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WHAT'S HAPPENING







21st - 25th May. Steve Coogan, one of many distinguished guests at this year's Fastnet Short Film Festival in Schull.

WHAT WHERE WHEN Schull Drama Group Production February Schull March Fastnet Duathlon Schull St. Patrick's Day Weekend and Parade Schull Féile Átha Dá Chab Trad Festival Ballydehob Mizen Head Visitor Centre opens daily Goleen Road Trotting Races Ballydehob Schull Sunday Market from Easter Schull April Ballydehob Jazz Festival Ballydehob Blue House Gallery Opens Schull 6th Fastnet Short Film Festival Schull May Schull/Guilvinec Twinning Schull Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races Schull June Fastnet Triathlon Schull Fastnet Maritime & Folk Festival Ballydehob Ballydehob Balydehob Country Music Festival Sailing Courses Schull **Power Boat Courses** Schull Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races Schull July Arts & Crafts Workshop Goleen Loughbeg Open Farm open daily Schull Schull Agricultural Show Schull Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races Schull

Keep right up-to-date with all the latest events in Schull and the Mizen: schull.ie/whats-happening

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
August	Calves Week Sailing	Schull
	Loughbeg Open Farm open daily	Schull
	Table Tennis Training Camp	Goleen
	130th Regatta Revival	Schull
	Harbour Swim	Schull
	Ballydehob Summer Festival	Ballydehob
	Yawl Rowing Championship Regatta	Schull
	Goleen Summer Festival	Schull
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
September	Harvest Moon Festival	Schull
	Kidathlon	Goleen
	Culture Night	Schull
October	Harvest and Old Time Threshing Festival	Ballydehob
	Hallowe'en Festival	Schull
	last Sunday Market of the season	Schull
November	Irish Team Racing Nationals	Schull
	Mizen Head Visitor Centre open weekends only	Goleen
	Movember Fund Raising	Schull
December	Christmas Bazaar & Santa Visit	Schull
	Christmas Craft Fair	Goleen
	Schull Christmas Market	Schull
	Schull Community College Christmas Production	Schull
	Christmas Day Swim in aid of COPE	Schull



5th - 8th August.Calves Week



9th - 10th August. Schull Regatta

LOCAL SERVICES

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Fire Brigade Schull	999 or 112	
Bantry Hospital Accident & Emergency	027 50133	
Doctors		
Schull Clinic	028 28311	
Goleen	028 35148	
SouthDoc	1850 335 999	
Dentists		
Schull - Seamus O'Donoghue	028 27636	
Skibbereen - Ms. C. McSweeney	028 21690	
Skibbereen - Mr. O'Brien	028 21197	
Pharmacy		
McCarthy's Pharmacy supplies, prescriptions,	photos 028 28108	
Garda Siochana (Police)	,	
Schull Barracks	028 28111	
Ballydehob	028 37111	
Goleen	028 35111	
Post Office Open Monday – Saturday (ho	If day) 028 28110	
Schull Community Hospital	028 28120	
Business & Computer Services		
MCS - Printing, Copying, Faxing, PC Maintenan	ce 028 28211	
Credit Union Schull – Open Tues, Fri & S		
Banks		
Allied Irish Bank - Skibbereen	028 21388	
Bank of Ireland - Skibbereen	028 21700	
PermanentTSB - Skibbereen	028 21950	
AIB - Mobile Bank in Schull Brosnan's Ca	r Park	
Monday, Thursday, Friday 10.45-12.30 and	d 13.30-15.30	
Library (Corner of Upper Main Street)		
Tues 14.30-17.30, Weds 9.30-13.00 & 14.0	0-17.30	
Thur & Fri 14.30-17.30, Sun 11.30-13.30 Inte	ernet access available	
Petrol & Diesel at Lowertown Co-op, O'N and Camier's of Ballydehob	leara's of Goleen	
Taxi & Mini Bus		
JP Taxi	086 121 2999	
Betty Johnson's Bus Hire 028 28410	or 086 265 6078	
	5 or 086 833 7504	
Ballydehob Hackney	086 854 3631	
West Cork Rural Transport	027 52727	
Auto Breakdown & Recovery Service		
•	5 or 086 352 5697	
T	222 27122	

Veterinary Surgeon Timothy O'Leary

Parking

From June - September there is very limited parking on Main Street, Schull. Please avoid parking in this area. There is designated FREE parking located at Ardmanagh Car Park, Pier Road Car Park and East End Car Park.

Please park legally and with consideration.



RUBBISH DISPOSAL & RUBBISH RECYCLING

The Cork County Council Public Dump at Derryconnell is between Schull and Ballydehob where you can avail of glass, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling. You may also dispose of non-recyclable waste.

€3 ENTRY plus LARGE BLACK BAG DISPOSAL €4 each. Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9.00 - 17.00, Saturday 9.00 - 13.00

Under no circumstances should anyone dump rubbish.

Glass and can recycling also available at Schull Pier and Ballydehob. The Little Way Charity Shop in Schull will take clean unbroken items. Schull & District Community Council has a recyling centre at the rear of the Catholic Church.

The residents and the associations of Schull and the Mizen work hard at keeping their areas tidy. We ask our visitors who enjoy our lovely villages and countryside of West Cork to keep it tidy as well. Motorists, please drive carefully and slowly as there are many cyclists and walkers about.



Church Services *www.mizenparish.com*

Catholic Services

Mass times may vary - please check Church noticeboards

Schull on Monday & Friday at 9.00am, Sunday 10.30am

Ballydehob on Wednesday at 10.00am, Sunday 9.30am

Lowertown Vigil Mass on Saturday 8.00pm

Goleen on Tuesday & Thursday at 9.00am, Sunday 12 noon

Very Rev. Alan O'Leary, P.P. Schull - 028 35188

Fr. Noel O'Leary, Goleen - 028 35188 or 087 790 5044

Church of Ireland

Schull on Saturday at 10.00am

The Altar, Toormore on Saturday at 11.30am

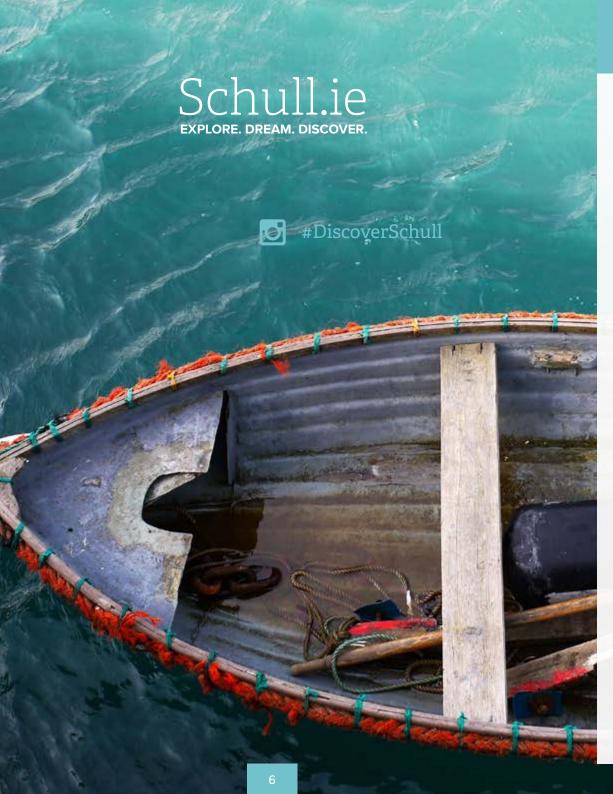
Crookhaven on Saturday at 8.30pm July - August

Ballydehob on Saturday at 11.30am

Aughadown on Saturday at 10.15am

Rev. Trevor Lestor 028 28249

Rev. Steve McCann - Ballydehob/Aughadown - 028 37117



WHAT TO DO

Schull is the place many people head for when seeking respite from hurried city lives to rest and recreate with long active days in the salty air: Sailing, surfing, diving, whale watching, island-hopping, bird watching, kayaking or just messing about in boats in the picturesque harbour.

The whole coast echoes with history: ancient sites, ruined castles, coastal forts and copper mines. There's something restorative about the temperate West Cork climate that allows sub-tropical plants to flourish where they have no business growing. There's edge-of-the-world drama too: climbing up to a mountain pass through ever-changing weather; crossing the bridge to the end of Mizen Head with the Atlantic crashing below; visiting the islands in Roaringwater Bay, five of which are inhabited.

Here are some suggestions of places to go and people to see for getting the best out of Schull and the Mizen.

WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

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Schull Watersports, The Pier, Schull

Rossbrin Boatyard, Schull

028 28554

028 37352

DIVING

Divecology, Schull *divecology.com* 028 28943 or 086 837 2065

ISLAND TRIPS

Cape Clear/Fastnet/Baltimore - Cailín Óir

Long Island/Water Taxi from Colla Pier - Maurice Coughlan

028 41923 or 028 39159
086 172 1254

KAYAKING

SKS *joffmac@hotmail.com*Atlantic Sea Kayaking *atlanticseakayaking.com*028 28554 or 086 171 7700
028 21058

SAILIN

Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre *schullsailing.ie* 028 28515 Schull Harbour Sailing Club *shsc.ie*

SEA ANGLING

Blue Thunder Charters 086 804 5351

SURFING

Barley Cove Surf Camp barleycovesurfcamp.com 087 153 2248

WHALE WATCHING

Whale Watch West Cork whalewatchwestcork.com 086 120 0027

WHAT TO DO

LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY

086 089 0879 West Cork Archery

BASKETBALL

At Schull Tennis Courts

BRIDGE

Schull Bridge Club - Visitors welcome 028 28292

CYCLING

Quiet roads on Mizen Peninsula and The Sheep's Head Cycle Way

FITNESS

Schull Outdoor Gym along the harbour foreshore walk

BOOTCAMP

Fitness Classes & Personal Trainer

Deirdre Ni Challanian fithones ie 086 240 4709

GARDENS

Bantry House & Gardens bantryhouse.com 027 50047 Glebe Gardens, Baltimore *glebegardens.com* 028 20232 Carraig Abhainn Gardens, Durrus 027 61070

carrigabhainngardens.com

Kilravock Gardens, Durrus kilravockgardens.com 027 61111

GOLF

Bantry Bay Golf Club bantrygolf.com 027 50579 Skibbereen skibbgolf.com 028 21227 027 63150 Glengarriff

HIKING & HILLWALKING

Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709 Mt. Gabriel, Sheep's Head Way, Lough Hyne Woods,

Three Castle Head

HORSE RIDING

Schull Equestrian Centre 028 28346 or 086 416 3563 schullec.ie

Dunbeacon Equestrian Centre - Lessons only 027 61532 087 765 5993 Ballycummisk Riding School 086 731 6299

ORIENTEERING

Ballydehob Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709

QUAD BIKING

West Cork Quad Adventure, Skibbereen 086 253 6664

SUMMER CAMPS

Adventure - Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709 028 37771 Art/Sport/Dance - Ballydehob Playgroup

SQUASH

Schull Community College 028 28292

TABLE TENNIS

Goleen Sports Hall 028 35371

TENNIS

Schull Tennis Courts & Ballydehob Tennis Courts

WALKING (Several in this guide - see centre pages)

Maps & Charts 028 37370 or 087 251 7452

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BEACHES

Barley Cove beyond Goleen; Ballyrisode Beach, nr. Toormore; Galley Cove, nr. Crookhaven; Trá an Oileáin, Cadogan Strand, Schull and lots of coves, piers and strands for swimming.

