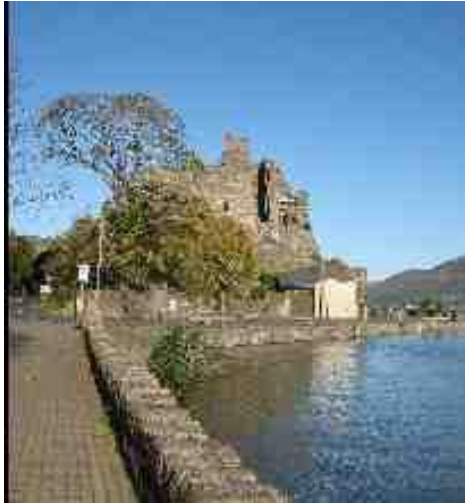


CARLINGFORD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is jointly produced by the five bodies representing the Carlingford community, namely:

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust **CLHT**

Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Assoc. **CCTA**

Carlingford Community Development **CCD**
(The Foy Centre)

Carlingford Tidy Towns **CTT**

Carlingford Residents Association **CRA**

Carlingford Community Forum News

Despite the beautiful weather, the Forum continued to meet during July.

Some good news on the Urban Realm Study! The Heritage Council has clarified the criteria for the payment of the grant so work has begun. The Forum met with Paraic Mc Kevitt, Architect on Wednesday 25th July and will now meet with Louth County Council as any proposals will need to be in line with the County Development Plan 2015-2021. The outcome will be publicly displayed for feedback and comment. The completion date is November.

Approval has been received from Louth County Council for the tendering process carried out by the Forum to secure a Consultant to oversee the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017. We hope to move along with this Scheme in the near future.

Unfortunately, Carlingford's application for the 2018 Scheme, namely, Repair of the Church of Ireland cemetery wall was not forwarded for funding consideration. The County Council offered assistance in identifying alternative funding sources.

The Forum congratulates Carlingford Tidy Towns on the fantastic work being carried out at present with particular reference to the new Welcome Signs and the beautiful fresh flower displays evident throughout the town. These projects are in addition to the wonderful work carried out all year round. Carlingford Tidy Towns deserves our ongoing support.

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer Season.

Heritage News

A Busy summer at the Heritage Centre

The upgrade and re-decoration of the Heritage Centre noted in the May newsletter was timely. The interior was repainted, fire alarm and emergency lighting were improved and new staging and sound equipment were installed. Since then it has been extremely busy with lots of weddings and a constant stream of visitors, many of them interested in seeing the 'Ages of Carlingford' video, which you can view by clicking on the following link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRjS4cvjJI>).

Maybe it's the weather, or maybe word is spreading that we are worth a visit. Drop in and see what you think – and pass the word on.

Upcoming Events



15-17th August - Thomas D'Arcy McGee International Forum (formerly Summer School), with Canadian and Irish speakers from across academia, politics, business and the arts. The Thomas D'Arcy McGee Award will be presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to civil society in the Irish-Canadian sphere.

Tickets available at <https://www.darcymcgee.ie/> or from the Heritage Centre.

