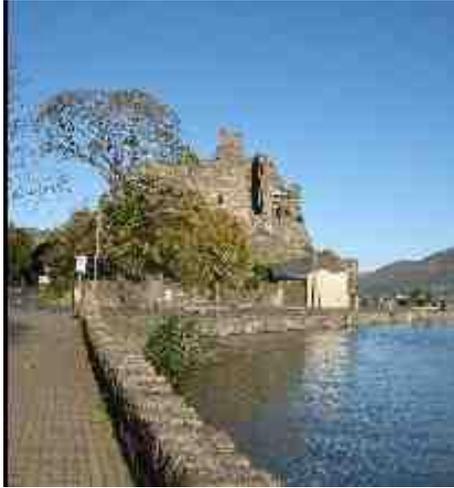


CARLINGFORD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

<i>Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust</i>	<i>CLHT</i>
<i>Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Assoc.</i>	<i>CCTA</i>
<i>Carlingford Tidy Towns</i>	<i>CTT</i>
<i>Carlingford Community Development (The Foy Centre)</i>	<i>CCD</i>
<i>Carlingford Residents Association</i>	<i>CRA</i>

Carlingford Community Forum News

The Community of Carlingford and the Cooley Peninsula was deeply saddened by the events of two weekends ago when three young visitors tragically lost their lives. Our sympathy goes to the families, relatives and friends of the deceased, Ruth Maguire, Shane McAnallen and Martin Patterson. A large crowd attended a candlelight vigil in their memory on Sunday evening last when prayers were offered by Fr. Brian Mac Raois P.P. May they Rest In Peace.

The Forum has had further engagement with Louth County Council to consider alternative solutions for the extension of the Greenway into Carlingford. These discussions are ongoing and we hope that while this phase may not deliver the outcome that the Forum would aspire to, it will hopefully differ from the original proposal presented at the consultation process held in February.

We will not be applying to the Heritage Council for grant aid for further work on the Public Realm Plan at this time. Renewed engagement with Louth County Council regarding a 'Design for Carlingford' will be necessary before we proceed further with the process. This would then assist with funding applications for things like amenity area improvements, signage etc and would provide us with a reference point for future development.

Heritage News

First spring concert sold out!



Sundays in Spring Concert Series 2019
 Celebrating a Miscellany of Music, Song and Traditions

Sun 7th April 4.00pm - 5.00pm
The Four Of Us - One of the most acclaimed bands in Ireland, blending contemporary roots with rock, the award-winning brothers Brendan and Declan Murphy from the border town of Newry. Expect some beautiful songs, stunning interplay and great stories.

Sun 14th April 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Mairead Burke and Anthony Byrne - Classical concert - featuring leading Limerick Operatic Soprano and her Pianist husband from Dublin. Popular songs, arias and popular piano solos.

Sun 28th April 4.00pm - 5.00pm
The O'Connor Family - featuring **Gerry Fiddle** O'Connor from Ravensdale, Co. Louth following a sold out performance at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Drogheda. Traditional songs and tunes from Oriel and further afield.

Sun 5th May 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Maighread and Tríona Ní Dhomhnaill
 Donegal born sisters from a rich singing heritage bring their unique music to Carlingford.

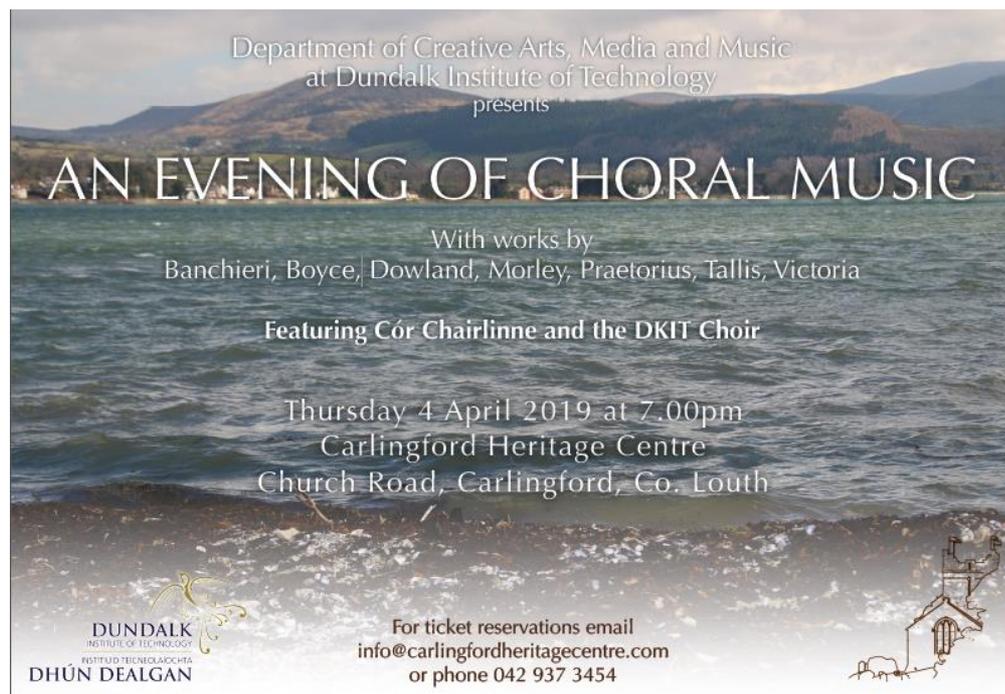
Sun 12th May 4.00pm - 5.00pm
 Beautiful music from renowned traditional musicians who have travelled the world with their music; harpist **Laóise Kelly** from Achill, and uilleann piper **Tiarnán O Duinnchinn** from Monaghan.

