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EDITORIAL

I have written many editorials for Scariff News over the years and it's always a challenge to come up with something new and fresh. A common theme I seem to regularly come back to is that of "community" and how it manifests itself in Scariff. Sometimes I wonder if I'm just extolling an ideal or if that sense of community I refer to is actually real. The days following the events of the night of January 26th have banished any doubts: it's very real.

I can't claim to have known Barry Nash very well and I will leave it to others to recount his undoubted talents on the hurling field or on a handball court (see further on in this edition of Scariff News). Yet I think it is fair to say that the tragic accident that cruelly cut this young man's life so short, has had an unprecedented effect on the people of Scariff and the surrounding parishes. Except that one has experienced such a terrible loss as Jim and Mary Nash and their family have, it's impossible to truly comprehend the sorrow and hurt they must be experiencing, but the sense of shock and disbelief felt by so many people within our community was palpable in the days following the accident.

The enormous turnout at Barry's funeral, held over several days, is testament to the affection and respect in which Barry and his family are held. It was also a strong statement that this community was prepared to stand by the Nash family at this difficult time. As Fr. Ger Nash said at the funeral Mass, this terrible tragedy affected such a broad range of people, from the Facebook generation to the Pension Book generation. A special mention must go to the local GAA, Handball clubs and friends, who really shone during the days following the accident. From stewarding traffic to organizing the GAA hall to erecting the marquee at the church, these clubs and friends stepped up to the mark and played a vital role in harnessing the community spirit to support the Nash family. The guard of honour by several sporting clubs, from all over East Clare and further afield, along with his class mates and friends, that lined the route from Brady's funeral home to the church on the Wednesday night was so poignant and dignified: it was a sight many of us will never forget.

Tragic accidents like the one that took Barry from his family and friends happen every day, but it's only when it affects your community that the true devastation such an accident wreaks truly hits home. The people of Scariff showed a very strong sense of "community" in support of the Nash family, it's an invaluable trait to possess and one we must all cherish. On behalf of the entire community, the Community Council sincerely expresses its deepest sympathies to Jim, Mary, Cathal, Diarmaid, Dervla, Clodagh and all of Barry's extended family and friends.

Harry O'Meara
Chairman

**A few moments...
...of his too short a life.**



† Rest in Peace Barry Nash †

Tuamgraney Handball Club was struck a cruel and massive blow on Sunday January 26th when we lost Barry Nash in a freak car accident. Barry was a noted hurler, featuring on county squads in recent years and playing Senior Championship in his beloved green and white of Scariff. He also had a fierce passion for all things agricultural. Despite his young years he was an expert farmhand and had a real love and knowledge of horses.

Another of Barry's passions was handball. And here, like in so many other areas of his life, he excelled. His playing achievements go from club and schools championships right up to an All-Ireland Under 14 Singles title and the World Handball Championship title he won with Ciaran Malone in 2009. One of his, and our club's, proudest days was when Barry won last year's All-Ireland Minor final with Colin Crehan. This meant that Barry represented his county in the Munster Intermediate Championship this year; indeed he played a Munster Championship fixture on the very day he was taken from us. Barry's constant good humour and smile meant he was always a joy to be with in the ball alley, always willing to lend a hand with coaching or passing on some tips to our younger players. He proudly represented his club in Division 1 of the Clare Handball Leagues and will be so sadly missed by us all.

We think of Jim, Mary, Cathal, Diarmuid, Dervla and Clodagh and they grief and pain they are going through. The temptation for some of us is to stay away from the handball alley, that maybe it wouldn't be right to be enjoying sport while we mourn a tragic loss.

This is the last thing The Bar would have wanted. This is a time when we, as a club, need to rally around the Nash family and support them as best we can. Our players should continue to represent Tuamgraney Handball Club with the honour and pride that they have shown so often in the past, with the knowledge that Barry Nash is looking on and cheering for a Tuamgraney win. Rest in peace Barry.

Tuamgraney Handball Club

† Rest in Peace Barry Nash †

In a parish and club that have been numbed by shock and incredible sadness, it is difficult to find words which can express our thoughts and feelings at this very painful time. The knowledge that we will not see Barry don the green jersey again and light up our games with his play and scoring feats is quite incomprehensible. As a hurler we have watched him grow, winning medals at under 14 and under 16 and captaining Cistercian College, Roscrea.

It is the bonds, the family ties and the friendships made that make club hurling such a powerful and motivating force in our community. In 2013 we had the three Nash brothers play together for Scariff in every championship game with Barry joining Cathal and Diarmuid. Who will ever forget Barry's equalising pointed free deep in injury time against Smith O'Brien's in Ogonnelloe last November that saved our team from relegation.

While hurling was Barry's first love, it was in handball that he rose to national and international prominence. In 2009 he won the under 14 All Ireland singles title followed by the World under 16 Doubles crown. Only last year he captured the All Ireland Minor Doubles title.

Outside of sport his interests centred on farming and especially horses.

We have lost a young man whose journey had barely begun. His career, sporting and family life lay before him. Yet he has left us with cherished memories of a lovely boy, a fine sportsman and someone who gave pride and joy to his family and friends.

We will miss you Barry but we will remember you by trying to smile with your smile, play our games as passionately as you played and keep our friends close to us as you always did.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'anam dílis.