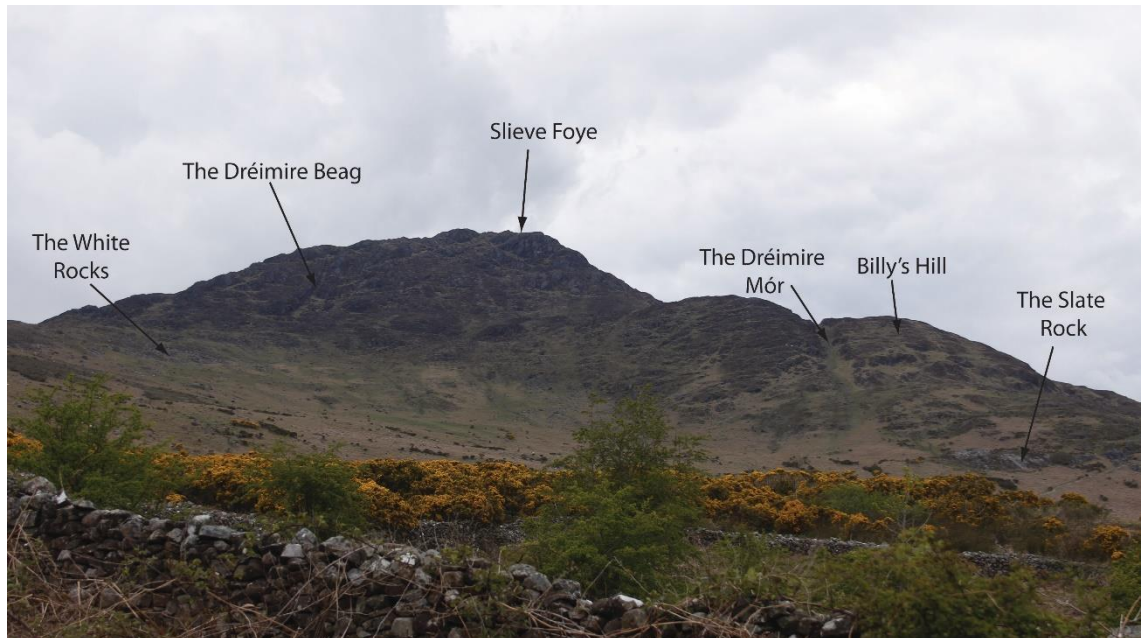
25th August - All-Ireland Humanist Summer School

18-26th August - Heritage Week



We will mark the beginning of Heritage Week with bell-ringing in the Heritage Centre at noon on Saturday 18th August. The Station House will be up-lit, as will the tower of the Heritage Centre and the huge stained-glass window will be back-lit. The Newry Maritime Association will up-light the Haulbowline lighthouse.

- *On Tuesday 21st, archaeologist Eoin Halpin will lead a ‘Walk and Talk’ from the Heritage Centre on recent excavations at King John’s Castle (7.30pm).*
- *Wednesday 22nd, Brian Larkin will talk about ‘Greenore, railway hub of the Cooley Peninsula’ in the Station House (7.30pm).*
- *Thursday 23rd, Séamus Murphy will talk about interpreting the historic landscape of Carlingford and Cooley in the Courthouse (at 7.30pm).*



This profile of the Slieve Foye skyline comes from “Mapping the minor place names of the Cooley Peninsula”, co-written by Ardagh man Andrew McGuinness. It is an absolute treasure of local lore and field names which would make good material for a very different kind of pub quiz. Around Carlingford, can you find the Bainseach, Ball Alley, Bog Bane, the Brockey, Corncrin, Cornambroc or the Dane’s Table. Up on the Commons, look out for the Goalyin, the Klondike, the Murdering Hole and Toberwarry. The whole 90-page document is available as a PDF free of charge at [https://www.academia.edu/20142648/Mapping_the_Minor_Place_Names_of_the_Cooley Mountainns Mourne Cooley Gullion Geo Bursary Scheme Report November 2015?auto=download](https://www.academia.edu/20142648/Mapping_the_Minor_Place_Names_of_the_Cooley_Mountainns_Mourne_Cooley_Gullion_Geo_Bursary_Scheme_Report_November_2015?auto=download)

If you know of Cooley place names not mentioned in the report, Andrew would like to hear from you, via the Heritage Centre.

Carlingford Heritage Centre with kind support from Create Louth proudly present their ninth Summer Concert Series

ZOË CONWAY + JOHN MC INTYRE AND FRIENDS



CARLINGFORD CO. LOUTH
The Heritage Centre **Sundays 4pm - 5pm**
Tickets €10 Prebooking available at 042 93 734 54

29th July	Triona Ni Dhomhnaill	Bothy Band Singer and Pianist
5th August	Alex Peju	Classical Percussionist
12th August	Caitlin Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Mooney	Dancer and Fiddler
19th August	Eoin Dillon	Uilleann Piper of Kila fame
26th August	Liam Ó Maonlaí	Hothouse Flowers Pianist and Singer

Tickets available on:
www.carlingfordheritagecentre.com

www.zoesandjohn.com



Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Association News



LEGENDS OF COOLEY

The long run of fine weather which we have experienced since June has seen visitors flock to Carlingford to enjoy the sun. This has been particularly evident in July, where daytime midweek family groups have descended on the village to enjoy the good weather and the many attractions that Carlingford has to offer to people of all ages and backgrounds. The odd rainy day that we have had has also been very welcome in the countryside, and if anything, has made the hills and the lough even more attractive to our visitors.



