

Job opportunities open up in the Baltinglass region

A spokesperson for the Baltinglass Citizens Information Centre told *The Nationalist* that a certain amount of confusion remained about the Work Placement Programme and the two streams that applied. She said that the FÁS programme provided nine months' work experience for unemployed people and graduates. Stream One of the twin programme provided 1,000 places for graduates and Stream Two introduced 1,000 places for unemployed people with 250 of these places reserved for people under 34. Feel free to seek clarity by calling in at the Baltinglass

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Citizen Information Centre, which operates out of the old Credit Union Building every Friday. Consultations are free and confidential.

CALLING BALTINGLASS HERITAGE ORGANISERS National Heritage Week this year is from the 21 to 29 August. Baltinglass-region community groups are asked to consider running events that encourage outdoor activity, are interactive, involve participation and that are child-friendly (when feasible)

The Heritage Week organisation points out that it's never too early to start planning your event. The National Heritage Week Event Guide will be available for registration purposes online at www.heritageweek.ie from 1 April. The deadline for inclusion in the Event Guide is 31 May.

DISCO TO PUMPKIN MINUS ONE Organised by the Scoil Chonglais Disco Parents' Association, the disco is

set for Friday 19 March from 8pm to an hour before midnight. Secondary school children only are admitted and doors close at 8.30pm.

SCOIL NAOMH IOSAF ENROLMENT The Pupil Enrolment Rolls for September 2010 are open and will be closed on or before Friday 26 March – so time is running out. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. For details call 059 6481083.

Red Cross seeking volunteers

THE Baltinglass Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society is seeking new volunteers in West Wicklow. Full training will be provided for anyone interested. Please contact John O'Reilly on 086/1937677

SEAMUS MILEY RIP Sympathy is extended to Kathleen Owens, Church Road on the death of her brother Seamus Miley, Blessington, recently. May he rest in peace.

DUNLAVIN INN GOLF SOCIETY The winners of the first outing for 2010 were 1st Johnny Willis, 2nd Christy Owens, 3rd Joe Whittle.

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Front 9 Keith Willis Back 9 David O'Toole. The society would like to wish Fr Joe Whittle a happy 90th birthday. Next outing 27 March in Athy.

CARLOW FLEADH CEOL The Carlow County Fleadh Ceol will take place in Leighlinbridge on 26, 27 and 28 March 2010. See the Leighlinbridge notes or check out the Carlow Fleadh website or telephone 086 3994185 for full details.

WHIST Whist drive will take place on 15 April at 8.30pm in the Jonathan Swift Hall.

U14 TRAINING St Nicholas GAA U14 team will start training again on Thursday 25 at 6.30pm in the GAA grounds.

125 AND COUNTING 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 and is a must for all sports fans for just €30.

TELLERS WANTED Dunlavin Credit Union wishes to invite volunteers to become 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.

CIC takes a little break

CARLOW Citizens Information Centres outreach service in Tullow Parish Centre will be closed on Thursday 25 March and 1 April. For further information please phone 059 9138750.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN Carlow Local Authorities will refund the hire of one mini-sized skip for one day to approved groups during April 2010. Skips must be used for the clean up of litter and communal green spaces

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only. Further information from John or Janette on 059 9136210 or 059 9136203 before Friday, 26 March.

LOURDES CARERS The annual church gate collection in aid of the Lourdes Carers will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday, 20

and 21 March. Your usual generous support would be very much appreciated.

HEALING DAY OF PRAYER A day of prayer for healing will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday, 27 March with speakers Fr Michael

Kennedy and Eddie Stone. A bus will leave the church car park at 8am sharp, via Killerrig Cross, Grange, Closh Stores and Bus Stop, Barrack Street, Carlow. Please bring a packed lunch, and for bookings phone Lily on 059 9151245 or Ila on 059 9151120.

Table quiz for hospice and ICA Myshall/Fenagh

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GARRYHILL ICA, sharing with Carlow Hospice, will hold a table quiz in the Hunter's Rest, Fenagh on Friday 19 March at 8.30pm. Your support would be very much appreciated.