Scariff GAA

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The 4th annual Christmas 10k

A crisp bite to the air and bright sky on a December's afternoon was the backdrop to the fourth annual Christmas 10k for Meningitis Research Ireland, in conjunction with the East Clare Harriers Hunt. Once again this charity event was deemed a wonderful success and a great day out by all involved. Between the festive chat about what Santa had brought to all the children and long lingering stretches to warm up, it all added to an enjoyable atmosphere. As the 130 participants all gathered at the starting line of Teach Uí Bhriain there was a flurry of excitement as everyone tried to get any advantage possible; a few tactical shuffles and rubbing of shoulders were witnessed. Clare all-star



and all-Ireland winner Brendan Bugler was there to wish them luck and start the race. As he dropped the start rope the runners took off like the hound pack of the East Clare Harriers after picking up a scent and taking chase.

The course was a gruelling route around Tuamgraney parish, taking a left at Gurnetts crosses, following onto Caherhurley, then Ballyvannon and then a race to the finish out on to the Killaloe road to complete the course. The first home was Dublin City Marathon winner Seán Hehir from Kilkishen in a time of 31 minutes. Bilbao AC man Michael Cunningham followed him not long after. First of the women home was Cushla Hehir, sister of Seán. The standard of local fitness was outstanding with runners like Cathal Madden



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and Eamonn Nugent home with times to be proud of. Teams of boys from the secondary school once again wore their blue jerseys in large numbers and a lot of them stuck together and completed the course together.

Every single walker, jogger and cyclist has to be specially thanked for making this day a success and your contributions have been warmly received by both organisations involved. A total of €1,700 has been raised to date. Congratulations to everyone involved and hopefully we will see ye all out again next year.

Marie Punch



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New community garden space in East Clare

As you may or may not have heard there is a new community garden space in East Clare! This is behind the Garda Station in Scarriff/Tuamgrainey and the proposal is to create a Community Orchard. The space is approx 1/2 an acre and we have full funding for fruit & nut trees, fruit bushes, ties and stakes. So the next step is to start clearing the space and get ready for planting. The first Volunteer Work Day is this Sunday 9th Feb from 12 - 5pm. All are welcome and can drop in at a time that suits, even a half hour would help. If you have your own tools to bring, for clearing brambles etc. that would be

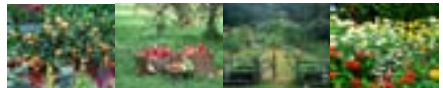
great. Please spread the word in your community!

We will have tea and coffee available and any donations of cake or biscuits would be greatly appreciated. Please check out the poster attached and if you need any further info call me (Eileen) at the Co-op 061 921 536.

*Many thanks and
hope to see you there.*

Eileen

PS If this does not apply to you or you live miles from east Clare the please accept my apologies, we are just trying to reach out far and wide for this project.



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Brigid's Day and New Beginnings

A dedicated bunch of food and song enthusiasts gathered at the East Clare Community Co op to celebrate Brigid's Day on Saturday the first of February. It was also an opportunity to get a preview of "Sustenance" the newly developed Food Training and Enterprise Centre.

The event kicked off with a singing workshop given by Catherine Patience. The songs were in the spirit of Saint Brigid and the celebration of the first day of Spring. Although you would be forgiven for thinking it was the dawn of Winter as the storm force wind and rain raged outside.

Brigid's Day would not be complete without the traditional Cross. For many years now, both young and old have come together at the Community Co-op to weave the reed crosses to celebrate the saint.

Following the singing, the group made their way to the newly refurbished buildings which now house the 'Sustenance' facility. The centre will open for business on March the first and will offer both training and micro enterprise facilities for potential entrants to the Food Industry.

Both the Cookery Demonstration and the Micro Enterprise Kitch-



ens will be available for daily or half day rent from the first of March. Do you have a food product that you want to take to the market? Or, maybe you are interested in upcoming food training courses. Contact East Clare Community Co-op 061 921536 for details and check out upcoming events at www.eastclarecoop.com



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ECMS - East Clare Musical Society

East Clare Musical Society's 2013 production of **'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'** has been a great achievement for the society and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The feedback we have received after the show has been phenomenal. Back in September the cast and mentors got together to begin rehearsals for the usual 3 month mammoth task, but as ever all the effort has been well worth while.

A huge amount of thanks and credit must go to all the people involved. To the committee for the huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes

throughout the year. Also to the stage crew, props person, the set builders, front of house, hospitality, hair and make up, costume ladies, painters, Scariff Community College art class and car park attendants plus all the other people who chipped in to make the show a success.

We had a large cast this year with a lot of newcomers and some returning members from previous years which was delightful to see. We especially enjoyed the company of 13 Community College students many of whom took leading roles in their stride. We have huge support from the College each year and I think the students bring great youthfulness to the stage and I know the other members of the cast



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love having them. Long may it continue. I would encourage any student, or indeed adult, to give the stage a go at least once, its an experience you will never regret.

Without our sponsors and patrons the show would not go ahead each year so a huge thanks from all involved to everyone who sponsored us in any way. In the current financial climate it is a pleasure to have the support of local businesses and we deeply appreciate their support.

To the local community who come out in their droves every year, you are to be commended for your loyalty and support. We could'nt put on a show without you. We hope you enjoy the productions we put on each year and

the time and effort the cast put in. It makes it all worthwhile to see smiling happy people enjoy the show in the hall each night.

If you missed the chance to see the show this year, or would like to see it again, a DVD of the show will be on sale from local shops from the end of January. Keep an eye out. Maybe family or friends abroad would like a copy to see all their missing at home. Its also a great snapshot in time to keep.

Personally I would like to thank all the cast and committee for a very enjoyable show and I am looking forward to working with you all again on the next one!

