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Table quiz for Haiti

A table quiz will take place in The Glencastle Lounge, Glinsk, this Friday, March 5th at 9.30 pm. All proceeds raised will go to the Soul of Haiti Foundation.

Please come along and support if you can, it's for a great cause and promises plenty of craic and a great night. Prizes include two corporate level tickets to the Ireland v Wales Six Nations game, €300 of gift vouchers, three mobile pre-pay phones, a weekend at The Morgan Hotel in Temple Bar, plus loads more hampers and spot prizes! Teams of four €40 per team.

Crosby congratulates Readoiri group

Cllr. Tom Crosby would like to congratulate the Tarmonbarry Readoiri Ballad Group who won the All-Ireland competition in Limerick last weekend.

Cllr. Crosby has requested that Roscommon County Council host a Civic Reception in honour of their victory. The group members are Leoni Beirne, Kieran Casserly, Aisling Hoey, Amie McCoppin and Ronan McGowan.

Buckley to address Women's Day event

Roscommon Women's Network CDP invites you to join in celebrating International Women's Day 2010 with guest speaker Christine Buckley, Founder of Aislinn Support Centre for Survivors of Institutional Abuse, in Gleeson's Townhouse and Restaurant, The Square, Roscommon on Tuesday, 9th March from 11 am to 1 pm. Light refreshments served. RSVP 094 96 21690, text 086 8099154 or email info@rwn.ie.

Ballygar celebrates International Women's Day

Monday next, March 8th is international women's day and is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

Annually, thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate achievements. This year Aonad Resource Centre in Ballygar is marking the day by holding two workshops, 'Laughter Ther-

apy', to create the very best in your life you have to feel good, you have to have good energy and vibration. Fun and laughter is the best way to achieve this as it raises your spirits so that you become like a magnet attracting your heart's desires and this in turn changes the way you want to live your life.

The second workshop is entitled 'Angel Healing'. Angel Therapy is a

Dig in at 'Green Fingers' gardening for adults

A seven-week course on growing, cooking and eating will commence on Thursday, 4th March 2010 at 7 pm. If you want to improve your green fingers and learn more about using healthy, organic and sustainable techniques, this is the course for you and now that the days are getting long there is no better way than to roll up your sleeves and dig in.

HSE West, Roscommon County Council, County Roscommon VEC, Roscommon Integrated Development Company and Castlehill Residents' Association

Some head shop products to be banned by June

There was a breakthrough in the head shops controversy this week with the Government announcing that a range of products sold in head shops are to be banned by the end of June.

The Government says that products known as Spice, Charge, Snow Blow, White Ice, Magic, Liquid Ecstasy, BZP derivatives and mephedrone are all to be made illegal.

The plans have been widely welcomed and follow widespread protests over head shops throughout the country, not least in Roscommon, where one such premises opened recently.

Welcoming the news, Minister Finneran said



that this is just one step in the Government approach to regulating the industry.

See further reaction and head shop protest updates on page 23.

Cinema campaign progressing well

Five potential properties or sites in Roscommon town have been brought to the attention of Cllr. Orla Leyden as being suitable for a cinema and she has been in contact with Paul Anderson of Wards and Anderson to make him aware of this opportunity to develop a much-needed

cinema in Roscommon town.

"I have forwarded a profile of Roscommon town and county and surrounding areas to Mr. Anderson. I emphasised the growth in population over the last ten years, the fact that we had a cinema in Roscommon town right back to the golden age of cinema and that at one time we had two cinemas in town and others in neighbouring Castlerea and Strokestown.

"Having spoken to the County Manager, Frank Dawson last Friday about the campaign to get a new cinema in Roscommon town, I am glad to say that he is supportive of the initiative. The Mayor of County Roscommon Cllr.



Cllr. Orla Leyden

Tony Ward has also expressed his support.

"I will continue to work with Robbie Dwyer, Paul Kane and all the team and supporters of, 'Roscommon have no cinema...who want's 1 in the town?' Facebook Campaign," concluded Cllr. Leyden.

Haiti fundraiser in Knockcroghery

A fundraiser for Haiti will take place in Murray's Bar, Knockcroghery, this Friday night, March 5th.

Entry is free and every one is welcome. Music on the night with Cormster, Paddy the Pilot and guests. Look forward to flamenco and haka dancing, storytelling, poems, Happy the Clown and a surprise auction, which includes original art works and generous donations from local sponsors.

All proceeds raised in Knockcroghery will go to Goal.

Illustrated talk on Baslick excavations

A meeting of the Co. Roscommon Historical and Archaeological Society will take place at 8.30 pm on Tuesday, 9th of March in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown.

After the meeting, an illustrated talk will take place on new evidence from the 2009 excavations at Baslick, an early ecclesiastical site near Castle-rea, by Mr Brian Shanahan, Project Director, The Discovery Programme. Baslick (Basilica) is one of the places mentioned by Tireachán, an early biographer of St Patrick, along with Ogulla, Oran and Fuerty, as places that St Patrick visited in his journeys through Ireland in the fifth century. All welcome.

Boost for Ballyforan road welcomed

Cllr. John Naughten has welcomed the allocation of €250,000 for work on the R363 road from Dysart to Ballyforan.

"This specific improvement grant has been allocated to carry out badly-needed resurfacing works on this road, which is currently in a poor state of repair," stated Cllr. Naughten.

"This is a very welcome allocation and is good news for the Dysart and Ballyforan areas."

Oran lotto

There was no jackpot winner in the Oran Lotto held in McDermott's, Ballinahelish on February 28th. Numbers drawn were 5, 8, 18 and 20. The lucky dip winners were Christopher McDermott, Tonlague; Mairead Jones, Ballinahelish; Gabrielle McGloin, Donegal; Joseph Hayden, Lisagallon; Ciara Ryan, Donamon; Conan T. Croghan, Lisnamult; Declan Mee, Cloverhill and Ciaran Murray, Abbeystown. Next draw for Jackpot of €10,900.

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