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Schull Community College students Odhran Ó Treasaigh and Cathal Smith chatting with author Alan Nolan who was part of the Laureate na nÓg Whole Wild World bus tour that visited the college on Friday. Right: Second year students Lily Savage, Robin Macri, Niamh Dunne, Méadbh Tierney and Rosa Barrett beside the Laureate na nÓg bus.

Bus tour

The Whole Wild World bus tour, overflowing with a crew of writers and artists, arrived at Schull Community College this week. They soon rolled up their sleeves and conducted a number of workshops with first year, second year and TY students. The tour is the brainchild of Laureate na nÓg Patricia Forde. On taking up her role last year, she declared her intention to bring a bus full of Irish authors and illustrators along the Wild Atlantic Way. Last week Forde and her team brought the idea to fruition and travelled 1,400km from Malin to Mizen stopping at libraries, museums, bookshops and schools along the way. On their visit to Schull Community College, students met Bridget Bheathnach, Alan Nolan, Clara Kumagai, Eve McDonnell, Marie Louise Fitzpatrick and Schull based author ER Murray. They talked about their work and facilitated exciting workshops creating new characters and imagining alternate worlds with the students.

Humanity wins

Congratulations was expressed to the Loft young film makers and to Sally Smart who does so much creative work with Schull's youngsters. Their entry to the Young Film Awards of a short film titled *Humanity* was praised by the judges as strong and insightful, which is quite an accolade for a group of seven to twelve-year-olds who could barely believe the announcement at the Fresh Film's Awards night in Limerick this week. Their highly praised entry secured the crown as Junior Young Film Maker of the Year.

Location finder

Already established in the world of cinema, West Cork Film Studios is building a database of locations for forthcoming film projects and seeking help to locate interesting places in which to set scenes. The burgeoning industry in West Cork seeks and needs local support and is asking the people on the Mizen to share photos that might be of interest. Anything is in the frame, whether it be your own home, scenery, beaches, wildlife, landscapes, street scenes,

Le Guilvinec and Schull Twinning

IN 2014, a group of people from le Guilvinec came over to Schull to start an exchange and friendship programme. The two towns twinned and this week the town celebrated ten years of Twinning. The visitors from Brittany stayed with hosts around Schull with an exciting week of visits and trips. The weather was glorious with visits to lighthouse on Sheep's Head, and Mizen Head. They also visited Garinish Island, looked around Bantry House, Skibbereen Heritage Centre and Lough Hyne. The Schull group looks forward to visiting Brittany next Easter.

On Friday April 26th, there was a twinning event in Schull Harbour Hotel where gifts were exchanged and speeches made, with Irish dancing, singing and storytelling. 'We'd love more people to join us so if you are interested in finding out more then please get in touch,' the Schull Twinning Committee secretary Liz Wakefield told *The Southern Star*. 'We want our twinning, our children and the trees to flourish and grow together,' she said.



Juliette, Estelle Rose, Alexandre Jean and Katie Alexander celebrated the 10th anniversary of Schull and Le Guilvinec Twinning at the Schull Harbour Hotel. (Photo: Carlos Benlayo)

parks, shops, ruins barns and yards. The presence of identifiable people is to be avoided in the photos. Send photos, name and Eircode of anything of interest to wcfsllocations@gmail.com.

Plant sale

Now a regular date on the parents council's fundraising calendar, the Schull Community College's plant sale once again proved to be a roaring success. This year a variety of vegetables and plenty of flowers and indoor plants were on offer along with hot drinks and cakes. Many customers also enjoyed a hot lunch. The students who presided over the cake counter proved to be excellent sales people and along with the knowledgeable plant sellers, the whole event raised over €1,600 for the college.

Thanks was expressed to the hardworking association, all the local businesses for the raffle prizes, those who baked goods for the occasion, to all the gardeners who donated plants and of course all those who bought them. The support is greatly appreciated.

Quiz night

There will be a table quiz on May 18th at the Schull Harbour Hotel as a fundraiser for the Scoil Mhuire National School parents association. The quiz will start at 7pm sharp with a team of four costing €40 per table. A raffle is also currently underway and tickets at €5 are being sold at local shops.

Litter picking

Now that summer is hovering on the horizon, a group is getting together to tidy up the strands around the harbour

from Cadogan's to the Dog Hole. If anyone is available to help give the shoreline a facelift before the summer, contact Mary on 086-3222163 to get involved.

Marshals needed

Those not cycling, swimming or running but who would still like to be involved with the Triathlon can join by being a marshal on the day. The Triathlon will be held on June 15th and anyone interested can contact 087-2435314 for further information.

Bridge results

The results of the game played at Schull Bridge Club are as follows: 1st and BG, Lil Moberger and Frank Krawczyk; 2nd, Ann Vaughan and Noel Walsh and 3rd, Annie O'Keefe and Níav Geary.