Marie Bugler

PRO East Clare Musical Society



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S.O.U.L. Group Fundraising Success

The S.O.U.L., (Scariff Outreach Unites Lives) Group, Supported by the Brothers of Charity, recently held a fundraising jumble sale and raffle at their premises in the Square, Scariff. It was great success on a number of levels. The primary goal of the project was to raise funds to create a resource that the individuals who use the service can access. This may be used for anything from needed equipment to funding educational courses specific to their needs. Providing individuals with a greater level of autonomy over how they may wish to use their resources and to aid

them in being able to advocate for themselves is part of our vision.

A secondary, though no less important goal was to give individuals and the group as a whole, a sense of achievement, self-worth, and belonging. Everyone involved in the event gained invaluable experience as a result of their efforts.

It is hoped that this endeavour is just the beginning and that the group will continue to explore other possibilities around self-funding. Forging stronger links with other community groups as well within the community in general, is something we aspire to.

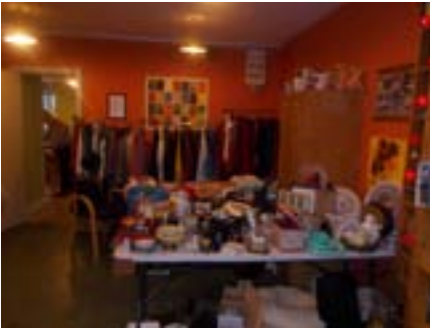
We have always known that the sense of community in East Clare is



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very strong and it certainly showed through in the marvellous response that we had.

This was evident from the local businesses who, despite being called upon to support numerous causes at this time of year, willingly donated wonderful spot prizes. Also the generosity and support that was shown by various lo-



cal community groups and members of the public, up to and on the day, was amazing.

It would be great to think that the energy that was created through a unified community effort, such as this, could be further explored and utilised.



Scariff has shown to have a strong community spirit which is a powerful asset for future endeavours. Our thanks goes out to everyone who participated in any way to making the day a success.

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BROADBAND UPGRADE FOR EAST CLARE

Below is a recent release from eircom CEO Herb Hribar. It is a commitment that by July 2016 eircom will add an extra 200,000 homes to the NGA Fibre network.

The following are the exchange areas in East Clare that this will cover:

Broadford, Feakle, Tulla, Scariff, Killaloe

Eircom today announced an increase to its planned national fibre footprint from 1.2 million homes and businesses to 1.4 million homes and businesses across Ireland. This means that by July 2016, 70% of the country will have access to fibre broadband speeds of up to 100Mbps – a crucial development in making high speed broadband more widely available to many regions across Ireland.

Eircom's fibre rollout programme is currently ahead of schedule and the company is on track to pass 700,000 premises by the end of the year. Today's announcement means that an additional 562 communities across all 26 counties will be able to avail of eircom's superfast eFibre service.

This is a major extension of fibre broadband to a large number of provincial towns. A challenge remains to deliver high speed broadband to premises currently outside this planned extended fibre rollout, or those homes

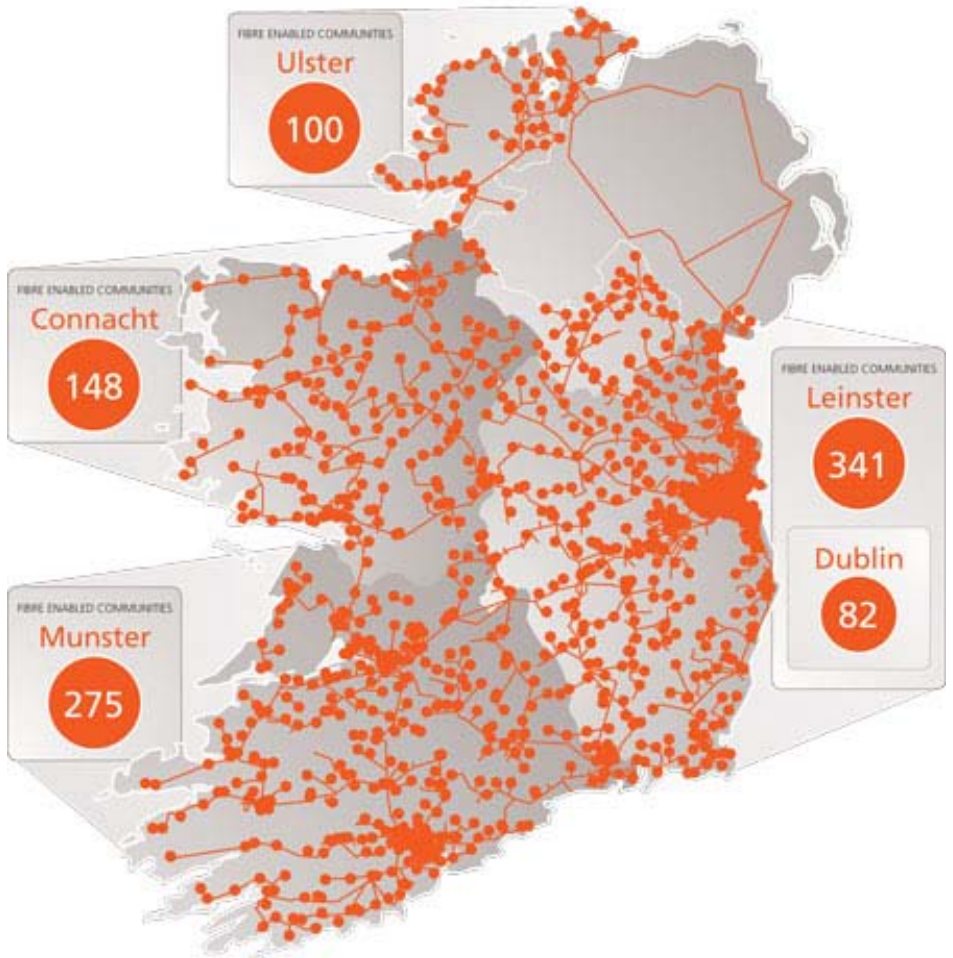
and businesses that are too distant from exchanges to be served. eircom welcomes the National Broadband Plan by Government, which intends to address the challenge of delivering high speed broadband service to all remaining premises.

