

The Fifth Province

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Brownstown Hurling Club

Festival of Hurling

Brownstown Hurling and Camogie Clubs recently held a very successful Festival of Hurling and Camogie in Clonmellon National School. Coaches from both clubs along with the Westmeath GAA Schools Coaching Officer facilitated the various sessions. The week concluded with a Fun Evening and BBQ for children and adults in Brownstown Pitch.

Underage Training:

Under 6, 8 and 12 training in Brownstown on Friday evenings 7.00 to 8.00p.m. Under 10 training in Brownstown on Thursday evenings 6.30 to 7.30p.m. Our Under 14's, 16's and 18's continue to train under the amalgamation with Castlepollard (Clan na Gael) as they prepare for their respective championships. New members welcome in all age groups. For further information please contact our Juvenile Secretary Ciaran @ 087 6653874.

Our senior team have successfully retained their Division 1 status in the Westmeath Senior Hurling League with recent victories over Castletown Geo, Raharney, Delvin and Cullion. They are now fully focusing on the first round of the Championship which is scheduled for the weekend of the 21st July.

Brownstown Community Centre

Late last year we started our Social Dancing Nights on the last Saturday of each month. We have danced along to the music of Paul Leavy, Matt Leavy, The Mullen Bros. and Tom Power. Our forthcoming nights are 28th July Paul Leavy and 31st August Colin Kenny. Our entrance fee is €10 which includes free raffle and refreshments. We invite everyone to come along and enjoy a night out with some great music and dancing!

Brownstown Community Centre recently hosted jiving classes which will resume in September. If you are interested in learning to dance or wish to brush up on your skills keep an eye out for posters and Facebook posts for start dates.

Brownstown Centre is a community hall and is available to everyone. It is a great venue for birthday parties. We hire out the hall for €50 per event. There is also the option of having a bouncy castle or obstacle course for an extra fee. Call 087 768 6027 for prices of castles. We have a functional kitchen at your disposal. Our hall and meeting room is also available to hire out on an hourly basis for courses, classes or training sessions. If you wish to book the hall, contact Caroline 087 768 6027 or Sean 086 258 5666.

Brownstown Community Centre will be hosting a 10km run this September.

Parish Mass Times

Monday to Saturday
10.00 a.m. in Clonmellon

Sunday 10.00 a.m. in Killallon

Sunday 11.15 a.m. in Clonmellon

Market Square Committee

The Market Square Committee would like to invite interested parties that may like to consider making use of the open spaces within the market square. At present all internal space is occupied. The main objective of the committee is to maintain the existing structures to the best of standards and to utilize it to its full potential. Should any group wish to organize future events please get contact a member of the Steering Group at 086 373 3644.

Pride of Place

Killallon Pride of Place are delighted to announce after two rounds of judging we have been awarded a Silver Medal in the Meath County Council Anti-Litter initiative 2019. We would like to thank all those who helped in achieving this success. Well done.

Many thanks to Liam Moore for repairing the Killallon Heritage Walk sign which is displayed at Killallon Graveyard. There is a beautiful heritage walk of 2.8 km with map and lots of information on historical sites in the area. Come and enjoy the walk.



St. Pauls/Delvin LGFC

Mothers & Others

St.Paul's/Delvin Mothers & Others team are on the search for new players. It is a great opportunity for women to get their recommended weekly exercise in a fun way while meeting other mothers in the area. Don't worry if you have never kicked a ball before or if running is not your thing, you will be doing it all in no time.

Training

Championship season is nearly upon us. Junior Ladies football training takes place every Monday at 7.30 pm and every Friday evening from 8pm in St. Paul's football pitch. We are on the search for new players so why not come along and give it a try? U16 and U18 players are also invited to attend. U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's and U14 training continues in the pitch every Friday evening from 7 to 8pm. Congratulations to Emma Finneagan who has just won All Ireland Bronze with under 14 Westmeath, a great personal achievement.

If you have any questions or would like to know more check out our Facebook page, just search St.Pauls/Delvin Ladies or pop down to the pitch during any of our training sessions!

Clonmellon N.S Parents Association

We would like to extend our congratulations to **Peter Usher** (Sheepstown) for his fantastic poster 'Be Wise, Belt Up' which was shortlisted for the Road Safety Authority 'Seatbelt Sheriff' art competition. Peter won the 'Public Choice Award' based on a public vote carried out on the RSA Facebook page.



