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# An Caisleánach

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Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug  
@ 9.30pm



## The Gathering Festival

Well its over now, but what excitement and fun was to be had for all ages, a weekend with a difference that made many memories, a weekend that the younger folk never experienced in Castlelyons before it has been so long since we had a festival. What a difference it made to people's lives for a few days, everyone out to sample the atmosphere and have some fun, to break the monotony of a world depressed financially and that depression effecting all of our lives in one way or another. But The Gathering gave us respite for five glorious days and nights, it even made us forget that there was any depression in the economy.

- Starting on Thursday night with a teen foam disco which many of the revellers had never experienced, what a night they had in the safe environs of the Community Centre which was so well supervised by so many willing volunteers, they had a ball and those who missed it are sorry that they did, but there will be another time.
- Friday was all systems go for many volunteers as they prepared The Abbey ruin adorned in wild flowers, for our first ever Ecumenical Service in the Parish, the day looked dubious from a weather outlook but as usual our trust in the Lord was rewarded and we had a beautiful sunlight Autumn evening our celebrants led to the Abbey by a lone piper Master of Ceremonies Fr. Gerry Coleman along with Rev. Eileen Cremin and Rev William Montgomery open the Service assisted by Mons. James O' Donnell P.P., Rev. Tom Canon Brown P.P. representing Bishop Crean and Rev. Neilus O' Donnell P.P. delivered the Homily, and what a Homily taking us back in time to a time and place that has many happy memories for us all, remembering our emigrants, our deceased, our characters and our poets, a Homily that one became so attentive to in the absolute silence and wanted it not to end. This along with so many wonderful singers, piper, readers, musicians, Gospel Choir. Following the service a very enjoyable social evening with refreshments served was had by all in the Community Centre.
- Saturday dawned to another action filled day, we had a GAA blitz Camogie Blitz, juvenile treasure hunt, adult treasure hunt, an Historical Lecture and Tour given by Eamonn Cotter which drew a very large attendance and was much enjoyed. Later that evening we had the parade of the Festival Princesses and what a sight to behold, it seems some have signed contracts with Vogue!! and the selection and Crowning of the Gathering Queen was hilarious and went on to the small hours with the newly crowned Kylie Minogue (Moss Hartnett) entertain us all night.
- Sunday our long awaited Fair Day, and again we worried about rain, but there was no need as the Infant of Prague had been standing in a local garden since Thursday to ensure fine weather. Well they came.....men, women, children, donkeys, ponies, sheep, goats, poultry, dogs, ferrets and a host of food and craft stalls, and what an atmosphere. with the village closed to traffic they came in their hundreds, everyone relaxed as the ambled along stopping to chat to a neighbour they did not meet in a while, for someone home for the weekend or maybe even a stranger, such was the atmosphere that it was as if someone slowed the hands of time and the pace of life and everyone embraced it, for a few hours we were in a different mode, a different time, we had time for each other.....a place we should visit more often. It was a day to remember and savoured by everyone who was lucky enough to be there. Sunday night was our Mock Wedding and again the crowds came and were the entertained, a wedding like never seen before, with speeches like never heard before and a couple like never seen before. A great night with great music and great crowd who sang late into the night.
- Monday was Family Fun Day again huge crowds and a day of action packed fun and competition, mini Olympics, train rides, face painting, Daisy the cow to mention just a few. Thanks to all the parents involved a great day was had by all and I presume sleep came easy to the young participants that night..

Well its now a wonderful memory of a Community joined in fun, laughter, Prayer, competition and above all conversation. From the aged to the tots they were all there TOGETHER as a Community doing what we do best .....supporting each other, something we should strive to continue with in the future. One teenager said to his Mother "MAM I NEVER REMEMBER A WEEKEND LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE" ....that sums it up. Everyone who was involved- take a big bow -you deserve it and above all revel in the satisfaction that yes we are a great community united in our efforts.

## Community Care Group

- We all loved the beautiful Service in the Abbey recently and congratulate all who were involved.
- We are planning a night (or two!) away in September. Anyone interested please contact any of the Comm. Care group immediately, Bridie 36949; Eileen 31705; Maureen 36246; Winnie 36188.
- We had a wonderful day in Clonakilty in June with a lovely meal in the beautiful setting of Dunmore House Hotel.
- Anyone interested in going to the Seisuin in Fermoy- an evening of music, song, dance and story-telling ! Please also contact any of the above names as soon as possible.

## Castlebridge Celtic FC

- Caherdrinna and Celtic Youths win out in Murphy-Sexton Tournament Finals

The annual tournament finals for the Murphy-Sexton Cup and Shield took place last Friday evening in Bridesbridge. The Shield Final saw our own Castlebridge Youths taking on WVEC Junior side Mogeely. This turned out to be a great game with two very skilful sides going end to end for the full 90 mins. Afterwards Christopher 'Chippy' Murphy accepted the Shield from his sister Karen and also from Seamus Sexton and no doubt it was a proud moment for him. Well done to both sides on a great open game of football and hopefully both will do well in their coming seasons. The cup final was equally an entertaining game in which newcomers Caherdrinna FC took on WVEC champions Valley Rangers. Caherdrinna have taken this tournament very seriously from the start and always looked comfortable in this game. It was an impressive performance from them and I am sure they will be back next season to defend their first ever trophy.

Michael O'Rourke accepted the Cup from Jerry Murphy and Seamus Sexton and thanked all the players and mentors and supporters. Joe Hartnett and Mary Murphy deserve special mention also for organising the tournament this year along with the three men in black, Maurice, Dave and Adrian who ensured that all the games were played in a fair and sporting manner. Thanks to all the clubs who participated this year and next year we expect to have an even bigger and better tournament.

• Registration is now underway for the new season. Adults and Youths are asked to check with team managers about the forms that need to be signed. Under Age registration will now take place on Saturday August 24th from 4pm to 5pm in Bridesbridge and again on Saturday August 31st from 4pm to 5pm.

• Lotto - Draw held in Peddlars Rock on August 9th. Numbers drawn: 48, 72, 76. No Winner. Lucky Dips: Jim McCarthy; Luke Healy; Patsy O'Sullivan; Eoin Donnellan. Next draw on Friday August 16th in the Peddlars Rock. Jackpot €2150. Tickets available from usual sellers.

# Coolagown 5k Road Race & Walk

*A.A.I. Permit*

*In conjunction with St. Nicholas A.C.*

## THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT., 2013

**Runners: 7pm**

**Walkers: 6.15pm**

Joint Sponsors:

Rathbarry  
Stud

Fitzgerald Fallen  
Animal Services

Registration from 6pm at

**Farriers Bar, Coolagown**

ENTRY FEE €8

*Generous Cash Prizes for first three male / female*

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1st 2nd 0/35

1st 2nd 0/45

1st 2nd 0/40

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1st 0/60

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1st 0/60

1st 0/70

1st 0/65

1st Junior

1st Junior

1st Wheelchair

*Spot Prizes • Refreshments in the Farriers Bar*

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