Commenting on the announcement our CEO, Herb Hribar, said "This is a very positive development and a critical step forward in ensuring as many people as possible across Ireland have access to high speed fibre broadband. No other operator in Ireland is investing as extensively in fibre broadband. Our investment reinforces our commitment to build a network for a nation that connects as many customers as possible to Ireland's largest telecommunications infrastructure. Our announcement today means that 70% of all homes and businesses in Ireland will have access to fibre broadband speeds of up to 100Mbps by December 2016. Today's announcement maximises the footprint of fibre broadband that can be currently achieved on a commercial basis in Ireland and we are committed to work with the Government to ensure that the National Broadband Plan provides access to high speed broadband for all."

see map on next page →

eircom's Superfast Fibre Broadband Network

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Childrens' Corner....

Some Farm Jokes...

Q: What is a sheep's favorite game?

A. Baa-dminton!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

A. Because he was out standing in his field!

Q: What's the most musical part of a chicken?

A. The drumstick!



Crossword Search Puzzle.. Down on the Farm

Down on the Farm

1. Rolls around in the mud, and has a curly tail (3)
2. This anima 's coat is used to make wool (5)
3. An animal with a mane and long tail (5)
4. This hopping animal has soft fur and long ears (6)
5. This anima has feathers and lays eggs (7)
6. They are good at herding sheep
7. A horned animal and some have beards (4)
8. A large animal which goes 'moo'
9. A baby goat (3)
10. A male chicken (7)

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I	P	A	S	W	Z	F	T	N	M	Y	K
D	D	E	R	O	O	S	T	E	R	N	E

Put them together!

Match these characters
with their other halves

Gretel	Harry Potter
Jane	Bilbo Baggins
Hermione Granger	Tom
Gandalf	Tarzan
Jerry	Hansel

Who am I?

I live in lakes and rivers.
I eat fish and birds.
I have four legs and a long
tail,
I have lots of pretty teeth.
I am a.....????



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The Halloran Family – Fossabeg, Scariff

“It’s a long, long way from Clare to here” to paraphrase the words of Mr. Jim Halloran of Hoboken, New York. Indeed it was a long and twisted way from a four-acre farm in Fossabeg, Scariff to New York in 1847, to rise from the awful poverty of the time to a place of the highest esteem in the community where the family settled. Such is the story of the Halloran family of Fossabeg.

Michael Halloran, his wife, Bridget Maden, and their infant son, Patrick, abandoned their four acres of poor land in Fossabeg during the summer of 1847, the worst year of the protracted Great Hunger in Ireland. Like a great many other Irish families, having been admitted to the USA, they settled in New York where Michael found work as a labourer. Patrick Halloran, his son, was twelve years old when the Civil war broke out in America in 1861 and he enlisted in the Union Army the following year. He was posted to the newly formed D Company of the New York First Marine Artillery, then under the command of Col. William Howard. This unit was formed as artillery and infantry support in naval landings and the soldiers were nicknamed the ‘Horse Marines’ because their duties often saw them going into combat on horseback to achieve a military objective when such action was deemed necessary.

Patrick was posted aboard the gunboat Chasseur, a steamboat of 300 tonnes and one of the new types of ‘ironclads’.

Chasseur was one of Col. Burnside’s fleet of seventy-eight ships that carried a total of 12,000 troops. Their first target was the Confederate stronghold at Roanoke Island in North Carolina and in April 1862 they captured it after two days of fierce fighting. The fleet lost three ships in the battle, but fortunately for Patrick, Chasseur was not one of them. Col. Burnside based his headquarters at Roanoke and from there the fleet went forth into battle. Patrick was actively involved in the battles of Elizabeth City, New Bern, Fort Malcom, Beaufort Harbour, Swift Creek, Tranter’s Creek, and the two battles it took to win at Goldsboro. Having completed their original military objectives, Patrick’s unit was disbanded on January 4th 1863, but Patrick appears to have developed a passion for the military life and on the very day he was disbanded, he signed up on board the USS William Badger. This was time of constant military action for him and he saw action while serving aboard various ships including USS Vermont, USS Powhatan, USS Brandywine and USS Berberry.

By 1865 the Civil War was over and Patrick was honourably discharged from the US Navy on June 12th of that year. Patrick married Bridget Wise, who also hailed from Fossabeg, at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church on August 13th 1865. Her parents were Edward Wise and Margaret Madden. Records show that two of Bridget’s four brothers had travelled to America with her. Her parents and two younger brothers did not emigrate. Some years

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later, both her parents died of natural causes in Scariff Workhouse.

Patrick and Bridget's children were Katie, Margaret, Mary Ann, Hanora, Ellen, John and William. All these children went on to distinguish themselves in Teaching, the Legal profession, Fire Department and the Military.

Of this latter service we can specifically refer to John, who saw active service in the American Army, in the 4th New Jersey Volunteer Regiment, during the Spanish/American War of the 1890's.

John married a certain Mary Hussy, an Englishwoman. They had two children, John (who was one of the men who flew the first non-stop flight from Seattle to Juneau, Alaska in 1924 and served as civilian crew chief during WW2) and Mary.