FAMILY OPEN FARM

Loughbeg Farm Schull 028 27783 or 086 819 7188

MIZEN HEAD

Signal Station & Visitor Centre *mizenhead.ie* 028 35225

PEDAL BOATS

Ballydehob from mid-July to August 087 681 2347

PLANETARIUM

Schull Community College 028 28552

STARSHOWS: Starting June 23rd - Mondays at 8pm

PLAYGROUNDS

Schull, Ballydehob and Goleen.

WET DAYS

CINEMA

Bantry Cinemax cinemaxbantry.com 027 55777 **HERITAGE CENTRE**

Skibbereen Heritage Centre 028 40900 skibbheritage.com

HISTORIC HOUSES

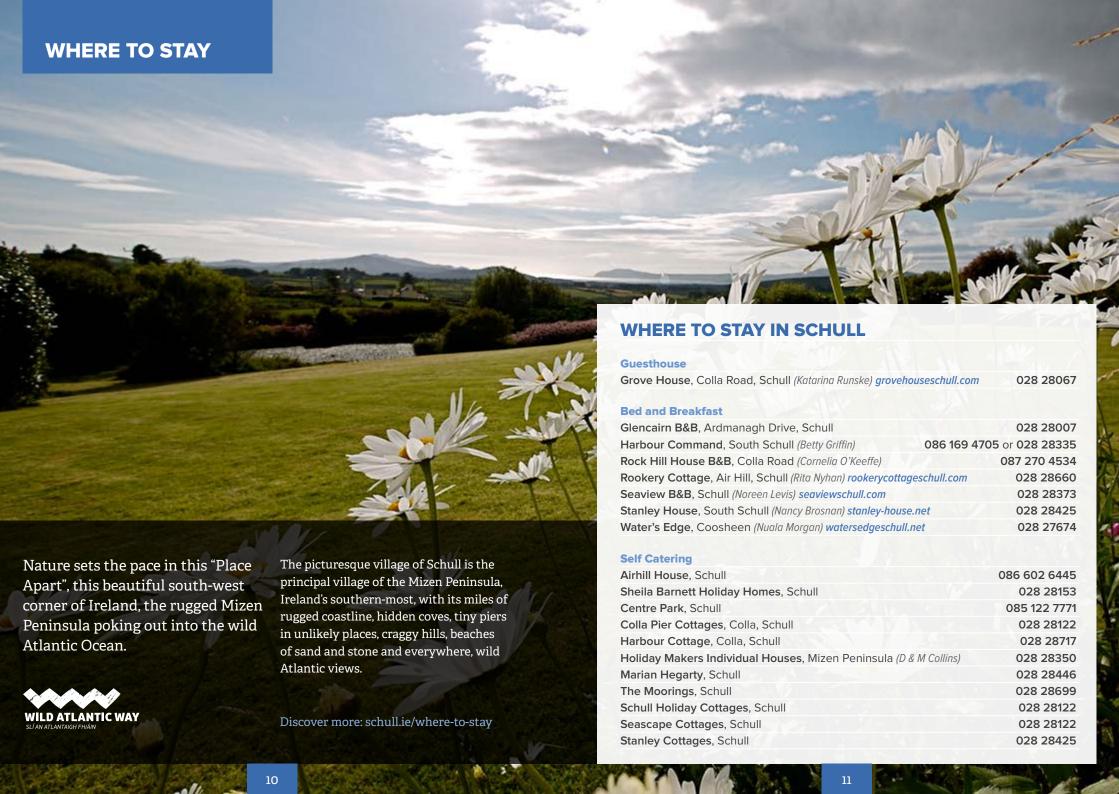
Bantry House & Gardens bantryhouse.com 027 50047

POTTERY

Dunbeacon Pottery 027 61036

SWIMMING POOL

West Lodge Hotel, Bantry westlodgehotel.ie 027 50560 Baltimore Pool baltimorepool.ie 028 20622



WHERE TO STAY

WHERE TO STAY NEARBY

Bed and Breakfast

An Carraig Ard, Ballydehob (Hickeys)	028 37000
Carraig Mor House, Toormore (Betty Johnson)	028 28410
Cluain Mara, Cape Clear (Mary O'Driscoll)	028 39153
Fortview House, Toormore (Violet Connell)	028 35324
The Heron's Cove™, Goleen	028 35225
Seafront B&B, Toormore (Margaret Whitley)	028 35364

Self Catering

Ar Glas Holiday Home, Ballydehob	+44 7963 949202
Blair's Cove Apartments, Durrus	027 61127
Cashelfean Holiday Houses, Durrus	027 62000
Crookhaven Coastguard Cottage, Crookhaven	028 28122
Fortview House, Toormore (Violet Connell)	028 35324
The Heron's Cove™, Goleen	028 35225
Molly Cottage, Glaun	028 27592

Hotel (seasonal)

Barley Cove Beach Hotel, Mizen Head. barleycovebeachhotel.com 028 35874

Hostel

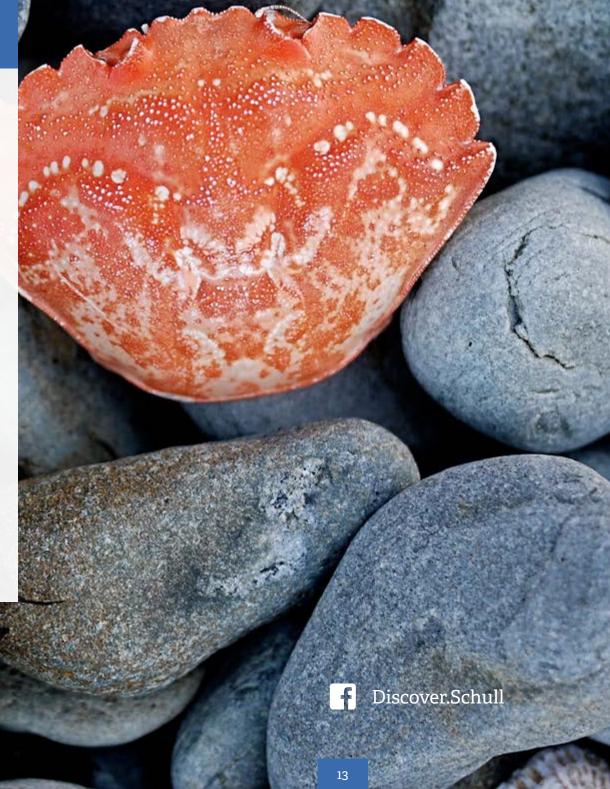
Cape Clear Holiday Hostel, South Harbour, Cape Clear. capeclearhostel.com 028 41948

Camping

Camping, Colla Road, Schull028 28468Camp site at Dunbeacon, nr. Durrus027 61246

Discover more: schull.ie/where-to-stay





WHERE TO EAT & DRINK IN SCHULL

An Tigín, High Street, Schull. The only pub in Schull	028 28830
The Black Sheep, Main Street, Schull. Extensive bar food all day	028 28022
The Bunratty Inn, Main Street, Schull. Extensive bar food all day	028 28341
Casa Diego, Main Street, Schull. Tapas	086 397 8364
Ellen's Restaurant, East End, Schull. Home-cooked food	028 27613
Grove House, Colla Road, Schull. Lunch, tapas and dinner	028 28067
Hackett's Bar, Main Street, Schull. Bar food	028 28625
L'Escale, The Pier, Schull. Fish menu and pizza	028 28599
New Haven Restaurant, Main Street, Schull. Lunch, dinner and pizza	028 28642
Newman's West, Main Street, Schull. Café Bar, breakfast, lunch and dinner	028 27776
O'Regan's Bar, Pier Road, Schull. Craic, ceoil agus ol	086 101 0113
Paradise Crêpe, Main Street, Schull. Crêpes	087 743 7427
Waterside Restaurant, Main Street, Schull. À la carte and café menu	028 28203



WHERE TO EAT & DRINK NEARBY

Antonio's Ristorante, Ballydehob. Italian dishes and pizzeria	028 37139
Blairscove, Durrus. Dinner served Tuesday – Saturday	027 61127
The Crookhaven Inn, Crookhaven. Home-cooked bar food	028 35309
The Heron's Cove™, Goleen. Children's, dinner and à la carte	028 35225
Hudson's Wholefoods, Ballydehob. Vegetarian organic lunches	028 37565
Mizen Head Café, Mizen Head Signal Station. Meals and snacks	028 35115
Sean Rua's Restaurant, North Harbour, Cape Clear. Seafood	028 39099
West Cork Gourmet Store, Ballydehob. Café and delicatessen	087 926 3255

Discover more: schull.ie/where-to-eat

WHERE TO SHOP IN SCHULL

Those who like to browse quirky, interesting shops will find Schull a treat. The busy Main Street has many wonderful shops offering a wide range of products, many of them produced locally.

Please also support our local artists, craftsmen and food producers, many of whom you will find at Schull Country Market every Sunday (see page 36).

Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure Diving supplies	028 28943
M&H Barnett Clothing, boots, shoes, raingear, bags, beachwear, household linens	028 28286
Barry Butchers (Hegarty) Local butcher, locally sourced meat	028 28438
Blue House Gallery Paintings and sculpture by local artists	086 061 8035
Courtyard Crafts Craft ceramics, textiles, knitwear, cards, candles, etc.	028 28209
East Meets West Emporium – furniture, jewellery, textiles and treasures	086 601 8608
Enibas Designer jewellery made on premises and accessories	028 28868
Eurospar Supermarket, newsagent, off-licence, bakery, Banklink, hardware upstair.	s 028 28236
The Fish Shop Local fresh fish, fish pies, fishcakes	028 28599
Fuchsia Fashion, leather bags, scarves, ceramics, jewellery	087 214 1777
Harbour Bay Flowers & Garden Centre Full wedding florist service	083 138 6035
Hegarty's Centra General grocery, deli, hot counter, ice cream, wine, bakery	028 28520
Heron Gallery Art prints/originals, cards, ceramics, jewellery and handmade furnit	ure 028 27506
Little Way Charity Shop General charity shop supporting local charities	086 408 7097
M.T. McCarthy Pharmacy Pharmacy supplies, prescriptions and photoprint mach	ine 028 28108
Mizen Computer Services (MCS) Computer accessories	028 28211
Pebbles Fashion, scarves, knitwear	028 28165
Post Office Full postal services, Lotto, cards and Tom Newman's photography	028 28110
Present Company Toys and gifts	087 235 0605
Fr. Raja's Charity Shop supporting Indian children's charity – books, clothing, brid	c-a-brac
Roaring Water Health & Wholefoods + supplements, toiletries, organic fruit &	veg 028 27834
Schull Watersports Sailing chandlery, rope, wetsuits, etc.	028 28554
Whyte Books Books, coffee and cake, chocolate	028 27606
Discover more: schull.ie/where-to-shop	
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HEALTH SERVICES

Mizen Primary Care Centre, Ardmanagh Road, Schull

All clinics are by appointment only, please call 028 28311. mizendoc.com

The family doctors of the Mizen Peninsula. We provide a range of medical services for the community and visitors to pristine West Cork. Mizen Medical Practice is located in The Mizen Primary Care Centre, Ardmanagh Road, Schull, as well as in Goleen Village, and Ballydehob Village. Mizen Medical Practice, first established by Dr. Brian O'Connell in Goleen village in 1988, is now a two-partner practice since 2007, when Dr. Helen Finlay joined us.



Mizen Primary Care Team includes the following medical and social services:

- Public Health Nurse: Maggie Wilton (Schull & Goleen Tel: 028 28688)
- Public Health Nurse: Bernadette Davis (Ballydehob Tel: 028 37010)
- Diabetes Prevention Nurse: Bernadette O Riordain (Mobile: 087 131 2890)
- Physiotherapist: Claire Haseldine (Mobile: 086 7871588)
- Occupational Therapist: Contact HSE (Tel: 028 40400)
- Community Dietician: Melissa Byrne (Tel: 028 40400)
- **Chiropodist:** Dan McCarthy (Medical Card Holders Tel: 028 40429 for appointments)
- Home Help Organiser: Attends 9am Wednesdays Schull Health Centre (Tel: 028 28398)
- **Social Protection Officer:** Anne Hunt attends 9am Thursdays in Schull Health Centre (Tel: 028 28398)
- Schull Community Hospital: This is a respite care hospital (Tel: 028 28120)
- · Acting Director of Nursing: Patrick Ryan
- Medical Officers: Dr. Brian O'Connell and Dr. Helen Finlay.

In the event of a *medical emergency*, please inform our secretary of the patient's name, location and your contact telephone number. You will be transferred to a doctor or we will return your call promptly.

Mizen Medical Practice operates a strict **no interruption policy** during standard surgery hours (except in the case of a medical emergency) to ensure that the patient receives an uninterrupted consultation with their GP or Nurse.

If you suspect a stroke or heart attack

Medical Emergency Dial 999

Out of Hours Emergencies **SouthDoc 1850 335 999**

Mizen Medical Practice Surgery Times

All clinics are by appointment only, please call 028 28311. mizendoc.com

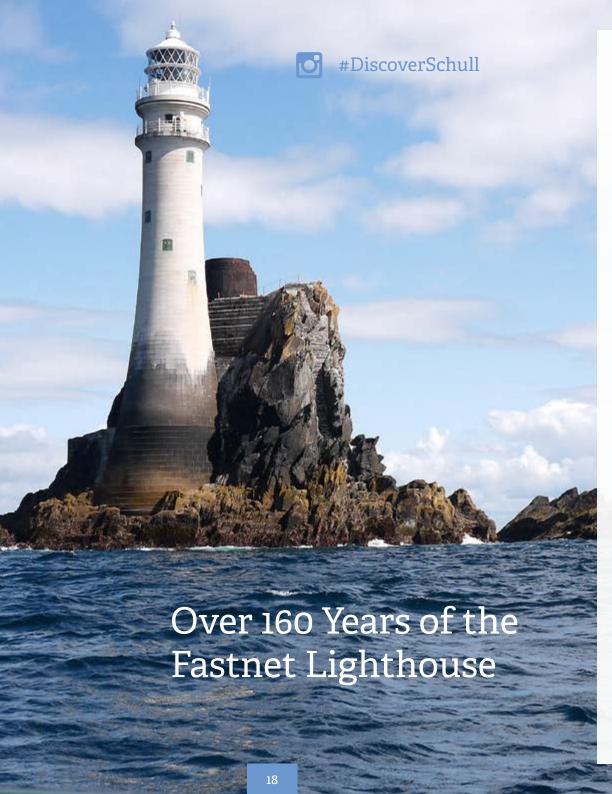
	SCHULL	BALLYDEHOB	GOLEEN
MONDAY	9.30 - 11.30 15.00 - 17.00	9.30 - 12.00	15.00 - 16.30
TUESDAY	10.00 - 11.30 15.00 - 17.00		10.00 - 11.30
WEDNESDAY	9.30 - 11.30 15.00 - 17.00	9.30 - 11.00	
THURSDAY	10.00 - 12.00		10.30 - 12.00
FRIDAY	10.00 - 11.30 15.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 11.30	15.00 - 16.00
SATURDAY	11.00 - 11.30 Urgent	cases ONLY	

Schull Community Hospital

Telephone 028 28120. Fax 028 28831

21 bedded care of the older person providing Continuing Care, Respite Care, Convalescent Care, Rehab Care and Palliative Care for Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen area.

- The Social Protection Officer is available every Thursday Morning between 9.30am – 11am in Schull
- For further information regarding the **School Dentist** please contact 028 28204
- The **Physiotherapist** is available by appointment only contact 086 7871588
- The *Immunisation Clinic* is on the 1st Thursday of every month in Schull at 9am and the 1st Friday of every month in Ballydehob at 9am
- Child Development appointments are arranged through the Public Health Nurse
- The Chiropodist is available by appointment only Medical Card Holders can contact 028 40429
- The *Home Help Organiser* attends Schull on Wednesdays at 9am. They can be contacted on 028 28398.



It is a commonly-held belief that the construction of the *Fastnet Lighthouse* represents the zenith of lighthouse construction in Ireland and it is arguably Ireland's most recognisable lighthouse. Completed in 1904, the Fastnet Lighthouse is monument to the vision, workmanship and perseverance of those involved. Indeed the light would have been 111 years in operation this year had not a storm in October 1903 washed away part of the light apparatus. The remaining apparatus had to be returned to England for repair and it was May 1904 before the new light was in place.

In the early 19th century, Ireland had only three sea lights on its South West Corner: Loophead at the mouth of the Shannon River, The Old Head of Kinsale and the third on the highest point of Clear Island. It was the location of the Clear Island light that led to the building of a lighthouse in the Fastnet Rock.

The first Fastnet Lighthouse was a cast iron tower designed by George Halpin. It was started in 1849 and finished in 1853 and was built because the old light on Clear Island was too far inside outlying danger and at so high an elevation that it was frequently obscured by fog.

The cost including shore dwellings was £20,000. During a gale in November 1881 the glass was broken by the sea and one lens was damaged.

The Fastnet Rock is approximately 9 miles from Schull and 4½ miles south-west of Clear Island. The tide rise 12 feet and currents round the rock at Springtides can attain a force of 3 knots. It is a very rare occurrence for the water to be sufficiently smooth to enable people to step out onto the rock.

In 1891 it was decided that the old lighthouse was not powerful enough and as the Fastnet Rock was the principal landfall light on the south-west coast, it should be made as powerful as circumstances would permit. So in 1896 preparations started for the foundations of the new tower. The second lighthouse consists of 89 courses, 2074 stones and weighs 4,633 tons. The tower was erected in sections of 6-8 courses at a time in the contractors yard in Cornwall and inspected before being shipped out to Rock Island in Crookhaven

Harbour, where they had built an office, stores, carpenters and blacksmiths shops and a barrack for the workmen, together with dwellings for the lighthouse keeper and magazines for cotton powder, charges and detonators.

There was a specially-built steamer for landing the materials on the Fastnet, named *The Ierne*, at 126 feet long, she could carry 90 tons loaded.

The masonry was completed in one week under 4 years. There is a central water tank, which holds 3,250 gallons of fresh water in the base of the lighthouse. Above this tank are 8 rooms topped off by the optical apparatus and lantern. The lantern had a single flash recurring every 5 seconds and the power of the beam at maximum intensity was equivalent to 750,000 candles at it used 1.2 pints of oil at maximum output. The cost of mantles etc. was about £45 per annum and the ammunition for the fog signal was on average £260 per year. The lighthouse was completed on 16th July 1904 for approximately £90,000. There was a staff of 6 keepers: 4 at a time on the rock and 2 ashore. Reliefs were made twice monthly, if the weather allowed, so they had one month on and 2 weeks off. The lighthouse keepers performed all the signalling and telegraphy duties and Lloyds Insurance of London paid £200 per year to cover the costs of these duties.

They kept a one man watch by day; two were on duty at night and the other to signal and look out for fog. As soon as fog was seen another man was called to work the fog signal.

The annual cost of maintenance and repairs to the station was about £1,000 not including the travelling expenses of the keepers.

In October 1969, the Fastnet became the first Irish lighthouse at which normal scheduled relief was carried out by helicopter. Principal Keeper, Edward Hickey, was returned to his station at Castletownbere and the Assistant Keeper, Flan Egan, went ashore on liberty. This was a milestone in the use of helicopters in Ireland and in the history of Irish lights. Since 1989 the lighthouse has been unmanned and now operates on an automatic basis.

