



WICKLOW AND DISTRICT NEWS ROUND-UP

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New book on the history of Wicklow RNL

'All Clear, Let 'er Go' by Ciarán Doyle, traces the history of Wicklow Lifeboat Station from its humble beginnings in 1857 to the present day.

It provides the story of the significant events within that almost 160 year history; the rescues, the Lifeboat boats and, of course, the volunteer men and women who worked tirelessly over the years to keep the station operating.

The reader will experience the rigours faced by the 'iron men' in 'wooden' ships as they headed out to sea, open to nature's fury, with nothing to rely upon but their skills and fortitude.

The contents of 'All Clear, let 'er Go' have been gleaned through years of painstaking research, talking with some of the people who were there, and of the author, with over 30 years as a lifeboat crew volunteer.

With the aid of 120 photographs and written in a relaxed style, it will appeal to both the skilled mariner and land lubber alike.

'All Clear, let 'er Go' will be on sale in the following outlets at a cost of €12:- Flannery's, Wicklow Historic Gaol, Track One Music Store, Halpin's Bridge Café, The Lifeboat Shop and other outlets around the County.

Busy weeks for swimmers

It's been a busy couple of weeks for the Swimming Club; conditions were good for the evening races on Wednesday July 22.

First up, were the Intermediates, swimming for the Peter Davis cup.

This was a close race, with all swimmers finishing within 57 seconds of each other; first Conall Molloy, second Matthew Leonard and third Adam Ralph.

Eighty five seniors took to the water for the Irish Rubies cup. This was a

long course of about 1100 metres Sam Hennessy put in a great swim to take first place, just ahead of Mary Doyle in second and Dan Brennan third.

It was like the middle of winter on Sunday morning July 26, wet and windy. But this didn't stop some Juniors swimming their sprints; Under 8 boys; first Oscar O'Brien, second Jacob Fry, third Andriy Kravachenko.

Under 8 girls; first Evie Woods, second Sarah Coleman-Kelly, third Niamh Walters.

Under 10 boys; first Chris Bouchier, second Charlie Pierce, third Elliot Gaynor.

Under 10 girls first Saoirse Dolan, second Emma Walters.

Under 12 girls; first Amy Doyle, second Sarah Flood, third Maya Gaynor.

Twelve Intermediates deserve special mention for completing a tough swim, about 400 metres long with choppy water all the way in the pier

First Lily Devitt, second Ava Frazer and in third place Jessica Ryan.

The wind and rain just got heavier, which led to the postponement of the new Mick O'Reilly race for the Youths and the Mick O'Reilly senior race.

There was a new cup introduced to the Youth section on Tuesday July 28 – the Mystic Celt cup – sponsored by Paul and Sylvia Smith.

There was a field of sixteen young swimmers competing over a course just less than 1000 metres.

Ciara Brennan put in a fantastic swim to take first place, with Rachel Millea in second and Aoife-Marie Sheekey in third.

Next up, seventy eight seniors swam 1150 metres for the Smith cup.

This was sealed handicap race and a great spectacle to watch. The ladies dominated with Katie O'Neill taking first place, Margaret McCormack in second and Michelle Hassler in third.

The bank holiday weekend started off with the Glenbay Challenge on Friday July 31, with sixty one swimmers.

This event is in aid of the Wicklow branch of the R.N.L.I. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped out with the organising of this event.

The Youths Vartry was held on Saturday August 1.

This race had sixteen Youths competing for the Esmonde cup. Ryan Corrigan took first place, with Aoife-Marie Sheekey in second and Amy Brennan in third place.

The annual Masters Vartry, kindly sponsored by the Byrne family, followed the Youths race and had a large entry of 61 swimmers.

In the Ladies race Kathryn Fox was the winner, with Ann Schrader in second and Deirdre Fitzgerald in third place.

In the men's race Jia was the first man home, with Paul Vize in second and Paul Fox in third place. Wicklow swimming club's Ladies and Gents Open sea swims were held on Sunday August 2.

The rain stayed away and sea conditions were good as two hundred and six swimmers from all over Ireland competed in these events.

Results will be available on www.leinsteropensea.ie from Monday August 3.