When Mary Hussy died John later married her first cousin, also named Mary Hussy. They had three sons: Francis, James and Joseph. These men all served in the American Army Air Corps.

Francis was assigned to a B-17 Bomber as a bombardier in the early 1930s and was stationed at Hickam Airfield, Hawaii, when the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbour.

Francis was off duty and was sitting in his house drinking a cup of coffee when the attack came. Francis survived and later he took part in the naval battle of Midway, where the American Navy inflicted a most decisive defeat on the Japanese Navy. This victory was a turning point for the American Navy in the war of the Pacific. For his



Airman Major Francis Halloran, D.S.F.C.

part in the battle, and later for his distinguished service at the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, Francis was awarded the 'Distinguished Flying Cross' for bravery. He was commissioned as an Officer and ended his career as a Major.

Joseph Halloran, the younger brother, joined the American Air Corps as a radio Engineer. He retired after twenty-three years service, living all the time in Hawaii. James, the third brother, enlisted in the Air Corps as a bombardier and flight engineer. He soon showed his engineering skills by developing an incredibly accurate 'bombing sight' for the deployment of bombs. He also showed a scientific turn of mind and he played a most important role in the of the success of the 'Manhattan Project'.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Joseph Halloran, a radio specialist with the US Navy

This project was the brainchild of Professor Leo Slizárd who, together with his friend, Professor Albert Einstein, and

under the direction of major General Leslie Groves, developed a thermonuclear device that became known as the Atomic Bomb. The first Atomic Bomb, dropped on Hiroshima, was called 'Little Tibbits' B-29.

To this date, the descendants of Michael and Bridget Halloran, and here we include their extended families, are actively involved in the promotion and development of their respective communities: through the Fire Service, for which several members of the family have received awards for bravery, the Teaching and Legal professions and of course, the Military.

Yes indeed, it has been a long and winding road for the Hallorans since they abandoned their four acres in Fossabeg in 1847.

Michael O'Gorman

References: Mr. Jim Halloran, Hoboken, New York.

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WHAT'S ON



Irish Countrywomen's Association

Scariff ICA would like to wish you all a happy new year. We had a lot of speakers at our monthly meetings in 2013 and we would like to thank them for their time on behalf of our 48 ICA members. So a big Thank You to Noel Hogan, Frances O Neill, Genevieve McGuire, Doris McNamara, Yvonne Nihill and Martina O'Brien. 2014 brings new ideas we are planning to start the year off on a healthy foot with our Operation ICA. Alphonse Rodgers has kindly agreed to be our first guest of 2014, with his topic on Fitness. Scariff ICA guild made a kind donation of €76 to the Walk in My Shoes campaign in 2013. We are currently planning a craft day in March with a choice of six to eight different crafts. Also planned for 2014 is an overnight trip to An Grianán. An Grianán is a centre unique in Ireland which combines a mid-week break with courses in art, crafts, cookery, leisure, personal development and selfcare for individuals or groups of adults at any age and skill level.

Competitions for this month to all ICA members:

- Creative writing competition 1000 words; Title „Meanwhile down on the farm“ closing date the 14th February.
- Inter Federation cup for crafts
Craft cushion cover
closing date 14th February.
- Barman cup for arts
Painting „Happiness Is“ oils
closing date 14th February

Library bookclubs

The following is a summary of what is going on in Scariff Library over the next month. I have also included various events we have held over the past month.

Scariff Library also held a coffee morning in support of Milford Hospice before Christmas and raised €360 euro.



Poetry group

After a short break for the Christmas Scariff Poetry group has resumed and will be meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 21st Jan. All are welcome.

WHAT'S ON

Storytime

Storytime runs every Wednesday at 3.30pm. Children aged 3-6yrs are welcome.

Evening Book Club

The evening book club for adults is ongoing with the next meeting on Thursday 13th Feb at 7pm where members will discuss "Andre Agassi's "Open". New members are always welcome.

Morning Book Club

The morning book club is also ongoing and will be meeting again on Friday 14th Feb at 11am to discuss Lee Child's "Nothing to Lose".

Adult Literacy group

Scariff Library Adult Literacy group meets every Wednesday at 11.30am. We are currently undertaking the "6 Books Challenge" which is a project that will run until June.

Movie for Teenagers

Scariff Library will be showing the film "The Way Way Back" for teenagers on Tuesday Feb 18th at 6pm. New members are always welcome.

Computer Classes

Beginners computer classes are also running every Wednesday at 10.30am. Booking necessary.

Teenage book club

The teenage book club is also ongoing and will have it's next meeting on Tuesday 4th of Feb at 6pm.

Working with playschools and crèches

Scariff Library has also started a new initiative working with playschools and crèches in the area.

Library staff visit playschools and crèches in the area over a 6 week period for storytimes and fun and on the final week the playschool visits the library for a party!

Down on the farm



Put them together!