So now, there are no watchful eyes on 'Carraig Aonar'. Carraig Aonar, meaning lonely rock, is the Irish name given to the Fastnet Rock. It is also known as the 'Teardrop of Ireland' as it was the last thing emigrants would see as they left.



Goleen, Crookhaven and Mizen

The Mizen Peninsula, at Ireland's most south-westerly point, is renowned worldwide for the beauty of its rugged landscape and ancient heritage. A tour of the Mizen Ring gives you a chance to immerse yourself in the various strands that make the Mizen unique, from geology, fauna, birds and flora to the influence of man and his history on the landscape. Travelling West from Schull you drive along the bog road built originally in the 18th Century to carry butter to Cork for export to the new colonies.

Goleen

Travelling on through the townlands of Kealfadda, Balyrisode and Ballydevlin you arrive in Goleen. This village was built during the 19th Century at a crossroads where a cattle fair was regularly held. You will notice the extremely wide road winding through the village and all the house were originally built as shops. Falling away left of the village is the hidden harbour form which the village takes its name. 'Gollín' (little inlet) is easily recognisable once you venture down the lane. Although the harbour dries at low tide, giving great feeding for a

variety of wildlife including a fox and a pheasant, there is a deepwater quay at the entrance to accommodate fishing boats and yachts.

Crookhaver

Crookhaven Harbour is as picturesque today as it was useful in its heyday, being a large and sheltered harbour. You pass the old Roadstone Quarry on the side of the mountain, which provided metalling for the roads of Wales until 1945. There are a number of Bronze Age field monuments scattering the hills surrounding Crookhaven. The Ordnance Survey Discovery

Series Map 88 will indicate the whereabouts for you. The village of Crookhaven has a distinguished history as the last port of call for ships journeying to America. Over the centuries, ships stocked up with provisions here before tacking the Atlantic Ocean. All the shipping lines had agents located here to tell the ships in which port their cargo had been sold. At the start of the 20th Century it was said you could cross the harbour on the decks of boats. 700 people lived and worked in the village as opposed to the 29 permanent inhabitants today. Marconi came here to try to send his first radio message across the Atlantic and he fitted the first telegraphic equipment to the Fastnet Rock Lighthouse to communicate with the numerous passing ships.

Barley Cove

Barley Cove is a large sand beach backed by sand dune, these dunes were thrown up in the tidal wave which swept Europe after the earthquake in Lisbon in 1755. Today the dunes have been partially eroded but are protected, like much of the coastal area here, as European Designated Special Areas of Conservation. The

road goes to the east of the beach across a causeway bisecting Lissagriffin Lakes and at the T-junction you turn left to Mizen Head.

Mizen Head

Mizen Head Visitor Centre has been developed by a local tourism co-operative. The signal station was built in 1905 to protect shipping from the cliffs during fogbound journeys. It is a spectacular location with its folded rocks and high cliffs. The signal station is on an island joined to the mainland with a fine example of an arched bridge. If you have plenty of puff you can return up the 99 steps, but there is an easier path for the less energetic. Well worth a visit! Another gem of the Mizen Peninsula is Three Castle Head, with three Tower Houses with curtain walling. Built in the 15th Century on the site of a Bronze Age Promontory Fort, the Castles stand sentinel beside a cliff top lake. Access is restricted at the moment due to the unstable state of the castles.





Cape Clear, Ireland's southernmost inhabited island, 3 miles long by 1 mile wide, lies just 8 miles off the West Cork mainland and a 45 minute boat journey from Schull. Cape's wild romantic scenery, its sparkling harbours, its cliffs, bogs and lakes, all contribute to the island's unspoilt charm. Heather, gorse and wild flowers cover the rugged hills. Myriad stone walls have a patchwork effect on the varied landscape dotted with Megalithic standing stones, a 12th Century church ruin and a 14th Century O'Driscoll castle.

Saint Ciarán, the island's patron saint, is allegedly the earliest of Ireland's four prepatrician saints.

The Catholic Church lies in the centre of the island with the island's Heritage Centre alongside, this open every day during the summer. Oileán Chléire is Gaeltacht. Most of the island's

140 inhabitants speak Irish and English, so if wish to practice your 'cÚpla focail' they will willingly help you.

From June to August students come to perfect their Irish and participate in cultural and outdoor activities. Cape's remoteness coupled with its proximity to the continental shelf, makes it the foremost centre for birdwatching in Ireland.

There was previously a Church of Ireland, which after its demolition in 1933, the Cornish Stone was transferred to Schull to be used in the construction of what is now the former AIB Bank at the top of the town.

In 1847, before the famine, the population Cape Clear was 1200. Every house had it's hand-quern for grinding wheat. The islanders raised sheep, grew flax and fished.

Tagann agus imionn na fáinllleóga agus cuairteoirí eil an tsamhraidh, scoláirí, turasóirí, ceoltóirí, lucht na mbád gach bliain. Tagann siad ina sluaite agus is aoibhinn leo saol an Oileán Chléire atá ag athrú de shíor agus beidh fáilte roimh an Chuairteoir, samhradh nó geimhreadh.

Ferry Services

Cailín Óir

See schullferry.com and fastnettour.com for booking/prices or call 087 389 9711 or 028 39159.

Schull to Cape Clear Island

June	Tues & Thurs	Sun
Depart Schull Depart Cape Clear	11.00 16.00	12.00 17.00
July & August	Tues to Sat	Sun
Depart Schull Depart Cape Clear	11.00 16.00	12.00 17.00
September		Sun
Depart Schull Depart Cape Clear		12.00 17.00

Fastnet Rock Tours

June to August	Tues & Thurs	Sun
Depart Cape Clear	14.00	13.00

Long Island Ferry

Maurice Coughlan: 086 172 1254 for booking/prices.

Sailings to Long Island, Water Taxi, Diving & Fishing Trips, Eco Tours and Pleasure Trips with The Chieftain. All sailings subject to weather. Fully licenced, equipped and insured for 12 persons.

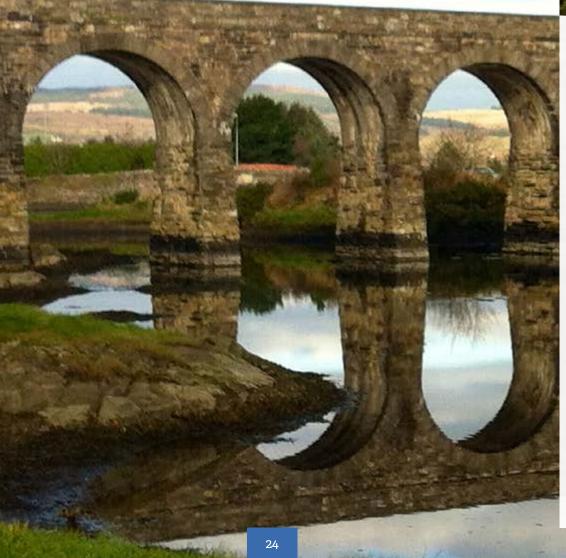
Colla Pier to Long Island

April to October	Mon, Wed, Fri	Sat & Sun
Depart Colla Pier	08.45	17.00
Depart Long Island	09.45	16.00

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Set in an idyllic rural scene and snuggled in the embrace of the sheltering Mount Gabriel, Ballydehob derives its name from the Irish 'Béal Atha Dá Chab' or mouth of the two rivers. The modern Ballydehob, a place of beauty and peace, was founded in the 1600s and in times gone by was a thriving mining town.

Ballydehob





As you approach the village on

the N71 from Skibbereen you will see the famous Ballydehob

landmark 'the twelve arch

bridge'. Built in 1886 for the

West Carbery Tramway and

Light Railway it ran trains

over the bridge to Schull until

January 1947. The bridge is now

a pedestrianised walkway which

provides a wonderful platform

for viewing the commanding

countryside and Roaring Water

Nearby tennis and basketball

courts are available for those

who wish to take some

energetic exercise, and horse-

riding and charming walking routes touch the local coastline

offering stunning views of the

islands and the distant Fastnet

Rock Lighthouse. In the waters

beyond there is good fishing

from chartered boats, with a

large variety of fish including

just 2.5 miles north on the N71,

is one of West Cork's best kept

secrets and features a private

collection built up over many

years by Leita and Tommy

Camier (above). It's an absolute

treasure trove of antiquities

reflecting local history and

Gortnagrough Folk Museum,

several types of shark.

Bay estuary.

beyond, and well worth a visit.

In times past, boats from the inhabited islands would arrive on the tide to stock up with supplies from the village, and the legacy of this trade is evident in the nature of the village where almost every house was once a shop, workshop or licensed premises. It is this availability of the many restaurants and bars that has created an ideal venue in the modern era for the many festivals that are held each year. These include Irish traditional, jazz, country, sea shanty and a local summer festival as well as the old-time threshing and vintage weekend (see websites for details).

In the centre of the village the imposing statue of *Danno O'Mahony* greets the oncoming traffic. Danno reflects the strong spirit of the Ballydehob community which continues to attract people from all over the world, attracted not only by the aesthetic and architectural nature of Ballydehob, but also by the warmth and sincerity of the welcome that they are quaranteed to receive.

This charming gateway to the rugged and beautiful Mizen Peninsula should not be missed. f Discover.Schull





Walks Around Schull

Make up your own walk up and down the laneways around Schull by following the small roads on our map (centre pages) or use the local Ordnance Survey 'Discovery Series' map no 88. 'Google Earth' and www.osi.ie also have useful aerial photography to help you explore. Anyway, you will hardly get lost with the harbour (south) and Mount Gabriel (north) as your compass points. The following suggestions all include a green road or off-road element. Sections are likely to be muddy, especially in wet weather.



Schullie EXPLORE, DREAM, DISCOVER.

Walk 1 - The Foreshore Walk

Long (2.5km) Short (1.5km)

This route is now marked with distinctive yellow 'Slí na Sláinte' signs. There is a map of the route on a post in the car-park opposite the hotel. You go via the tennis courts, cross over the pier (head up to the Colla Road here on the short route) and the sailing centre, passing several sheltered rocky coves. The last one is the 'dog hole' a favourite swimming spot in the summer. Head up to the graveyard by the ruined church before returning to the village along Colla Road.

