



A Boyle View

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Boyle wardens are the region's finest

The regional finals of the Junior School Warden competition were held on 11th June, at Scoil na nAingéal Naofa, Boyle, where the home team were selected as the overall winners of the event.

The competition saw a total of nine teams competing in the annual competition which is held at different schools from Roscommon, Westmeath and Longford on a rota basis.

Five schools in county Roscommon currently take part in the programme, Abbeycartron NS, Elphin; St. Paul's NS, Castlerea; Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Loughglynn; St. Patrick's Boys NS, Strokestown and Scoil na nAingéal Naofa, Boyle.

Two teams from Abbeycartron NS, Longford, represented Longford and St. Paul's NS, Athlone and St. Etchen's NS, Kinnefad, represented Westmeath. The Warden Service is voluntary and has been in existence for over forty years. The Junior Warden Scheme is a voluntary effort and provides safe cross facilities for school children on a daily basis. The scheme is a community-led project involving the local authorities, the Gardaí, teachers, parents and students themselves.

Experience has shown the Junior Warden Scheme to be a prime example of local par-



Scoil na nAingéal Naofa, Boyle, winners of the regional finals of the Junior School Warden competition with their trophies which were presented by Garda Inspector Paul Cuttle at a function in Kilonan Castle recently. Left to right: Aimee Kearns, Michaela Regan, Emma McDermott, Ellie Beirne, Yvette Shannon and Niamh Flanagan with Garda Fergal O'Donnell, Principal John McLoughlin, Mayor of Roscommon, Cllr. Tony Ward, teachers Sharon Hunt, Fiona Keenan and Garda Inspector Paul Cuttle. Pic: Mick McCormack.

ticipation in road safety. It provides training and practical lessons in civic responsibility and alerts children to the dangers on the roads today. Every year, Eamon Doyle, the local trainer and Dan O'Flynn who help judge the competition, select the winning teams on the day following a practical exercise by all the teams, which includes the full drill involving

the stopping of traffic and the safe crossing by children.

At a reception afterwards, Garda Inspector Paul Cuttle, the Road Safety Officer Kevin Boyle, Mayor Tony Ward and the Judges all commented on the high level of expertise and dedication each team had shown throughout the competition.

The winning teams were

then announced as follows: 1st Scoil na nAingéal Naofa, Boyle; 2nd St Etchen's, Kinnefad; 3rd Newtownforbes NS, Longford. The top three teams were presented with their prizes by Mayor Tony Ward and Inspector Cuttle and every student involved in the Scheme was presented with a trophy as a token of their participation in the competition.

Lookin' good

Boyle is looking particularly well at the moment, now that the summer sun has arrived.

Several business premises and private homes are undergoing renovation and re-paints. Each day sees more hanging baskets and beautiful floral displays both in town and housing developments. Photos of the many floral displays are now available through real-boyle.com

Boyle River remains a serious glitch in the glamour stakes, but on Friday evening everyone will have an opportunity to redress that situation. A river clean up has been arranged by the Build a Better Boyle group for Friday 25th June at 6.30 pm meeting at the Lawns. Your help will be appreciated.



Counselling

Counselling and psychotherapy is available at the Family Life Centre in Boyle. This involves working with a professional therapist who offers you a confidential, impartial and safe place to explore whatever specific issues you present with. We offer shorter issue focused counselling and long-term therapy. By appointment only, call (071) 96 63000.

Childsplay

A parent and toddler group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 12.30 pm in the Family Life Centre, Boyle. Wednesday mornings from 10 am for men and their toddlers! All parents/guardians/carers/grandparents and children under five years are welcome.

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■ Bonfire night

Once upon a time the night of 23rd June was celebrated as a midsummer outdoor festival. An older generation will remember great occasions in Boyle when the Annie and Dudley Sharkey Goatskin Band (grandparents of Boyle Town Councillor Jane Sufin) would play great old-time music at a roaring fire between Mockmoynne and Tidy Terrace before moving down to McDonagh's corner for more of the same. People would dance, drink a little and generally have a good time. In later years the night became an environmental no-no with the burning of used car tyres and decrepit worn-out furniture with the consequent plumes of hideous black smoke. One day I predict the old-fashioned Bonfire Night will return for our enjoyment to the accompaniment of live music, barbeques but not this year! – courtesy of realboyle.com

■ Pride of Place

Congratulations to the Station Road Residents Association whose street is representing Co. Roscommon in the All Ireland Pride of Place Competition. On Wednesday, 30th June, two judges will arrive at 1 pm and stay on Station road until 3 pm. There will be a 20-minute talk by residents, ten minutes for questions from the judges before they walk through the street. Come along and enjoy the afternoon on Station Road, refreshments will be served and your support will be appreciated.

■ Twinfest

Ireland's first Twin Fest will be held in Keash on July 4th. The festival is open to multiples, identical, fraternal, young and old, twins, triplets, quads, and their families. This will be the first twin fest in Ireland. It will consist of many activities throughout the day from children and family entertainment to pony rides, rodeo bull, to a big cook-out and a closing ceremony to celebrate twins!

■ Cancer fundraiser

A fundraiser in aid of the Irish Cancer Society will be held in Wynne's bar on Saturday night, June 26th. Music by Miceál Harrington. Raffle and prizes galore. All support will be greatly appreciated.

■ New website

Boyle Tidy Towns Committee now have a website www.boyletidytowns.com. The site aims to inform the community on the ongoing projects being undertaken by the committee. It is hoped that it will encour-

age more people to get involved. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month in the Royal Hotel at 7pm. New members are always welcome!

■ BAF

It is time to be thinking of your entry to the BAF Boyle Open Art Exhibition. The exhibition will run from Friday 23rd July until Saturday 31st July, throughout the Boyle Arts Festival. Entries will be accepted in any medium, to a maximum of three per person. For conditions of entry, entry forms and queries please call (071) 96 63033 between 9 am and 5 pm.

■ River clean-up

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■ Garden Fete

The Parents Association will host a Garden Fête in St Joseph's Boys School on Sunday, 27th June. Stalls will include cake sale, face painting and tattoos, sumo wrestling, pot luck, lucky dip, beat the goalie and much more. Good fun for all the family. Funds raised will go to purchasing school equipment.

■ Curlew Walkers

There will be a Wicklow weekend on Friday to Monday 25th to 28th June, meeting on the Crescent, Boyle at 8 am climb/flat and the leader will be Philip Jones, contact number (086) 3353000.

■ Family Play Day

A Multicultural Family Play Day will take place on Sunday the 4th July from 2 pm in Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle, with the official opening by Roscommon County Council Mayor. Admission is free with activities including a Teddy Bears Hospital, Lough Key Activity Centre, balloon race, Hip-hop dancing, fun and games, the Big Blue Playbus and face painting. Fundraising is in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. All welcome.

■ Merchant of Venice

The launch of the Boyle Arts Festival will see a performance of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice by the Chapter House Theatre Company. This performance will take place in the grounds of King House on Saturday 10th July at 7 pm, don't miss out on this special launch event. This and all other tickets for the Boyle Arts Festival are now on sale at Úna Bhán Tourism on (071) 9663033