Racing for this week starts on Wednesday August 5 at 6.45 p.m. Intermediates swim for the Chairman's cup and at 7 p.m. the seniors race for the Committee cup.

Racing for Sunday August 9 starts at 10.15 a.m. Junior Sprints, 10.30 a.m. Junior Challenge, 11 a.m. Intermediate – Mark Dunne Memorial Cup, 11 a.m. Youths, and 12 noon – senior race for the Brennan cup.

Charity Bridge night at EGS

Sandra Dunne and Mari Humby are heading back to Africa this November as part of the Mellon Educate charity.

The charity is dear to Mari and Sandra's heart and between them, they have been on ten successful building trips.

The aims of the charity are to lift people out of extreme poverty through education and support.

To help raise funds, they are hosting a Charity Bridge on Tuesday, September 1, in East Glendalough School, Wicklow Town, starting at 7.30 p.m. sharp. €10 entry.

All welcome and no partner needed, raffle on the night and donations of prizes gratefully received.

Thank you in advance for your support

Church fete in Redcross

Redcross will host a Church Fete on Saturday August 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the church grounds.

There will be Teas and Coffees, Barbecue Food, Home Baking, Plants, Produce, Toys, Books, DVDs, White Elephant, Pre Loved Fashion, Pony Rides, Games and Raffle Prizes.

Free Entry and Parking and all funds raised go towards Parish Funds.

More information on Redcross facebook page and www.redcrosschurch.ie.

Demonstration of barbecue cooking skills

The 'Weber Grill Academy on Tour' is coming to County Wicklow.

Enjoy a two-hour entertaining and inspirational barbecue cookery demonstration at Powerscourt Garden Pavilion in Enniskerry on August 18 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m..

Did you know that it's possible to make banana bread or Scotch egg on the barbecue?

Be prepared to be surprised by the range of tasty foods that can be cooked

outdoors this summer.

Recipes prepared and cooked throughout the evening will include German pizza, grilled mechoui of lamb, roast ginger beer chicken, rotisserie pork roast, desserts and salad.

There will be nibbles on hand to enjoy as your taste buds come to life while the chefs cook up a storm.

Tickets at €10 are available at powerscourtgardenpavilion.com/events/ or purchased in-store.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island

The annual pilgrimage from Wicklow town to Our Lady's Island, Wexford, takes place on Sunday, August 30.

The cost including coach and evening meal is €40.

An non refundable deposit of €20 is required at the time of booking.

Bookings can be made at the Parish Office, Wicklow town. Phone (0404) 61699, Tuesday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Pick up points are Garden Village, Newtown 10.30 a.m., Newtown 10.45 a.m., Ashford House 10.45 p.m., Rathnew 10.55 a.m., Wicklow town, Convent Entrance 11 a.m., Blainroe Crossroads 11.10 a.m., Brittas Bay 11.20 a.m. and Jack Whites 11.30 a.m.

Wicklow Tennis Club

Social tennis continues each Monday night for members aged 14 and over. Registration takes place in the clubhouse at 7.30 p.m. and entry is €2.

Junior members are reminded that entry to the Ashvale Crèche Junior Club Championships closes on Friday August 31 at 6 p.m..

Entry forms are available on the junior page of the www.wicklowtennisclub.com or from the Junior Supervisors in the clubhouse.

For further details on activities or membership please contact club administrator Sinéad Nolan on (085) 1156051 or info@wicklowtennisclub.com.

Bricks Club in

the Grand

Kids Bricks Club will host workshops in the Grand Hotel on Saturday August 29 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m..

It will consist of a fun filled building and creative workshop for 4 to 12 year olds. The cost is €15 and places are limited.

Phone (086) 0647911 to book a place

A workshop will also be hosted in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Saturday August 15 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Noritake and Pottery Reunion

The Arklow Bay Hotel is the place to be on Saturday October 3 at 8 p.m. for the gathering of Noritake and Arklow Pottery employees and staff to share memories and gaze at photos of times past.

A nostalgic night not to be missed, and enjoy food, music, dance and craic not to be missed.

Anyone that has photos of their days in Noritake and Pottery and want tickets contact Breda at (085) 7712939, Annie at (089) 2068189 or Mags at (087) 9853138.

Tickets are €20 and are on sale now.