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## ***DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: JOIN US FOR OUR A.G.M. MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>***

The AGM of Glounthaune Community Association will take place on Thursday 25th of May at 7pm in the large room of the community centre and all are welcome to attend. We encourage as many of you as possible to join us to hear about the GCA accomplishments over the last year and what is planned for 2023.

As always a few more good hands will not only make the work lighter, but allow us to broaden the scope of our activities on the ground to further enhance what we do for the community.

We look forward to meeting you there!



## ***GREAT NEWS!***

### **GCA's Conor O'Brien is out of hospital**

Conor, seen here with his wife Olive and daughter Hazel, has left Mercy University Hospital and transferred to the St. Francis Rehabilitation Unit in Gurrabraher.

He has started his rehabilitation and is learning to walk again. Everyone in Glounthaune and the surrounding communities owe Conor a debt of gratitude for the work he has put in over the years. We all miss him and wish him well on his road to recovery. We can't wait until he gets back to work.



## GCA'S JILL MCNAMARA RECOGNISED AT THE 2023 MAYOR'S AWARDS

The chair of Glounthaune Community Association, Jill McNamara, was recognised for her outstanding contribution to the community at the 10th annual Mayor's Community Awards, held recently at Cork County Hall. Jill was one of three individuals nominated in the Cork South Area, for their commitment and dedication to their communities.

The Mayor, Cllr. Danny Collins, said the awards ceremony "... is truly one of the highlights of my Mayoral term. This is a fantastic opportunity for me, for Cork County Council and for the people of Cork to show our appreciation for the hard work and compassion that goes into strengthening our communities and inspiring one another to succeed. It is truly an honour for me to be able to recognise and celebrate your achievements this evening."

The GCA committee is delighted that Jill has been recognised for her hard work and commitment to the many groups in our community that she is involved with, including her central role with the community association.

This is not the first accolade for Glounthaune at the awards, In 2021, the Harper's Island steering group were the overall group winners for their work in bringing the Harper's Island Wetland project to successful fruition. This year's overall individual winner was Barry Cogan (Carrigaline) and the group award went to The Banteer Community Sportsfield CLG, that showed tremendous determination and ambition over the last seven years to provide a fantastic sports facility for their village.

Congratulations Jill!



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## GLOUNTHAUNE TIDY TOWNS NEWS

Contributed by Garry Tomlins



### Ailbe Ryan Appointed Chairperson of Glounthaune Tidy Towns

At the March AGM the exiting chairman Angela Reidy stepped down from her role and Mr Ailbe Ryan was voted as her successor.

Michael Power addressed the occasion to thank Angela for her tenure and the committee's appreciation of her management and direction during her tenure which included the difficult Covid years.

Angela steps down after a very successful term where the community involvement has increased with lots of initiatives bearing fruit with the village and general surround beginning to really look very well and the Town's scores rocketing.

Terry Fleming presented Angela with a beautiful Stephen Pearson wooden turned bowl and flowers to commemorate the occasion.

Ailbi, emphasised in his acceptance address to the AGM the importance of community involvement in Tidy Towns and the fact that the Tidy Towns judging season is nearly on us. A big challenge for Glounthaune is that because of our population growth Glounthaune is now considered to be a small town, with our new competitors having significantly more resources. The tidy towns submission will be made mid-May.



*Terry Fleming, Treasurer Glounthaune Tidy Towns, Presented Angela with Flowers and a Turned wooden bowl on her retirement from the Chairperson's role.*

*Pictured L to R: Ailbe Ryan (incoming Chairperson), Michael Power (Secretary), Angela Reidy (Outgoing Chairperson), Terry Fleming (Treasurer), Garry Tomlins (PRO)*





# Harper's Island News

*Contributed by Edmond J. Stack*

## Swedish Delegation Visit Harper's Island

On April 20 a Swedish Delegation of 23 visited Harper's Island at the invitation of the SECAD Partnership and Leader Programme. They were welcomed by Glounthaune Community Association Chair Jill McNamara. E. J. Stack made a presentation detailing the successful implementation of two SECAD-funded feasibility studies (see below). He was assisted in his presentation by Derry Delaney and William O'Halloran of SECAD Wildworks.



