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Calvin Murphy, Kevin Doody, Daniel Lynch, Ashley & Michael Gould of A+ Fitness presenting cheques to Jim O'Rourke & Ger McGrath of Cobh Tidy Towns and Breda Osborne of Park Road Centre. Full report and group pic inside. (Pics: Mary O'Connor)





Some of the members of A+ Fitness who took part in the Cork City Marathon. (Pic: Mary O'Connor)

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY - A+ FITNESS SUPPORTS PARK ROAD CENTRE AND COBH TIDY TOWNS

84 members of A+ Fitness ran in this year's Cork City Marathon and their efforts raised a total of €8,082.

A+ Fitness is a community in itself with owner Ashley Gould and his coaching staff Daniel Lynch, Cormac Byrne, Calvin Murphy and Kevin Doody putting a huge effort into ensuring people reached their target for the marathon. There were running programmes provided, group training sessions and a Whats App support group to notify people of their weekly runs and nutritional advice.

Ashley Gould told the GICN said he was delighted with this year's result and praised all the members who were involved.

"It is amazing to think that this is the 3rd year in a row that A+ Fitness has been involved in the Cork City Marathon for the benefit of the local community. This year the benefactors from our fundraising efforts are The Park Road Centre and Cobh Tidy Towns.

"The total this year was €8,082 which means over the last 3 years we have raised a grand total of €25,349 which has gone straight back into deserving groups in Cobh.

Thank you to everyone who took part and sponsored this great event. Looking forward to next year already!"

New members are always welcome with a range of class times on offer. Contact **087-6140691** to book a space.



Pupils of Naíonáin Shóisearacha , Gaelscoil Sheáin Uí Éigearthaigh, An Cóbh proudly display their Certificates of Completion recently awarded to them by Cork County Council Road Safety Development Officer, Caroline Casey, for successfully completing the Cork County Council School Warden Crossing Programme. The programme was organised at the school by Cork County Council Maor Scoile, Domhnall Mac Cárthaigh, assisted by Múinteoir na Ranga, Siobhán de Cógáin, ar dheis, agus Múinteoir Acmhainne, Déaglán Ó' Conaill, ar clé. *(Pic: Domhnall MacCarthaigh)*



Stephen Wilson Downey of Wilson's Pharmacy presenting Ger O'Connor with his prize of a €400 Hugo Boss watch. Anyone who bought a Hugo Boss product was entered into a draw and Ger was the lucky winner.

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“GOSSIP SPICE, WHO’S UP TO WHAT ON GREAT ISLAND”

Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary to Pat & June Phelan & happy 4th Birthday to their granddaughter Sarah June.

Happy 94th Birthday to Rene O’Gorman. Best wishes from Mary & Ger.

Happy Birthday to my birthday twin Laney Kelly. Love from Mary.

Happy 21st Birthday to Aoife O’Driscoll, from all her family and friends.

COMMODORE MALE VOICE CHOIR CELEBRATION CONCERT

This year marks the 55th anniversary of our choir in Cobh. Founded in 1964 by the Verolme Dockyard workers and carried on by Irish Steel employees the choir is still going strong as the Commodore Choir under the baton of musical director Ben Jacob.

In celebrating such a milestone we have organised an end of season concert in the Commodore Hotel on Friday June 28, 2019 commencing 8pm.

Many choir members past and present have had a long association with St. Colman’s Cathedral and the concert is being held in support of the Cathedral organ restoration fund. A varied programme is planned to satisfy all tastes. Why not come along and join us as we celebrate in an evening of music and song.

Tickets at €10 available from the Commodore Hotel or contact Paul O’ Sullivan at **087 0906 0053**. Peter Daly at **087 2190 053**.

Harry Bollard at **087 9821 865** or any choir member.

COLAISTE MUIRE 40 YEAR REUNION

Attention anyone who attended Colaiste Muire from 1974 – 1979, we are having a Reunion on 6 July, 2019 at The Pirates Rugby Club, The Paddock, Newtown, Cobh from 8 pm onwards.

We hope that you can make it, we have classmates travelling from the UK and the USA for this, so it will be a great night.

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NEW LIBRARY OPENED AT ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL



Author Olive Mooney cutting the ribbon to open the Library watched by Principal Fiona O'Callaghan, members of the Board of Management and the Library Committee. (Pics: Mary O'Connor)

Following over a year of fundraising, renovating and organising, the much anticipated opening of the new School Library in St. Mary's N.S. took place on Thursday, June 13.