Thanks to everyone in the community for voting for Peter. First class children had a great day in Dublin Castle and Dublin Zoo on May 8th.

We would like to send best wishes to Ms Carolan who is retiring at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her years of service to our school and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Grandparents Day

The school held its first Grandparents Day on June 14th. The children were really excited to show their Grandparents around. Everyone had a great day.

Social Night on October 12th in Isaacs Well, Clonmellon. Music by the Mullen Brothers followed by DJ Mark Caffrey.

Clonmellon Men's Shed - What is the Men's Shed All About?

The Men's Shed aims to support men who want to improve their physical and mental health within the comfortable, familiar environment of their own shed and also help to develop their skills and sharing their knowledge with other shed members. We all have something to bring to the table. Shed members have a choice to work on their own projects, work on commissioned projects or they might just want to come in, sit down and have a cup of tea and a chat. There is no expectation for any member to get involved in any projects. You do what suits you.

Our achievements to date

- Improved the shed in a way that we can now carry out a large amount of projects.
- Photo gallery on the wall which shows a number of completed projects.
- A display cabinet to showcase some of our work which is available to purchase.

We do have bills to pay so any money raised from our projects go towards the running costs of the shed. Donations are welcome.

Meetings are held every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Market Square, Clonmellon Village. We are happy to open up in the evening or on Saturday mornings by request. Contact Brian Duffy (087 2996924) or via email on info@clonmellonmensshed.com.

Upcoming Events

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| 12th July | Westmeath Junior Championship Round 1 (St.Pauls vs Castletown Finea). |
| 20th July | Coder Dungeon Fundraiser for Christmas Lights Cinema Event and Cake Sale, Clonmellon Community Centre 4.00 p.m. |
| 21st July | First Round of the Championship - Westmeath Hurling. |
| 21st July | Derravaragh Music Association summer concert, St. Johns Church. |
| 28th July | Social Dancing Brownstown Community Centre, Paul Leavy. |
| July-Aug | St.Pauls G.F.C. Summer camp for children from 4-14 years. |
| August | St. Pauls 5k Fun Run. |
| 31st August | Social Dancing Brownstown Community Centre, Colin Kenny. |
| 22nd Sept | Potato Festival. |
| 12th October | Clonmellon National School Social Night. |





Clonmellon Tidy Towns

Application for entry to this year's competition has now gone in. Judging takes place nationwide from June 8th-August 4th 2019 and involves a one off inspection of our village, at any time, between these two dates.

We ask that everyone make a big effort over the coming Summer, every little helps, no matter how big or small. From picking up a sweet wrapper to painting your gates to picking those pesky weeds in the garden that you keep meaning to every time you get out of the car. Every little improvement gains us points and of course makes our village a nicer place to live for all of us.

The Community Garden (across from the Community Centre) is operational, please drop by and see the amazing work our gardeners' young and old have been doing.

Among many projects we've been working on recently, most visible is the huge progress we've made painting buildings around the village. We must thank the various owners for their co-operation and help and Fleetwood Ltd. for supplying top quality paint.

New members and helpers are always welcome - we usually spend Saturday mornings around the village but with the long evenings we'll be out and about!

Email tidytownsclonmellon@gmail.com if you can lend a hand or have any ideas you would like to contribute.

Class Act Stage School



St. Pauls G.F.C. Clonmellon

We were excited to announce recently that St. Pauls received approval from Westmeath Community Development for 75% funding for a new all-weather Pitch. The new pitch will come equipped with goalposts, fencing and flood lighting. This is an exciting and ambitious project that the club has undertaken and it will benefit not just St. Pauls Gaelic Football Club but the entire community. Construction is due to start later in the summer and total construction time is estimated to be 8-12 weeks. 75% funding means the remaining 25% needs to be fundraised and we are passionately asking that the entire community get behind fundraising events the club will be running over the next 6-12 months. Our second full size playing pitch is also coming along nicely, we had the ball stop nets installed and the grass cut and fertilized recently.

We are currently running a Clothes Collection fundraiser where you can donate old clothes, bed linen, pairs of shoes, handbags, curtains etc. All donations must be in bin liner bags and can be dropped into the club on Monday and Friday nights during training from 7-8pm. There's also our weekly club lotto draw where the jackpot is currently €3450. Tickets cost just €2 and can be bought in Leonards Shop, Isaacs Well pub or at Bingo on Monday nights. We will also be having our 5K Fun Run & Walk coming up in August.