## The Feasibility Studies

Harper's Island was and is a unique co-operative venture between a Public Body (Cork County Council); a Community Group (Glounthaune Community Association); a Nature Study Group (Birdwatch Ireland) and a State Body (National Parks and Wildlife Service).

By way of background, Harper's Island was, up to 1985, a mixed farm owned by the Fitzgerald family. The 28-hectares of land was acquired by the Cork County Council for the construction of the M25 Motorway with 22 hectares being devoted to the Harper's Island wetlands. This area comprises two bird-watching hides and a two kilometre walking trail.

The first study originated as far back as 1993 when Jim Wilson of Bird Watch Ireland presented a paper on a "Wetland Discovery Centre". This was resurrected in 2014 and submitted to Cork County Council as a possible use for Harper's Island. The Glounthaune Community Association became involved through Derry Delaney using a SECAD "Baseline Feasibility Study". Much of the work was carried out by University College Cork student's and staff. They scoped the natural resources and wild life present on the island. They also studied the impact of the motorway on the ecosystem.

The second feasibility study was made in 2019 following the completion of the first stage of the project (two hides and walking trail). A further hide location was identified and SECAD were asked to assess the progress and future prospects of the site. This work was

done as part of a “European Tendering Process” with the Welsh “Wildlife and Wetland Trust” getting the contract. The report recommended that car parking be improved and the County Council should build a Greenway to the nearby Glounthaune rail station. This has now been done but it is known as a Cycleway rather than a Greenway. Another recommendation, not yet acted on, is an interpretive centre to encourage school visits.

## Linking Glounthaune to International Nature Conservation

One of the main aims of setting up Harper’s Island Wetlands was to protect the Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits that use the wetlands as a migration stop over, with as much as 4% of the world’s population present in April most years.

Prior to this community initiative (kicked off in 2015) the site had been effectively abandoned and used for unmanaged horse grazing.



*Internationally important numbers of Icelandic Black-tailed Godwits at Harper’s Island Wetlands preparing to migrate to Iceland for the breeding season. (Photo: Jim Wilson)*

## Migration Study

An example of the success of our on-going study of the migration habits of the wetland birds of Harper’s Island Wetlands. This bird was caught and tagged as part of an international project under government license at Harper’s Island and subsequently seen in Portugal and England. We hope to see it reported in Iceland at some stage.



Volunteer work mornings are a regular occurrence throughout the year at Harper's Island Wetlands.



Otters, like this one have been seen at Harper's Island Wetlands on a number of occasions. A good sign of the wetland being in good health.

(Photo by Rory O'Connor)

Education is one of the main aims of Harper's Island Wetlands. Volunteer guides regularly lead school and community groups around the nature trail.



A group learning about the bats at Harper's Island Westlands during Heritage Week 2022.

(Photo by Jim Wilson)





## MEN'S SHED RECENT PROJECTS



*The Men's Shed installed 4 grow boxes for Cobh Mentally Handicapped to grow Vegetables.*



*Men's Shed team led by Derry Delany and Brendan Howley Fixing up the old barn on Harper's Island to provide a storage facility and base for the new 3 birdhide construction mooted for 2024.*



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## UPSTART FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2023

### Upstart Festival returns to Glounthaune on September 9th

We are delighted to share the news that Upstart Festival Glounthaune returns for the 3rd edition on Saturday September 9, 2023. The event will follow the same successful recipe as previous years, bringing 5 bands to the stage in Craig's Field -- an event not to be missed by music lovers.

The festival team work hard to create a really thrilling line up, with a strong emphasis on up-and-coming Cork talent. Asked about this year's line-up, festival director Jesper Pedersen said "we are nearly ready to reveal our 2023 line up and it is really exciting. If you are a music fan you will love it, with really great artists across a mix of genres. We are really lucky that there are so many great bands and performers in Cork right now, it is just an incredibly vibrant music scene".

News has just reached us that last year's headline act, The Love Buzz, have been selected to play Glastonbury Festival 2023. The band were among thousands of entries to the emerging talent competition. A longlist of 100 acts were selected by a panel of industry-leading music journalists and critics, with only 9 finalists selected by the Glastonbury Festival for the emerging talent slots. This is a huge endorsement for the talented Cork band and as we saw at Upstart 22 what a fantastic stage performance they produce.

