

Birthday Wishes: Congratulations to Mrs Mary Cadogan, Rathoora and Mrs Mary O'Sullivan, who celebrated their birthdays in Ballydehob on Saturday last surrounded by family and friends and all had a most enjoyable day. Health and happiness to both ladies.

Schull Community College Parent Association Information Evening— will be held on Monday 30th Jan at 8.30pm in Schull Community College on the subjects of "Facebook" and "Twitter". This evening is aimed at parents of children who would like to know more about the concept of Facebook etc. Speaker is a Tutor organised by the West Cork Education Dept. Refreshments will be served.

Mizen AFC played their last match in the Division 1 League, last Sunday against Togher Celtic, the reigning team, not having lost a match in their previous games, and top of the Leader Board, Togher were destined to win the Div 1 cup but, Mizen had points to play for! There may have been a gasp heard from the Mizen sideline when Togher started the scoring just three minutes into the game, but the Mizen team held their composure and got on with the game in hand, and their team efforts paid off when Daniel O Driscoll scored before the first half was up. Both teams were just as determined in the second half as Mizen wanted to gain points and Togher wanted to keep their clean sheet of no losses! The ref disallowed a second goal for Mizen stating the Togher Goalie was pushed and so the end result was Mizen AFC 1 - 1 Togher Celtic. **The outright winners** of the Division 1 League are Togher Celtic and they were presented with the cup at the end of play. Their captain, commended Mizen AFC on a challenging game and wouldn't expect any less from the Mizen side. The Togher team came by bus to sample the Goleen hospitality! The cup was filled in Dennys' and hot food and sandwiches served to the teams and supporters! Thank you to Denny O Meara and staff for a very enjoyable evening! Mizen AFC await their placing in Div 1 as the other teams play out their games. Mizen AFC have the second round of the Beamish Cup to play for at home, against Ardfield, on Sunday 5 February @ 11.00 am. Good Luck to Mizen AFC!! *Sheila Lucey, PRO*

Goleen Community Playgroup would like to thank everyone who contributed to making their recent fundraising pub quiz in O'Sullivan's Crookhaven such a success. Thank you all for your generous donations and for attending on the night. Special thanks to Der and Alison and to all the staff at O'Sullivan's for their generosity and hard work and for making it such a fun night out! **In preparation** for the Celebrations to mark our 20th Anniversary, Goleen Community Playgroup has a couple of requests to make! We are hoping to create a display collage of students past and present and we are looking for your old photos. If any of you have any photos of your children who attended the Playgroup over the past 20 years and you are willing to give them to us that would be fantastic. If the photo shows your child actually in Playschool (or Parent and Toddler/ Afterschool Club) so much the better. We need to have the photos in before Easter at the latest. If you want us to make a copy of your photos and give you back the originals then please hand them in asap! Thanks! **Also** as part of the anniversary celebrations we are putting together a cookbook. Some of you have already sent me your recipes, thank you, if however, you're one of the many who has been intending to give me your recipe then can you please get them to me by Patrick's Day at the latest. Thanks so much for your support! **A couple of special requests...** it's coming up to the time of our big Easter Raffle and any and all donations are gratefully received! If you want to get rid of those unwanted gifts, biscuits, chocolates etc etc... save your waistline and donate them to us! On a similar note, lots of people get hampers at Christmas time, if you have a hamper basket that you're not using, and that's cluttering up your space, we'd love to have it. We can use it to create a wonderful new hamper for the Easter Draw. Who knows.... you might even win it back! Thank you for your generosity! **Finally...** a reminder that we are still collecting your old mobile phones so drop them in to me or to Playschool. Thanks everyone! *Eileen Cifone*

Calling all West Cork artists & crafters! Opening soon in Skibbereen - a brand new co-operative shop showcasing quality arts & crafts from West Cork! Are you looking for an affordable alternative to paying commission / wholesale charges in conventional shops & galleries? Please take a look at www.westcorkcrafts.net - it's run by local artists and crafters, for local artists and crafters. No commission charges.... Only a limited number of spaces available - contact us now to avoid disappointment! Adrian - 028 37593

The Chinese New Year, celebrated for 14 days from Jan 23, is a time to welcome longevity, wealth and prosperity and to eliminate any negative chi from the past. 2012, the Year of the Dragon, will be marked by excitement, unpredictability, exhilaration and intensity. The Dragon is full of drama and its lucky colour is yellow.