St. Paul's under 8 team with their coaches Barry & Jake at their 1st blitz back in April.

On May 11th last, Class Act Stage School performed their end of year show in St. James' Hall Athboy to two packed audiences. With songs from The Greatest Showman, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Legally Blonde the musical and many more the audience were kept entertained with something for everyone. The students ranged in age from 3 to 18 years! It was enjoyed by all and we couldn't be prouder of all the hard work the students put in.

Class Act have classes in Clonmellon on a Saturday and Athboy on a Tuesday. For more information check out our Facebook page Class Act Stage School or email classactstagechool@hotmail.com.

Codor Dungeon

Last month we had our paper plane competition and again the event was a great success and the competition was fierce. First place was awarded to Kate Pender, second Finn Dixon and third was Ciara Pender. We would like to thank all that participated and helped make the day such a success. We also held an Easter cinema event which was our most successful event to date. It was great to see so many in attendance on the day.

A cinema event and cake sale will take place on Saturday 20th July to raise funds for the Christmas Lights. Doors open at 4pm with a PG movie on show.

We are now on Summer break, returning September 3rd. If your child is interested in joining our club please message us on Facebook or email us at coderdungeon@gmail.com. All children over eight years are welcome to join.

Summer Concert in St. Johns Church

Derravaragh Music Association present a Sunday Afternoon Concert at St. John's Church, Clonmellon on Sunday 21st July, 2019 at 15.00 hrs, followed by Afternoon Tea at Isaac's Well, Clonmellon. "It fell on a Summer's Day" featuring music by John Dowland, Thomas Campion, Thomas Moore and more. Also featuring Simon Morgan tenor and Eamon Sweeney, guitar and lute.

Tickets €20 available from Eventbrite or from Isaac's Well, Clonmellon or contact derravaraghmusicassociation@gmail.com.

Clonmellon Indoor Bowls

It's that time of the year again, one season finished and another ahead. We are delighted to have risen in the Meath bowls league (yet again), and finished this year in third place in division two. The next season begins in October, but we will be back in the hall, every Wednesday evening at 8pm from the first week in September. So if you're looking for something local, open to all ages and abilities, then you know where to find us. New members are always needed and welcomed. For further information, please contact Eamonn on 087 4173970.

Clonmellon Community Council

The AGM was held on 29th May, 2019 and was well attended. The Chairperson's, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. A new committee was elected as follows: Joan Daly (Chairperson), Karsten Brueck (Vice Chairperson), Paula Coonan (Secretary), Jenny Devine (Asst. Secretary), Marion Garry (Treasurer) and Noel Devine (Asst. Treasurer). A Table Quiz fundraiser for the Christmas Lights Fund was held on 17th May. All who attended enjoyed the night and we would like to thank our Quizmaster Bernard O'Byrne, Isaacs Well and all who donated prizes for the raffle. It is hoped that another Table Quiz will be held later in the year and will be well supported by the community. Unfortunately, there has been more damage caused to the surface of the playground. This is not necessarily a "teen problem". Please ensure your children are supervised when using the playground. If you see anything untoward going on please inform the Gardaí.

Clonmellon Steering Group

In association with Clonmellon Community Council funding was received from Westmeath County council for the "Big Hello" community event. A very successful "Big Hello" picnic was held at St. Paul's pitch on 4th May, which was well attended with lots of fun and laughter on the day with tug of war competition, potato and spoon race, egg throwing competition, relays etc. A special thank you to St. Paul's committee for facilitating this event and their support for their community.

A community action grant has also been received to purchase two hand recorders for the recording of local stories and history of the area. Following on from the Historical Photographic Exhibition and the digitalisation of photographs and documentation, it is hoped that we can continue to build on this collection. If you are interested in getting involved in this project or have anything you would like to share please contact 086 8636029, email communitynews19@gmail.com or call into Marion at the Café at the Market Square.

An "Expression of Interest" application for enhancement of the Main Street has also been submitted to Westmeath County Council under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Killallon The Big Hello - Get to know your neighbour

Killallon community held a coffee morning Sunday May 5th. It was a great success with a great turnout. 180 euro was also raised on the day for the Kevin Bell Trust. A big thank you to everyone involved. Part funding for the event was provided by Meath County Council.