When curating the line up, one of the priorities is to bring the best of current Cork bands together, bands you really should not miss and may not get a chance to see if you don't get to many gigs in music venues like Coughlans, Fred Zeppelins and Cypress Avenue.

Jesper said "The organising team all know what it is like with family responsibilities and time pressures, you don't get to as many gigs as you would like and it is easy to miss absolutely brilliant bands, so one of our aims is to bring those 'must see' young bands together for the day in Glounthaune, so you have no excuse to miss them!".

So, arrange babysitters if you need to and get organised for a great day. The best part is, you may be able to walk or cycle home at your leisure. On the day, the gates open at 15.45 and the headline act finishes at 21.30. Last year we heard of grandchildren staying with their grandparents in Glounthaune, making a weekend of it! Attendance is for those aged 16 and over, so be sure to tell your children or grandchildren too.

We are lucky to have this event right on our doorstep brought to fruition by the great local volunteer team and Glounthaune Community Association. To ensure its success please support the festival by buying a ticket and spreading the word. We are also actively seeking support through sponsorship and volunteers. If you would like to support the festival in any way, please contact [upstartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:upstartfestival@gmail.com). We are delighted to receive support from Cork County Council again this year for this event which is becoming a highlight in the Cork music scene.

The line up for Upstart Festival 23 will be announced in June, this will be available on the festival website [www.upstartfestival.ie](http://www.upstartfestival.ie) along with ticket information and link. In the meantime keep up-to-date by following the social media channels: twitter @upstartfestival, instagram and facebook: upstartfestivalcork.



## Competition Time!

To win 2 tickets to UPSTART 23, answer the following question:

**Q: Name the previous headline acts from  
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## What does Glounthaune need? Have your say!

**The Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029** is an important plan which will guide the promotion and support of the county's economy and community over the next six years. As the framework for the economic and community development of Cork County, the LECP is also the primary mechanism at local level to bring forward relevant actions. Now is the time for us to ask "what do we need locally" to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of our community in Glounthaune.

The stage 1 "Draft Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals" will be published on the 15th of May 2023 on the council website.

Cork County Council are inviting members of the public, community organisations, advocacy groups, local businesses, and other stakeholders to attend a public consultation event to share their opinions and give feedback on the draft Plan.

The nearest workshop takes place at the Radisson Hotel, Little Island, Monday 22nd May. There are two workshops one from 1pm-3pm and an evening workshop from 6pm to 8pm.

To register <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/resident/community/local-economic-and-community-plan-lecp-2023-2029/stage-two-lecp-public-consultation>

SECAD, our local community development company, is currently developing a community-led Local Development Strategy (LDS) to deliver the next LEADER programme 2023 - 2027. We have seen the great projects locally that can benefit from LEADER funding, including the local playground and Harpers Island. Cork County has a proposed allocation of €16 million to support projects under the next LEADER program.

A well attended workshop was recently held in Carrigtwohill and soon an online survey will open to collect as much input from groups and individuals throughout the area. The survey link will be available on [www.secad.ie](http://www.secad.ie) and on the 'SECADCork' social media pages, facebook and twitter. We encourage everyone to have their say, and be ambitious for Glounthaune.

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## FRAZZLED MAMMY - CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITIONS

*Contributed by Maeve O'Keeffe*

With the end of school year and exams fast approaching, it's time for many after school activities to conclude. My art courses for children are coming to an end and will resume as usual next September. During the past year it's been lovely working with the children and seeing their creativity. They have produced landscape, still life, cartoon characters and much more. Having put in so much effort, I feel it's important to display the children's lovely artwork, so this year, post-Covid, I am happy to organise exhibitions of my student's work in Scoil Náisiúnta an Chroí Naofa, Glounthaune, My Place Hall in Midleton and Glanmire.



The Midleton exhibition opened on Saturday, May 6th in My Place Community Hall, where I teach art on Tuesday afternoons during the school year. Here are photos of some of my students and parents by their artworks. The exhibitions in Glounthaune and Glanmire will soon follow.

