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MERIT AWARDS FOR MITCHELSTOWN PIONEERS:

The Mitchelstown Pioneer Centre has been awarded Gradam na Réadóirí for the year 2013, in recognition of the overall quality of commitment and service in promoting the aims and goals of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart, held recently. This is the 7th time that the Graham (Pioneer Merit Award) has been awarded to Mitchelstown Centre. Mass and presentations were held in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardnier St. Dublin 1. The principal celebrant and homilist was Rev. Fr. Donal Neary SJ and the readings were by Mr. Robert Shannon (Bantry), President of the Pioneer Association, After the Mass 43 Pioneer Centres from all over Ireland, were each presented with a special embroidered Pennant and Certificate of Achievement, by the President of the National Association, Robert Shannon. Congratulations and best wishes to our near neighbours, Rathcormac P.T.A.A. who also received their 5th Pioneer Merit Award on the day.

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Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 9th June 2014

Club Cycle (meet at Kilbehenny Community Centre) currently scheduled for 7pm on Wednesdays and for 9am on Sunday mornings. We had a good group out on Sunday last who braved the heavy rain that appears to have taken over our summer of late.

"Tour of the Galtees Sportive" – just over a week to go! Our fundraising cycle is drawing near - **Sunday June 22nd** and we would like to extend our invitation to all to join us on the day – hopefully the unpleasant weather shall have changed at that stage! Registration is from 8.30am with the cycles commencing at 9.30am; 10am and 11am (respectively). Please come along and enjoy a great day by the Galtees and support this worthy cause - the **All Ireland Co-Operative Oncology Research Group (please visit www.icorg.ie)**. All proceeds from the day will be going directly to the charity and the cycling is followed by a food reception (and banter, no doubt) on return to the hall for all participants. **Upcoming Events:** We have a good number of members enrolled for the much publicized Ring of Kerry charity cycle. This event has really taken off in the last number of years with a lot of cyclists disappointed this year at not getting registered due to the huge demand for places. It takes place on 5th July, covers 180km and starts/finishes in Killarney and we look forward to seeing everyone there that weekend.

Finally, new members are always welcome and the club caters for all levels/abilities. For further details please contact any of the following: - Mary 086 603-3239; Tom 087 268-3587; Eileen 086 318-0962 [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kilbehenny.cycling.club): - Kilbehenny Cycling Club

Mitchelstown Parish & Community Newsletter

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World Cup: The World Cup competition comes around every four years and began these last few days. The competition is a delight to many and to others they can't wait until it is over, as the television becomes hijacked for three weeks! Even though Ireland is not competing on this occasion, all sport fans are looking forward to great games and a great competition. At the end of the games some player is going to stand out for his exceptional ability. Those of us who are older still remember the performances of the great player Pelly. Sport is a wonderful gift from God and brings joy, recreation and fulfilment to many. Let us hope it will be a great competition and inspire all our young people to healthy and fulfilling recreation. As the Leisure Centre reaches its completion, we all look forward to its benefits to the community. And, of course, all hurling and football fans are looking forward to the local competitions and to a great game today between Cork and Clare. Many people give a lot of their time to developing sports in the Parish and we thank them for what they do and for the wonderful opportunities it gives our youth.

Mother and Baby Homes: The recalling in the past week of our past history surrounding our mother and baby homes, has opened a lot of wounds for a lot of people. Sometimes things of our past have to be addressed, painful though they may be. Let us hope that the Government investigation will help clarify some of the painful issues and hopefully lead us to some healing and help us all to learn from what took place. For anyone in the community that has been affected, we ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you His love and consolation.

Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration: As we approach the 25th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish, we marvel at the extraordinary effort that has been made by families, by continuous prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist day and night for 25 years. It is a God given Grace to our Community and we give Him thanks for it. Many who made this spiritual exercise possible have now departed us. But special appreciation must be expressed to Nora and Conor Hogan, who have done so much over the years and many others who helped the Adoration continue. **Bishop William Crean will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving on this Monday night, 16 June at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, we invite everybody to come to this Special Mass, as we give thanks and remember our deceased adorers.**

Corpus Christi Procession: The Annual Procession will take place after the 12 o'clock Mass on next Sunday June 22nd, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The route is; Church Hill, Upper Cork St., James St., Georges St., Robert St., Lower Cork St., and conclude with Benediction in New Square. We invite all along the route to decorate their homes to welcome the Lord.

C.B.S. Primary School will have their **Annual End of Year Mass** at the Parish Church on **Tuesday, 24th June at 11.15am**. All Welcome

SUMMER CAMP: There are still some places left in the Awbeg Summer Camp taking place from the 21st July to 25th July contact number 025-86956

SUMMER CAMPS AT BRIGHT SPARKS - Age 3 Years upwards. 9am to 12pm. ACTION PACKED ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES. PRICES START AT €10 FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 025 86799 OR TEXT 086-2653839

The Sue Ryder foundation: On the 19th of June, we will be holding a celebration day to mark our 1st anniversary of the shop opening at Lr Cork St. We will be launching a 3 day sale with great bargains to be had in store. There will be refreshments served. There is still time to buy some raffle tickets as we will make the draw for the doll's house on the day. Please come along and join in the fun. Thank you to the business community, all our customers and friends for making this, such a successful year. And of course to our volunteers without whose sense of humour, hard work and dedication, the store would not be the success that it is. Thank you. See you all on the 19th!! The Sue Ryder foundation works to enhance the lives of older people in Ireland with 6 centres located throughout the country. These centres are subsidised directly from funding received from our shops. Thank you for your continued support.