*A SHOWER OVER CARLINGFORD LOUGH HAS ONCE AGAIN TURNED THE
COUNTRYSIDE GREEN*

It is common knowledge that Carlingford has seen an increase in unruly and anti-social behaviour from a small number of groups and individuals coming to our village. This has caused significant inconvenience, not to say distress to many of the residents of Carlingford and surrounding areas. The CCTA condemns such behaviour in the strongest possible terms and is active in seeking to correct this situation.

Louth County Council has introduced new bye-laws to curb the consumption of alcohol in public places, which will come into effect in early August. These new regulations will allow the Gardai to take more effective action against offenders, and it is to be hoped that licenced premises, retail outlets and bus operators will play their part in controlling the availability of excessive alcohol, which is a significant contributor to the anti-social behaviour in the village and in nearby residential developments.

New council bye-laws to curb public drinking

By MARGARET RODDY

LOUTH County Council's new bye-laws aimed at curbing drinking in public places which come into effect next month, have been warmly welcomed by the Carlingford Residents Association.

The Association made the only submission received by the Council during the public consultation period.

The new bye-laws, which now includes passenger vehicles in the definition of a public place and prohibit the supply of alcohol for consumption in a public place, will cover the whole county.

In welcoming the bye-laws, the acting chairman of Carlingford Residents' Association, Mr Kieran McCourt highlighted the problems which public drinking is causing the village.

'It is a matter of record that large numbers of Gardaí have been required in recent years to seize alcohol from passengers of minibuses coming into Carlingford from a northern direction.'

'In spite of these efforts, incidents of excessive drinking, offensive disorder have still occurred and been widely publicised. These issues arise most acutely at Easter but are not confined to that holiday.'

The Association sent photos showing gardai, including the Armed Response Unit, called out to disturbances in the village, planters overturned, abandoned alcohol bottles and rubbish, a bin thrown into Carlingford Lough, and public urination and vomiting.



Louth County Council have approved bye-laws in relation to public drinking.

They noted that they could have included more images as Carlingford is advertised as one of Ireland's most popular 'hen and stag' locations.

'Incidents of drunken and lewd behaviour are commonplace but, for obvious reasons, we have not

photographed them.'

They urged that publicans, the public and bus operators be made aware of the bye-laws when they come into operation, and called for a special effort to be made to notify bus operators coming from across the border.

'Over time these efforts could greatly reduce the problem at Easter and other holidays; allow for better use of precious Garda resources; improve the experience of Carlingford for visitors and so improve the business offering and tourist trade in ways that are sustainable and socially responsible.'

The problem which large numbers of noisy visitors to the village is causing was also highlighted at the weekend by a local resident who posted on Facebook about how 'stag and hen' parties are making life hell for her.

The 68-year-old posted that she had returned to live in Carlingford a number of years ago but was having increasing problems due to noisy groups staying in rented accommodation beside her.

She detailed how they would be so drunk that they would knock at her door in the middle of the night and how she had found underwear at her front door.

One company which brings 'stag and hen' parties to the village has posted a list of 'dos and don'ts' on its website in a bid to remind groups on to how to behave

A RECENT ARTICLE FROM THE 'ARGUS'

The CCTA also notes recent letters issued by the Planning Department of LCC to certain householders, in respect of alleged breaches of planning permissions for residential properties engaged in short term letting, particularly at weekends to 'Hen' and 'Stag' groups. Some of these groups have been observed engaged in unruly and unacceptable behaviour, sometimes throughout the night, thus causing great inconvenience and distress to residents in the affected areas. As this matter is now in the hands of the relevant authorities, it would be inappropriate for the CCTA to prejudge any outcomes, except to express the hope that this matter can be resolved to the satisfaction of residents and the community at large, while at the same time protecting responsible tourism, which brings so much employment and economic benefit to the whole Carlingford community. Again, the CCTA is active in encouraging the owners of short term rental properties to ensure that their tenants are fully aware of the need to adopt responsible behaviour at all times to ensure that neighbours are not discommoded by their activities.