ADULT JIVE DANCING LESSONS A six week course of classes in adult jive has started in Naomh Eoin. There is still time to join and classes start at 8.15pm sharp.

For enquiries contact 059 9157952 or 9157901.

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES There are also children's dance classes in Naomh Eoin GAA club every Saturday morning. Styles include hip-hop, break-dance, freestyle and jazz. The class caters for ages three to eight from 10 to 11am, ages nine to 15 years from 11am to noon. For enquiries contact 9157952 or 9157901.



Choir members Brandy Taost and Hayley Johnson

Our Lady of Lourdes NS Bunclody

OUR Lady of Lourdes NS Congratulations to Adam Raleigh (St Mary's Villas) and Chloe Kavanagh (Knockaree) who were the first pupils to complete the online Cryptology & Code Breaking Challenge for third class on the school's website www.bunclodyns.com. The challenges are part of the school's More Able and Talented Programme. Pupils from fourth and fifth classes took part in the World Class Arena Tests as part of the same programme. The World Class Arena Tests are designed to meet challenge gifted and talented pupils. The school's chess A Team will play their final match in the Scholastic School's Chess League against Loreto Girls' Gorey next week. The team of Rachel Kelly, Josh Byrne, Paddy Dunbar and Martin O'Connor have been very successful and look set to win the competition. The school's own chess league will finish on next Friday 19 March. Pupils from the school will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of the Most Holy Trinity on Sunday next March 21st at 2.00pm. Parents wishing to enrol pupils in the school for September 2010 should contact the school secretary Helen for an enrolment form at (053) 9377380 or by email at bunclodyns@eircom.net.

Bunclody

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White and Tighe Kelly. **BUNCLODY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** Gerry Daly will give a talk on Monday 22 March at 8pm in The Sunday School. Admission for non-members is €10. The full list of spring and summer activities will be circulated to members before the end of March.

BUNCLODY LIBRARY Hedge your bets! – International Year of Biodiversity. On Thursday 18 March a talk on choosing hedging plants, the preparation and use of hedges in the garden will be given by Frances MacDonald the accomplished local gardener who has the stunning Bay Gardens to her credit. The talk is in Bunclody Library on Thursday 18 March at 7pm.

WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ The closing date for the World Book Day quiz is tomorrow, Thursday. The list of questions is still available from Bunclody Library and can also be downloaded from the library website at <http://www.wexford.ie/wex/Departments/Library/WhatsOn/>. Entries should be returned to Bunclody Library. Wexford Library Service and FAS are collaborating to offer online courses free of charge for those who would like to improve their computer and administrative skills. A range of courses are on offer in Bunclody Library including ECDL, Microsoft Word and Excel and finance fundamentals. Drop into the library to register or contact Bunclody Library at 053-9375466 for details

DANCING IN KILDAVIN Hear, see and dance to John Cooper and Fernando in the function room at Conway's Bar & Lounge Kildavin on Friday 19 March 2010. Dancing from 10pm to 12.00 midnight. Admission is €8. Don't miss out on a wonderful night of dancing and entertainment.

BUNCLODY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE Bunclody Adult Learning Centre, Ryland Road, Bunclody courses include: basic computers which is open to all, but particularly those with limited or no previous experience of computers. Initial Adult Literacy Tutor Training will be delivered in September 2010 and is for those who wish to become an Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor. FETAC Level 3 computers is open to all. FETAC Level 5 Childcare learners must be in receipt of a social welfare payment or have less than leaving certificate. Introduction to business & enterprise – learners must be in receipt of a social welfare payment of have less than leaving certificate. The days and times of the course will be determined by the availability of the learners. For further information please contact Mary Ruth or Grace on 053 9152067 or call into Bunclody Adult Learning Centre on Ryland Road or go to www.cowexford.ie (click on Adult Education, then news and events) for an application form.