Principal, Fiona O'Callaghan welcome a selection of invited guests for the proceedings.

The Library Committee, led by Deputy Principal Sarah Fitzgerald, planned a wonderful day filled with fun activities for the children to mark what was a truly special occasion for the entire school community.

Author Olive Mooney officially opened the Library on Thursday morning and completed workshops based on her books, 'The Chronicles of Cadaver College', with pupils from 3rd to 6th Class.

Pupils from Infants to 2nd Class were given a special time to browse and enjoy the new room throughout the day.

There was also a whole-school 'Readathon' in the afternoon, whereby every child gathered together after lunchtime for silent reading with their own book and cushion.

Parents were invited to browse the Library that evening from 17.00hrs to 18.00. The celebrations of the new Library continued further on Friday, June 14 with a 'Literature Lookalike' day, where every child dressed up as a character or object from one of her favourite books. There was also a school disco on the yard at lunchtime to add to the fun and festivities!



Members of the Parents Council who worked so hard to bring the library to fruition. Below: Sponsor Declan Moynihan. (Pics: Mary O'Connor)

The members of the school community are very excited to use the new Library, which is truly a symbol for what can be achieved when all stakeholders join together for the benefit of the children. Well done to everyone involved in this magnificent project.

Sarah Fitzgerald (Deputy Principal and Library Coordinator)

'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader'

A number of local businesses sponsored the library, Cobh Credit Union, Merck Millipore, Prosys Sampling Systems, Tama, The Roaring Donkey, Ryngs, The Jewel Haven, Anthony Stromsoe, Hardware House, The Keen House, Murphy's Centra, BMC, Tony O'Shea, Coral Leisure, Harbour Browne's, Supermacs & Lidl.

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Update from your Local Councillor Cathal Rasmussen June 2019

Firstly I would like to thank the people of Cobh for their great support to me to ensure that I was elected for another 5 years in the recent election. I will continue to work as hard as possible for you the people of the town and the Cobh Municipal District and I am looking forward to the many challenges ahead.

Work is progressing well on the laying of the new water main from Ballard to Bevelly and hopefully this will be completed towards the end of July or early August. Work is also due to commence on the laying of the new water main on Ticknock hill opposite the garage up approx. 200m towards the hilltop side. The road is to be surfaced as part of the annual council resurfacing programme once the pipework is completed.

Some resurfacing works will be completed over the next few months in and around the town and I will advise once the list is available. The section at the museum corner is to be done shortly as a matter of priority separate to these works.

At last the pedestrian crossing between the two schools is under way and once completed it will make the whole area safer for pedestrians. I would appeal to motorists to please slowdown in this area as the road will be narrowed with build outs on the road. Also please be conscious of where you park in this area as many motorists are parking and blocking access to the local estates.

The lower harbour drainage scheme is fast approaching our town and with it will bring many challenges for us all mainly in the town centre itself. The first part is the laying of the underwater pipe from the dockyard area to the Monkstown side which is due to get under way in August. We are meeting representatives from the scheme on July 22 here in Cobh to hopefully get a detailed timetable from them and also to meet the contractor who will be moving into Cobh to complete the work. I will update once we meet them.

The issue of buses and the parking of buses is raising some concern at present in and around the town. We as a town are in a very difficult position because we need the buses to ferry the many tourists to the town yet we have nowhere for them to park while they are waiting. I have been in discussions with the engineers to see what can be done and some areas are being looked at to see if parking can be facilitated. Once the drainage scheme is done a new street scape is planned for the town and as part of this parking will change in some fashion in the centre of the town. Before this happens the plan must go for public consultation and this is planned for shortly.

I would like to wish the volunteers and all those connected with Cobh Tidy towns the best of luck and to express my thanks for all their hard work in preparing the town for this year's competition. I am appealing to residents in all areas to keep their areas clean not just today but every day and be proud to live in our beautiful town.

Please feel free to contact me on **0868878421** or **rosemountcobh1@eircom.net**



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GREAT ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This year we will hold our bus trip to county Wexford and visit the Hook Lighthouse which is the oldest lighthouse still in service to date and also it's the oldest in the world. We will also visit other places of historical interest within the area of that county.