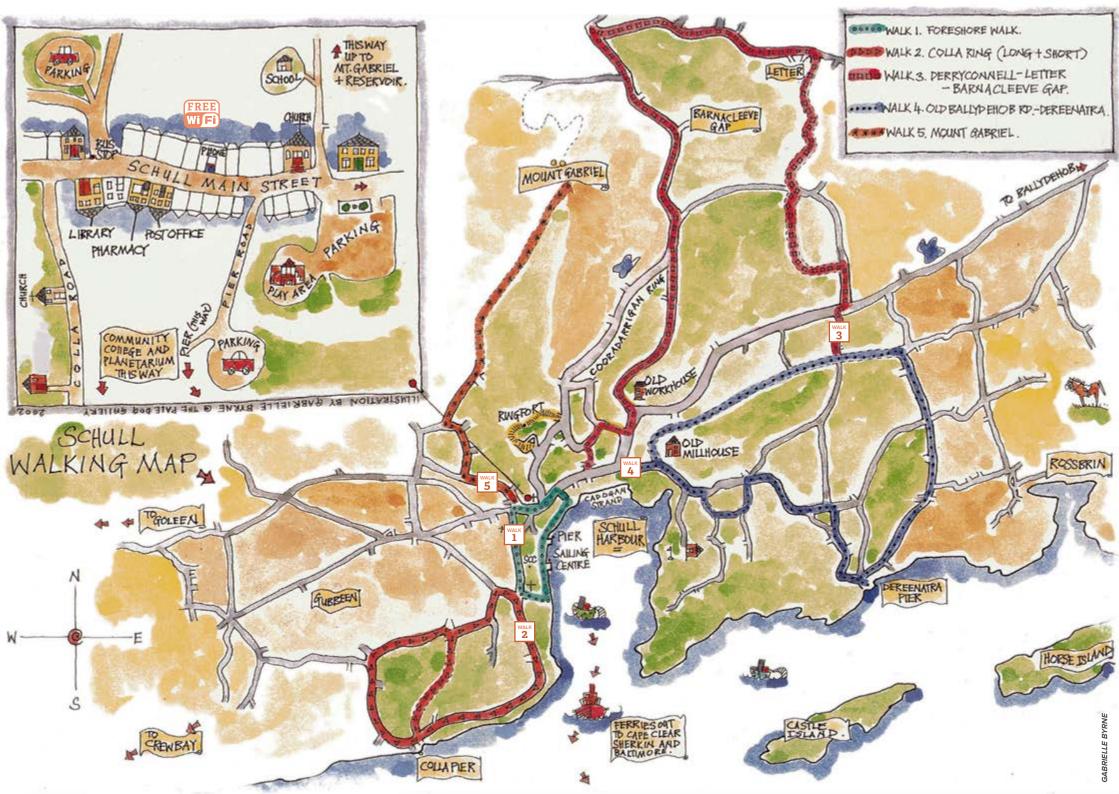


Walk 2 - Colla Ring

Long (5km) Short (4km)

Starting at the ruined church on Colla Road, continue south for 2kms to Colla Pier along the coast road with spectacular views over Long Island. For the short route, turn right just after the 'Colla Pier Cottages'. This is the old road to Schull. It passes uphill though a farmyard and becomes a track. At the top turn right rejoining the long route.

Alternatively for the long route, continue on past the pier, keep right and arrive at a T-junction after 1km. Turn right and follow the road over the hill, where the short route rejoins, with excellent views down over the harbour. Turn right at the T-junction and arrive back at the ruined church.



Walk 3 - Derryconnell – Barnacleeve/Schull or Ballydehob

Long (11km) Short (6.5km)

Either get dropped at Derryconnell Cross by car or walk the 3km from Schull via the old Ballydehob road (see start of walk 4). Take the small road across the marsh heading north and turn left after 300m onto a gated track just before the first house. Follow the track bearing right around the farmhouse and keep right through a gate and onto a tarred road. Turn left and take the next right (just after a cream coloured cottage) onto a green road which winds its way uphill to the east of Barnacleeve Gap with stunning views. Pass the water tanks and continue down to emerge onto the Letter Road through a gate and a farmyard.

Option A: Turn left and left again at the T-junction (2km) to bring you to the top of Barnacleeve Gap with a marvellous view over the harbour. Continue down to a Y junction, bear left and finally joining the main Ballydehob-Schull road at the old workhouse. Turn right and walk with care 200m to the first turn on the right. Follow this small road through the townland of Cooradarrigan, keeping left at any tarred junction. It is quiet and beautiful and it is hard to imagine you are so close to the village. Soon you arrive back on the main road opposite at Tra na Oileain.

Option B: Turn right and continue towards Ballydehob, reaching the Durrus road after 2km, turn right for the village (1km). Enjoy a well-earned refreshment and arrange a lift back or time your walk to return by bus.



Walk 4 - Old Ballydehob Road – Dereenatra – Schull

Long (10km) Short (6.5km)

Start at Tra na Oileain (Cadogan Strand). Walk along the beach and join the small road heading east. (If the tide is high use the main road and take the first right). After 400m, turn left on a gravel track just before the old mill house. This is the old Schull-Ballydehob green road which is very quiet and beautiful. You pass alongside a small river finally crossing it by stepping stones, pass through a farm and climb gently with fine views behind you over Schull Harbour. Pass another farm and the track soon arrives. at a tarmac road. Turn left here to Derryconnell Cross if continuing onto Walk 3. If taking the short-cut, turn right here and keep right at 2 forks in the road and this will bring you down to the large farmyard on the Rossbrin-Schull Road.

Go straight across to rejoin the main walk. However, for those wishing to take in Dereenatra, continue straight ahead on the green road. At present this section is very muddy in wet weather, however the Community Council plan to improve it and continue the route on towards Ballydehob.

Turn right at the next tarred road, go straight across the next junction and arrive at the very picturesque harbour of Dereenatra after 2.5km. Turn sharp left to pass the pier. A lovely place for a swim in summer! Continue straight ahead and turn left at the old farmers' creamery building after 1km. Walk a further 1km and you pass a large farmyard on your right (the short-cut rejoins here). Turn left just after here then right and right again down a steep section of road, turn left and it is 1km back to your starting point.

Walk 5 - Mount Gabriel

(8km)

There is no right or wrong way up Mt. Gabriel and it can be accessed from all sides. **REMEMBER:** even on a warm day it will be considerably cooler on top - so dress for the weather. It invariably is wet underfoot. Below is a route walkable from the village but there is no proper track - once you are on the open hillside it is cross country all the way!

Coming from the village, turn right at the Bunratty Inn at the top of the town. After a 600m road walk turn right onto a narrow tarmaced road. It bends sharply to the left after 500m, then after another 200m take a right turn. Walk 700m on a tarmac road ending at a house. Go through the gate (if closed, ensure you close it behind you) then immediately right through another gate – you are now leading onto the hillside. Follow a vague track for a few hundred metres. then veer off left onto another track. Follow where it becomes a stoney track until you reach a flatish boggy section. Veer off to the left, go through fields of rough pasture with old stone walls, aiming to the right of a old stone ruin.

Now the real climb starts! Head up and best foot forward!

Halfway up the steep climb one crosses a linear marsh from where you can look across right to the radar domes at the summit. Keep going straight up crossing another area of flat marshland. When you reach the ridge near the end of the climb turn right towards the summit keeping to the ridge. On the far side of the ridge there is a large flat marsh with a fence running through it. Drop down to the marsh and follow the fence, climbing a little to a small mountain lake. Head over two small hills towards the radar domes.

Keeping the first radar dome to your right go over a low collapsed fence to the surfaced road between the domes. Half way along, a track to the right takes you to the Trig Point.

Now take a breather and enjoy the views – Mizen, Roaringwater Bay, almost the whole of West Cork, Dunmanus and Bantry Bay all the way to the Macgillycuddy Reeks in Kerry!

One can return the same way, aiming for the western side of Schull harbour as a rough guide.



Trá na Oileáin has been a huge success as an addition to the facilities Schull has to offer visitors and locals alike. Rarely does a day pass that cars and picnickers cannot be seen taking full value from this pleasant amenity.

A rough field overlooking a well-used beach has become a focal point, designed by gardening celebrity, **Diarmuid Gavin**, it has gained the popular local name '*Teletubby Land*'. After a year of development, and its first year in situ, it is maturing into its location to a point where people can hardly remember a time it wasn't there.

A great deal of local effort from people who have worked tirelessly and generously to make the garden has been recognised and well rewarded.

Awards have been the ultimate mark of success for the inspiration, and perspiration, behind the creation of Trá na Oileáin. First prize in their category, Community Tourism Initiative, in the Pride of Place all-Ireland competition and runner-up in the Muintir na Tire, Pride in your Community Awards for Best Social Inclusion Project.

The garden has become an important feature of the town and every effort is made to keep Cadogan's Strand clean and a few devoted locals, in association with An Taisce and the local Cork County Council, ensure that the whole area is maintained and remains pleasing to the eye. As part of this effort the Coastcare group have regular litter pick-ups and organise informative beach teach-ins for the National School children which helps to create, at an early age, an awareness of nature, the environment and the roles they can play within it. It is hoped that this aspect will be ongoing annually to involve children now and in the future of the responsibilities they are inheriting.

If you are interested in becoming part of this group, email committee@schull.ie



Cadogan

Strand

Trá na Oileáin



Schull Year Round

No matter when you visit Schull there is plenty to do and see on this spit of land that juts out into the vast Atlantic Ocean. Throughout the year we are blessed to have a relatively mild climate and there are often days in the deepest winter when the wind drops, the clouds part and the great outdoors is there for the taking...





On those other days, when it is pouring with rain, the village is still busy, most of the shops are open year round, as are the cafés. In the evenings there is music, from open sessions to classical concerts, table quizzes, classes, plays and much more to keep one entertained.

In the spring, when the countryside is waking up after the short and sometimes dramatic winter (the more dramatic, the happier local surfers are!), take time to explore the empty lanes, hilltops and rocky shores, revel in the explosions of wild flowers, and burgeoning greenery. We are perfectly placed on the migratory path so there are often flocks of birdwatchers gathered to spot an elusive species. As the days get longer, more and more activities are available. Suddenly the sea beckons, kayaks are dusted off, the yachts return to the harbour, rowers can be seen practicing, tri-athletes too are swimming around distant markers.