Another art project that awaits is further work on the Glounthaune Railway Station mural. Some Irish Rail signage was recently removed leaving unsightly old paint and bare wall on view. I'm looking forward to reworking this and adding in another bird or two. Needless to say, some bird drawing has also featured in my art classes!

For information about art classes, check out my website [www.frazzledmammy.com/art-classes](http://www.frazzledmammy.com/art-classes), Facebook page FB: [www.facebook.com/frazzledmammy](https://www.facebook.com/frazzledmammy) or contact me at 087 6684021.



# St. Patrick's Day 2023



## CORK COUNTY COUNCIL SEEKS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON NEW CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Cork County Council is seeking help from the public on the first stage of a new climate action plan.



The public consultation will inform the council how best to tackle the challenges posed by our changing climate while working to meet national targets for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

The council has published a Baseline Evidence Summary Report that examines how the climate in the county has changed over recent decades while also showing the impact risks that future change may cause.

Findings include: Sea levels in Cork Harbour have risen by 40cm since 1842; average rainfall at Cork Airport increased by 3% between 1981-2010 compared to the same period 1961-1990; the Rosscarbery flood of 2020 involved 230mm of rainfall, the highest recorded since 1961; Cork county will encounter an increase in the average temperature of between 1.1 and 1.5 degrees by 2050.

The report was presented to the full council on Monday, April 24 by the Cork County Mayor, Cllr. Danny Collins (see photo above). Cllr. Collins is asking for the public to get involved and for everyone's voice to be heard.

The final plan, when published, will show how the Council will work to influence, facilitate and coordinate the agreed climate actions in the communities and with other stakeholders.

Members of the public can make submissions by going to the council web site: [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) up to the 21st of May. The Baseline Evidence Summary is also available on the same web site.

The County Council is required by statute to adopt the plan before 24 February, 2024.



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**Opening Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30am - 5.30pm. Closed Mondays.

- Adult Book Club: Library once a month. Contact the library for reading lists and meeting times.
- Library Knit & Natter group: Every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm to learn new skills and put the world to right over a cuppa. All are welcome.
- Story Time and colouring for kids takes place every Friday afternoon at 3:30pm
- The lace making group meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

**Glanmire Library**, Hazelwood Shopping Centre, Glanmire. Tel: (021) 238 9795

Email: [glanmire\\_library@corkcity.ie](mailto:glanmire_library@corkcity.ie)

**Opening Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 am - 5.30 pm. Closed Mondays.

- Active Retirement Group: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm | First Wednesday of the month
- Age Action Digital Literacy: Classes Must be pre-booked with Age Action 10.30 am | Every Friday
- Crochet: 10.30 am | First Thursday of the month
- Knitting: 10.30 am | Second and fourth Wednesday of the month
- Music: 11.00 am | Third Tuesday of the Month
- 45 Drive Card Game 11.00 am | First and third Wednesday of the month
- Scrabble for Adults 11.00 am | Second and fourth Thursday of the month
- Walking group 10.15 am | Every Wednesday Glanmire Library

**Midleton Library**, Main Street, Midleton, Co Cork

Tel: (021) 4613929 Email: [midleton.library@corkcoco.ie](mailto:midleton.library@corkcoco.ie)

**Opening Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30am - 5.30pm. Closed Mondays.

- Crochet/Knitting Group meets every Tuesday at 11 am - 12.00 pm.
- A Preschool Story Time is held every Wednesday during the school year at 10:00 am - 10.30am.
- 1st Tuesday of every month: Adult writers group - Open to all levels and genres and meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.30 pm. / new members welcome!
- 1st Friday of every month: The Adult Reading Group meets on the first Friday of the month at 11 am.



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## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: MAKING A WILL**

If you die without making a will, your estate will be distributed according to the law on succession.

This means that your estate will be distributed between your surviving family members in the way that is set out in law. However, if you want to have a say over who inherits all or part of your estate, you should make a will.

### **How do I make a will?**

You can write a will yourself, or have a solicitor write it for you. There is no set cost for having a solicitor write your will, & you can get quotations on prices on a solicitor's website or by calling their offices. You may be able to save money by shopping around.

