

# ICA's Angela meets President McAleese

ANGELA O'Neill is married to Ger O'Neill, mother of Patrick, Daniel and Sarah, she lives in Boley and has been a member of Ballyconnell ICA for the last nine years. As part of the federation she was recently invited to Dublin Castle where, in a group of five from Carlow, she met President Mary McAleese. As representative of the Ballyconnell guild, she joined groups from all over Ireland. Mary McAleese spoke about the ICA and its benefits to rural women in particular. The Laois group sang the group song. Ballyconnell was represented with a section on the national quilt which was displayed at the event. The Ballyconnell section was

## Ballyconnell

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made by Margaret Kenny, who could not attend on the day due to illness. Angela met grandchildren and family members of the original founders, the Lett family from Enniscorthy, Co Wexford, who were honored guests of the ICA. The first branch was in Bree, Co Wexford which is where Angela is from. Angela spoke to President McAleese and shook her hand. She said she found the president a warm and friendly person and was delighted to meet her. They spent the night in Bewley's

hotel and returned home the next day. As it is the centenary of the ICA and Ballyconnell has a long tradition, they were proud to have a member in attendance at such an important event.

**LADIES' FOOTBALL AGM**  
Coolkenno Ladies' Football Club recently held its AGM, at which the following officials were elected: chairman Colum Donoghue, treasurer Joan Bermingham, secretary and PRO Helen Smyth, child welfare officer

Mary Donohue, trainers Jack Bowes and John Bermingham, selectors U8s John Bermingham U10s Bridget Doyle, U12s Pat Murphy. The U8s and U10s were presented with medals by members of the Wicklow senior ladies team. The U14 team won the B championships in 2009. The U16s won the B shield. The new junior team did very well in their first year out, joining with Carnew and Tinnahally to play in the league finals, but sadly was defeated. Well done to all the girls

and anyone who helped out in anyway in 2009. Thank you to everyone who helped out in anyway this year it will be onwards and upwards. Training for the U14 girls 11.30 am Sunday at the pitch. Old and new players welcome.

**STATIONS**  
During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Sunday afternoon at 3pm in the carpark of Ballyconnell church. Trocaire boxes are now available in the three churches for the Lenten collection please be as generous and return the boxes on Holy Thursday.

**DAVID GOES TO THE FINAL**  
Well done to David Loft

from Kiltegan who made it through to the next stage of the All Ireland Talent Show. He will now be in the wild card show on Sunday 21 February to keep him in. Watch for his number and give him a vote.

**BINGO**  
Ballyconnell bingo every Sunday evening at 8pm. The jackpot is now €1000 and there is a €150 prize for checking on number 13.

**ADORATION**  
There is adoration every Monday in Kilquiggan from 10am to 6pm and in Ballyconnell every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

# 125 and Counting

## Dunlavin

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single voice and unit for the area. It is hoped to form a business leadership group which will promote all businesses in the area. It is hoped to bring out a local directory of goods and services. Please come along and have a say in our town.

**GOLF SOCIETY**  
The first outing in 2010 for the Dunlavin Inn golf society will take place on 27 February to Killea Castle Golf Club. New and existing members invited to play. Tee off time is between 10 and 11am.

**TRAD NIGHT**  
Celebrate our national feast day with a traditional Irish night on 16 March in Rathsalagh Golf Club at 9pm. The night will feature traditional musician Phil Callery, Gerry Harrington and Seamus Quinn, set dancers from Kilcullen and Jim Kearney as Seanachai. Ticket and enquiries to 087 9693960. Profits from the sale of tickets, at €10, will

go to Dunlavin Community First Responders.

**QUIZ**  
The table quiz in aid of the voluntary work that Teresa Parke is doing in Malawi will take place on 26 February in Rathsalagh Golf Club at 8.30pm. All support would be appreciated.

**TELLERS WANTED**  
Dunlavin Credit Union is seeking volunteer tellers at the weekends in the credit union. If you have time on your hands or want to enhance your CV. Please contact 045 401301.

**FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB**  
Due to repair works in the Jonathan Swift hall the venue for the March talk of the flower and garden club has changed to the Pastoral Centre, Sparrow Road. It takes place on Wednesday 10 March at 8pm. The talk will be given by Jenny Young on organic vegetable production and the organic

system in Castle Farm. All welcome.

**CREDIT UNION**  
The credit union has a great selection of novels for sale. The proceeds from their sale will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul Society.

**BINGO**  
Bingo takes place in the Imaal Hall every Saturday night at 9pm. The funds raised by the bingo goes towards the upkeep of the Imaal Hall and well worth supporting

**BUS SERVICE TO NAAS**  
A bus travels to Naas every Friday night to the new Storm cinema for €6 return. It leaves Dunlavin at 8pm and returns at 11.30pm. People can arrange to be picked up on route by telephoning Shay at 087 2310510. Passengers can be dropped and picked up in Naas town by arrangement also.

PICK up your copy of *125 and Counting* in Kennedy's shop, Dunlavin. This is a wonderful 320-page, hard-back book of photographs by Dave Barrett of Wicklow GAA in 2009. It contains 650 colour photographs and covers a wide range of GAA sports and events. A must for all sports fans for just €30.

**BLOOD BANK**  
The blood bank will be in the Community Centre Kilcullen on Thursday 18 February from 4.30 to 8pm. Please donate if you can.

**ROSE**  
Local Donard author Aidan Conran will have his play *Rose* staged in Baltinglass on Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 28. It will take place in the old Badminton hall at 8pm each evening.

**FORUM MEETING**  
Dunlavin and District Forum will host a meeting this Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm in the GAA centre. The Forum invites all the business organisations in the area to come along. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all the groups together to be a

# The Tree of Hope in churches

## Grange

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per week to visit/befriend older people who live in your area. If you are interested please call in confidentiality to Eleanor Doyle on 086 8530994 anytime or St Catherine's on 059 9138700 between 9am and 5pm. Carlow Contact is a community-based voluntary organisation for older people in Carlow and

**SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE**  
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county, funded by services for older people HSE.

**HEALING DAY OF PRAYER**  
A Day of Prayer for Healing will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday 27 February, with speakers Fr Michael Kennedy and Eddie Stone. A bus will leave the Church Car Park

at 8am sharp, via Killeric Cross, Grange, Closh Stores and Bus Stop, Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring a packed lunch, and for bookings phone Lily on 059 9151245 or lila on 059 9151120.

**GAA**  
There was no winner of the lotto jackpot of

€13,300. The numbers drawn were 10, 12, 15 and 21. Lucky dip winners were: Andy Pender of Killeric and Brian Murphy, Rathbawn. The sellers' prize went to Andy Pender of Killeric. The next jackpot draw for €13,500 will be held in the Hogan Stand tonight, Wednesday 17 February. Tickets are €2 for any committee member. Don't forget to get your tickets for the annual social to be held in the Killeric Resort hotel on 27 February with music by Chris Maher.

Tickets, including light refreshments are €10 from any committee member.

## ST ANNE'S LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

In the first round of the Minor Championship we were down to play Myshall on 21 February, however, Myshall will not be fielding a Minor team this year so we receive a walkover. Training will be at 11am on Sunday morning in Bro Leo Park. The next scheduled match is against Old Leighlin on Sunday 28 February.

# Lotto winner from Mountmellick nets 20,000 Tinryland

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IN the draw of Wednesday 10 February, the winning numbers were 11, 21, 22 and 27. The jackpot of €20,000 was won by Jack O'Brien of Mountmellick. Best wishes in the next draw on Wednesday 17 February when the jackpot is €10,000. Currently we are selling about 260 tickets a week.

**FASHION SHOW FOR TINRYLAND NS**  
There will be a Spring Summer Fashion Show in aid of Tinryland National School and a proposed extension on Thursday 25 March at 8.30 pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel. Tickets are €20 with a door prize and raffle included. The compere will be Faith Amond.

**SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**  
Parents who wish to enrol a child in Tinryland NS for September can do so until 19 February. Please contact the school at 0599142156 or email tinrylandns1@gmail.com.