On a more positive note the CCTA looks forward to the two major events taking place in August - The Carlingford Oyster Festival, which runs from 9th to 13th and the Thomas D'Arcy McGee International Forum which follows on 15th and runs to 17th August.

Both events promise to have something for everybody - both residents of Carlingford and visitors alike.



Carlingford Oyster Festival

Thursday 9th August

8.00pm Carlingford Arms: Official Opening of the Carlingford Oyster Festival 2018 and Introduction of our Oyster Pearl Girls 2018 – refreshments served.

Friday 10th August

4.00pm Cassely's Extreme Funfair on the Village Green

Live Music in ALL Bars
A selection of oysters will be available throughout our restaurants all weekend

8.00pm Oyster Pearl Guest Tea with a Twist
Carlingford Foy Centre - ADM €10 All welcome!

Weekend Entertainment

	Thurs 9th	FRI 10th	SAT 11th	SUN 12th	MON 13th
Ma Bakers	Trad session	Quorum	Xpressions	Graham Mills	
Carlingford Arms	Kacey D Summer Sessions	Tracy Grant	Kacey D	Andreas Durkin 5-7pm Darren Kieran 9-12pm	
The Loft		DJ	DJ	Beer Garden: The 3rd Wheel, Bar: 9pm Paul Bailey Band	
P.J O' Hares	The Subs	Bar: The Paul Bailey Band Lounge: DJ	DJ Davey K		
McKevitts Hotel		The Wag Tails	The John Thomas Big Band Followed By Club M		The Paul Bailey Experience
Lily Finnigans			Andie Powderly @10pm	Band TBC - Beer Garden 6pm	
Longs Bar Grange			10pm MAX	5 - 7.30pm Chris Magee	
Gramvue Hotel Omeath			10pm Chris Magee	7pm Colm Morgan	

www.carlingfordoysterfestival.com

ALL DAY Saturday & Sunday

Festival Street Market (main carpark) - Artisan Craft & Food Stalls; Local Restaurants offering delicious fishy dishes, chowders and local cuisine along the winding streets of medieval Carlingford Village; Sailing races on Carlingford Lough; Festival Oyster Tent with wine and Carlingford oysters; Street entertainment throughout the day; Childrens Funfair, bouncing castles and face painting; Street Busking; 5FM Roadshow broadcasting from the village all afternoon!!

Saturday 11th August

11.30am - 2.30pm Historical Guided Tour of the Medieval sights of Carlingford (Meet at The Tourist Office - Fee: €5)

2.00pm - 6.00pm Loughs Agency Touch Tank
Come and get introduced to all the amazing sea life that live's in Carlingford Lough (Main Car Park)

2.00pm - 3.00pm Welly Oyster Pearl Hunt
Meet @ Sailing Club & Forage on the shore for the Carlingford Oyster with the Oyster Pearl Girls. Hunt through the various sea shells and shorelife to find Treasures Hidden within the shells. (Wear Wellies!!) Prize giving 3pm @ Sailing Club. (Sponsored by The Van Take-Away)

2.00pm Puppet Show - Village Playground
McCormick's Puppet Show will perform 3 half hr shows. **2pm** "Punch & Judy", **3pm:** Beauty & The Beast, **4pm** Dragon & The Princess (Sponsored By The Carlingford Arms)

2.50 - 5.30pm Walkabout Street Performance
With The Roaming Cheeky Monkey

3.00 - 6.00pm Q Radio Roadcaster will be doing Live outside broadcasts and Mega Giveaways throughout the day at the Tourist Office (Sponsored By Parkview Provisions)

3.00 - 6.00pm Roaming Street Magician Tommy Trixter will be performing throughout the Village and also Balloon modelling (Village Square) (Sponsored By Ma Bakers Bar)

3.00 - 6.00pm Enjoy Stilt Walkers, Fire Breathing and more Fantastic Street Performances throughout the day

3.30 - 5.00pm Samba Band: The Fantastic Samba Mamma's will be Grabbing the buzz of the drums and mixing it with the bread and butter love of being a parent.