KILMYSHALL NATIONAL SCHOOL Enrolment of pupils for the 2010-2011 school year is currently taking place in Kilmysshall NS. Enrolment forms, available from the school, should be returned as soon as possible. Children starting school must be four years of age by the date the school opens after the summer recess.

BUNCLODY / KILMYSHALL DRAMA Bunclody/Kilmysshall Drama Group is presenting ***"Death of a Salesman"*** by Arthur Miller as their entry on this year's amateur drama circuit. Tommy Murphy is the director of this production. More information on Bunclody/Kilmysshall Drama Group can be found on their website: www.bunclodydrama.com Their final appearance on the Festival Circuit is in Shercock, Co Cavan this Friday 19 March. Break a leg, as they say in the business!

WHIST Whist continues every Monday night in St. Aidan's Hall, Irish Street, Bunclody. First deal is at 8.30pm.

LADIES FOOTBALL HWH/Bunclody Ladies' Football Intermediate team had a convincing win over Tagmon in their first league match of the year, in Bunclody on Sunday 14 March. Team: Aideen Kearns, Lesley Ann Kelly, Susie Kehoe, Máiread Hanrick, Anne Maile Talon,

Elizabeth Kelly, Lisa O'Neill, Orla Donohoe, Irene Hayes, Leanne Kehoe (1-0), Clare Finn (0-6), Rebecca Atkinson, Kelly Ann Murphy(4-1), Eileen Hanrick (1-0), and Tracey Nolan (1-1). Subs: Laura Nolan (for Clare Finn), Emer Power (for Rebecca Atkinson), Emer Kelly (for Tracey Nolan), Maura Kenny (0-1) (for Eileen Hanrick), Sarah Murphy (for Elizabeth Kelly), Ashling Donohoe (for Lesley Ann Kelly). The final score line was a resounding HWH / Bunclody win 7-9 to 1-4.

BALLYROEBUCK NS Ballyroebuck NS is currently accepting enrolments for the Junior Infants class of September 2010. Applications will be accepted until the date of the Easter holidays, Friday 26 March. An information meeting for parents will be arranged after Easter. All enquiries should be made by phoning the school (053 9377410), by calling into the school (between 2 and 3.30pm if possible) or by e-mail ballyroebucks@gmail.com.

ICA Bunclody ICA. Guild held its monthly meeting on Monday 8 March. President Marcella Dunne presided and welcomed the members. Maureen Behan, secretary read the minutes and Clare Brennan, treasurer, gave the financial report. Arrangements were made to travel to Wexford Opera House on Sunday 20 April. The guest for the evening was Ann Dreelan who gave a very interesting and informative talk on reflexology and holistic therapy and some members were treated to a massage. Eileen Murphy won the competition and the raffle was won by Carmel Darwin. The competition next month is a small spray of spring flowers.

DRAMA Kildavin / Clonegal Drama Group will present their production of *Nil by Mouth* in Spellman Hall, Kildavin on Sunday 21 March at 8pm. All proceeds in aid of BEAMS, a Bagnalstown-based organisation that helps adults with special needs.

GAA Half-Way-House / Bunclody GAA. club's three adult football teams were out in the second round of the football leagues last weekend and the three of them were successful. The intermediate team beat Cranford on a score line of 3-09 to 0-3. Team was Patrick Kavanagh, Enda Slevin, Pat Jackman, Matthew Byrne, John Atkinson, William Atkinson, Barry Kehoe, Dylan Kehoe, Conor Kinsella, Ollie Connors, Bryan O'Hara, Mylie Connors, Padge Doyle, Fiachra Cleere and James Kehoe. Subs Used: John Byrne, Patrick Hanrick, Davy Murphy. The Club's second team beat Shelmaliers on a score line of 2-10 to 0-6 points. Team was Art O'Neill, Paul Jackman, Kevin Dunne, James Creane, Davy Murphy, PJ Murphy, Patrick Hanrick, Paul Finn, Keith O'Hara Mark Murphy, Podge Doyle John Byrne, David Reck.

VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN The Bunclody vintage tractor run in aid of Bunclody Daycare will take place on Sunday 11 April from Morrissey's yard at 12 noon sharp. Sponsorship cards are available from Mike Wall 053 9376079/086-3334161 or Maria at the Day Care on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 053 76552. Please support this worthy cause.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Preparations are well underway for the Bunclody St Patrick's Day Parade.

The third team received a walk over from the Starlights on Saturday afternoon. The Club's Minor footballers played Maundintown in the first round of the championship on Thursday evening last. The local team started off sluggishly and were 1-1 down after just a few minutes of play. On the team realised that they were up against a very strong side they upped their game and knuckled down to playing some very fine football. Indeed some of their score taking was a joy to watch. This is a very hard working squad who really play as a team, and hopefully under the watchful eye of Niall Guinan they will continue to improve as the championship progresses. The team was Podge Murphy; Jamie Rory Murphy; James Taylor; James Ellard; Jamie John Murphy; Paul Atkinson; Padraig Sinnott; Sean Kenny (0-1); Steven Finn (0-1); Adrian Handrick (0-1); James Doyle (0-1); Jonathan Thorpe (0-1); Podge Kehoe (1-0); Aidan Nolan (2-5) and John Connors (0-1). Subs Sean Cummins, John Taylor, Richie Black, Brendan Dunne, Mylie Connors and Jason Cowman. The first round of division three of the U 16 football was played last Sunday in splendid sunshine between hosts Bunclody and Castletown. Both teams were depleted due to a county soccer game but the lads that took the field never gave it a second thought. Castletown started the better with two well taken points but an opportunistic goal from Dean Slye edged Bunclody in front. Points from Castletown put them back in the lead until a great goal from Eoin Murphy brought Bunclody to the fore by a point until the break. A very good goal from Castletown immediately on the resumption ignited a terrific battle from that to the final whistle which saw them run out two point winners. Bunclody were left to rue their lack of composure in front of goal and their many missed opportunities that included a penalty in each half. Best for Bunclody were Roy Hudson, Shane Doyle, Conor Crean, Eoin Murphy, Matt Doran, Ronan Roberts and Sean Kenny upon his introduction at half time. The team was Jamie Farrell, Jamie Cowman, Shane Doyle, Roy Hudson, Sean Nolan, Conor Crean, Billy Kelly, Eoin Murphy, Matt Doran, Jamie Wilson, Ronan Roberts, Dean Slye, Cormac Kelly, Simon Black, Sean Hogan(C) subs Andrew Kelly and Danny O'Brien.

Marching groups and floats are asked to gather in the car park of the Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, from 9.15am with access from Barker's Road only. Great celebrations are planned for the day with on street entertainment from 10am. Blessing of shamrock will take place at the viewing stand, Market Square, Bunclody at 11am. The Bunclody St Patrick's Day Parade has been growing every year and the organisers hope that this year will be bigger and better this year. For details phone Barbara-Anne Murphy at 087 6736966.

GAA LOTTO There was no jackpot winner of last week's Half-Way-House / Bunclody GAA club lotto draw. The numbers drawn were 4, 11, 22 and 25. Seven Match Three winners each receive €15. They were: Mick Dunbar, Gurteen; Charlie Meyler; Rita Dillon; John O'Leary, Rossard; Paddy Scott; Wally Byrne and John Atkinson. The next draw will be held in Kehoe's on Monday 22 March when the jackpot will be €2,400

MODEL COUNTY Development Draw. Tickets for the 2010 Model County Development Draw will be on sale from this weekend. Members of Half-Way-House/Bunclody GAA Club will be calling to your door to ask you to support the club by buying a ticket. The top two prizes each month are cars and there are 60 prizes per month to be won. Tickets cost €60 fully paid up or €20 per month for three months. There is a prize draw for fully paid members. Please support your local GAA club by buying a ticket.