The same can be seen on the roads as more and more people discover the pleasure of cycling the challenging hills and exciting bends, joggers enjoy training with stunning views and empty lanes. The village starts bustling, visitors mingle with busy locals, shopping in the boutiques, enjoying a pint in the sunshine, a plate of fresh Roaringwater crab, young children enjoy the park, the beach, the tennis courts, teenagers take advantage of the freedom, and the leisurely pace of the 'off-season' disappears.

Then the nights start drawing in and everyone takes a deep breath as they look forward to those comfortable evenings by the fire, those surprising gifts of sunshine and the luxury of having time doing what they love doing. Plans are made for new festivals, new drama productions, new ventures, new products, new ideas. Clubs meet, books are discussed, matches played, songs rehearsed and life in this vibrant village goes on.

So, no matter when you visit us, we welcome you and want you to explore this wonderful part of the world and share with us the feeling that here, almost anything is possible.





Since the opening of Schull's Sunday Country Market in 2002 it has become an established success and a popular meeting place for both visitors and locals. In 2010 it received a Bord Bia award for providing excellent artisan produce and a high percentage of genuinely hand-crafted goods.

Located in the Pier Road Car Park, the market is open from 10.00 am to 2.00pm every Sunday from Easter to September, with special markets for Easter and Christmas. The compact layout of the market gives it a feeling of intimacy, and it is a very friendly place to while away an hour, gather what you need for a West Cork banquet, or acquire some unique mementos of your visit – all against the stunning backdrop of Schull Harbour. There is often live music, usually provided by the *Shoe String Band* who spend their Sunday mornings raising funds for West Cork Animal Welfare.

It would be impossible to list everything available at this ever-changing market, but just some of the foods available are:

- Wonderful cheeses, bacon, salamis and chorizo from Gubbeen Smoke House
- Great pork products from Frank Krawcyzk
- The best burgers from Frankie's Charcoal BBQ
- Top quality breads, preserves and baked goods from Eithne McCarthy
- An array of quality pies, pasties and Scotch eggs from West Cork Pies
- Local honey from Pat Love
- A fantastic range of olives, antipasto and Toonsbridge mozzarella from Gik
 Kelleher
- Delicious hommus, salsas, salads and more from the innovative **Gnosh**
- Beautiful pizzas and a range of breads and cakes from Jules Thomas
- Raspberry vinaigrette and raspberry vinegar from Mr Pettersen

- Just harvested organic vegetables, lettuces and herbs from Lisheen Organics
- Melt-in-your-mouth fudge from Mella
- Coffee from Sean Kelleher
- Liliane Morantin with Crêpe
 à la Francaise.

Some of the local crafts you can enjoy are:

- Handmade knits by Tory
 Jovce
- Anne Keneflick watercolour artist
- Original water colours and prints from Jules Thomas
- Hand thrown and decorated pottery from Shiona
- Delisian jewellery designed and made in West Cork by Anke Hermann
- A range of beautifully hand-painted, oven-fired decorative glass gifts from Eva and Martyn Johnson.

And, of course, you can buy a great range of plants and herbs for your garden from:

- Peppermint Farm
- Bumble Bee Nursery.

Visit this special market once – and you will want to return again and again!



Archaeology & History of the Area



The area around Schull has been a popular destination from the earliest times! Few traces of the original foraging-fishing people remain, but we know they were here from about 8000BC. Once farming started about 4000BC (the Neolithic period) our ancestors became more settled, clearing trees, growing crops and herding cattle. They built stone monuments some of which have survived to this day, such as the portal tomb at Aderrawinny, east of Schull. Around 2500BC copper artefacts appeared, farming intensified, and wedge-shaped tombs were built: an excellent example can be seen at Altar, near Toormore.

During the Bronze Age, from 2000BC, Schull became the centre of a copper mining industry based around Mount Gabriel. A climb up the eastern slope may reward you with glimpses of ancient mines, where the green copper ore was extracted using fire and stone hammers. Many interesting monuments date from this

period including stone circles, aligned towards sunset/sunrise at a solstice or equinox: there is a splendid example in Dunbeacon, over the hill from Schull towards Durrus. Tombs were marked by huge boulders: find one on the water's edge at Dunmanus East. Scattered through the area are examples of rock art (enigmatic carvings on rock outcrops consisting mainly of cupmarks and cup-and-ring marks), while standing stones and stone rows dot the landscape.

Bronze technology was gradually replaced by iron beginning about 500BC. Iron Age people constructed ring forts, actually farmhouse enclosures rather than forts. Look for the little red circles on the OS map - there are lots to investigate.

Ring forts and stone forts (cashels) continued into the Early Medieval period, which marks the arrival of Christianity and the start of the historic period. There are traces of early monastic sites near Schull, but the Medieval period is really the era of the tower house, or castle. Built by the great Irish family of O'Mahony, these striking ruins dominate the coast. Rossbrin Castle

was a renowned centre of learning in the 15th Century. Dunmanus Castle and Ardintenant are relatively intact and each is an easy bicycle ride from Schull. Or take a drive out to Three Castle Head and hike to one of the most spectacular ruins in Ireland. Look out for the signal towers too, a reminder of the threat of invasion during the Napoleonic era.

Schull and the surrounding area was devastated by the Great Famine of the 1840s. Many victims were buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church on the Colla Road. The austere ruins of the old Workhouse just outside Schull are another sombre reminder of the misery of this period. Finally, for a delightful trip down memory lane, try the Gortnagrough Folk Museum, near Ballydehob.

Want to learn more? *Iverni: A Prehistory of Cork*, by William O'Brien is recommended.

OS Discovery Series Map 88, stout boots and you're ready to explore!







Signature Discovery Point

Mizen Head Signal Station

Ireland's Most South-westerly Point

The Mizen Head Signal Station Experience

At the end of the Mizen Peninsula, the cliffs of Mizen Head rise high above the Atlantic Ocean, where the currents meet from the west and south coasts and waves from the mid-Atlantic crash into the land. In all weathers, the Mizen is spellbinding. Expect an exhilarating and satisfying visit.

Mizen Head Signal Station is 3 experiences in one exciting package. First you can visit the Visitor Centre near the car park, then go down the path across the new Mizen Bridge to the Signal Station and the lights at the most southwesterly point of Ireland. Along the way you can take detours along new pathways to see the views of Dunlough Bay and the Sea Arch near the underwater wreck of a 1798 French frigate.



The dynamic visitor centre by the large car park is where Mizen Café, Gift Shop and washrooms are for your comfort, free of charge.

There is a charge to continue through to the Signal Station. First you can see the display halls with a 'navigational aids simulator' that shows Mizen Head from the sea, Fastnet Hall, the geology of the Mizen, the Fastnet Rescue Tide Clock, a tidal mural, an historical tour of the

Mizen Peninsula, and the story of the building of the old and new bridge.

A cliff walk to the Signal Station (fully protected with fending) with new paths to the viewing platform for the 'Sea Arch' and two others on the cliffs overlooking Dunlough Bay with views up the coast to Sheep's Head and Beara, the famous 99 steps, across the iconic Mizen Bridge amid stunning scenery with the possibility of seeing seals, kittiwakes, gannets and choughs. One of the best places in the world to see minke, fin and humpback whales and dolphins, the Mizen is an ever-changing experience.

Mizen Head Signal Station and Lights Keepers' Quarters in the former Irish Lights Signal Station; the Engine Room with Marconi Radio Room and The Workman's Quarters with the Mizen Map Collection, birds, whales and dolphins, wrecks and CIL Ships displays.

New Mizen Bridge

2012 was a very special year for Mizen Head Signal Station. The new Mizen Bridge opened in March. The famous arched bridge was 100 years old in 2010. It had given great service. Until 1993 it was used solely by the Commissioners of Irish Lights personnel – light keepers, tradesmen dignitaries and guests. The general public were not admitted unless they had written permission from CIL. In 1994 Mizen Tourism (the local community co-operative) took a lease on the path across the Bridge to open the Signal Station as a visitor experience. The centre has

gone from strength-to-strength, but a problem was looming. In 2005 engineers RPS condemned the bridge and a temporary scaffolding was put in place to enable visitors to access the Signal Station. The scaffolding had a life of 3-5 years. The bridge had to be replaced. An expensive job! After five years of negotiations, the job started before the October holiday weekend in 2009. The Commissioners of Irish Lights, Cork County Council and Fáilte Ireland joined forces to fund the new bridge. It looks just like the old one, but it is wider. It is constructed in concrete reinforced with stainless steel. It is quaranteed for the next 150 years. The contractors were Carillion Irish Enco; the engineers, RPS. The bridge was completed by January 2011, but Cork County Council applied for and was granted further funding from Fáilte Ireland to do some repair work on one of the Signal Station buildings and to develop four more paths to enhance the visitors' experience. This work is finished and the new paths are open.

In November 2011 the Mizen Foot Bridge project was awarded Engineers Ireland Project of the Year, given a Commendation in the Heritage category by the Institute of Structural Engineers, which is based in London and was on the shortlist for three LAMA Awards (Heritage, Best Tourist Attraction and Civil Engineering). In April 2013 the bridge won the Irish Concrete Society Infrastructural and Overall Awards.

We are sure you will agree that Mizen Head Signal Station is now one of the best visitor attractions in the country.





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Schull & District Community Council

Schull & District Community Council is a group of elected members from the Schull & District area. The Council instigates and coordinates projects on behalf of and for the benefit of the community. The Council will also interact with outside bodies, such as government agencies, and will seek advice and financial assistance on such projects.

Objectives

- To improve the social, cultural and economic life of the community
- To represent the people in and around Schull area
- To identify problems, interests and viewpoints of the local community
- To create coherent agendas for action
- To raise funds for community projects.

Visit www.schullcommunitycouncil.ie to view previous projects and the proposed Amenity Buildings for Schull.

Schull Twinning with Guilvinec, France

Plans for Schull to twin with the town of Guilvinec in Brittany are progressing well and deputations from the two towns have exchanged visits. Schull and Guilvinec have much in common, both bordering the Celtic Sea, and both seeking to increase visitor numbers to their areas.

The French contingent were impressed with the rugged scenery of Schull and its environs and felt that there was a strong base for both parties to work from.

The Schull committee of Jim Carrig, Linda Morgan, Michele

Morgan, Frank Fleming and Tarah Fleming visited Guilvinec for three days around St. Patrick's Day. The Irish and French navies joined in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and Captain Brian Heffernan of the *L. E. Niamh* hosted a reception on board the ship, showcasing Irish food.