Venue: Carlingford Heritage Centre
 Tickets: €2 (€0 concession)
 Artistic Directors:
 Zoe Conway & John McInyre phone: +353 42 9373454 or +353 42 9373888

Tickets can be bought:
 online: www.carlingfordheritagecentre.com
 e-mail: info@carlingfordheritagecentre.com

The spring concert series has got off to a good start with a complete sell-out for the first event – local award-winning band ‘The Four of Us’ – scheduled for Sunday 7th April at 4pm. The four other concerts are also of very high quality so book now to avoid disappointment.

Two choirs together



Department of Creative Arts, Media and Music
 at Dundalk Institute of Technology
 presents

AN EVENING OF CHORAL MUSIC

With works by
 Banchieri, Boyce, Dowland, Morley, Praetorius, Tallis, Victoria

Featuring Cór Chairlinne and the DKIT Choir

Thursday 4 April 2019 at 7.00pm
 Carlingford Heritage Centre
 Church Road, Carlingford, Co. Louth

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For ticket reservations email
info@carlingfordheritagecentre.com
 or phone 042 937 3454

As part of our ongoing collaboration with the creative people who work in Dundalk Institute of Technology, “An evening of choral music” will take place in the Heritage Centre at 7pm on Thursday 4th April. This is a joint presentation by Cór Charilinne and DkIT Choir.

Pop-up art exhibition



Our collaboration mostly takes place under the title ‘Carlingford Collective’ which will hold a ‘Pop-up’ art exhibition in the Heritage Centre from Monday 6th to Friday 10th May. The Pop-Up Art will mostly be provided by students from DKIT exhibiting anonymously with other artists and photographers. It is hoped that the Men’s Shed and the nursing home will take part along with local artists. The works will be for sale at modest prices. We have a particular interest in encouraging attendance and support since purchases will directly help support the work of the Trust. A series of other events will take place during the same week which will be notified in the next newsletter.

1916 disaster in Carlingford Lough



A plaque commemorating the loss of life in collision between the passenger steamer Connemara and the collier Retriever on the night of 3rd November 1916 was unveiled in Carlingford Station House on Saturday, 9th March. James McArevey and Michael Mallon of Newry Maritime Association (NMA) jointly unveiled the plaque with Harry McCarthy of Carlingford Lough

Heritage Trust (CLHT). Ninety-four lives were lost in the collision at the mouth of the lough. The sole survivor, James Boyle from Warrenpoint, was a non-swimmer.

Carlingford & Cooley Tourism Association News



Here is a lovely photo of Carlingford's pipe band whose members happily turn out for many events held in the town throughout the year.

The Foy Centre

Hilarious Comedy Coming to The Foy Centre

Rehearsals are well underway for the production of Professor Tim. The date has been changed to Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th May.

You will be guaranteed a great night of laughter and fun in The Foy Centre.

Keep an eye out for tickets going on sale soon.





The Orchard Bakery will be offering a pre-theatre menu. Why not make a night of it - come along for some delicious food followed by a great night of laughter.

Get Fit and Healthy in the Foy

Get Fit in the Foy
More Instructors & More Classes
Classes 5 mornings a week at 9am
No booking required
All levels of fitness welcome
Strength, cardio & core exercises
Weekly weigh ins available
Kiddies' Corner - keep the kids amused while you exercise
No membership fees
- €8 per class or 3 classes for €20
Check out 'The Foy Centre' or 'Fitness with Marie' Facebook pages. Or contact Marie 087 4321417 / Debbie 083 8013777.

We are now well into Spring and starting to look forward to Summer.

If you want to get your beach body ready, don't forget fitness classes are every week day morning at 9am.

Classes can be tailored to suit all levels of fitness and all ages.

Classes are extra convenient for those parents who drop their kids to St Oliver's school. Just make your way to the Foy Centre straight after drop off - make time for yourself!

If you still have toddlers at home - don't let that stop you. We have a kiddies corner with lots of toys. Let the kids get entertained while you work out!!

Orchard Bakery - Pop up Night

The next pop up night will be held on Friday 19th April. For bookings contact Jonathan on 086 1956878.

Check out the Orchard Bakery Facebook page for their menu or further details.

Cooley Legends



Preparations are well underway for the annual Cooley Legends Half Marathon and 10km run. This will commence on Saturday 6th April.

Registration will be held in the Foy Centre on Friday evening (5th April) from 7pm to 8pm. We advise all runners to try and check in at this time if possible. You can also register on the morning of the race from 8am.