**COMMUNITY GAMES**  
Benekerry/Tinryland was in action in Community Games competitions over the past week. On Sunday the Boys and Girls U13 Basketball teams were in action in the Carlow finals. The Boys U13 team were unlucky to lose out to Bagenalstown on a narrow scoreline of 18-17 in their opening game. The Girls team went on to defeat Graiguecullen 18-7 in the quarter finals before bowing out to Bagenalstown by 34-8 in the semi-finals.

The U14 mixed Table Quiz team also performed very well during the week when they were runners up behind Ballon/Rathoe in the county final.

**GUITAR LESSONS**  
Beginner guitar lessons are taking place in Tinryland clubhouse. Contact David on 0879366160

**LENTEN BOOKLETS**  
Lenten booklets from Kildare and Leighlin will be available this year. The theme will be Model your life on the mystery of the Lord's Cross. The Tinryland group starts in the Parish Hall at 8pm on Thursday 18 February.

**THE PARENT, BABY AND TODDLER GROUP:**  
This group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 am in the Parish Hall, Tinryland. For further information contact Patricia at 059 9146566.

Used Clothing Collection  
There will be a used clothing collection on Thursday 18 February before 12 noon in the main porch of St Joseph's Church, Tinryland. The proceeds are in aid of an orphanage in Kenya.

**COLÁISTE SAMHRAIDH 2010**  
Carlow's Irish Summer College for sixth class to Leaving Cert students will take place from 1 to 14 July. Details on www.glorcheatharlach.ie or 085 1340047, 059 9158105. Early booking essential.

# Big Tree Players busy rehearsing

## Leighlinbridge

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THE Big Tree Players in Old Leighlin are putting the final touches *Off the Hook*, which will be staged in Leighlin Parish Centre on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 25, 26, 27 and 28 February. This year's three act comedy is fast moving and funny. If you liked *Fawly Towers* you will love this play. The old familiar faces like Willie Farrell, Jimmie Farrell, Mary Austin, Eileen Carpenter, Willie Murphy, together with newcomers Jonathan Casey, Fiona Byrne, Robert Thompson, Clare Hughes, Liz Dunne and Paddy Foley, all make up an excellent cast, and together with producer Ger Patterson, assure a great night's entertainment.

**IMPROVEMENT GROUP AGM**  
A very well attended AGM of Leighlinbridge Improvement Group was held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 9 February. Chairperson John Meaney commended the group on wonderful and progressive work throughout the year. Secretary Mary Meaney reported that the hard work began on 25 February 2009, when the committee members met with Carlow County Manager to plan the year ahead. Later, funding was provided from parish funds and from Carlow County Council for the purchase of new lawnmowers. In early spring the FÁS workers and committee members commenced work to cut, clean, sweep, weed and paint as part of the ongoing maintenance of the village and environs. Assistance was provided by local businesses such as the Arboretum Lifestyle and Garden Centre and Stone Developments, with plenty of help also from Carlow Fire Services and Garda trainees. At the launch of the Pride of Place Competition the group received €500 for the largest community centre, and the committee also took part in Spring Clean Week and the annual Litter League. The volunteers worked very hard during the months May to August, and the village looked absolutely resplendent throughout. The big day was 7 September in Kilmahinan Museum of Modern Art, the Tidy Towns awards ceremony when Leighlinbridge again received a glowing report, gaining two marks on the previous year, winning first place in the county and retaining Gold Medal status for the sixth year in a row. On 29 October, our village won the Floral Category and €800 at the Carlow Pride of Place Awards in The Lord Bagenal Hotel and on 16 November the group received a cheque for €1,800 and a framed certificate at the south east regional awards in Emly, Co Tipperary. All the helpers came together on 12 December and thoroughly

enjoyed their Christmas dinner in the Mulberry Restaurant. Upcoming events include the Tidy Towns seminar in the County Council Offices on Thursday, 18 February at 11am. There will also be a workshop in the Parish Centre on Friday, 19 February for St Lazerian's School as part of the Green Schools Wildlife Project. The pupils will be assembling bird nesting boxes. The following officers were elected for the coming year: chairperson John Meaney, vice chairperson Brendan Comerford, secretary Mary Meaney, assistant secretary Mary Murphy, treasurer Kathleen Nevin and PRO Maura Devine.