The Schull group were impressed by the miles of beautiful sandy beaches, places of historical interest, top quality seafood and the generous hospitality of their hosts.

Protecting and promoting the pristine waters and beaches in

both areas, for all users, was seen as fundamental to the futures of Schull and Guilvinec.

Fishing and water-based activities for both residents and visitors are of great importance to each of the towns. To this end, the committees have arranged a joint beach clean up, carried out in both places on the same day, in the lead in to the summer season. The Schull beach clean up will take place on 28th May and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out - all volunteers are welcome!







Main Street, Schull



For a small village on the edge of Europe, Schull has a growing art scene, a wide range of visual artists have established studios here; painters, printmakers, ceramicists, photographers, textiles and filmmakers. An equally broad range of musical talent is also evident here, traditional, instrumentalists, singer/songwriters, classical performers and a number of bands all call Schull home and are always happy to share their 'voices' in various venues around town.

In May, the Fastnet Short Film
Festival is internationally recognised
and is attracting huge interest and in
the autumn, The Harvest Moon Music
Festival is growing in significance
and it too is gaining momentum.
Throughout the year theatre companies
stage productions both amateur and
professional. There is also a strong
tradition of street performances; St.
Patrick's Day Parade, Hallowe'en, and
many other special events will see

performers taking to the streets in costumes and entertaining the crowds.

Galleries in the Area:

The Blue House Gallery exhibits painting, drawing, prints, sculpture, ceramics and fabric art. The gallery hosts a new exhibition every two weeks from April - September, with an opening for each show, 6-8pm on alternate Fridays. bluehousegalleryschull.com

The Gallery Castlepoint

Paintings, drawings and sculptures by Keith Payne who also curates an eclectic mix of other artists. *gallerycastlepoint.com*

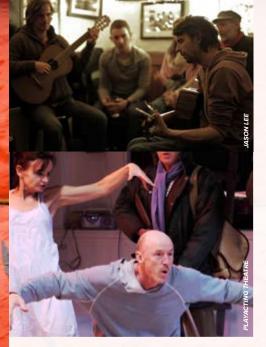
Heron Gallery

Paintings and prints by Annabel Langrish as well as arts and crafts by other artists. herongallery.ie

West Cork Art

Mizen based artists. westcorkart.ie

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Photographers' work on display:

John D'Alton, Corner House

johndaltonphotos.com

Sheena Jolley, The Mill House

sheenajolleyphotography.com

Thomas Newman, Post Office

thomasnewmanphotography.com

Music Venues:

Contact Wally Schull on Facebook for info on any music in the village. Facebook/wally.schull.5

The Black Sheep, Grove House, Hackett's Bar, O'Regan's Bar.

Theatre:

PlayActing Theatre was set up in 2004 to harness the talent and creativity in the West Cork area to produce theatre. The group has presented a number of successful theatre productions. In 2014 they have ambitious plans to present two Monologues both written and performed by local writers 'May the Force' by Terri Leiber and 'Eileen' by Karen Minihan. Keep an eye out for performance dates in Schull in June and July. Facebook/PlayActingTheatre

Schull Drama Group (see next page)

Harvest Moon Festival:

5th-7th September 2014

A festival of great music taking place in a small village with a big heart! Experience a variety of fantastic events in a beautiful setting over a 3 day weekend. Gigs in various locations around the village all weekend, day and night! Just follow the trail... and discover the music!

For more information: Phone: 085 218 0484 Or 086 059 3248. harvestmoonmusicfestival.com Facebook/HarvestMoonFestival



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Schull Drama Group

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More that 30 years ago in the remote village of Schull, far from a professional theatre, a group of people had the enthusiasm, talent and determination to start staging their own theatre productions. Schull Drama Group has grown over the years into a 60 person strong team of actors, directors, producers, set-builders, costume makers, make-up artists and technical experts.

For the members there is passion, commitment, fun, friendship and the thrill of putting on a show for a live audience. It is an ideal place to build community and give a diverse group of people a sense of belonging. With a high profile and a loyal following we have been able to tackle a wide range of productions: serious dramas, uproarious comedies, sing-along musicals and colourful pantomimes. At festival time we join the locals on the streets in colourful and often surprising guises. Most recent shows: **Buried Child** by Sam Shephard (Feb) and The Opposite Sex by David Tristram (May). Newcomers and any donations are always welcome.

Contact schulldramagroup@gmail.com

The festival, which takes place in Schull, West Cork annually over the last weekend in May, is now a major showcase for Irish and International short film production, focusing on the craft of film. The 2014 festival focused on the 'Collaborative Nature of the Filmmaking Process' with a series of seminars and workshops covering everything from cinematography to funding.

Steve Coogan, Director Stephen
Frears, Producers Gabrielle Tana and
Tracey Seaward were delighted to bring
'Philomena' to Schull and to take part in
various aspects of the festival.

Further exciting guests included the

attendance and screening of Ailbhe Keoghan's 'Run and Jump'. Other industry greats were David Puttnam, Jim Sheridan, Sandy Lieberson, Carmel Winters, Jack Gold and many more. The line up this year was unprecedented with over 30 expert guests taking part.

With 300+ screenings, Local Interest Films, World Cinema Programme and fringe events which included the Ceiling Cinema, screenings on Long Island, the Mizen Experience, Movie Quiz, Café viewing all over town, music, high quality family entertainment and much more.

www.fastnetshortfilmfestival.com



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Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre





- Sailing Courses
- Fun Day Sails
- Powerboat Courses

The Fastnet Marine Outdoor Education Centre is just a few minutes' walk west along the shore from Schull harbour. Schull's sailing centre is a hive of activity during the summer months with lots of opportunities for learning to sail, improving on skills and just enjoying being out on the water.

Five day dinghy sailing courses run weekly from 23rd June through until the 22nd August, suiting all ages from 8 years upwards and are for all skill levels, from absolute beginner to expert sailor. The courses are run on the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) Small Boat Sailing Scheme and are taught by experienced and qualified instructors in a safe and fun environment. If you are only in Schull for a short time and don't want to commit to a five day course, we can also offer shorter courses.

For groups of adults (up to five), two and five day sailing courses are available on the Centre's 1720 keelboat. Again, these courses are run on the ISA scheme above and cater for all levels of ability.

If you would like to explore the islands and the bay we also organise fun sailing trips for families or groups of up to six. These can be either a full or half day and are a great introduction to sailing, with an instructor on board explaining the basics of sailing and pointing out the local wildlife.

The Centre also offers ISA National Powerboat training. The two day courses are run on selected weekends throughout the summer and can be taught either in your own or the Centre's boat. Families are also welcome on the powerboat courses, however, 16 years is the minimum age for official certification.

Further information on each of the above is available on our website *www.schullsailing.ie* and by telephoning Lorna on **028 28515**. Or just take a stroll along the shore walk and call in to see if we have an activity that suits.



Schull Harbour Sailing Club



Between May and September the Club organises races on most Saturday afternoons. The races start from a start line set up in front of the Fastnet Marine and Outdoor Education Sailing Centre typically at around 2.15 pm. There are many good vantage points along the foreshore walk near the sailing centre where the race starts can be watched from. These race starts can be quite spectacular, quite often with in excess of 20 boats going for the start line together. The courses leave the harbour and proceed around the islands and/or navigational buoys as racing marks. This results in exciting and picturesque courses that can also test the skipper's local knowledge as to how close he or she can sail to some of the local natural hazards! For those that are interested in doing more than spectating, participation as a crew member on one of the boats is also an option. If you would like to crew on one of the boats during a Saturday race, then come to The Schull Watersport Centre near the pier at about 12 noon.

Each week there is a meeting of the skippers of the boats who are racing that day and it would be unusual if somebody could not offer you a space on their boat. The Club Junior Sailing Section runs a Junior Sailing Programme during July and August using the five club

Feva Dinghies on Saturday mornings. SHSC welcomes both visitors and new members. If you have a boat in Schull and want to join in the fun, or if you do not have a boat but would like to get involved either as a crew member or in some other capacity, you will find all the contact details and membership application form on our web site www.shsc.ie.

The Cork Dry Gin Calves Week Regatta scheduled for the 5th to the 8th of August had its origins in the Schull Regatta of 1984 when, to celebrate the centenary of Schull Regatta, a series of ocean races were added to the programme. Calves Week has developed over the years to become a major event in the Irish sailing calendar. In 2012 the format was changed to a four day event with all races starting and finishing in Schull, followed by prize giving on a daily basis on the Main Street. The courses make full use of the islands in the vicinity, together with the Fastnet Rock, to act as racing marks. Schull can expect about 60 boats to arrive for a week of competitive and enjoyable racing. A race programme is also organised as part of Schull Regatta, celebrating its 130th anniversary in 2014, on the Sunday after Calves Week.

For further information please check out www.shsc.ie.

Schull Yawl Rowing Club

Schull Yawl Rowing Club was founded in 1996 by Dave Galvin and Thomas Newman. In its short life the Club has won numerous underage West Cork Championships plus two All-Ireland Senior Men's titles. On a visit to Schull pier during the summer evenings visitors will be able to see various club teams train on the safe waters of Schull harbour.

2014 Fixtures

24th August

14th June 15th June Rosscarbery 22nd June Kilkern 29th June Baltimore SWCYRA Championship 6th July Union Hall SWCYRA Championship 13th July Sherkin Island 20th July Castletownshend SWCYRA Championship 27th July County Final 10th August Schull SWCYRA Championship 15th - 17th All-Ireland Championships August Waterville, Co. Kerry 23rd August Kilmacsimon

New members are always welcome - it's a great way to get fit and enjoy the harbour. Training is available. Please contact Cathy O'Sullivan on **086 847 8854**.

Glandore SWCYRA Championship







The blue, white and orange-suited members of Schull Triathlon Club can now be clearly seen on their Saturday morning cycles or their runs out along Colla Road. They can, of course, also be seen joining the seals for their swim sessions in Schull Harbour.



The Club has almost 50 members again this year and they come in all shapes, sizes and sporting abilities. From the elite (and we all know who they think they are!) to those of us who train and compete to keep fit, we share a friendship which has been forged through being brave enough to give it a go, and by being encouraged by those already in the club. There are inspirational stories of those who have never taken part in sport before joining Schull Tri and becoming some of our best competitors and those who having learned to swim as adults, who now are first out of the water at races.