A solicitor can advise you about your will and can make sure that your will is legally valid. If you write your own will, you should make sure that it is valid.

### **What should my will contain?**

You do not have to have your will in any set format. However, it is important that the will has the following:

- Your name & address.
- A statement that says you revoke or disown all earlier wills or codicils.

- The appointment of one or more executors, or people who will carry out your wishes in your will after you die, along with their names and addresses.

- Your will should be dated and signed by you and your witnesses.

### **What are the requirements about signing your will?**

You have to sign your will in the presence of 2 witnesses. They have to sign the will to attest (witness) that you have signed the will. They do not have to see the contents of the will.

If you are unable to sign your will because you cannot write, you can make a mark that should be witnessed like a signature.

If you are physically disabled and are unable to sign or mark your will, you can direct an agent or representative to sign your will for you. Your agent must sign the will in your presence and on your direction and your two witnesses must be present.

The witnesses or their spouses/civil partners cannot benefit from the will.

### **What is the legal right share which the spouse is entitled to receive?**

If you have left a will, and your spouse or

civil partner has never renounced or given up their rights to your estate, then they are entitled to a legal right share of your estate. This legal right share is:

- One-half of your estate if you do not have children.
- One-third of your estate if you do have children.

Your spouse/civil partner does not have to go to court to get this share, as your executor must give this share where applicable.

### **Do cohabiting partners have any inheritance rights?**

Partners, who live with each other but are not married or in a civil partnership, have no automatic legal right to each other's estates, although under the redress scheme for cohabiting couples introduced by the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 a qualified cohabitant can apply for a share of the estate of a deceased cohabitant.

### **What are the Rights of children under a will?**

Children do not have any absolute right to inherit any of their parent's estate if the parent has made a will. However, a child can apply to court if they feel that they have not been provided for.

### **What happens when there is no will?**

If you die without leaving a will, then your estate will be distributed in accordance with the law of succession. The order in which your estate is distributed in these cases is set out in the Succession Act 1965.

If you are survived by:

- A spouse or civil partner but no children (or

grandchildren): your spouse or civil partner gets the entire estate.

- A spouse or civil partner and children: your spouse/civil partner gets two-thirds of your estate and the remaining one-third is divided equally among your children. If one of your children has died, that share goes to his/her children.
- Children, but no spouse or civil partner: your estate is divided equally among your children (or their children).
- Parents, but no spouse, civil partner or children: your estate is divided equally between your parents or given entirely to one parent if only one is living.
- Brothers and sisters only: your estate is shared equally among them, with the children of a deceased brother or sister taking his/her share.
- Nieces and nephews only: your estate is divided equally among those surviving.
- Other relatives only: your estate is divided equally between the nearest equal relations.
- No relatives: your estate goes to the State.

For anyone needing information, advice or who has an advocacy issue, you can call a member of the local Citizens Information team in Cork City North weekdays from 10 am to 4.30pm on 0818 076850, they will be happy to assist. Alternatively you can email us on [hollyhill@citinfo.ie](mailto:hollyhill@citinfo.ie) or log on to [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) for further information.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Local Stone

*The stone in the immediate area of Glounthaune village was red sandstone. The name of the town itself, Lackenroe, means the red glen or valley. The very well-built quay wall on the southern side of the village is built in limestone, almost certainly transported from Little Island, whilst the reclamation wall of the parochial house and lands towards the east is built in red sandstone, which was also quarried in the local area.*

#### Old Red Sandstone

Is a very visible part of Cork. The dark red hues of the stone walls and buildings give Cork a distinctive look and summarise the local geology perfectly.

**Formation:** About 380 million years ago during the late end of the 'Devonian' time period in the Earth's history. Cork looked very different than it is today. It was also much drier and warmer as it was in the tropical latitudes. A huge mountain chain stretched across what is now Counties Clare, Galway and Limerick. These mountains were the sources for rivers and sediments here in Cork's early floodplains. It is during this time that complex life took over the seas and the land.

**Description:** This rock is generally made of sand and sediments that come from the erosion of mountains and are transported by rivers to a basin. The sand has then been compacted through years of compression and high temperatures. They are found all around the world, and the Old Red Sandstone or ORS we see in Cork is common throughout southern areas of Ireland.