4.15pm Oyster Pearls go Sheep Sheering at the Tennis Courts. Be a judge as to who can give the sheep the best hair design in this hilarious task set for the pearl girls.

5.00pm - 7.00pm Live Music @ Village Square by The Time Keepers

Sunday 12th August

12.00pm - 6.00pm Loughs Agency Touch Tank Come and get introduced to all the amazing sea life that live's in Carlingford Lough (Main Car Park)

11.30am - 2.30pm Historical Guided Tour of the Medieval Sights of Carlingford. Meet at Tourist Office - Adm €5

11.00am - 5.00pm Free Shuttle Bus To Sky Park on The Hour every Hour Departs Tourist Office. Festival Combo Special Footgolf, Frisbee Golf, Mini Golf & Aeroball €10

1.30pm - 3.30pm Kayaking & Water Activites @ King Johns Pier (Sponsor: Carlingford Adventure Centre)

2.30pm Teddy Bear Picnic @ The Playground Bring your story book and have a Picnic with Our Oyster Pearl Girls and Teddy (Picnic supplied by: Ruby Ellens Tea Rooms)

3.00pm World Crab Fishing Championships @ King Johns Pier (Managed & Sponsored By: Sky Park)

3.00pm Wool'y Wards Farm at the Tennis Courts will make its debut Appearance this year with a variety of adorable animals from rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, hens, ducks, pigs, lambs, goats and Llamas. Opportunity to feed, lead, pet and groom the animals. (Sponsor: PJ O' Hares Bar)



3.00 - 6.00pm Free Face Painting (Tennis Courts)

3.30pm - 4.15pm Kiddies Dancing Workshop @ the Festival Stage with Red Marty the Dancing Dj

3.00 - 6.00pm Enjoy Stilt Walkers, Fire Breathing, Irelands Largest Unicycle and Other Fantastic Street Performances throughout the day

3.00pm - 5.00pm Balloon Modelling - Magician Tommy Trixter throughout the afternoon (Sponsor: Carlingford Arms)

4.15pm Carlingford Pipe Band Village Centre & Medieval Carlingford Oyster Pearl Parade. Start: Tourist Office

5.00pm Oyster Eating Comp: Oyster Festival Tent, Village Centre, 1st Prize€50, 2nd €30, 3rd €20

5.00pm - 7.00pm Live music by The Long Riders, Village Square Stage, (Sponsor: McKeivitts Village Hotel)

8.30pm The Crowning Of the Morgans Fine Fish Carlingford Oyster Pearl 2018. The Four Seasons Hotel. Enjoy the dialogue with our host Olive Connor, the brave girls and see the spectacular awarding of the Morgans Fine Fish Carlingford Oyster Pearl 2018. Great Night of entertainment guaranteed. Oyster Pearl prizes Sponsored by: Morgans Fine Fish & Carlingford Design House. Admission: €10



29th

Maiden of the Mourne's International Festival

Warrenpoint 2018

Sun. 12th - Sun. 19th August

Monday 13th August

1.00pm - 9.00pm Cassely's Extreme Funfair On The Village Green - **End Of Festival Special**
All Childrens Rides Only €1 & Adults Rides €2
Mon 13th - Tues 14th
Loads of FUN for all the family

5.30pm - 7.30pm Traditional Street Sports @ Newry St in Association with The Foy Centre Carlingford Register At Garda Barracks, Egg & Spoon Race, 3 Legged Race, Sack Race, Mam & Dad Race, Childrens Running Races, Bar Persons Race, Tug Of War & Much More. Prizes for All The Kids - **Prize Given @ 7.30pm** (Refreshments Sponsored by Value Centre Dundalk)

9.30pm McKeivitts Village Hotel Music By The Paul Bailey Band




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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE CARLINGFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL

To facilitate the running of the outdoor events of the Oyster Festival, the Market Square will be closed to traffic on the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival (as in previous years).