## ACTIVE RETIRED

The members of Leighlin Active Retired thanked everyone who supported the afternoon dinner dance in the Lord Bagenal Hotel last Sunday week, and those who contributed to the raffle. There was plenty of entertainment, thanks to the band Celtic Sound, set dancers Caislean Dubh, singers Jackie Faulkner, Biddy Cooke, Leslie Dunne, Eileen Nugent, Nan Cunningham and Paddy Norris. Many thanks also to the management and staff of the Lord Bagenal Hotel. Water aerobics will start on Wednesdays until 31 March in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow and interior design will soon begin in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. The group is looking forward to Wednesday 3 March when members will travel to Carlow Little Theatre to see the comedy *Little Gem*. If you are interested please contact Norrie on 059 9721338.

## CHARITY BAINISTEOR

Michael Davitts U13s are competing in the Charity Bainisteoir tournament with six other teams. Their Bainisteoir is handballer Cecil Whelan, and all funds raised by them are in aid of the Care of the Aged. Your support would be very much appreciated for their upcoming fundraising events and their matches.

## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Do you have a disability, illness, or need extra support in finding work? If so, then come along to Leighlin Parish Centre on Thursday 4 March from 11am to 1pm, where Eithne from Carlow/Kilkenny Supported Employment will be there to assist you. For further details contact Eithne on 059 9135564 or 086 8359063.

## LOTTO DRAW

There was no winner in last week's Ballinabranna GFC's lotto draw for a jackpot of €10,000. As and from 1 March, the draw will take place on Monday nights at 10pm in Ballinabranna

Clubhouse. Tickets are on sale from the usual promoters and your continued support would be very much appreciated.

**SCHOOL ENROLMENT**  
Scoil Molaise, Old Leighlin will take enrolments for this coming September from Monday to Friday, 22 to 26 February from 9.30am to 3pm each day. To enrol your child please call to the school or phone 059 9722166.

## SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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## FASHION SHOW

The 10th annual Fashion Show with a Difference will be in The Lord Bagenal Hotel on Thursday 25 February at 8.30pm sharp, in aid of the Irish Wheelchair Association. This is a very important yearly fundraiser for a very worthy organisation cares for those with mobility impairment. Volunteers are needed to model on the night and if you would like to participate please contact Mary on 086 6027751. The compere will be Faith Amond, who will also show her own creations. John and Mary Meaney, who organise this event, are looking forward to a full house. Tickets at €10 are available from Mary or John on 086 6027751.

## PARISH DRAW

Our local Leighlin Parish Fundraising Draw has been launched and will take place over six months with a total prize fund of €25,200. Tickets cost €60 or €10 per draw, and there will be an extra draw in February for promoters with a full card for a €500 prize. There are great cash prizes to be won from a first prize of €2,000 to seventh of €200 and promoters' prizes. The first draw will be held on Sunday 28 February and the other draws on the last Sunday of March, April, May, June and July in the parish centre after 11am mass. Draw cards can be collected in the parish centre and weekday between 9.30am and 4.30pm and all enquiries to the draw office, Leighlin Parish Centre on 059 9722607. New promoters are needed to ease the work load and to ensure that each and every parishioner has the opportunity to participate in the draw.

# Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge Glór Oscailte!

CUIREANN Glór Cheatharlach fáilte is fiche roimh gach éinne gur mhian leo a bheith páirteach i saol na Gaeilge i gCeatharlach. Chuir sin tá cuireadh oscailte chuig Cruinníú Eolais in Ionad Pharóiste na hArdeaglaise, Sráid an Choláiste, Ceatharlach ar an 8.00i.n. agus ba mhór linn dá mbeifea i láthair. I measc na

n-ábhar a bheid faoi chaibidil beidh pleannanna Chun Stádas Bhaile Dhátheangach a bhaint amach do Cheatharlach, RITH 2010 ar son na Gaeilge, Clár Sheachtain na Gaeilge chomh maith le plé agus diospóireacht ar na himeachtaí rialta chun an teanga a chur chun cinn níos mó fós i measc an phobail. Glac leis an cuireadh agus tar chuig an cruinníú. Tá doras Glór Cheatharlach ar oscailt!

