

### Tracht Christmas Day Swim

The Christmas day swim was a lovely way to start the day, either as a swimmer or one of the many spectators. It was hugely successful. Some 120 brave swimmers took the plunge and helped raise over €5,000 for the Galway Hospice. Well done all involved.

### Kinvara Credit Union

Kinvara Credit Union was set up by the Community Council in 1992 to promote savings and provide low interest loans. It is for ALL members of the community. Over €135,000 was distributed among members after the recent AGM. This included interest refunds and dividends. The annual Credit Union Primary Schools Table Quiz will be held on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January in St. Joseph's National School, Kinvara.** (The catchments area includes Ballyvaughan, Fanore, Newquay, Carron, Ballindereen, Clarenbridge, Kiltiernan and of course Kinvara).

### The Sitting Room

The very industrious Seamount College transition year students have put this really enjoyable CD together. It features the musical talent of teenagers from schools in the Kinvara/Gort/Oranmore area. You can buy a copy from businesses around the town. Get it while you can!

### Youth Club

A reminder to all those with teenagers that the Youth Club is on every **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in the Community Centre** for all post-primary young people. (Enquiries call/text 085 8458484)

As this is a Community Newsletter you are welcome to submit an article for the next issue. Or perhaps you have suggestions regarding what kind of articles you would like to see more of.

Drop a line or phone Pam 091 637460

## KINVARA NEWSLETTER

*January 2009*

**Welcome to 2009!** May it be a peaceful one and one in which we as a community help each other in what ever way we can. As usual the Community Council Meetings are held monthly (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) and all are welcome to come along. The next Community Council meeting is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m.** If you wish to suggest an item for the agenda please e-mail the Secretary at [catbabe72@yahoo.com](mailto:catbabe72@yahoo.com).

### Thank You

Kinvara Community Council would like to say thanks to all those who supported our fundraising efforts over 2008. All monies raised go towards clearing the outstanding debt for the new roof. Almost 2,000 euros was raised from the Xmas Concert including the Raffle and the Sealed Bid Auction. All items given for the Auction realised their market value. The voucher from Kuros the violin maker was not purchased so if anyone during the year would like to enquire about this please get in touch with any of the Officers. We hope to commence the second stage of building improvements on the Centre this year.

Almost every Business in Kinvara contributed generously to the Community Council last year and therefore we think it is appropriate that the Community, in return, support our local Businesses whenever we can. As the old saying goes 'Ar scath a cheile a mhaireann na ndaoine'.

Thanks also to Kinvara G.A.A. who once again paid for and erected the Xmas Tree on the Quay. It is not always easy for people to give their free time helping out and we do appreciate it.

### Town Twinning

Over 10 years ago Kinvara was officially twinned with Locoal Mendon a similar sized town in Brittany and exchange visits were carried out between the two towns. Some Kinvara people remained in touch with friends they made from the French town but the link to some degree faded. Last year a French girl working in the Burren Beo decided to try to re-establish the friendship. Elodie Totain is now

arranging for a group of Breton dancers and musicians and other townspeople to come to Kinvara the weekend of Fleadh na gCuach, the May Bank Holiday weekend. In turn Locoal Mendon have invited us to send a group of our musicians and Set-dancers and friends to their Festival which takes place the second weekend in May. All those interested in being involved please look out for posters advertising meetings about the Twinning or give your contact details to any of the Community Council committee. We hope to send a large deputation to France for this cultural exchange so everyone is welcome.

### **Badminton**

A bit of exercise after the xmas! Badminton club on **Monday nights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Centre.** All welcome.

For secondary level girls there is badminton on **Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.** (Contact Mary at 087 3114353)

### **Kinvara Local Directory**

The last Kinvara Local Directory was printed quite a while back and proved to be a very useful little book to have around the house. However, the population has obviously changed in and around Kinvara and a new Local Directory is being compiled. If you would like to be included in the Local Directory fill out the form available in the post office and put in the box marked Kinvara Phonebook. If you would like to place an advertisement please email [kinvaraphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:kinvaraphonebook@gmail.com) or call 085 8182042 by 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Kinvara Farmers' Market**

The Galway Co. Councillors have asked for a risk assessment in relation to both sites proposed for the market. The preferred site being the Market Square (petitioned for locally) and the other site being down at the quay. A vote is due on the selection of the site at the next Galway Co. Council meeting.

### **Weekend Gardening Courses**

Create your own kitchen garden and learn how to grow food for your family. Weekend gardening courses, by Lynn O'Keefe and Anna Jeffrey, will take place in the **Doorus orchard garden, Doorus**

**Youth Hostel on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April.** Each course costs €180 and includes lunch and course notes. (Contact Lynn at 091 638099 or email [kinvarasustainableliving@gmail.com](mailto:kinvarasustainableliving@gmail.com))

### **Childcare Centre**

The builders are at the first floor level and the building should hopefully be finished by end of June 2009. Enrolment is fixed for end of March 2009. The Childcare Centre will also be available for community use and a sprung floor for dancing will be incorporated in the building.

There will be a link built between the Community Centre and the Childcare Centre.

### **Island Fiddle Traditions**

KAM presents Island Fiddle Traditions a musical treat in **Johnston's Hall on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 p.m.** (doors open). €15/12 (It pays to become a member!) In concert will be Maire O'Keefe, Manus Maguire and Gary O'Briain. If you haven't yet been to a KAM concert and like the best of traditional music this is your opportunity.....

### **Tracht**

Tracht magazine which is produced by the Community Council every second year is now on sale in all local outlets. Please support by purchasing your copy if you haven't already done so cost €8.