The comradery of Schull Tri members is experienced on your first sea swim when they forfeit their own session to keep you company and on the bike session where someone stays back to encourage the newcomers or share their snack bars because you never thought you might need one. The stories are endless. What is evident is the warm welcome extended to anyone interested in getting involved at whatever level you are at.

Schull Triathlon Club organises the Eurospar Fastnet Triathlon, the Fastnet Duathlon, Kidathlon and the Swim Across the Harbour every year. 2014 is our 10th Anniversary.

This year the Eurospar Fastnet Triathlon is a celebration of sport and sportsmanship and an acknowledgement of the encouragement and help that we recieve from the Mizen Peninsula. A party weekend to celebrate all things triathlon and to thank all involved is our little way of acknowledging "People Power".

If you have been watching Schull Tri members training and feel that you would like to get involved why not contact our Training Co-ordinators, John Logan 086 811 3690 or Jeremy Brosnan 087 233 0824. If you are available to marshall for our triathlon please give your name to Catherine Arundel 086 774 0688. Check out our Facebook page or log on to www.schulltriathlonclub.com.

Schull Regatta

9th-10th August, 2014

It is funny how one thought can lead to another. Conversations about the old days as a child, chance meetings with your parents' friends, a newspaper cutting yellowed with age, a beautifully imposed letterpress poster, finding an old regatta cup in the attic. A few seemingly unconnected events, that earlier this year brought a group of friends together with an ambition to revive the old style Schull Regatta. When the cup had made its way down from the attic and was dusted off, it revealed that

the first Regatta was held **130 years ago** in 1884. The old poster hinted at how the events had changed over the years and mentioned that an efficient band should attend, the conversations reminisced about family fun and who caught the duck in the swimming race.

Will we, with everybody's help, be successful of bringing back the old style regatta? There is only one way to find out... head down to Schull pier on **Saturday 9th** and **Sunday 10th of August 2014** and join in.

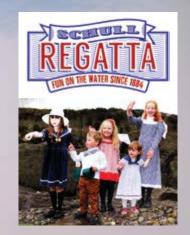
It is difficult at this early stage to say exactly what events will take place over the weekend, but don't worry the duck will be perfectly safe.

From the blessing of the boats, via the greasy pole through to the firework display, the theme will be family fun.

We are looking for old regatta photographs, slides or memorabilia (the older the better). We would like to (very carefully) make a copy of the originals and display the collection around the village.

Look out for the fund raising events and collection boxes around Schull; your support is greatly appreciated.

Facebook/schullregattarevival



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Schull Agricultural Show

Sunday 27th July, 2014

Schull Town Park, Corthna.

Classes for: Horses, Ponies, Arts & Crafts, Baking, Fruit, Vegetables, Jams, Flowers.

Special Features: Schull Country Market and BBQ, Sampling from the Slowfood Producers, Fun Dog Show, Pets' Corner, Vintage Machinery, Craft Displays, Music and Dancing.

A special day out for all the family. Please call Josephine Ahern for more information on 028 28707 or mobile 087 932 0466. Following its re-establishment in 2006, Schull Show has enjoyed wonderfully successful events and looks forward to another bumper family day out on Sunday July 27th this year from 12 noon onwards. The day is designed to bring you as much fun as possible and to introduce you to the very best of our agriculture and country skills.

The Fun Dog Show is always one of the great events of the day. Another major attraction for children, especially for any town children on holiday, will be the Pets' Corner showing animals from local farms. Schull Country Market will again relocate to the Showgrounds on Sunday 27th July, featuring local farm produce. We hope to see you at Schull Town Park for what promises to be a most enjoyable day!



Become a Member and support this essential service.

SCHULL COMMUNITY INSHORE RESCUE SERVICE



Boat House and Rescue Co-ordination Centre with slipway and changing facilities.



Fully equipped 6.8m **RIB** with twin 90hp engines and qualified voluntary crew.



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Since the service was inaugurated in 2005 and subsequently accredited by Irish Water Safety and Irish Coastquard in 2008, some €350,000 has been raised through voluntary subscription and local fundraising activity.

Infrastructure of the service now includes:

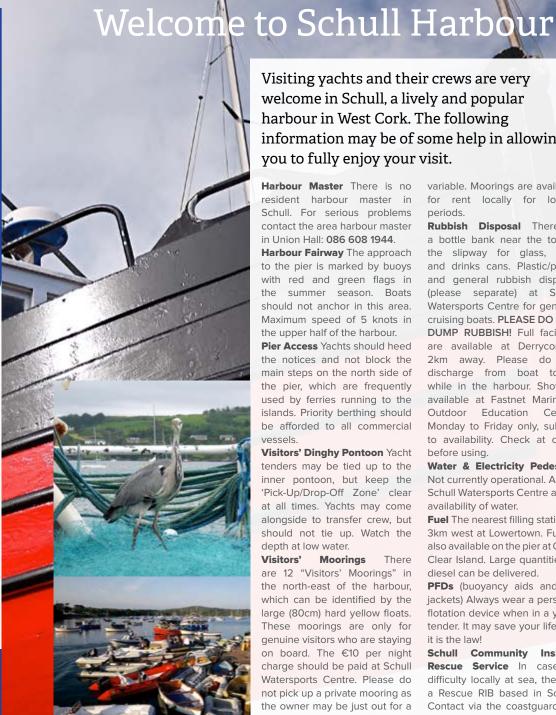
- a) Fully-equipped Boathouse & Rescue Co-ordination Centre and Slipway.
- b) 6.8metre fully-equipped Emergency Rescue Ribcraft (purchased 2013) powered by twin-90hp Suzuki engines.

Crew complement stands at 20 volunteer members. 10 fully-trained helmsmen and 10 trainee crews. Crew Training Modules include Powerboat Competency, First Aid, VHF Radio, Personal Survival Techniques, Navigation, Pilotage under the annual inspection of Irish Coastquard and Irish Water Safety.

Annual maintenance and running costs - €15,000.

Become a member and support this valued and essential Emergency Rescue Service.

Please forward membership cheque (€75) and/or donation to SCIRS, c/o MCS, Main Street, Schull, Co. Cork. Don't forget to include your name and contact details so we can send you your 2014 car sticker.



Visiting yachts and their crews are very welcome in Schull, a lively and popular harbour in West Cork. The following information may be of some help in allowing you to fully enjoy your visit.

Harbour Master There is no resident harbour master in Schull. For serious problems contact the area harbour master in Union Hall: 086 608 1944.

Harbour Fairway The approach to the pier is marked by buoys with red and green flags in the summer season. Boats should not anchor in this area. Maximum speed of 5 knots in the upper half of the harbour.

Pier Access Yachts should heed the notices and not block the main steps on the north side of the pier, which are frequently used by ferries running to the islands. Priority berthing should be afforded to all commercial

Visitors' Dinghy Pontoon Yacht tenders may be tied up to the inner pontoon, but keep the 'Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone' clear at all times. Yachts may come alongside to transfer crew, but should not tie up. Watch the depth at low water.

Visitors' **Moorings** There are 12 "Visitors' Moorings" in the north-east of the harbour, which can be identified by the large (80cm) hard yellow floats. These moorings are only for genuine visitors who are staying on board. The €10 per night charge should be paid at Schull Watersports Centre, Please do not pick up a private mooring as the owner may be just out for a day sail and standards are very

variable. Moorings are available for rent locally for longer periods.

Rubbish Disposal There is a bottle bank near the top of the slipway for glass, food and drinks cans. Plastic/paper and general rubbish disposal (please separate) at Schull Watersports Centre for genuine cruising boats. PLEASE DO NOT **DUMP RUBBISH!** Full facilities are available at Derryconnell from while in the harbour. Showers available at Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Monday to Friday only, subject to availability. Check at office before using.

Water & Electricity Pedestals Not currently operational. Ask at Schull Watersports Centre about availability of water.

Fuel The nearest filling station is 3km west at Lowertown. Fuel is also available on the pier at Cape Clear Island. Large quantities of diesel can be delivered.

PFDs (buoyancy aids and life jackets) Always wear a personal flotation device when in a yacht tender. It may save your life and it is the law!

Schull Community Inshore Rescue Service In case of difficulty locally at sea, there is a Rescue RIB based in Schull. Contact via the coastquards or phone: 086 236 0206.



Spring marks the beginning of a new campaign for Schull Tidy Towns and preparations are already underway for what promises to be another successful year. We appreciate the great community involvement of volunteers helping in keeping Schull clean, tidy, litter-free, and environmentally friendly and a more pleasant place to live, work and welcoming to visitors. We very much appreciate the support from Schull Community Council and work jointly with them on various projects. We receive great co-operation from Sarah Sinnott, Executive Engineer of Cork County Council and her colleagues on our many projects.

We have raised and used funds to beautify the approach to the village, upgrade the Pier Road car park, paint and maintain street furniture and amenities provide and maintain flower beds and floral displays, install street signage, information signage and the recent *Beacon Sculpture* created by Carol James.

For the past seven years Schull has entered the National Tidy Towns Competition, scoring increasingly higher marks each year. The feedback from the judges each year is incorporated into planning for the following year. However, keeping Schull tidy and beautiful is a year round effort and there are always opportunities to volunteer.

SCHOOL/CLUBS PROJECTS - We work closely with the schools and clubs on environmental projects such as litter-picking, bulb planting, biodiversity projects and schools art poster competition.

Thank you! To all who helped last year: sponsors, supporters, and volunteers. Even if you just stooped to pick up a piece of litter, you did your bit contributing to the cause.

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Schull Tidy Towns

WATCH OUT FOR

April – An Taisce National Spring Clean

May – Schools Poster Competition May-June – Cork County Council Anti-Litter Challenge

June-August – National Tidy Towns Competition

July-August – Judging of local business premises, residential areas and floral displays competitions.

August 16th 2.00pm – Pre-Loved Clothes Sale at Grove House July-September – 'Pride in our Community' Competition' run by Muintir na Tire September – National Tidy Towns Results.

October – Presentation of Awards for Best Shopfronts, Florals and Residential areas.

Calling all dog owners, please, please pick up after your dogs!! It only takes a minute and makes such a difference to the environment. Doggie-do bags will be made available in several venues and we hope to be able to provide a number of purpose built bins for the offending matter. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated!

West Cork Rural Transport T: 027 52727 ruraltransport.ie

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