Hansel & Gretel
Tarzan & Jane
Harry Potter & Hermione Granger
Tom & Jerry
Bilbo Baggins & Gandalf

Who am I?
A crocodile

Answers to Childrens' Corner (page 17)

WHAT'S ON

67th Clare Drama Festival 2014

Schedule			
Date	Group	Play	Author
Thurs 20 th March	Sliabh Aughty Drama Group	,Unforgiven'	John McDwyer
Fri 21 st March	Garrymore Drama Group	,Moll'	John B Keane
Sat 22 nd March	Skibbreen Theatre Society	,No Romance'	Nancy Harris
Sun 23 rd March	Yellowmoon Theatre Co.	,Any Given Day'	Linda McClean
Mon 24 th March	Nenagh Players	,The Outgoing Tide'	Bruce Graham
Tues 25 th March	Doonbeg Drama Group	,The Cavalcaders'	Billy Roche
Wed 26 th March	Corofin Dramatic Society	,The New Electric Ballroom'	Enda Walsh
Thurs 27 th March	Brideview Drama Group	,13 Rue de L'Amour'	Mawby Green & Ed Feilbert
Fri 28 th March	Kilmeen Drama Group	,The Walworth Farce'	Enda Walsh
Sat 29 th March	Bradán Players	,Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf'	Edward Albee
Community College Hall, Scariff, Co. Clare			

Unforgiven

Batchelor brothers P.J. and Seamie await their sick father's death for different reasons. Meanwhile, neighbour Mary is nursing her ill mother towards death under the watchful eye of P.J., who has big plans for the aftermath of the deaths. When the brother's father dies, another brother, Eamonn, comes back from America for the funeral. Will

his arrival wreck P.J.'s plans, and why did he leave in the first place?

Moll

Moll is a priest's housekeeper who takes over a parish house with a "divide and conquer" strategy. When Canon Pratt and his two curates, Father Brest and Father Loran, lose their esteemed Ms Bottomly, they must recruit a re-

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placement to carry on with cooking and cleaning. They select Ms Maureen Kettle, AKA MOLL. She wraps the Canon around her little finger, feeds him well while starving the curates and continues this pattern as the Canon is promoted and one of the curates takes his place. When it comes to questions on Molls pension, more chaos ensues.

No Romance

Nancy Harris's smart and endearing *No Romance* runs roughshod over what were once delicate taboos, putting front and centre issues of sexuality and desire in an Ireland that has, needless to say, changed utterly in the past few decades. Harris gives us three very different, but thematically linked, stories that deal with the unearthing of devastating secrets that characters have been keeping from their loved ones.

Two old school friends share uncomfortable secrets; a woman confronts her husband over a shocking discovery; an elderly woman reveals her abusive past. They say everyone has a skeleton in their closet and this is certainly true of the characters in 'No Romance'. Set in 3 acts, the play is an honest, poignant and often hilarious portrayal of people's innermost secrets.

Any Given Day

Linda McLean's play delivers what we most hope for in the theatre: a full emotional roller coaster ride from delighted joy to shocked horror and despair and back again. An astonishing range of hu-

man experience is encountered in this simple tale of a day in the lives of two couples.

The Outgoing Tide

The shock of a loved one turning into a bewildered stranger – that's the curse of Alzheimer's Disease. Like the wrath of God, in this new work it's visited on a small family living on the shore of the Chesapeake. But it could easily be anyone in the audience. That's one reason *The Outgoing Tide*, is as much a rehearsal for the future as theatre can offer.

The Cavalcaders

The Cavalcaders explores the lives and loves of a community of characters in small-town Ireland. Set in an old fashioned cobbler's shop, this is the story of a group of men who spend their days mending shoes and their nights as a barbershop quartet and singers of local legend. Their musical harmonies, however, are not reflected in their private lives.

This is a wonderful memory play that explores the complexity of human relationships. With live music and a beautiful musical score, the play is both moving and entertaining as Billy Roche examines how men relate to men and to women.

The New Electric Ballroom

Years ago, sisters Clara and Breda went to a dance at the New Electric Ballroom, to hear 'The Roller Royle' and his Showband. While Clara innocently hoped of getting her first real kiss from The

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Roller after the show, she entered his dressing room to find him kissing her sister. Many years later, Breda and Clara sit holed away with their younger sister Ada, endlessly re-enacting that tragic night, first from Breda's perspective, then from Clara's. Only visits from Patsy, the lonely fishmonger who has hopes of courting Ada, break up the constant routine. When Patsy gets roped into their re-enactment, his pursuit of Ada becomes poisoned by their twisted memory games, and she becomes in danger of losing her chance to find happiness in the outside world.

13 Rue de L'Amour

Take one philandering husband; add his virtuous wife set on revenge, and a doctor determined to be her instrument of revenge; mix well with the husband's friend who is eager to trap his spouse in flagrante delicto and a young nephew with a cocotte to round out his education; toss them together at 13 Rue de L'Amour where a loved starved German countess is the concierge; season with a befuddled police inspector and a perky French maid.

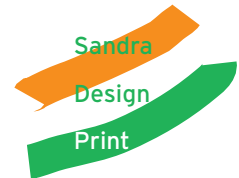
The Walworth Farce

The first several minutes of the play are acted in silence while the audience sits trying to figure it out this odd triptych. Very slowly and well into the play, Walsh begins to serve up the missing pieces. A father and his two sons have left Ireland and live in a council flat in London. Only one of them goes out for the shopping.

Their lives are mostly structured around their telling stories or acting out about their lives and family members back home. On this day, Hayley from the local Tesco arrives on their doorstep with a forgotten bag of groceries and upsets the delicate fiction the father has been weaving all these years.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

This 1962 play by Edward Albee examines the breakdown of the marriage of a middle-aged couple, Martha and George. After a university faculty party, they receive an unwitting younger couple, Nick and Honey, as guests late one evening and draw them into their bitter and frustrated relationship. The title is a pun on the song „Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?“ Martha and George repeatedly sing this version of the song throughout the play.



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PHOTO ALBUM



Mike Rodgers receiving Scariff GAA club person of the year award from Brendan Cosgrave at the recent club day held on 24th January.