STARS IN THEIR EYES. A great night of entertainment is promised when the third Stars in Their Eyes will be held in Caesar's Nightclub, Bunclody on Friday 16 April. Proceeds of this year's show are in aid of autism. More details soon.

FLEADH CHEOIL Fleadh Cheoil Cheatharlach will take place in Leighlinbridge from Friday 26 March to Sunday 28 March. The opening is at 8pm on Friday night with a grand concert in the Parish Centre. All day on Saturday 27 March there will be competitions going on and there will be a session trail in local bars that will include a live recording by RTE's Ceili House. On Sunday 28 March activities include a bar-b-que, festive mass and walk; crafts, Irish dancing and a children's session. All are welcome to come to Leighlinbridge to enjoy the fair!

THANK YOU Sincere thanks to all who bought and sold tickets in the Bunclody/Kilmysshall area for the Lourdes Invalid Draw. The grand sum of €1,805.40 was raised for this worthy cause.

THANKS TO EMPLOYERS All fifth year students follow the LCVF programme in Bunclody Vocational College. They have recently been out on work experience. The school is very grateful to the many employers who have given this week of work experience to students. It has been very beneficial to them.

Snowball won at bingo

A lucky player won the €1,000 snowball on 47 numbers on Sunday 7 March. You can win €140 on number 13 for a full house. The committee is thankful to all who support the bingo. Please note that on Sunday 28 March the time will change and bingo will start at 8.30 pm.

COUNTY MARKET The country market will be held at the Badminton Hall, Church Lane, Baltinglass every Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm. Homemade breads, cakes, tarts and lots more homemade food will be available. Free range duck and hen eggs, jams, chutney, flowers, plants, arts and crafts, fresh vegetables and fruits. Homemade butter available.

PILGRIMAGE A pilgrimage to Medjugorje takes place from the 30 March to 4 April. For further information phone 059 6471681 or 087 2543235.

Clonmore

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AUCTION The annual charity auction in Hacketstown hall will be held on Sunday 21 March at 2 pm. The Hall will open the day before at 1 pm to allow people to leave furniture, toys, garden tools, electrics or whatever.

GOOD LUCK Good luck to Jimmy's Barber Shop owned by Stephen Fagan, Mill Street, Hacketstown. The contact number is 087 9276438 and the shop is open daily. Children are welcome there are special rates for pensioners, vouchers are available and even hot towel shaves are on offer.

CARLOW FLEADH CEOL The Fleadh starts in Leighlinbridge on Friday 26 at 8pm with an open concert and continues on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 March. On Saturday the primary

school fleadh competition starts at 11am, the sean nós dancing workshop is from 4 to 6pm. There will be a session trail, two live recordings at RTE ceile house, barbeque, festive mass and a walk, crafts and Irish dancing. For more information log on to www.carlowtrad.net.

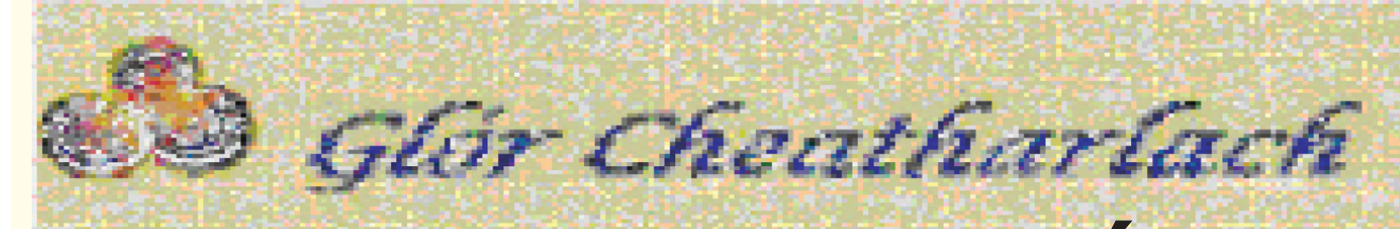
DOWN SYNDROME CARLOW Down Syndrome Carlow is looking for anyone who is interested in participating in their women's mini marathon on the June bank holiday weekend. The registration and bus will be paid for participants. Phone Val Curran 087 2451862.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE CLASSES Classes in the computer centre from 7 to 9pm for ten weeks starting Wednesday 24 March 2010. Book now to learn

a new hobby and have a good night out. Phone Eileen on 059 9159447 or 087 2273516.