BALLYDEHOB

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Ballydehob cows inspire music for Dublin show

THE second exhibition which draws inspiration from West Cork will open at the Goethe Institute in Dublin next week.

The Glenkeen Variations exhibition has sound art, video works and paintings by four international artists – all of whom have taken part in a Ballydehob-based art-in-residence programme.

The sights and sounds of Roaringwater Bay and its surroundings have served as the inspiration for the second show in the series. 'Composing Landscapes' is a new multimedia art exhibition which will open at the Dublin Institute on Wednesday May 8th.

The Glenkeen Variations features the work of ten international artists who have participated in the Glenkeen Garden residencies. One of the pieces is an original music score called *The Language of Water* composed by Mexican sound artist Tania Rubio, which mixes sounds from Glenkeen Garden – including rain dripping from leaves, bird calls, buzzing insects and distant cattle sounds. Created for 12 instruments and electronics, the full composition will be premiered later this year.

Two paintings by Austrian-German artist Markus Huemer navigate between traditional painting and media art. He was triggered by the appearance of an orange full moon upon his first arrival at Glenkeen Garden for his painting *The Pumpkin*. Utilising digital tools like computers and algorithms alongside traditional materials such as canvas and brushes, Huemer delves into perceptual realms that exist between worlds and allude to the unseen.

Ballydehob's Glenkeen Garden was created by German photographer, psychologist, and philanthropist Ulrike Crespo (1950-2019) and her partner Michael Satke over a period of 20 years. Since 2021, the Frankfurt-based Crespo Foundation has welcomed artists working across different disciplines to the estate for three-month residencies.

The residency programme invites artists to explore the relationship between art and nature during their stays and offers them opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange through collaboration with humanities scholars and scientists.



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'Composing Landscapes' will run until June 8th. The exhibitions are free to visit, and no advance registration is required.

Artist presentations and a panel discussion will take place at the UCC's Glucksman in Cork on May 10th. On May 11th, the artists will offer a series of workshops and talks at the Working Artist Studios in Ballydehob, inviting participants to delve into the artists' creative processes and research.

For more information visit www.goethe.de/ireland.

May events

An Sanctoir will host two fundraising events in May. The first is a family-centred magical mystery nature adventure through meadow, woodland and a labyrinth to include poetry, music and art on Saturday May 4th. Participants should bring their wellies and a picnic. This will be a fundraiser for the provision of food to displaced Palestinians in Gaza. The second event will take place on Saturday May 25th from 12noon to 4pm with the community has been invited to the An Sanctoir plant and seed swap. Participants can bring seeds and plants to swap with others or have a browse for some amazing bargains donated by local gardening centres. Tea and home-made treats will also be available. Entry will be by donation and all proceeds will go to maintenance of the retreat centre.

Tidy Towns

The Ballydehob Tidy Towns has announced a range of opportunities for the community to assist in making the village clean, safe and beautiful this season. First, the village-wide community spring clean will take place on

Thursday May 9th starting at 7pm from the tennis courts. Then, on Saturday May 11th the Rossbrin beach clean-up will start at 1pm from the east end of Rossbrin Cove. The regular weekly litter pick-up takes place every Thursday evening at 7.30pm from the tennis courts, starting May 16th. Tidy Towns will provide pickers, bags and safety vests to all volunteers and special treats to younger participants at each event. For those interested in biodiversity and wildlife, there are a variety of projects being launched by the biodiversity group, Ballydonut, in partnership with Ballydehob Tidy Towns that could use more volunteers.

Finally, residents may choose to help individually by weeding, floral decorating, and façade painting.

The Ballydehob Tidy Towns group will again participate in the Cork County Council Anti-Litter Challenge from May 13th to July 17th and welcome everyone to join the cause. For further information about volunteering in organised events, the biodiversity plan or the anti-litter challenge, contact Ballydehob Tidy Towns at kilbronogue57@gmail.com.

Playground

Cllr Caroline Cronin has announced that the Ballydehob has been granted €172,000 for the refurbishment of its playground to be more inclusive through the Village and Town Renewal Scheme, with thanks to Rural and Community Development Minister Heather Humphrys.

Cllr Cronin also thanked the hard working group of people in the community who did not give up and who can finally celebrate the playground project becoming a reality.

Jazz fest

The biggest small jazz festival in the world will take place throughout the village from Friday May 3rd to Monday May 6th. In addition to live music in the form of concerts, late-night balls, and the busy pub music trail, the weekend will host a series of spectacles and events including the food and craft market, the micro mural exhibition, a poetry slam, an outdoor circus show, swing dance workshops, and the New Orleans-inspired jazz funeral parade. The full programme and additional information are available at www.ballydehobjazzfestival.org.

Community lotto

There was no jackpot winner when numbers 15, 22 and 33 were drawn in this week's Ballydehob Community Council lotto.