Events Calendar—Inclusion free. All items to be in by Tues evening latest. 028-35285 or newsletter@goleen.info

- Jan 26 **Coffee Morning** Living Links Information at Newman's Café at 10.30am.
- Jan 27 **35 Progressive Card Drive** in O'Meara's Bar **Jackpot €580**
- Jan 28 **GDCC LOTTO Draw** -Lobster Pot Bar **Jackpot €2050**
- Jan 30 **Info Evening on Facebook and Twitter** at Schull Community College at 8.30pm.
- Jan 31 **Bantry Cardiac Support Group**—monthly meeting and AGM in Health Centre in Maritime Hotel, Bantry at 8pm. Catherine Cahalane 086 7871552.
- Feb 01 **Free Blood Pressure Clinic** Bantry Health Centre 2.30pm-4pm.
- Feb 05 **Mizen AFC v Ardfield** Beamish Cup Second Round at home at 11.00am.
- Feb 05 **Monster Bingo** in the West Cork Hotel at 3pm in aid of *Brú Columbanus*
- Feb 18 & 19 **Schull Drama Group presents 'The Birthday Party'** at Schull Parish Hall at 8pm

- **Afterschool Club Spring Programme:** Wednesdays—Irish Dancing—Beginners and Improvers Welcome; Fridays—Drama—Booking Essential; Mondays—Pot Luck!! - Booking Essential; **Contact 028-35927.**
- **Uni-Slim Classes**—Contact Maura 087-2989104
- **Zumba Fitness Classes in Schull 8-9pm and Goleen**—Contact Deirdre 085-7020173
- **Bingo** in Goleen Parish Hall Thursdays at 9.00pm.
- **Dance classes**—Goleen Parish Hall every Tuesday night at 9pm. All are welcome
- **Acapellabella**—Thursdays at 8pm, Rosie's Bar, Ballydehob.
- **Mizen Head Signal Station** Opening hours Weekends only 11am-4pm

Goleen Community Centre—Contact 086-2725506 to rent the Centre.

Table Tennis Times: Mondays: National School Ages 3.30-4.30pm; Fridays 7-9pm.

Foróige Club every Sat 8-10pm Goleen Community Centre. Club is open to anyone aged 12 or over. 086-2013293

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 **Goleen & District Community Council Private LOTTO Draw**

Numbers: 10, 15, 21; €40: Declan Colley, Crook; €20: Mike Donovan, Ballysillagh;

Patrick Reidy; David Cifone; Mary O'Sullivan, Cove;

This Week's Venue: Lobster Pot. LOTTO Jackpot: €2050

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Mass Times:- Lowertown: Saturday—8pm; **Sunday: Ballydehob**—9.30am; **Schull:** 10.30am; **Goleen:** 12.00 noon. **Church of Ireland Services:** Sunday- Schull 10am & Altar Church, Toormore:11.30am

Goleen Community Charity Shop: Open Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 11.00-2.00pm. Thur 11-1.

Recent Deaths: Timothy Duggan (Cork and Scarteenakilleen, Ballydehob) - Sympathy to his family and friends.

