

## Hunting Mirages

Kristy Verenga who now lives and works in Kinvara is exhibiting her paintings and digital collage in the Burren Beo Café. Kristy has exhibited many times in galleries in America, Spain, India and Ireland. Recently she was the artist in residence at the Roscommon Arts Centre. Her paintings set out to map her "...experiences as a meditator/artist". The work is for sale and well worth viewing.

## Singers Night

Singers are invited to sing their favourite songs on the first Monday evening of each month in Greene's Bar. This is also an opportunity just to sit back and listen to a variety of songs and styles if you don't sing in public yourself (yet)!

## Use of the Community Centre

Since its refurbishment, the hall is well used. It is booked up on a regular basis most weekday evenings between September and April. There are a number of activities for younger children in the late afternoon and early evenings and older children on Fridays. A mothers and babies group meet there on Wednesday mornings. It is also used for badminton and other sporting clubs throughout the week. The building has a dance licence and is available at weekends. For important Community events or meetings, arrangements can be made to use it on weekday evenings. The Committee room is also available and is not so heavily booked. This room can easily accommodate 40 or more people.

Contact Richard Broad for enquiries regarding the use of the Centre and activities taking place. Email [rbroad@eircom.net](mailto:rbroad@eircom.net) Tel: 637631

## Thanks

"Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Benefit Concert for M.E. research. Together we raised €1,300". Finola O'Siochru

## Print Error

"A writer can handle anything but a misprint". *Oscar Wilde* In the interests of 'accuracy and completion' Joe Staunton would like to point out that a slight blunder was made to his poem in Tracht magazine. The third word in line 15 should read Time not Tie.

The Kinvara Newsletter will come out every two months and there is an e.mail address for you to use if you have an article you think may be of interest to the community, or drop it in to me. Please try and keep your article short. (Next Newsletter will be out end April) email [kinvaranews@gmail.com](mailto:kinvaranews@gmail.com) Pam

# KINVARA NEWSLETTER

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## Kinvara Playground and Sports Complex

The development of a playground and sports complex at St. Joseph's N.S. is a welcome one, which will provide play facilities for children of all ages in Kinvara. Earlier this year Galway Co. Co. gave a grant towards the project. The playground will be open to the public during day light hours and free of charge. The sports complex will include tennis courts, basketball court, hockey and netball facilities and an all weather pitch. All facilities will be flood lit. The complex will be used by the school during school hours and available to the public thereafter. The next step in the development is to raise funds for the equipment - a quote of €50,000 has been given. With this in mind the working group (sub committee of the Board of Management) are about to undertake a major fundraising event and also bring the community together in the process - **Who Wants to be a Millionaire? This event will take place in Kinvara Community Centre on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at 8 p.m.** The launch of the venture will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the Pier Head at 9 p.m.** This show has attracted large audiences all over Ireland during the past seven years and is really hi-tech and offers a superb night's entertainment. Contestants are drawn from ticket sales and each contestant will play for €1,000. Watch out for more news!

## Kinvara Soccer

Kinvara U12's boys soccer team travelled to Manchester for a weekend recently and were treated very well by Manchester City Club, who invited them to train at their renowned training academy at Platt Lane followed by a visit to a premiership match against Middlesborough. Then a trip to see Old Trafford stadium and a few hours at a water park! All involved are keen to go again next year, probably at a different venue and we would be delighted to see more kids joining the team.

**Kinvara Juvenile Soccer restarts after the winter break for U8's on Fridays at 4 p.m. and girls U12's on Fridays at 5 p.m.**  
Contact Ger Ryan 087 9823033 for further details.

### **Mardi Gras, KAM Birthday Night Celebration**

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> saw the Community Centre transformed to a cabaret festival venue with colourful tables, food and a bar. The event was Mardi Gras, French for 'Fat Tuesday', an international celebration of the day before Lent. It also marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Kinvara Area Music Collective. Needless to say there was music! Five bands, all featuring local talent provided dance music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Some 35 volunteers (including musicians) worked to put together and bring off this community party, in aid of the Kinvara Active Retirement Group. KAM is very appreciative of the efforts of all involved who made the night a fun and notable success. KAM's birthday, like Lent will come around again; and this year's celebration provides something to grow on. If you missed the party this year keep an eye out for the next Mardi Gras!

### **Further Developments of the Community Centre**

Plans for the final stage of the refurbishment of the Community Centre are being drawn up to provide an improved service to the community. The loan of €30,000 from the Credit Union to part fund the new roof and other improvements should be paid off later this year. Further grants are being sought which would provide 75% of the cost of any further work on the building. The remaining 25% costs would be met by the community, some of which could be by direct labour.

*Intended improvements:* insulate/strengthen exterior walls; provide storage space for chairs etc. at floor level; install new toilets including a disabled toilet; *Under consideration:* internal insulation of roof; individual lockable storage space; new lighting in main hall. It is also intended to connect the new child care centre to the main hall by a covered walkway. Improvements to the forecourt and entrance will be made and there will be disabled access both at the front of the building and through both fire doors to the left of the hall. Finances permitting the Community Council plans to do this work in the summer of 2010 when the Centre is used least. If you have any suggestions regarding the above please contact Richard Broad email: [rbroad@eircom.net](mailto:rbroad@eircom.net) Tel: 637631

### **Mother and Toddler Group:**

The Kinvara Mother and Toddler group meet every Wednesday between 11 and 1 in the Meeting room of the Community Centre. All are welcome.

### **Visit of Locoal Mendon:**

Some people say that they didn't know Kinvara was twinned with Locoal Mendon as its not on the Signage at the entrances to the town( so that's another project!). Well 23 years ago Kinvara was officially twinned with a similar sized town in Brittany and reciprocal visits occurred until about 15 years ago. So that's quite a history! We are, this coming May Bank Holiday weekend, for the Cuckoo Festival, delighted to welcome 40 people from Locoal Mendon. Some have been here before others are new and all will be accommodated with families in and around Kinvara. We are still looking for homes to open their doors to our French friends. As well as having a fun and cultural exchange we plan to return the visit to France next year, it was originally planned to do both this year but that was felt to be too much. So remember if you act as a host you get first choice to travel to our French families next May.

### **Tidy Towns:**

The Tidy Towns group continue with their alternate week litter pick-up. We have noticed some deliberate dumping of household waste particularly in the back corner of Market Square, as well as some very disappointing littering of the Bottle Bank area. While we can clean up, and request that the Environment section of Galway Co.Co. clear the Bottle Banks more frequently, we as a Community also have some responsibility. **Please do not litter.** If you do see someone littering please ask them not to, or take a photo of them, or report them to the Council. **Don't stand idly by.** The Tidy Towns group plan to carry out some bigger tasks when the weather gets warmer. We hope to paint the benches on the Quay and Power hose the entire Bottle Bank area. We will need help so watch out for these projects and come along if you can.

### **Fundraiser for new Childrens' Centre**

The annual Breakfast Morning will be held on **Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> March** next in the Pier Head Restaurant. Breakfast is 10 euros for adults and children are free. Face-painting to occupy the little ones will be provided. All funds raised will help Kinvara Community Children's' Centre. Breakfast is served from **9a.m. till 11.30a.m.** All welcome and come early if you can as there is usually a rush at the end!!