**Carlingford / Cooley
Tourism Association**



Dear Trader/ Resident,

At the request of Louth County Council, Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Association have been asked to apply for road closures during the Oyster Festival Thursday 9th to Monday 13th August.


This Road closure will be Market Square, from Valentines, Newry Street to Visit Carlingford's Office, Market Square. All signage will be in place to redirect traffic up Newry Street, and down the Back lane.

Market Square will be closed from 8am on Saturday 11th August until 11pm Sunday 12th of August. This is to ensure Public Safety is a priority during the festival activities.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Any further enquiries please contact Louth County Council direct.

Kind regards,
Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Association
carlingfordevents@gmail.com



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE FOR OYSTER FESTIVAL

D'ARCY MCGEE INTERNATIONAL FORUM 2018



Bookings for the sessions and events of the D'Arcy McGee Forum can be made either on line (www.darcymcgee.ie) or directly in the Heritage Centre.

Wednesday 15th		Thursday 16th		Friday 17th	
9.00	Registration	10.00	Music Performance - Úna Monaghan	10.00	Perspectives on borders, identity and conflict
10.00	Opening Address - Ambassador Kevin Vickers	11.00	Minority Languages in the 21st Century Prof. Regina Uí Chollatáin James Kelly Linda Ervine <i>further speakers tbc</i> Q&A discussion		Chair: James Maloney MP Dr. Katy Hayward Ruth Dudley Edwards Prof. Marc Andre Fortin <i>further speakers tbc</i> Q&A discussion
10.15	James M. Flaherty Lecture - Jane Urquhart OC	12.30	Presentation of Thomas D'Arcy McGee Award to Gen. John de Chastelain by Minister for the Diaspora, Ciaran Cannon TD.	12.00	Looking to the future
11.15	Perspectives on the Shared Imagination Dr. Úna Monaghan Dr. Liam Devlin Robert Kearns Q&A discussion	13.00	Lunch		General de Chastelain Jane Urquhart Prof. Vianne Timmons Grand Chief Joe Norton James Maloney MP
13.00	Lunch	13.00	Lunch	13.30	CLOSE
14.00	Equality and Change in the centenary of women's suffrage Chair: Christine Elliott MPP Dr. Jane McGaughey Dr. Julie Rodgers Dr. Anita Sands Q&A discussion <i>ends @ 4.30pm</i>	14.30	Perspectives on Reconciliation Chair: Prof. Brian MacCraith Grand Chief Joseph Norton Prof. Vianne Timmons <i>further speakers tbc</i> Q&A discussion <i>ends @ 4.30pm</i>		
18.00	Reception: Stationhouse	19.30	Play: The Trial of Thomas D'Arcy McGee by Anthony Russell, performed by the Newpoint Players, with special guests, including Dermot Nolan		
19.30	Banquet : Welcome	21.30	Folk Night - Carlingford Arms Hosted by Gerry O'Connor, guests include Finbarr McGee, Anne Tracey		

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF THE D'ARCY MCGEE INTERNATIONAL FORUM



A WELCOME TO VISITORS TO CARLINGFORD

The Foy Centre

Irish Dance Festival

The annual Irish Dance Festival returns on Monday 30th July – Saturday 4th August. Children from all around the world attend this festival in Carlingford and celebrate all aspects of Irish dance, Set dancing, Sean nÓs, Ceili dancing & more!



We're delighted they use the Foy Centre as a venue for their workshop and end of festival concert.

Look out for the dancers around the town – they sometimes take to the streets!

Da Cooley Thriller

Yes, its back, 'Da Cooley Thriller' is about to peddle off once more for the 11th time, on Saturday 11th, August 2018 at 10am. Set in the Cooley Mountains just outside Carlingford, Co. Louth the route, approx. 52km, and 18km (Short Thriller) will take riders on a complete traverse of the Cooley Mountains, taking in some of the Táin Trail and forest tracks to some roller coaster natural single trails once navigated by the bold Cuchulainn himself.