PHOTO ALBUM



*back row L to R: Paddy McNamara, Eugene Moroney, Mary Cassidy, William McLysaght, Catherine McArthur, Martin Hartigan
Front row: L to R: J J Doherty, Michael Carroll, Micko McMahan, Maureen Hannon, Michael Stritch*

Who got the Scariff 10K money?



L to R: Martin Hartigan, Niall Dear, Paddy McNamara, Angela McNamara, Eugene Moroney, Tomás Quirke, Noah Mahon

SCARIFF GAA

Scariff GAA Club 2013

A year in a GAA club is by its nature crammed with the normal human emotions and feelings of life. We have joyous days, days of dark disappointment, sad days, days of great expectation and many many days when nothing much seems to happen. In truth we had all these in Scariff in 2013 but looking back from the perspective of a

misty and drab November day, it was a year when the moments of joy appear to loom large and most of the disappointments have receded into the mists of winter.

Pride of place must go to two wonderful teams, the Scariff Ogonnelloe intermediate camogie team, county and Munster champions as well as All Ireland finalists and also to the Clare under 21 and senior hurling teams, who

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put us back in a place we had sampled in the nineties and only dared to hope we might experience again.

Our Scariff Ogonneloe camogie team gave us a year to remember and be so utterly proud of. Having won the league in May, they went on to win the All Ireland junior sevens in September and won the intermediate championship in October. We thought "What a year" but it was far from over. Over the following weeks the team went on to win Munster, beat Tara of London and Naomh Eoin of Belfast to qualify for an All Ireland final. On Sunday 24th November in Kilcormac, Co. Offaly, our girls went down valiantly to the reigning all Ireland champions, Myshall from Car-

low. As it was all through the year they were not found wanting for effort or perseverance but it was not to be their day. For the first time for most of us, this team gave us the opportunity and experience of following our club to an All Ireland final. It was wonderful, we are very grateful and we will do it again anytime. The people of the parishes of Scariff and Ogonneloe are very proud of you.

The senior and under 21 hurling All Ireland wins were simply magnificent. In Scariff, as in every other Clare club, our collective chests were heaving with pride as the summer progressed and reached bursting point in September notwithstanding a few heart stopping moments along the way. In this



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wonderful organisation, we put aside our club rivalries and stand beside our county men and women in Thurles or on Hill 16. We cheer, cajole, even curse our heroes on the pitch on to greater efforts and achievement in this epic sport that means so much to all of us. It's not just that these players represent us, they are part of us, from the streets and townlands that we come from and we know that when their heroic task is done they will be back amongst us again. There really is no other organisation like the GAA.

In Scariff we acknowledge the achievement of all but especially Donal Moloney from Aughrim who helped mastermind the under 21 win. We have long been aware of Donal's talent and it is a source of great pride to us that his strengths have been of such benefit to the county. We delight in the success of Brendan Bugler, a neighbour's child, on his All Ireland, All Star, club hurling and club football successes this year. Our own club senior hurlers have just finished for the season. They were flying

in May for the first round of the championship beating Wolfe Tones and looked to be free of relegation worries and perhaps in contention to advance to Senior A. However in October when the team played its next game, much of the early promise seemed to have disappated and a surprise defeat to Broadford put us back in relegation territory. We faced Smith O'Brien's in the play off and in a replay our lads dug deep and found the strength and the guile to fashion a three point win to stay in the senior ranks in 2014. Our junior team did not win league or championship but it did introduce a number of young hurlers to the adult scene and some (or hopefully all) of these players will be starring at senior level in a year or two.

One of our senior hurlers, Diarmuid Nash, has brought great honour to this parish in the sport of handball. Diarmuid, who plays handball with the Tuamgraney club, continued his winning ways in 2013 when in February he won the Munster men's open senior title and followed that up later in the Spring by capturing the men's national senior open title. Following Diarmuid's inspirational success in recent years, we have a resurgence of interest in handball in Scariff and we have a number of very promising underage players in our club.

At under age club level, we kept our best display for the month of November when our Scariff Ogonnelloe under 15 team won the B championship in Clarecastle defeating Clooney Quin in the replayed final. The teams were



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level at the break but an early second half goal paved the way for a strong finish to overwhelm their opponents.

The amalgamation of Scariff and Ogonnelloe at under age hurling level is going very well. A good understanding has developed between club officers, mentors and players. On the field they play as one team while off the field both clubs identity is preserved and respected.

At community games level in 2013, Scariff and Ogonnelloe GAA clubs joined with Bodyke GAA club and went on to achieve unprecedented success under the Derg banner.

The under 14 Derg camogie team made history in Athlone on 16th August when they defeated Leinster champions Banagher by 4.10 to 2.02 to take the community games All Ireland title. The Derg team was Alexandria McGrath, Roisin Minogue, Molly Kilkenny, Megan Coleman, Ava Quigley, Amy Barrett, Ciara Doyle, Aoife Moloney, Holly McGee, Suzanne Costelloe, Sarah Minogue and Deirdre Corry. The scorers in the final were Ciara Doyle 3.04, Deirdre Corry 2.00, Amy Barrett 0.04, Aoife Moloney 0.01, Suzanne Costelloe 0.01.

The under 11 boys won through at county and provincial level. Derg were Bronze Medal winners in the competition after overcoming Coolderry / Shinrone by 2.04 (Derg) to 0.02. The team were beaten in the U11 All-Ireland Semi-final by Claregalway / Lackagh on a scoreline of 4.4 to 3.10. Well done to the players who represented Scariff

on the team: Sean Collins, Patrick Crotty, Keelan Hartigan, Shane Kavanagh, Tadhg Kavanagh, Kian Myles, Eoin O'Grady and Sean Treacy.

