey, Jimmy Mullins, Liam O'Brien, Mick Lillis,

Nicky Gordan, Hamish Beaton and other committee members. The draw will take place on Monday, 28 December.

## TURKEY TROT

Come walk off all the turkey and trimmings on St Stephen's Day at 12 noon from the lower stream all around Dunleckney. Entry is €5, and all funds raised are in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team and the Dyslexia Association. For further details please phone Marjorie on 087 7732407.

## RED DEVILS

Bagenalstown Red Devils will hold the Christmas Party for their junior members on Sunday 20 December in the Red Lion from 5pm to 8pm. This is always a very enjoyable and entertaining event and Santa has promised to be there with plenty of gifts. There will be live music and finger food served during the party. Membership is still available and for further details please contact any committee member or phone the club secretary on 085 1152298. Alternatively, you can log onto the club website at www.bagenalstownreddevils.com or email: info@bagenalstownreddevils.com

## MUINEBHEAG KOPITES

The annual Christmas Party for the younger members of Muinebheag Kopites will be held on Saturday 19 December in the Kilree Arms starting at 3.30pm and continuing for the afternoon. Santa will drop in with a special present for the younger Kopites. There will be a disco dancing competition and a raffle, with plenty of prizes, later in the evening. Not forgetting the mature club members, music will be provided by DJ Doc from 9pm until late. For further details on the club please phone chairman, Mick Lillis on 086 0508237, honorary secretary Darren Thompson on 087 0553534, or email: info@muinebheagkopites.ie, or visit the website www.muinebheagkopites.ie.

## BAGENALSTOWN NUMBERS

Our Lady Queen of the Universe 059 9721075  
St Brigid's Boys' 059 9721984  
Ballinkillen National School 059 9775153  
Newtown/Dunleckney National School 059 9727299  
Nurney National School 059 9146297  
Presentation De La Salle 059 9721860  
Vocational School 059 9721355  
Garryhill National School 059 9727355  
Parish Centre 059 9721154  
Fr Declan Foley Pp 087 6684299  
Fr Paddy Byrne 059 9723886 or 0879948505  
Fr Tommy Bambrick 059 9721154  
Rev Charles McCollum (Church of Ireland) 087 2885019  
Garda Station 059 9721212  
Bagenalstown Library 059 97 22208  
Bagenalstown Post Office 059 9721242  
Bagenalstown Credit Union 059 9723240  
Dr Brendan Coffey 059 9721650  
Dr Pascal O'Dea 059 9721650  
Dr Thomas Foley 059 9721502

# Great performance from Active Retired bowls club

Congratulations to Leighlin Active Retired bowls team of Jean Breen, Jim Campbell, Nancy Smyth and Michael Whelan, who came third in the recent competitions held in Waterford. The members thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner Dance in Gowran Park, which was run by the South East Region AR. The last session of bowls this year will be held on Friday 18 December and on will resume on Thursday 7 January 2010. The first meeting of the members after the Christmas break will be held on Monday 4 January and 25 January is the date set for their AGM. More details on this in a later issue.

## OLD LEIGHLIN GFC NEWS

Old Leighlin GFC will hold the final of their tournament on Saturday next 19 December at 5.30pm, where Parknagyle will take on Banagagole. Plenty of support for both teams would be greatly appreciated. The Club will

## Leighlinbridge

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hold their AGM will be held on Monday 28 December at 6.30pm in their dressing rooms. All are welcome, especially new members. Later that night they will host a Texas Hold'em poker classic at 9.30pm in Glendon's bar, Old Leighlin.

## LOURDES INVALID FUND

Congratulations to the following winners in Leighlin Lourdes Invalid Fund Christmas Draw: 1st prize €150 - Patrick Farrell, Ballinabranna, 2nd prize €50 - George & Liz Donoghue, 3rd prize €50 - Pat Curran, Old Leighlin, 4th prize litre whiskey - Brian Curran, Leighlinbridge, 5th prize two candle holders - Tommy, Joe, Seamus, Eddie, 6th prize hamper - McGrath boys, Oakley Crescent, 7th prize €20 meat voucher - Shannon &

Caoimhne, c/o Aggie, 8th prize bottle wine - Seamus Glynn 18 Raheendoran, 9th prize box of chocolates - Alan Doyle c/o Meaney's bar, 10th prize hamper - Jim Harkins c/o Meaney's bar, 11th prize bottle wine - Tom Dermody, Seskin Road, 12th prize glass bowl - Garry Sheerin, Ridge Bar, 13th prize €20 meat voucher - Kathleen & Bill Carroll, Carlow road. The committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the draw, donated prizes and ticket sellers.