# Coláiste Samhraidh 2010

TÁ áthas ar Glór Cheatharlach a fhógairt go reachtáir Coláiste Samhraidh do dhéagóirí i gCeatharlach arís i mbliana. Beidh an coláiste lonnaithe i nGaeilcholáiste Cheatharlach agus reachaidh sé ar aghaidh ón 1-14 Mí Iúil. Tá an Coláiste Samhraidh dírithe ar dhallait atá ag iarraidh feabhas a chur ar a gcuid scileanna labhartha agus scríofa sa Ghaeilge. Cuirfear fáilte roimh dhallait ó rang

a sé go hardteiste. Beidh ranganna agus imeachtaí an chúrsa in oiriúint do dhallait i rang a sé agus míléinn i mbliain 1 agus 2 i ngrúpa na sóisear agus dallait níos sine i ngrúpa na sinsear. Beidh ranganna cainte, diospóireachtaí, amhránaíocht, cluichí, spórt agus rince céilí mar chuid den chúrsa. Cuirfear ranganna Gaeilge le meascán maith de chomhrá agus

gramadach, plé agus diospóireacht in oiriúint do na dallait ar fáil dóibh gach lá. Ina theannta sin, beidh seans ag na dallait tarraingt ar a gcuid eolais ginearálta ag tráth na gceist boird agus bainfidh siad an-taitneamh as na céilithe. Tá costas €195 ar an gcúrsa agus reachaidh sé ar aghaidh ó 9.30-1.00 i.n. gach lá ar feadh coicise.

# Poultry Bring and Buy at Daisy Cottage Farm

## Kiltegan

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On 20 February at Daisy Cottage Farm, about a mile from Kiltegan Village, there will be a poultry bring and buy sale. This is well worth a visit with lots of strange breeds of poultry on offer. Starting at 10am.

## KILTEGAN SET DANCING

The Kiltegan Set Dancing continues every Tuesday night in Kiltegan Hall from 8.30-10.30 pm. All beginners are very welcome. Anne-Grant Byrne on behalf of the set dancers presented €300 to Fr Joe towards the Hall.

## NEW CONFIRMATION DATES

Sunday 7 March: Church

of the Assumption, Tynock. Friday, 12 March: St Bridget's Church, Talbotstown. Friday, 12 March: St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

## FIRST EUCHARIST DATES

Sunday, 22 May: Talbotstown at 10.30 am. Sunday, 23 May: Tynock at 10.30 am.

## TALBOTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

Enrolment forms for September are available from the school now. Congrats to the junior and senior teams who took part in the recent Credit Union Quiz.

First place in the competition were Seamie and Nikki Germaine, Liam Keogh, Mairead, Colm and Fionn Murphy, Jack Simpson and Eoin McGloin. They go through to the next round. Well done to all pupils who collected €415 for Haiti, this included €150 from Sarah Hathaway's coffee morning. The school Book Fair takes place from 25 February to 3 March.

## SING ALONG IN JUNIOR AND TERESA'S

The monthly sing along takes place in Rathdangan on tomorrow night,

Thursday, 18 February.

## MISSING FROM KILTEGAN HALL

There are some tables and chairs missing from Kiltegan Hall. These may have been borrowed and are slow coming back. If you can help to locate them, it would be much appreciated.

## LEARN TO DANCE

Dancing lessons are now taking place in the O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan Hall, on Thursday's from 8.30 to 10 pm, including waltz, quick step, fox trot, Latin American. More information available from Mary at 086 8153033.

## IRISH MUSIC AND SONG

There is a session every

Wednesday night in Katie Lowe's. If you play an instrument bring it along and join in. All are welcome.

## WHIST RESULTS

Top score Thomas Lucas; 1st lady Sarah Hobson; 1st lady Lily Kavanagh;

1st gent John Shortt; 2nd gent George Hobson; halves lady PJ Hanlon; halves gent Seamus Sweeney. Raffle Charles Shortt, Theresa Fitzgerald and Martin Lawlor. Whist continues every Thursday night in Kiltegan Hall at 8.30pm.

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