BALLINDANGAN COMMITTEE COUNCIL:

Monday Morning Club: Monday 16th June The Monday Morning Club are hosting Eamonn McCarthy, Kildorrery who owns DraptoFab Furniture restoration. He will show all in attendance how to re upholster a chair along with giving plenty of tips on how to care for our furniture new and old. Starts at 10.30am in Ballindangan Hall. Everyone welcome. **Style On Your Doorstep:** Sunday June 22nd Liz Stafford of Style On Your Doorstep (Captain Tortue Group) will be returning to Ballindangan Hall from 2pm - 5pm with a one off "Pop Up Shop". Liz specialises in both ladies & children's clothing. All her items will have 50% off on the day. Everyone welcome - tell your friends!

THANK YOU: The Festival of the Galtees Committee would like to thank all those who supported our recent festival. Especially all those who bought and sold tickets for our super draw. A special thank you to our prize draw sponsors: Tesco, Reidy's Supervalu, Fitzgerald's Electrical, Tower Hotel Waterford and the Festival Committee. Local charities to benefit from this year's festival are Alzheimer's disease and The Carmelite Lourdes Group. Congratulations to the winners, namely; Therese Horgan - 26inch TV, Patrick Fanning - Weekend for 2, Mary O'Brien, Kilbehenny - Tesco Hamper, Mrs Sheedy - Supervalu Hamper. Once again many thanks to all. May God Bless You.

Mitchelstown Lawn Tennis Club - Juniors Programme.

Tennis with French Coach commencing June 30th for 4 weeks Mondays and Fridays. Basic French will be taught prior to tennis lesson. Limited places.

For details please contact 089-2293818.

Cork County Macra AGM: Cork County Macra na Feirme will hold their Annual General Meeting on 19th June 2014 in Ballincollig Rugby Club at 8.30p.m. Everyone welcome. The outgoing officers are as follows: President: Kevin Walsh, Carbery region; Chairperson: Sarah-Louise Healy, Muskerry region; Secretary: Rebecca Enright, Muskerry region; Treasurer: Catriona Sweeney, Seandun region and Public Relations Officer: Caitriona Fox, Avondhu region. For more information on Cork Co. Macra check out www.facebook.com/corkmacra or contact County PRO, Caitriona Fox on 086-3760487.

MY KENYA PROJECT:

BINGO & CAKE SALE in Aid of My Kenya Project, **Sunday 22nd June at TO Park.** Cake Sale from 1pm to 5pm. Bingo at 3pm sharp. Raffle after Bingo, great prizes to be won. **FUN FOR ALL DAY, Sunday, 29th June at An Trasnán, Ballylanders.** 3-5pm Tony Baloney Kids Entertainer performing Magic Tricks, Balloon Making and Puppet Shows. 5-7pm Music by Declan Ryan, 7-10pm DJ Paddy Mac. Free food served during the evening. All proceeds in aid of My Kenya Project. Great evening out assured for everyone. Travelling this year are; Robert Hanna Mitchelstown who is the main organiser, along with Bryan Walsh Mitchelstown, Fiona O'Donoghue, Ballyporeen, Shelly Walsh, Kilbehenny, Annemarie Kenefick & Rosie Griffin Youghal. Your support of these two events would be greatly appreciated

Here is a little bit of information on the project. My Kenya project group will be heading to Brydges Centre in Nairobi in July for two weeks. There are over 70 kids in the centre. Here is just a little bit of information on what My Kenya project has done and continues to do. Money raised is to provide opportunities for children in Kenya to meet their health and educational needs and doing many more fantastic things, such as sustainability projects with livestock and growing vegetables. Our goal is to create opportunities to help in a meaningful and constructive way to assist disadvantaged people in the developing world. We believe there are hundreds if not thousands of people in Ireland who would like to make a practical contribution in some way to assist in the developing world. Many larger agencies insist that their workers have a graduate qualification and are available of long term contracts. We however want to offer more practical opportunities for willing volunteers. Many people have professional and life skills that can be utilized and applied to given situations. So, in conjunction with colleagues in Kenya we can provide such opportunities. Your support to this project is always needed and very much appreciated. If you would like more information on this project in any way or to volunteer in the next group that will be going you can contact us at any time at mykenyaproject5@gmail.com or visit www.brydgescentre.org or www.mykenyaproject.org. It is a once in a lifetime experience and a great opportunity to help in East Africa.

St. Fanahan's Well Mass: The Annual Mass at the Well will take place on Monday night, 23rd June, at 7.30pm. Fr. Anthony Wickham will be the main celebrant. For generations St. Fanahan has been honoured as the Patron of our Parish, going back to the seventh century, when he founded a Monastery here. The Holy Well revered in his honour, is a place of quiet retreat for many. Many find the walk to the Well refreshing and an opportunity to unwind and relish the beauty of the world we live in. We welcome you all to join in the celebration of Mass on **Monday night at 7.30pm**. May St. Fanahan pray for us and our locality.