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## COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

Leighlinbridge Community Childcare is now taking enrolments for its baby

room (3 to 12 months) and wobbler & toddler room (12 to 30 months). For further details please phone 059 9722933.

## OLD SCHOOL

Ballinabranna old school premises will be available to lease or rent from January 2010. For further details please phone Seamus Somers 059 9721505.

## CHERNOBYL AID

A clothing bank for Chernobyl Aid Ireland is available outside Leighlinbridge National School for anyone who wishes to donate clothes throughout the year.

## SCOUT TROOP

Leighlin Scout Troop are looking for any old scout uniforms, badges, scarves or woggles. If you have any please give them to any of the scouts, or leave them on the box in the Parish Centre.

## LEIGHLINBRIDGE NUMBERS

Leighlinbridge National School 059 9721796  
Scoil Molaise, Old Leighlin 059 9722166  
Ballinabranna National School 059 9146253  
Little Orchard Community Childcare 059 9722933  
Parish Centre 059 9722607  
Fr Tom Lawlor PP 059 9721463 or 087 2360355  
Garda Station 059 9721122  
Leighlinbridge Post Office 059 9721101  
Leighlinbridge Credit Union 059 9721000  
Dr Thomas Foley 059 9721240



Rafika Rafique is shown with Mary Lee Stapleton (Director of Services, St. Catherines Community Services) during the Welcome Party and Intercultural Exchange Event for families from the Rohingya Community in Burma organised by the Carlow County Development Board in the Seven Oaks Hotel in Carlow. Pic: Michael O'Rourke.

# Great party for the Young at Heart

## Rathvilly

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A GREAT attendance of 161 members attended the Rathvilly Young at Heart Association Christmas Party in Germaine's, Baltinglass on Tuesday last week. Members enjoyed a lovely meal, received a gift and danced the night away to the sounds of Gwen and James. Thanks to all who donated gifts and made financial contributions. Thanks also to all who helped make the night a wonderful success.

## SLANEY ROVERS AFC LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner and the numbers drawn were 3, 15, 18 and 19. There was one Match Three winner, Alan Hanks of Slaney Bank whose numbers were 3, 12, 18 and 19. The promoter's prize of €20 was won by Catherine Deering.

## RATHVILLY GAA CLUB LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner and the numbers drawn were 12, 14, 26 and 28. The match three winners were: Josephine Leonard, Rahill with 11, 12, 14 and 28 who brought her ticket from Sean Leonard and Marie Doyle of The Moat with 12, 19, 26 and 28, who bought the ticket from A Doyle. The promoter's prize of €20 went to Mick Kehoe. The €2,000 envelope draw will be on Saturday, 19 December in Molloy's and the AGM will take place on Wednesday 30 December at 8pm.

## CHRISTMAS YOUTH RETREAT

Youth 2000 is an international movement of young people called to spread the good news of the Catholic faith and share this experience with other young

people. Its motto is "Youth leading youth to the heart of the Church". We have experienced the love of God in our lives, and come to know how joyful and fulfilling it is to live out the Catholic faith. We want to share this with others and lead our peers to Jesus Christ, the source of all love, joy and happiness. Any young person interested in attending the Youth Retreat in Newbridge, Co Kildare from 18 to 20 December please contact the Parish Office on 9161114.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday at 7.30pm: Tommy Donovan, Jack Whyte, Pat Doyle and Frank Byrne. Sunday at 11am: Michael Kehoe, Tom Cunningham, Peter Lawlor and Malachy Kearns.

## BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents and families of the following children who were baptised in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly recently: Ben Patrick Costa of Slaney Bank View, Rathvilly and Erika Maisze Corrigan of Rathmore.

## CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Christmas Penitential Service takes place on Thursday 17 December at 7.30pm. Check the notice Board at the back of the church for dates and times in surrounding parishes.

## MOUNT ST ANNE'S

Come Away and Rest Awhile on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 December. Take time out to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas at a cost of €80