The Foy Centre will be used as the registration and finish area.

Tag Rugby Festival



A Tag Rugby Festival will be held on the Foy Centre pitch on Saturday 18th August. €100 entry per team. Contact jack@kitsportswear.com if you want to register a team.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Back by popular Demand - The Ultimate Comedy Hypnotist

We're currently getting organised for our big event this year on Saturday 15th September when we welcome back Michael McCoy the Hypnotist to the stage.

This is a really fun evening to be had and one not to be missed. Get the date in your diary!

Tickets are available from The Orchard Bakery or any Foy Centre Committee Member.



Orchard Bakery

The next pop-up restaurant will be held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th August. To book contact - 086 1956878.



ORCHARD BAKERY

Dinner Menu

Oyster Festival Weekend 10th & 11th August

Complimentary Glass of Wine

To Start

Calimari Rings, with Garlic and Tomato Salsa
Fried Halloumi, Lemon Lentil Salad
Confit of Duck with Rocket, Watermelon and Honey Goats Cheese
Grilled Scallops with Oriental Dressing

To Follow

Pan Seared Seabass with Potato Rosti, Peas, Broadbeans and Sauce Vierge
10oz Ribeye of Beef, Crispy Buttermilk Onions and Chimichurri Sauce (€6.50 supplement)
Sautéed Tiger Prawns with a Ginger and Lime dressing with Spiced Cous Cous and Spinach
Cumin Crusted Rack of Lamb, Roast Shallots and Crushed New Potato

To Finish

Raspberry and Pistachio Bakewell
Club Tropicana Icecream Cake
Key Lime Pie

If there's anything you would like to see happening in the centre or on the pitch please contact Debbie Hamilton on 083 8013777.

A New Open Water Swimmers Group

*A group of swimming enthusiasts have set up a group called **Carlingford Swimmers**, the requirements are that any member has the ability to swim 200m (which is 10 lengths of a normal pool or 12 lengths of The Four Seasons pool) and to be over 16 years of age. Anyone under that age must have parent's approval and to be accompanied by either a parent or guardian on swims.*

The aim of the group is to encourage all locals to swim in OW (open water), a facility which is on our doorstep, regular posts are on the Carlingford Swimmers Facebook page giving information about tides, group swims, events, and special training lessons offered in the area. It is a voluntary group with no commercial interest and at the moment is headed by Harry Jordan.

The group currently has 96 members, ranging from very first time open water swimmers, to triathletes, to a couple of Channel and ice swimmers.

Swimmers also post when looking for a swim buddy.

For more information contact Harry Jordan on 087 7785199.

Carlingford Tidy Towns

CTT currently has a total of 36 volunteers contributing to our activities in Carlingford and this does not include the numbers of people who assist on our periodic beach and town litter picking sessions.

We are delighted with this increase in the workforce as it enables us to spread the load and in doing so makes each of our lives much more enjoyable working in a team. If you have an hour to spare to help improve the place where you live, please contact Paucic on 086 6033033 or Joanne on 07768 187973.

Having had no-one permanently assigned to CTT for a very long period, we were also pleased when a TUS worker was finally assigned to us recently. This will enable us to achieve a higher level of maintenance work around the town on a more regular basis and also to conduct supervised project work.



On the weekend of 1st July, the bins on the promenade were emptied by Carlingford Tidy Towns three times. We think, in common with many other towns across the country, it might be time to consider refusing waste, reducing packaging, bringing home waste for recycling and disposal. All of this waste pictured above will go to a big hole in the ground. So please, #rethink/#refuse #reduce #reuse #recycle #rot and take disposal as a last resort.

Recycling is not the only answer. We have been working with all the outlets in Carlingford to Refuse to give out waste in the first place especially, single use plastic. Reducing the amount of packaging would help and Re-using your own water bottle or coffee cup and bags are all ways in which we can help reduce waste like this.