#### Limestone:

Cork's beautiful cut stone buildings are made from local limestone quarried from South of the River Lee. For example, Cork City Hall and Cork City Courthouse to name a few.

**Formation:** The limestone in Cork dates back from the Carboniferous period, and can tell us a great deal about what the area was like back then. Cork looked even more different by the time the Carboniferous Period began. The Devonian Period ended 360 million years ago, and during the start of the Carboniferous Period the seas started to rise over millions of years. The area was still very warm and within the tropics. Huge coral reefs dominated this time and area, and the seas teemed with life. In the distance, island volcanoes grew from the sea floor, and as they erupted, volcanic ash rained down around the area. Remains of these volcanoes can be found in the rock layers of Buttevant and areas of Kerry. There are also thin layers of ash in the rock layers (in both the sandstone and limestone) all across the county, including in the City.

**Description:** Limestone is quite spectacular. While the Old Red Sandstone is made of sand and fine rock material, limestone is made entirely by marine organisms. As in the modern-day Bahamas and the Great Barrier Reef, countless numbers of sea creatures such as corals grow on the seafloor, constructing their skeletons and platforms from the chemical compound calcium carbonates. As they die, all that is left is the calcium carbonate structures. Imagine all that limestone once was a great ocean with beautiful coral reefs teeming with life.

Limestone has been used as a construction material, but also for the production of lime. The principal use of lime was as an agricultural fertiliser. It was used for acidic soils and improved the root system of grass and plants. It had a good benefit in milk production and also allowed arable crops to absorb more nutrients. Limewash was used on buildings that gave Irish dwelling houses, outbuildings, and walls their traditional white appearance. Lime mortar and lime plastering were used up to relatively modern times in the building trade.

Reference:

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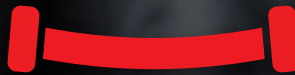


Old Red Sandstone & Limestone: Sacred Heart Church,  
 Glounthaune Limestone: Lackenroe Bridge 'The Dry Bridge'



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## Local Organisations



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**WEBSITE: [WWW.GLOUNTHAUNE.IE](http://WWW.GLOUNTHAUNE.IE)**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE TO BOOK A ROOM/EVENT/BIRTHDAY.**

**GCC: GLOUNTHAUNE COMMUNITY CENTRE PC: PARISH CENTRE EO: ERIN'S OWN**

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** Jill McNamara 086 813 8807, Glounthaune Comm Centre

**BRIDGE CLUB:** Highlands Bridge Club Michael Deane 086 825 4745 GCC

**COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS:** (CFR) 086 239 3676

**ERIN'S OWN:** Martin Bowen 086 417 6345 Ladies Club: Catherine Cogan 086 257 7972

**GAELIGE BHEO/ IRISH SPEAKING CLUB:** Lena Ui Dhubhghail 021 435 3708 GCC

**GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE:** VALERIE 021 435 3733

**HIGHLANDS BRIDGE CLUB:** Michael Deane 021 482 1791

**INDOOR BOWLS:** Hazel Foley 087 220 1483 EO

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:** Pauline Walsh 087 287 0409 New cooks/drivers needed GCC

**MEN'S SHED:** Garry Tomlins 086 231 3963.

**PROBUS:** Terry Fleming 087 254 7896

**PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP:** Aisling: [aislingwall18@gmail.com](mailto:aislingwall18@gmail.com) GCC

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### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

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[glounthauneparish@eircom.net](mailto:glounthauneparish@eircom.net) Mass: Mon-Wed 10am  
Sat 6pm / Sun 12 noon.

**RC ST JOSEPH'S, LITTLE ISLAND:** Mass: Thur-Fri 10am - Sun 10.30am Tel: 021 353 3366

**RC ST MARY'S, KNOCKRAHA:** Mass: Knockraha Sun 9am Tel: 021 353 3366

**BAPTIST CHURCH:** Robert Ellis 083 346 7869. Sunday service at 10am in Community Centre

**CHURCH OF IRELAND::** St Lappan's, Little Island Tel: 021 435 5208