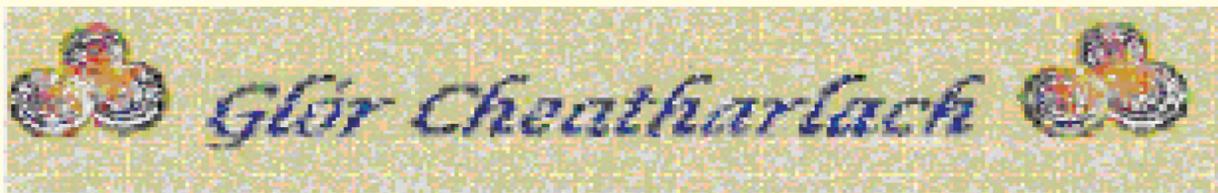
residential although non-residential places are available too. There is a carol service on Saturday 19 December at 6pm and Sunday 20 December at 5pm. All are welcome and there will be tea and coffee served. We also offer a Christmas lunch until 23 December. Large and small groups can be catered to. Phone 057 8626153 or email msannes@eircom.net.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The CRISP Computer Training Centre, Hacketstown is taking enrolments for the following courses, starting in January 2010: ECDL from Wednesday 20 January from 7 to 10pm, Computers for Beginners, an eight-week course from Monday 18 January from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Intermediate Computers, a six-week course commencing Tuesday, 19 January from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Internet and E-mail course, beginning on Wednesday, 13 January from 10.30am to 12.30pm and/or evening 7 to 9pm. Typing, photocopying, fax and laminating facilities are available at the centre and a CV preparation service. Enquiries 059 6471733.

## DAY CARE

Anyone interested in attending St John's Caring Centre, Hacketstown on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays please contact 059 647147 for details. Meals provided.



# Rith 2010 ag teacht go Ceatharlach!

Beidh Rith 2010, ollrith náisiúnta timpeall na hÉireann ar son na Gaeilge, www.rith.ie, ag teacht go Contae Cheatharlach ar an Aoine 12ú Márta 2010. Is féile náisiúnta nua d'Éirinn é Rith 2010 a bheidh ar siúl ón 10-17 Márta 2010 mar cheann de phríomhimeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Tá cúrsa 1600km leagtha amach chun ollrith seal-aíochta gan stad a dhéanamh ó Bhéal Feirste go Gaillimh thar 7 lá leis na míle duine ag ghlacadh páirte ann thar 400 baile.

Tosóidh Rith 2010 na hÉireann i mBéal Feirste ar an 10 Márta 2010 agus beidh an bailín seal-aíochta ag athrú láimhe idir dhaoine agus grúpaí reatha gach ciliméadar ar feadh seacht lá, gan stad. Críochnóidh sé mar chuid de pháraid Lá Fhéile Phádraig ar príomhshráideanna na Gaillimhe. Beidh fáilte roimh chách páirt a ghlacadh

ins na himeachtaí ceiliúrtha a bheidh á reachtáil i gcomhar le Rith 2010 ins na bailte éagsúla freisin. Rachaidh an t-airgead ar fad ó Rith 2010 go Ciste nua Gaeilge a chuirfidh maoiniú ar fáil amach anseo do na grúpaí pobail a ghlacann páirt sa bhféile. Beidh cruinniú eolais faoi Rith 2010 ar siúl i gCeatharlach go luath i Mi Eanáir agus beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.

Dúirt Emma Whitmore, Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Comhordaitheoir áitiúil Rith 2010 i gCeatharlach 'Táimid ar bis go bhfuil Rith 2010 ag teacht go dtí Contae Cheatharlach. Deis iontach atá ann do mhuintir Cheatharlach fáilte ollmhór a chur roimh Rith 2010 agus páirt lárnach a ghlacadh sa bhféile agus na imeachtaí a bheidh ar siúl. Ní hamháin sin ach beidh deis ag grúpaí pobail nó daoine aonair rith chun tosaigh leis an mbailín chun poiblíocht a dhéanamh ar an obair

atá ar siúl acu trí chilméadar a cheannach ar an suíomh www.rith.ie.' Seoladh Rith 2010 go hoifigiúil ag Oireachtas na Samhna le déanaí. Sheol Dailhí de Faoite, Cathaoirleach Choiste Stiúrtha Rith, suíomh gréasáin úrnu www.rith.ie agus nochtadh bailín seal-aíochta Rith 2010 don chéad uair ag an ócáid. Foilsíodh cúrsa 1600km Rith 2010 ag an ócáid chomh maith. Ceapadh Siobhán Seoighe mar bhainisteoir imeachta agus cuirfidh seo dlús mór leis an obair atá déanta go dtí seo. Seo an chéad uair go mbeidh an féile ar siúl in Éirinn ach tagann an smaoinemh ó Thír na mBascach, áit go bhfuil an Korrika á rith acu ó 1980 i leith agus áit gur ghlac breis agus 600,000 duine páirt sa bhféile anuraidh. Má tá tuilleadh eolais uait nó má tá speis agat páirt a ghlacadh i Rith 2010 is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh le Emma Whitmore in oifig Glór



Cheatharlach ar (085) 1340047 nó (059) 9158105 nó téigh go dtí www.rith.ie chun ciliméadar a cheannach.