Half Marathon - starts near the Lumpers Bar at 10am

10km - starts at the Long Woman's Grave at 10.30am

Buses will leave the Foy Centre at 9.15am sharp for the Half Marathon and 9.55am for the 10k. Check out the Cooley Legends Half Marathon Facebook page for more information.

If there's anything you would like to see happening in the Foy or you are interested in hiring the hall or the pitch in 2019, please get in contact with us.

Carlingford Tidy Towns

We are feeling proud! Four years of Zero Waste by manning this water station at The Carlingford Half Marathon. Big events don't have to create waste. Here we prevented 3000 disposable cups from going to landfill by substituting with a reusable alternative. You can also borrow these cups form CTT for your sporting or community event. Best of all no clean-up was necessary as the runners were happy to pop the cups into large bags thus keeping the course clear for running!



The Inspirational Runner Podcast



Have a look at 'The Inspirational Runner' podcast on our Facebook page.



We had to take some action to obliterate this graffiti on the far pier as quickly as possible to demonstrate that we will not tolerate this unsightliness in our public spaces in Carlingford. Since it would be difficult to get a high-pressure washer to the end of the pier, we had to paint it out with a hopefully less eye-catching brick pattern.



We would hope that parents will speak to their children about not defacing the town in this manner. Our volunteers can then spend their time more constructively than cleaning up after such unnecessary damage to public property.



For example, there are other places that can do with a facelift – such as the spring on Back Lane. Over the years we have placed plant pots either side of it and added features such as old-fashioned watering cans etc. but these are not appreciated and soon get stolen.

We therefore decided to build brick planters either side of the feature and to repair the walls and tarmac.



Once the blocks had been pointed up, the two containers filled with soil and a few plants installed the whole feature started to look a little more pleasing, especially when the broken ground to the right had also been filled with tarmac.



All that remained was then to improve upon the shape of the 'fireplace' where the spout comes down from the mountain, and give the wall a fresh coat of paint - voila, a feature to be proud of!



Several Tidy Towns volunteers came out on Monday 18th March to plant perennials around the tennis courts. This is quite full of plants now and should hopefully provide a year-round show of colour and require little weeding in the future. We then went on to the flowerbed near the bottle-bank and filled this area with taller perennials, most of which are also good pollinators for attracting insects. We planted wild pink cyclamen, ground cover plants and a hebe in the boat and replaced two pieces of laurel hedging close to the bottle-bank that had gone missing.





Perennials for planting

We then embarked upon our main project this spring, that of replacing the two picnic tables on the green.



The previous week we had arranged with property developer, Pat Johnson, who is currently working to complete the houses on Ghan Road, to remove the old tables with the aid of his heavy machinery. We are very grateful that this work was undertaken professionally yet free of charge as a service to the town. Note: the old picnic tables will eventually be reinstalled on the green space to the seaward side of Ghan Road which lies in front of the new houses.



So, on Tuesday 19th March, we were able to commence work to build two 3.6 x 2.7metre, hard standing, bases to receive the new picnic tables.



The excavations began and eventually kerb was laid to provide a flat surface. Note: later on we will attend to the slope so that a gentle way onto the flat surface is achieved rather than the ‘cliff edge’ you can see at present. More soil was then removed so that gravel could be poured to form a hard surface.



The turf and soil that was removed above, was then reutilized to form a triangular flowerbed in front of 'Getaways', with the owner's permission. Several of our volunteers came out again on Saturday 23rd March to spread manure obtained from the Equestrian Centre at Ghan House onto the bed and finally add more topsoil. We intend to plant up this bed with pollinator friendly daisy type perennials such as White Crazy Daisy (a chrysanthemum), Rudbeckia, Echinacea, and Michaelmus daisy etc. in due course.

CARLINGFORD TIDY TOWNS
Spring Clean
 Saturday 6th April
 Meet at 10am @ Tennis Courts
 Join us for our annual litter blitz. Bring the kids and help your community clean up Carlingford!
Refreshments served after

Like us on Facebook

CTT's next major event is to take part in the National Spring Clean on 6th April. The Carlingford Knight's Rugby juniors will be joining us - so why not come along and take part!

'Friends of Carlingford' – Standing Orders

Carlingford Tidy Towns have set up a standing order form to enable individuals, small business and B&B owners to give regular contributions to our cause to make this town an even better place to live and work.

Several individuals already make donations to CTT throughout the year to assist us in our work and we acknowledge their financial support.

Contributions may be made monthly, quarterly or annually. We suggest a minimum sum of €10 per month for individuals and €20 per month for businesses. Forms can be obtained from committee members. Alternatively, please email our treasurer joci.orouke@gmail.com for more information.

Once the forms have been filled in, this scheme has the advantage of relieving us of unnecessary bureaucracy whilst enabling CTT to be certain of a regular income, thereby allowing us to plan future projects etc. It will also relieve us of the onerous task of collecting donations in person in the future.



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

Here are some wonderful old photos for you to enjoy:



Circa 1950



Working at the tatties



Bringing the tatties home from the fields.

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

and I will ensure they are brought to the attention of the appropriate committee.