Lucky dip winners were Mary Davis, Joanne Hickey, Susie Miller and Lisa Timmins.

Next week's jackpot is €4,800 and the draw can be watched on the Ballydehob Facebook page on Monday afternoon.

GAA lotto

There was no winner of the jackpot in this week's Gabriel Rangers lotto when the numbers 12, 35, and 38 were drawn.

Consolation prizes went to: Liam Hodnett, Frankie Pyburn, Doireann Cotter, Tommy O'Donovan and Emma Roycroft.

Next week's jackpot is €1,100 and will be drawn at 'Townhouse OD's'.

Notes contact

Send items for inclusion in the notes by 9pm Monday to ballydehob@southernstar.ie. Photos can also be accepted and should include a caption with the names of those appearing.

GOLEEN



Laureate na nÓg Patricia Forde's Whole Wild World bus tour on its Mizen Head stop during its 1,400km journey which saw them travel from Malin Head to Mizen with 40 stops all along the way where children took part in events with the authors and artists. (Photo: Julien Behal)

Lotto results

There was no winner of the jackpot in the GDCC lotto this week when the numbers 6, 7 and 26 were drawn.

Consolation prizes went to: Liam Lynch, Jack O'Driscoll, Tubs Barnett and Ger O'Callaghan. The jackpot next week will be €1,450 and tickets are available at the usual outlets.

Bingo success

Goleen Foróige expressed thanks and appreciation to all those who helped make their fundraising bingo afternoon such a success last Sunday. Thanks was expressed to: the bingo team, ticket sellers, sponsors of the raffle prizes donated by businesses, family and friends, to the parents and members who helped

out on the day and all who contributed to the wonderful array of baking for the interval refreshments and to the Goleen Community Council for the use of the hall.

Thanks also to all the players who came from near and far to make the day such a success and to raise €1,400 which will be divided between Irish Cancer Research and

Cancer Connect.

Goleen GAA

The team kicked off their 2024 junior B championship campaign on top form at the weekend with a fantastic win in Bantry against Glengarriff. The lads headed back west with a 4-25 to 0-09 win tucked safely in their socks. Onwards and upwards!

DURRUS

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St James' NS

Students at St James' National School were thrilled to welcome Elizabeth Murray, the author of *The Nine Lives Trilogy* on April 16th for an immersive full-day creative writing workshop. Elizabeth captivated the students by delving into the inspirations behind her writing and sparking their imaginations with the enchanting landscapes in West Cork.

Infused with newfound creativity, students were provided the opportunity to craft their own characters and settings. Students' creations were enriched by Elizabeth's invaluable feedback and insights. The pupils have loved their tag-rugby coaching with Geraldine and are now loving their GAA coaching with Tadhg.

Cork shield

The Sheep's Head Sea Scouts achieved great success at the All Cork shield event held in Curraheen, near Cork City, last weekend. The scout section had been training diligently over the past two months in preparation for the event which saw 60 teams gather to test their survival skills.

Unaided by adult leaders, they had to build a camp with tents, to include areas for storage, wash up and food preparation, as well as a dining shelter and cooking area. Every aspect of the work from knot-tying to food hygiene was observed by the judges, including a 'fun evening' programme of team challenges. Two test meals were cooked

For Ukraine

The members of the Muintir Bháire Foróige club are organising a collection of a wide range of items to help the people of war-torn Ukraine. Included in the list is medical equipment such as crutches, zimmer frames, wheelchairs, boots, knee walkers, hoists, arm slings, syringes, feminine hygiene products, adult nappies and all types of bandages, even if out of date. Non-medical goods are also welcome including non-perishable food items (in bulk), old tools, camp beds, portable/camping stoves, torches, dental equipment and gym equipment, in working order. All items are to

Little library

Gortalassa Old School House (Gosh) has established a free, little neighbourhood library where people can bring a book and take a book. If anyone wants something new to read they can leave a book that they would like to pass on. Readers can also leave notes for other readers telling them what you thought of the book in the log book. The library will be open on Wednesday from 11am to 1pm at the Gosh, P75 C589.

be handed in to Durrus Community Hall between 6pm and 8pm on the evening of Friday May 17th.



Pupils of Carrigboy National School who were confirmed at the ceremony in Kilcrohane Church last Thursday included (back, from left): Holly McCarthy, Rachel O'Donovan (secretary), Aimee Fehily, Michael Cronin (principal), Emily O'Donovan, Róisín Daly, Cyril Dlamini, Rachel Kelleher, Bishop Noel O'Regan, Sophia Russell, Dylan O'Sullivan Harrington, Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Owen Coughlan and Aaron O'Sullivan Harrington. Front (from left): Aidan O'Mahony, Jack Levis, Daniel O'Sullivan, Emma Barry O'Callaghan, Aoife Bignell and Zara Mallon.