LOTTO WON AGAIN The jackpot of €700 was won by Josie Duffy, Tombeagh on 7 March. The seller was Sheila Connolly, Clonmore. The numbers drawn were 17, 14, 7 and 16. The winners of €40 each were Ann Whelan, Kingscross, Maggie O'Reilly, Rathoe, P Hunt, Crablane, Fiona Cosgrove, Liscolman, Chrissie O'Brien, Knockeen. The jackpot will be €600 next week.

FIRST AID Colaiste Eoin is holding a First Aid Refreshers course on 13 March 2010. For more information contact Mairead Tompkins, Colaiste Eoin, Hacketstown on 059 6471198.



Naomh Pádraig, Aspal na hÉireann

Naomh Pádraig, Aspal na hÉireann Ina bhuaicillín beag a tháinig Pádraig go hÉirinn ar dtús. Rugadh sa Bhreatain Bheag é sa bhliain 387. Lá amháin agus é ag súgradh, deirtear gur sciob an Rí Niall Naoinn Giallach é agus tugadh go hÉirinn é. Díoladh mar sclábháil é le feirmeoir darbh ainm Miliúic. Chait sé tamall ag aoireacht caorach ar Shliabh Mis i gContae Aontroma. Bhíodh Pádraig de shíor ag guí. Bhí sé óg, eaglach agus uaigneach. Bhí ocrais air go minic agus uaireanta ní raibh

aige le n-íthe ach bia na n-ainmhithe. Bhíodh sé de shíor ag guí. Faoi dheireadh, d'éirigh leis éalú go dtí An Fhrainc. Chait Pádraig tamall ag foghlaim chun a bheith ina shagart. Ní dhearna sé dearmad riamh ar mhuintir na hÉireann agus, ina thabhairm dó, chuala sé iad ag gaoch ar ais air. Sa bhliain 432 chuir an Pápa Ceilistín go hÉirinn é. Chuaigh sé go dtí Éamhair na Rí agus mhí-nígh sé an Chríostaíocht don Ardri, Laoire. Thug an tArdri cead dó an creideamh a mhúineadh do na Gaeil. Las Pádraig tine an

chreidimh ar bharr Chnoc Sláine i gContae na Mí. Thaiséal Pádraig timpeall na tíre ag craobhscaoileadh an chreidimh. D'iompaigh sé mórán daoine chun na Críostaíocht. Bhaist sé iad ins na toibreacha ar a nglótar Toibreacha Phádraig ó shin. Agus é ag múineadh rúndiamhar an chreidimh, phioc sé seamróg suas agus dúirt " Tá trí phearsa in aon Dia amháin faoi mar atá trí thuilleog ar aon chos amháin." Caitheann a lán daoine an tseamróg ó shin. Deirtear gur chuir Pádraig an ruaig ar na

nathracha nimhe as an tír seo! Chait sé daichead lá ag troscadh ar mhulach Chruach Phádraig i gContae Mhuigheo. Téann na sluaite ar oilithreach an ó shin. Bíonn Lá Fhéile Phádraig ar an seachtú lá déag de Mhí an Mhárta, féile mhór i lár an earráig. Bíonn lá mór aobhinn bannaithne againn agus caitheann daoine ar fud an domhain dath uaine ar an lá sin. Lá mór é do na Gaeil go léir pé áit ar domhan ina bhfuilid. Las Pádraig tine an chreidimh inár gcroíthe, tine nach mífchar go deo. Agus sinn ag ceiliúradh le