The cost of the bus is €20 plus the other places will be of extra cost. Names to any members of the committee of the society and also the date of that trip will be 13 July 2019 and that's on a Saturday, leaving the Convent at 9am.

We will also have a meeting of the society in the old school in Walterstown on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 8pm.

CORK HARBOUR ISLANDS PROJECT (C.H.i.P.) - 2019 EXHIBITION

Last October saw us hold our Exhibition ' St Colman's Cathedral - Infinity made Imaginable' in Cobh Maritime Building, Railway Station, Cobh.

The Exhibition focused on one of the most iconic buildings in Ireland – St Colman's Cathedral. Our beautiful Cathedral celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the laying of its Foundation Stone in 2018 and this August will see the 100th Anniversary of its Consecration. The Exhibition showcased all aspects of the Cathedral from its beginnings, those that worked on it and the huge social importance it has played in the history of our town over the last hundred years.

Due to circumstances outside our control the Exhibition only ran for a short length of time and many did not get to see it. Therefore, due to popular demand and to coincide with the 100th Anniversary Commemorations we will be running it again in full during the month of August again at Cobh Maritime Building, Railway Station, Cobh. In this regard we would be delighted to receive any more of your photos of social events such as Weddings, Christenings Confirmations, Communion and any other photos/info you may have on the Cathedral to add to the exhibition.

Everything is of interest to us no matter how small as it is only by recording this information that it is preserved for generations to come.

Please contact John Hennessy (Chairperson), 4814202, Claire Stack (Secretary 4813113/086 8590681-clairestack9@gmail.com), Dolores Coakley 4812639, Marita Foster 086 0667529, Denis McGrath 4812230, Dave Verling 4811284, Mary McCormack 4814127).

SIRIUS ARTS CENTRE

Summer Craft Fair Sunday 14 July 11am-5pm.

A day-long fair featuring a range of handcrafted gifts by local and national artists and artisans. To book a table in the craft fair please email Mary O'Dea at mary@siriusartscentre.ie or phone **021 4813790**. Early booking advised as space is limited.

Andy Irvine Friday 12 July, 8pm (doors 7.45)

Tickets €20 available online at www.siriusartscentre.ie or through the office info@siriusartscentre.ie / **0214813790**.

DEATHS: Tom (T.P.) Fleming, O'Donovan Place. Margaret Lynch, (nee Rita Hosford), St. Faustina, 30 Hillcourt Drive.

TREVOR IN TOP FORM AHEAD OF UPCOMING CHALLENGES

Topping a recent run of good form in fine style, Cobh athlete Trevor Cummins secured a first road race victory in Ballyheigue this month when leading home the field in the Half On The Head 10km event.

That this latest personal best (35.04) was recorded on such a hilly course will only provide further encouragement during a year that has already seen significant improvements in 5k (16.34) and 10mile (57.59) times.

Speaking after the win in North Kerry, Trevor reflected on his progress to date by adding: "About six months after I started running, I completed my first half marathon here in 2014 and then finished second in the 10k a year later, so it was a great feeling to come back to Ballyheigue and manage a first win on the road."

Given the consistent level of form upheld over the last twelve months, a big improvement on his current marathon personal best (2.48) is not beyond reason when Trevor takes to start line in Berlin this September.

Ahead of the autumn climax in the German capital, Trevor will take in the Asics London 10k in July as well as the National Half-Marathon Championships in Dublin come early August.

The final stages of preparation will include a three week training camp high up in the soaring Swiss Alpine town of St Moritz where endurance athletes from all over the world make their way to in search of the increased fitness gained from training at altitude.

Stay tuned to Trevor's progress by following [@TrainWithTrevor](#) across all social media.



LOTTO

Cobh GAA: 17 June: Nos: 3-8-11-22, no winner. 14 match 3 each receive €30. Next Jackpot: €4,700. **Cobh Wanderers:** 23 June: Nos: 6-16-18-27. No winner. €30 to: Tom Collins c/o Catherine O'Connor. Next Jackpot: €3,600. **Cobh Golf Club:** 20 June: Jackpot: €1,500. Nos:10-16-27. No winner. €35 to Frances Keaveney. Next Jackpot: €1,600. **Cobh Ramblers:** June 22: Jackpot: €1,750. No results at time of going to press.