This was the first time that Derg entered the U11 boys competition in the National Community Games. It was a wonderful achievement to become Munster champions in 2013. Let's hope we have many more!!! The Derg Team held a sponsored walk in Raheen woods in August to fundraise for the event. Many thanks to everyone who supported this!

A lot of work goes on in preparing teams for competition. This is true all the way from senior to the very youngest underage teams. Even the very young players for whom there isn't official competition have to be nurtured and developed and this work goes on all year round. At under age and at adult level this year players from our clubs achieved county, provincial and All Ireland honours. This success would not happen without the painstaking preparatory work that takes place on our fields and in our all-weather pitch by these often unsung individuals.

Thank you to everyone else who has helped our club in 2013, support at matches, transport to games, organising fundraising, buying tickets, helping in the clean up, to all our players who gave it everything on the field and to all our officers and committees who do the impossible every year and organise it all. With God's help we will go at it again in 2014.

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Scariff GAA - AGM report

Scariff GAA held their AGM on Friday 24th January 2014 and it was well attended.

Scariff minor club will, due to a Croke Park ruling, now be a sub-committee of the senior club. Chairman Michael Corry thanked his fellow officers Tom Minogue and Ber Madden for their help throughout the year. He again thanked all the various coaches, stating how healthy and vibrant the minor club was. He paid special tribute to the county winning U15 team and their mentors Matthew Horan, David Jones and John Maloney. Senior club Chairman Dan Treacy thanked all mentors, administrators, supporters and players for all of their efforts throughout the year. He again asked for more people to get involved and help share the workload. Secretary Michael Moroney listed all the activities of the club in the last year, highlighting renovations to the dressing rooms, which are ongoing, repairs to the clubhouse roof, painting of the alley and hall, preparatory work for upgrading Cravens pitch and significant work on drainage of the main field. Treasurer Ger Crotty delivered a set of accounts which showed the Club broke even after a year in which, as mentioned earlier, a lot of money had been spent on the capital projects.

He did however state that the clubs main source of finance “the letto” need-

ed to be put on a sounder footing and as a result a new scheme whereby one can now get a years letto subscription and membership for €240 was launched. This “Green & White Scheme” can be paid by cheque in full or in installments, or by standing order and it includes: free use of the All Weather & Hall for parties etc. when available, guaranteed one All-Ireland stand ticket when Clare are involved, priority access to further tickets and membership of Scariff GAA Club.

Membership for a family stays at €70 with an individual at €50. Membership must be paid by March 1st 2014. Non members will not be entitled to any tickets involving Clare.

The AGM then elected the following members

Chairman	Dan Treacy
Vice Chairman	Ger Rodgers
Secretary	Michael Moroney
Vice Secretary	Alphie Rodgers
Joint Treasurers	Tom Minogue, Paul Madden
Facilities	John O'Brien
PRO	Jim Collins
County Board Delegate	Eamon Moroney
Minor Club	Michael Corry

HANDBALL

Handball News

Diarmaid On Top Again

It was an extremely busy, but very successful January on the handball court for Tuamgraney's juvenile and adult players.

The highlight was the terrific achievement of Diarmaid Nash in winning the Gaffney Memorial Tournament and reaching the final of the Texas Pro Stop tournament. Diarmaid defeated Westmeath man Robbie McCarthy in a tie-breaker to win the prestigious Gaffney tournament in Ballaghadereen which featured all of Ireland's top senior players with the exception of Cavan's Paul Brady. On route to the final Diarmaid also defeated experienced Seniors Darragh Daly (Tyrone) and Eoin Kennedy (Dublin).

Just a week later Diarmaid made the long trip to Houston, Texas to compete in the Race4Eight Pro Stop event. The Scariff man defied all expectations to reach the tournament final from the qualifiers section (only the second player ever to do so) and was only defeated by World Senior Singles finalist Luis Moreno. This was a landmark achievement for Diarmaid as he prepares for the Munster and All-Ireland Senior Singles and Doubles (with Niall Malone) Championships.

Juvenile Success

Tuamgraney's younger stars also had a bumper January, picking up titles in a number of competitions. There were Co. 'A' Singles Championship titles for Amber Nolan (U-12), Seanie Doyle (U-12),

Mark Rodgers (U-13) and Amy Barrett (U-15), all of whom will go on to represent Clare in Munster Championship, along with Ian Murray (U-16), Clodagh Nash (U-16) and Sean Wiley (U-13). Oisín Slattery won the Co. U-15 'B' Singles title.

In the Cumman na mBunscoil competitions, there were County titles for Tuamgraney players Mark Rodgers, Conor Downes, Fionn Slattery (all Scariff N.S.), Molly Kilkenny, Anne Marie Gillespie (Tuamgraney N.S.) and Amber Nolan (Mountshannon N.S.) while in the Gael Linn (inter-county mixed doubles) competition, Conor Downes and Roisín Minogue were runners-up in Munster and took part in the All-Ireland series in Ballinrobe.

On the adult handball front, a number of Tuamgraney players will represent Clare in Munster Championships over the coming weeks with Mike Hayes, Patrick Fitzgerald, Ciaran Malone, Ashling Fitzgerald, Edel O'Grady, Jimmy Walsh and PJ Counihan all through to Munster Finals at time of writing. As the Clare League comes to down to final rounds, Tuamgraney's three teams are all motoring well and will be confident of making the Finals of Divisions One, Two and Four.

Tuamgraney Handball Club would like to thank all who assisted with and supported our recent 'Wren Night' fundraiser which was a great success. We are currently trying to raise funds for a new dressing room area so all support for any future fundraisers is greatly appreciated.

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