

Ballydehob Community Council Newsletter



Ballydehob Community Care: next social afternoon is taking place on Tuesday 18th October in Vincent Coughlan's Bar, lunch served from 1pm and followed by cards, bingo and lots of chat till 4:30pm. New-comers are especially welcome to come along and enjoy some good food & company for the afternoon.

Ballydehob Community Hall Committee: are busy organizing their annual buffet, one of the biggest social events on the calendar in Ballydehob. Tickets on sale from any committee or from Bridie in the post office. As always there are a limited number of tickets available for the 3 course hot/cold buffet for €25, including wine and music from Patrick O' Sullivan. A night of great food & entertainment guaranteed for all. Raffle on the night with great prizes.

Ballydehob Parent & Toddler: If anyone would like to take over the running of the weekly group sessions please contact Noeleen Murphy 086/3254214 for more information, sessions were run on Thursdays mornings from 10-12pm.

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Wednesday, Thursday & Friday,
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"Look at life through the
windshield, not the rear-
view mirror." Byrd Baggett

Thought for the Month



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I'm sure that most people know by now that Garda Billy Byrne is retiring soon, and after thirty four years service in Ballydehob. The Community Council and a large number of local organisations have come together to organise a buffet and dance in the Community Hall which will take place on Saturday night December 10th. We thank everyone who has to date returned their slips and valued contributions as it is vital for the organisers to clarify the number of people attending. Anyone who would like to attend please return your slips to the post Office as soon as possible. A good night's entertainment is assured.

Schull, Goleen and Ballydehob community councils have come together to organise an amateur talent competition called "**Mizen's Got Talent**". Each community will hold their own regional heats in their own areas for example in Ballydehob both schools will have an internal audition with 3 from each school going forward. The youth centre in Ballydehob will have auditions on Friday 4th November with 2 going forward. The Sandboat Bar will run auditions on October 29th with 2 going forward. Barry O' Brien's bar will hold auditions on Saturday 5th November with 2 going forward. Vincent Coughlan's Bar will hold auditions on 12th November with 2 going forward. Rosie's Bar will hold auditions on Saturday 19th November with 2 going forward. Ballydehob will have a regional final on Sunday afternoon November 27th in the community Hall with 5 finalists going forward to the Grand Final which takes place in Schull on December 17th with € 500.00 for 1st place, € 300.00 for 2nd place and € 200.00 for 3rd place. The competition is open to all living working or studying in the area. This is a great opportunity for everyone to support our local competitors so please come to the various venues on the audition evenings. Martin Swanton, Chairperson BCC.

Ballydehob Community Council Weekly Private Lotto Draw: 100% of lotto funds goes back into our local community. Last draw 08/10/11, no.'s were 4, 25, & 26. Jackpot €1,600, No Winner. €50 Finbarr Santry, €40 Paula & John, €30 Kevin Santry, €25 Pat Thomas, & €25 Noeleen Murphy. Next draw on Saturday 15th October. Jackpot is **€1,800** and the draw takes place in Vincent Coughlan's Bar.



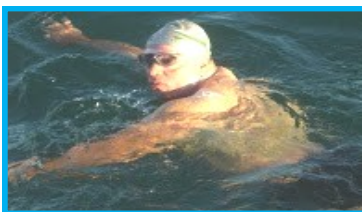
Ballydehob Old Time Threshing Week-end: it's that time of year again, Ballydehob Old-Time Threshing & Vintage Days, happening on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th October. On Saturday 29th the Annual vintage run from Goleen—Schull—Ballydehob, Bantry—Ballydehob & Skibbereen—Ballydehob. Anyone wishing to take part contact Barry O' Brien 37191. On Sunday 30th October sees The Old-Time Threshing & Vintage day in the Community Field. Activities for the day are the annual butter & bread making, display of Ballydehob threshing, dog show, baby show, bouncy

castle, face-painting, display of vintage tractors & cars, basket weaving, welly, horse-shoe & sandbag throwing, stalls, sheep shearing, ever popular Wheel of Fortune, display from Blacksmith's John Joe & Donie Bohane, music & dancing in tennis courts. New this year is a display of exotic animals and lots of side stalls. As always there will be food on sale in the community hall with lots of cakes also. A great day guaranteed for all the family. As always all monies made are donated to local charities, this year the committee has decided to donate to Cork South West Association for Autism & Cancer Connect which are two very worthy local causes, your support would be gratefully appreciated, you can purchase tickets for the draw or make a donation on Saturday or Sunday. If you can volunteer in any way over the weekend contact Barry O' Brien 028/37191 or Noeleen Murphy 086/3254214. Many thanks to all involved to make it such a success.



A big favourite at last year's threshing week-end.

Skibbereen Ambulance Service - Public Meeting: On Friday 30th September, members of Ballydehob Community Council attended the public meeting in the West Cork Hotel, it was very clear from the support on the night as over 600 people attended to show their support in trying to retain our current Ambulance service. Cllr Frank Fahy, Major of Skibbereen chaired the meeting with support from members of Skibbereen Town council. Frank outlined the current situation of the service which at times can be very stretched but once the cuts are introduced we would be in serious trouble as there would be only **1 AMBULANCE** for the whole area of West Cork and with the closure of Bantry Minor Assessment Unit from January next year puts even more pressure on the Ambulance service, **DEATH BY GEOGRAPHY** is the prospect if the HSE implement these cuts. During the meeting people were given the chance to have their views aired, everyone was very scared of the prospect of ringing 911 and no ambulance in the area or having to wait up to an hour or more, the HSE recently purchased a Rapid Response vehicle to attend to call-out but it can not take a casualty to Hospital as it hasn't the capacity. After a lengthy meeting people were asked to stay behind if they were interested in forming a committee to take this to the next level, everyone were asked to sign a petition before leaving which will be used at a later date. The committee will keep everyone informed via local newspaper, radio and a Facebook page: **West Cork ambulance service saved my life let them save more**. During the last Community Council meeting it was decided to hand out petition around Ballydehob so everyone could sign them to show their support. We will keep you informed of any updates in next month's newsletter.



Steve's Ocean's 7 Challenge: Steve is heading out this Tuesday to complete No. 4 of his challenge, the Catalina Channel on Thursday all going well. We wish Steve all the best of luck (not that Steve needs luck).

When successful Steve will continue on to Hawaii to complete challenge No. 5 Molokai Channel on 26th October (if he completes Catalina in good condition, which he will I'm sure) Steve would not be where he is without the support of his wife Ann, his children Steve & Siadh, family, his dedicated team & his work Skibbereen Tool Hire & all his supporters everywhere.