We decided to smarten up our winner's plaque from our win in the 1988 Tidy Towns competition. It's much more legible now and reflects the pride we take in the place.



There are even more nice touches being added by the shopkeepers every day.

The Sailing Club has stopped giving out straws with their drinks – and the children don't seem to mind at all!

CTT has worked hard to complete the installation of two new Welcome Signs to the town. The following volunteers played an active part in bringing this about: Pam, Tom, Austin, Seamus, Noel, Denise, Benny, Gerry, Patricia and Aileen.



The second stone surround was completed on 6th July ready for planting.



They really look super and we have been receiving lots of compliments from far and wide.

We have also been investing in more equipment to make the task of our volunteers less onerous.



Meet Carlingford Tidy Town's new pet mascot 'Kärcher'. Kärcher is very friendly and loves exercise, cigarette butts, litter and dirt. If you would like to volunteer to take him out for a walk around the town, along the promenade or up your street, do contact us – it is so easy to use and requires little effort to push.



The small flowerbed at the Tholsel Gate was weeded and new plants added on 5th July.



The left-hand litter bin had remained with silver lettering for some years as it had not been considered the worst of the ones CTT has had to refurbish. We are pleased that this one is now in gold livery and that the two others in the same vicinity have also been spruced up.



We also gave the road signs at either ends of our approach roads a clean, both to improve visibility and the overall cleanliness of our town.



CTT purchased eight Cigarette/Gum receptacles recently and we have installed these mainly around Market Square in order to address problems outside the hostelrys in the area. Our streets are inundated with discarded cigarette butts and we frequently have to employ high pressure washers to remove gum stuck fast to the pavement, so although the new bins may appear high in number we are yet to see if this will mitigate the problem.

We are now emptying these containers at fortnightly intervals and are pleased to find that they are definitely being used.

Stone the Crows!

We have installed a flexible membrane over the openings of litter bins on the promenade. This does not prevent people from posting their litter into the bins but we hope that it might deter the crows from pulling it out. The crows are responsible for much of the litter strewn around the green in the early hours and also for that which lands up in the harbour. In general, people will do the right thing and find a bin for their litter. Of course, there are still irresponsible ones who will walk away from their picnic or throw down their takeaway as soon as they are done with it.



CTT now has a fishing net with a three metre long handle to retrieve litter from the harbour!

We have also had to chain up the wheelie bins to prevent them from being thrown into the harbour. Four have had to be retrieved this month alone.

We are willing to try anything to keep Carlingford clean and tidy and indeed will be taking delivery of some double size bins and a Big Belly compactor bin in the next few weeks which together will provide an additional eleven times the capacity of a single bin.



This sign on Castle Pier had rusty legs, so we gave them a coat of rust inhibiting hammerite to prolong their life.



We are delighted that yet another business (in Newry Street) is undergoing a makeover.

Thank you to all in Carlingford who have been repainting this year – the whole town benefits for your efforts.

We have been sharing quite a number of Facebook pages recently which cover a wide spectrum of environmental issues including: the illegal dumping of tyres on the main road at the Newry/Dundalk border, the truth about recycling coffee cups, cleaning the Clanrye River in Newry, to unbelievable levels of plastic pollution in Bali and Bangkok. There are also great new ideas such as a Repair Café for household items and Kinsale’s declaration to become a plastic free town.

All of these issues are dear to our hearts and we are all able to take action, however small, when we are better informed.



Find us on [Facebook.com/CarlingfordTidyTowns](https://www.facebook.com/CarlingfordTidyTowns)

Carlingford Residents Association

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A number of residents have written to Louth County Council enquiring if planning permission is required for change of use from residential accommodation to short-term rental accommodation. It is understood this matter is ongoing.

Residents who wish to contact CRA, please email carlingfordresidentsassoc@gmail.com



Well done to Trinity Close for some very neat kerb edging. A dose of rain is all it needs to be spectacular.



And to St Oliver's Close for completing their project.



If you run a local community group and would like to advertise your past or future events in this newsletter, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you for supporting your community

If you have any ideas or comments please Email them to patkins520@btinternet.com

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