## Gluisceacht FAIRTRADE

Is gluisceacht an-éifeachtach é FAIRTRADE chun aird an thomhaltóra a dhíriú ar tháirgí ó thíortha an tríú domhain ag fá forbairt i gcónaí. Tá réimse leathan de tháirgí san áireamh cosúil le tae, caifé agus bananaí; siúcra, seacláid agus mílseáin; fion, torthaí agus mil. Ciallaíonn an stampa suntasach Fairtrade go bhfuil ardchaighdeán ag na hearraí agus go n-íoctar praghas cóir do na táirgeoirí. Le blianta beag anuas tá grúpaí Fairtrade Ireland bunaithe i mbailte timpeall na tíre chun tacú le haidhmeanna Fairtrade. Ní haon eisceacht é Ceatharlach agus is iontach an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag an ngrúpa chun stádas Fairtrade a bhaint amach don bhaile. Is féidir earraí Fairtrade a fháil ins na hollmhargaí agus i roinnt mhaith siopaí. Agus tá rogha leathan de na táirgí ar an mbiachlár ag ostáin, tithe tábhairne agus bialanna an bhaile. Bíonn réimse leathan de tháirgí Fairtrade ar díol i gcónaí i siopa Chic & Cheerful. Moltar do thomhaltóirí a bheith ag faire amach do tháirgí Fairtrade an Nollaig seo agus muna bhfuil siad ar fáil iad a lorg. Sa chaoi seo is féidir a chinntiú go bhfaighidh feirmeoirí beaga an tríú domhain luach ceart agus cóir dá saothair. Tuilleadh eolais ar www.fairtrade.ie nó faoi Fairtrade Cheatharlach ó Bernadette ar 087 9031791.

Gach eolais ar imeachtaí Gaeilge ó: Glór Cheatharlach Carlow Gateway Business Centre Bóthar Átha I, Ceatharlach (059) 9158105 / (085) 1340047 emma@glorcheatharlach.ie www.glorcheatharlach.ie

## Níos mó Amhráin Ghaeilge foghlamtha sa scoil fadó!

Tá bailiúchán nua d'amhráin an-speisialta curtha le chéile ag amhránaí ó Chorcaigh John Spillane ar dhíúth-dhiosca nua dar teideal 'More Irish Songs We Learned at School'. Is é seo an dara halbam d'amhráin a bhí foghlamtha sa scoil fadó ón gceoltóir agus bhí ráth mór ar an gcéad albam a scaoil sé an bhliain seo caite. Tá 13 amhrán álainn eile le fáil ar an díúth-dhiosca nua seo a seoladh le déanaí. Bhain John an-cháil amach le cúpla bliain anuas le hamhráin cosúil le Dunnes Stores Girl agus Hey Dreamer agus bhain na sluaite taitneamh as a chéad albam as Gaeilge an bhliain seo caite. Is as Gaeltacht Chorcaí dó agus bhí tioncar an tsean-nóis i gcónaí le cloisteáil in a chuid ceoil. Mar sin ní haon ionadh é go bhfuil albam eile curtha le chéile trí Ghaeilge aige anois. Is bailiúchán neamhghnách go leor é ceann nua seo. Bhíodh sé deacair go leor teacht ar roinnt des na amhráin seo i gcnuasach amháin suas go seo ach anois tá amhrán mar Téir Abhaile Riú, Dilín Ó Deamhas, Siúl a Rún agus An Spailpín Fánach ar fáil ar dhíúth-dhiosca amháin.



Tá roinnt aoi speisialta le cloisteáil ar an díúth-dhiosca nua chomh maith. Tá Christy Moore ag canadh le John ar Cúnta agus Seán Ó Sé ar Do Bhí Bean Uasal / Carrickfergus. Tá leagan álainn den amhrán Óiche Chiúin ar fáil ar an albam seo chomh maith agus beidh sé á scaoileadh ag John mar shingil roimh Nollaig i mbliana. Bhí roinnt cabhrach ag John agus

é ag déanamh taifeadaidh ar an albam ó pháistí Gaelscoile agus daltaí Gaeilchoiláiste Cholm i mBaile an Chollaigh, Co. Chorcaí. Is bronnantas iontach don Nollaig é an díúth-dhiosca seo do pháistí agus do dhaoine fásta agus bainfidh gach duine a éistean leis an-taitneamh as na hamhráin. Tá an díúth-dhiosca More Irish Songs We Learned at School ar díol anois i siopaí ceoil timpeall na tíre.