



Clonegal Kildavin Community Newsletter

Issue 5

30/10/21



To advertise your event or activity in this Newsletter

Email maggie1980@live.ie before 5pm on Thursday for inclusion in the following weekends Newsletter or phone 087 8380018

We wish all our readers a very happy and safe Halloween



Halloween An Irish Festival.

In the ancient Celtic world in Ireland, Samhain (pronounced Sowin) was the end of summer and the beginning of winter. Samhain remains the Irish word for November. The transition was marked on the 31st of October and November 1st. It was believed that at this time, the dead returned to the mortal world to bring back souls with them. The practice of dressing up to look like the visiting dead was intended to allow the living to be mistaken for the returning dead and not be marked by them for death. When Christianity introduced the feast of All Saints on November the 1st and All Souls on November 2nd, the Irish saw it as in keeping with their ancient pagan traditions. Irish emigrants brought these traditions all over the world with them, So Halloween is now an international festival. Most notably the practice of carving and lighting pumpkins is firmly linked to Ireland

Large turnips and potatoes served the purpose now ascribed to pumpkins. They were known as, jack-o'-lanterns, from an Irish

folktale about a man named Stingy Jack. Irish immigrants brought the practice to America, where pumpkins were easier to find than turnips or potatoes and it became an integral part of Halloween festivities

Stingy Jack an Irishman invited the Devil to have a drink with him. Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form. When Jack died, God wouldn't allow him into heaven and the Devil wouldn't allow him into hell. He was instead sent into the eternal night, with a burning coal inside a carved-out turnip to light his way. He's been roaming the earth ever since. The Irish began to refer to this spooky figure as "Jack of the Lantern," which then became "Jack O Lantern."

Carlow Pride of Place Awards 2021 Success for Clonegal

Congratulations to Clonegal who won the Natural Heritage and Biodiversity Category. The village was commended on for being Litter Free along with other areas in Carlow and it was third in the Towns and Villages Category giving way to Fenagh who came second with Ballon winning the category. (The category is for a population of 250 – 750)

Congratulations to all who worked so hard in keeping the village in pristine condition during the summer which resulted in the above awards. Clonegal Tidy Village Association is very grateful to all the volunteers for all the time and energy they devoted to the village, they appreciate all you have

Sports Fixtures

Junior Ladies Gaelic Football Championship Round 5

St Brigid's Clonmore V Kildavin Clonegal

In Clonmore 1pm Sunday October 31st.

Kildavin / Clonegal GAA, Ben Mulhall Park Lotto Results

Monday 25th October 2021

Numbers drawn were 3 - 4 - 16 - 18

Jackpot: €10,000 - No Winner

3 Match 3 winners - each receive €50.00

B & P Murphy, Monaughrim

Johnny Tobin c/o Joe Mernagh

B Murphy, Clonegal

Sellers Prize: €50 - Mark Coleman

Next draw will take place on **Sunday 7th November at 9.30pm** Conway's Kildavin

Entries €2.00 each or 3 for €5

Entries available from Local Retail Outlets, Committee members and online at

@www.clonegalkildavin.ie community website or

[KildavinClonegal GAA & Ben Mulhall Memorial Park Lotto – Membership – Fundraising – Clubforce](#)



Two members of our community went to their eternal reward in the past week.

Gertie Earle (nee Bayley) of Ballyshancarragh Kildavin was interred in the St Pauls cemetery on Monday October

25th

Annie (Nan)Byrne formerly of Ballinavortha Clonegal was interred in the cemetery adjoining S.t Brigids Church Clonegal on Friday October 29th

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends and may they rest in peace.



St Brigid's Church, Kilrush

&

Parents & Friends of the Severally Intellectually Disabled

Coffee Morning & Draw at

St Brigid's Church, Kilrush Y21 Y032

Saturday

11th Dec 2021

11am to 1pm

CONTACT: REV TREVOR SARGENT – 087 2547836

Camogie Club AGM

Nov 12th @ 8pm ***Camogie Club AGM*** Spellman Park GAA Complex. Club would like to hear from **anyone who's interested in playing U16 and/or Junior Camogie with us in 2022** as well as anyone who's interested in helping out with these teams Club wishes to facilitate keeping and growing [#WomenInSport](#)

Spooky Facts????

A woman travelling into to Clonegal Village on a pony and trap circa 1900 on a dark winters evening offered a lift to a strange man walking towards the village. He sat on to the trap but made no conversation. He got off the trap without speaking as she neared the village and crossed into a field. When she arrived home her family noticed that one side of her body, the side nearest the man she carried was a black colour as if burned. No one else saw him and he was never identified.