Schull Parish Assembly wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped organise, contributed to and attended our recent carol service. It was a lovely occasion and we hope to make it an annual one. Saturday 11th Feb is "World Day of the Sick" and feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. To mark the day the assembly are planning to have a special mass for the sick and anointing of the sick. A date for the diary, further details later. **Catherine Roycroft 028/28164**

GOLEEN GAA. Club officers, players and supporters will travel to the Maritime Hotel in Bantry on Saturday evening next for the Buckley Financial Gala Function. Your Club is in the running for two prestigious awards on the night as a result of being one of the 11 monthly winners in 2011 in the TEAM OF THE YEAR category and being in the last six for the CLUB OF THE YEAR award. To get this far in the company of the great clubs, senior intermediate and junior, that make up Carbery GAA is a great honour for our Parish, to bring home one of the big ones would be beyond belief. Fingers crossed and nightly prayer !! Best of luck.

Meanwhile with manager, selectors and backroom team in place training will commence for the 2012 season in first week of February. **Membership** for is now due and can be given to Registrar John Cullinane or Treasurer Liz Barry. The usual benefits will apply, Members Draw for fine cash prizes and you will be in line for Munster (GAA) and All Ireland tickets. **Goleen GAA club** would also seek interest from individuals or companies who would like to become club sponsors or main sponsor of the successful Jnr B Team. This would help defray the ever increasing costs of running our Club for the year with teams taking part in divisional and County wide competitions. Contact Connie 086 8500940.

Dunmanus Bay Marine Association www.savedunmanusbay.org **Objections** have been sent by DBMA undersigned by over 350 people taken directly from the electoral roll. The Association of Dunmanus Bay Fishermen have also lodged an objection. Copies of these objections may be seen on our website. There have been a number of individual objections and (with the permission of the individuals) we would like to include them on our website and also to include in a file currently being prepared for our legal team in the event that ALAB overrule these objections. If Aquaculture Licensing Appeals Board (ALAB) agreed to an oral hearing it would be the first in the history of the State. Cut off date for receipt of appeal is close of business Thursday 27th January. In the meantime, progress is being made on the tourism promotion plan for the Bay which is a large part of our argument, as well as supporting the local fishermen, who have a very strong case.



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ANGER GROWS AMONGST PUBLIC TO SEPTIC TANK PROPOSALS

Maybe it's because the septic tank proposals are coming to a head in the Dáil or maybe it's just now we, the Irish public, are finding out that the Minister for the Environment has had inspections to the sewage tanks in our towns that pump raw sewage to the sea exempted from inspection. Or maybe the honest rural tax law abiding citizens are just sick to the teeth seeing that he paid for the updated systems in the cities and now when it's our turn to look at our upgrades, we will have to pay again all by ourselves. For whatever the reasons, five hundred people turned up at two information meetings in West Cork this week. While at Monday night's meeting many expressed their anger, this was nothing to those in Bandon tonight Wednesday, when, pardon the pun, the public shoved up the gas on the politicians for letting the people down by 1. accepting that a registration charge would apply and 2. for letting us, the rural people, who are the tiny fraction of this problem, be now targeted when the big hitters, the Department of Environment gets off scot free and don't have to upgrade any of their systems. The months and weeks have gone by and nothing has changed; there's little or no clarity on what effects the septic tank proposals will have on the people of rural Ireland. Following this information meeting in Ballydehob, organised by the Ballydehob Community Council, many have been left with more questions that they would sincerely like to have answers to. Over thirty speakers spoke from the floor covering all issues in relation to the septic tank proposals. They stated that Government after Government has failed the people on this matter. They spoke of Councils giving planning to large housing estates knowing that there was no proper sewage system in place in these towns. Many made it clear on the night they would not register their septic tanks as they are angered at what looks to all like a two tier scheme when they see our Government getting exemptions and the rural people having to pay. Angry people in attendance called for the planners to come to the public meetings and to stop hiding. It was stated that severe criminal charges will apply to anyone who refuse or obstruct these inspectors. But no matter what advice was at hand, it is obvious that the people are angered at what looks like a new proposal that makes the most vulnerable suffer.

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