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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Every Sunday. The finest of local produce and crafts available every Sunday from April to September and Christmas.



20th - 24th May. Join the throngs of filmmakers, fans and distinguished guests at this year's Fastnet Short Film Festival in Schull.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
February	Schull Drama Group Production	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
May	The Fastnet Short Film Festival	Schull
	Schull/Guilvinec Twinning	Schull
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
June	Fastnet Triathlon	Schull
	Fastnet Maritime & Folk Festival	Ballydehob
	Ballydehob Country Music Festival	Ballydehob
	Sailing Courses	Schull
	Power Boat Courses	Schull
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
	Schull ♥ Trad Bringing trad back to the heart of West Cork	Schull
July	Arts & Crafts Workshop	Goleen
	Art in Schull	Schull
	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
	Schull Vintage Regatta	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	Kidathlon	Goleen
	Schullture – Culture Night	Schull
	Last Sunday Market of the season	Schull
October	Harvest and Old Time Threshing Festival	Ballydehob
	Harvest Fair	Schull
	Hallowe'en Festival	Schull
November	Irish Team Racing Nationals	Schull
	Mizen Head Visitor Centre open weekends only	Goleen
December	Schull Welcomes Santa & Street Lighting Ceremony	Schull
	Christmas Craft Fair	Goleen
	Schull Christmas Market	Schull
	Schull Community College Christmas Production	Schull
	Christmas Day Swim in aid of COPE	Schull



4th - 7th August. Calves Week



8th - 9th August. Schull Vintage Regatta

LOCAL SERVICES

Fire Brigade Schull	999 or 112
Bantry Hospital Accident & Emergency	027 50133
Doctors	
Schull, Ballydehob, Goleen Clinics	028 28311
SouthDoc 18	350 335 999
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 (half day)	028 28110
Schull Community Hospital	028 28120
Business & Computer Services	
MCS – Printing, Copying, Faxing, PC Maintenance	028 28211
Credit Union Schull – Open Tues, Fri & Sat.	028 28666
Banks	
Allied Irish Bank – Skibbereen	028 21388
Bank of Ireland – Skibbereen	028 21700
PermanentTSB – Skibbereen	028 21950
AIB - Mobile Bank in Schull Brosnan's Car Park	
Monday, Thursday, Friday 10.45-12.30 and 13.30	0-15.30

Library (Corner of Upper Main Street)

Tues 14.30-17.30, Weds 9.30-13.00 & 14.00-17.30

Thur & Fri 14.30-17.30. Sun 11.30-13.30 Internet access available

Petrol & Diesel at Lowertown **Co-op**, **O'Meara's** of Goleen and **Camier's** of Ballydehob

Taxi & Mini Bus

JP Taxi	086 121 2999
Betty Johnson's Bus Hire	028 28410 or 086 265 6078
Luke Nolan Hackney	028 28215 or 086 833 7504
Ballydehob Hackney	086 854 3631
West Cork Rural Transport	027 52727

Auto Breakdown & Recovery Service

O'Callaghan's Garage 087 624 6735 or 086 352 5697

Veterinary Surgeon Timothy O'Leary 028 37180

Tourist Info Mizen Information & e-Centre, Goleen 028 35000

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 28898

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

Church of Ireland

Schull on Sunday at 10.00am

The Altar, Toormore on Sunday at 11.30am

Crookhaven on Sunday at 8pm July - August

Ballydehob on Sunday at 11.30am

Aughadown on Sunday at 10.15am

Rev. Trevor Lestor - Toormore/Schull 028 28249

Rev. Steve McCann - Ballydehob/Aughadown - 028 37117



Main Street, Schull

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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

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*O28 28554 or 086 171 7700
Atlantic Sea Kayaking *atlanticseakayaking.com*O28 21058

SAILING

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

SEA ANGLING

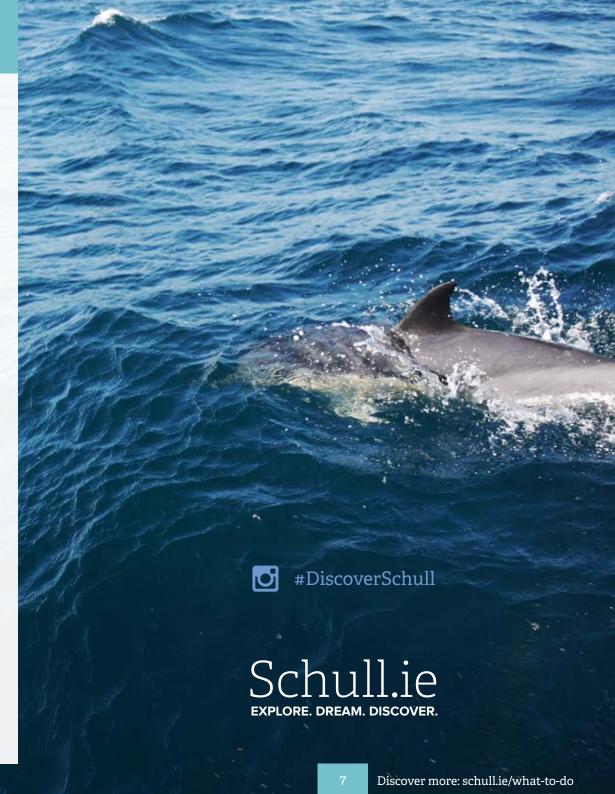
Blue Thunder Charters 086 804 5351

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

West Cork Archery 086 089 0879

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 fitbones.ie 086 240 4709

GARDENS

Bantry House & Gardens bantryhouse.com
Glebe Gardens, Baltimore glebegardens.com
Carraig Abhainn Gardens, Durrus

027 50047
028 20232
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
Glengarriff 027 63150

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 schullec.ie 028 28346 or 087 416 3563 Dunbeacon Equestrian Centre - Lessons only 027 61532

Ballycummisk Riding School 087 765 5993 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**Art/Sport/Dance - Ballydehob Playgroup **028 37771**



SUMMER CAMPS

Schull Equestrian Centre *schullec.ie* 087 416 3563

SQUASH

Schull Community College 028 28292

TABLE TENNIS

Goleen Community Centre all ages welcome 083 137 2013

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

Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure 028 28943

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

The discerning traveller will find the perfect accommodation in Schull, from the traditional elegance and comfortable surroundings of a guest house, the intimate and cosy welcome of our many B&Bs or the varied and exciting locations of self-catering cottages. If you have brought your own accommodation, be mindful of where you pitch your tent or park your camper, most farmers are welcoming – please check with them first.

WHERE TO STAY IN SCHULL

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Grove House, Colla Road, Schull (Katarina Runske) grovehouseschull.com 028 28067

Bed and Breakfast

Glencairn B&B, Ardmanagh Drive, Schull (Susan Malone) 028 28007

Harbour Command, South Schull (Betty Griffin) harbourcommandsouthschull.com

086 1694705 or 028 28335

Rock Hill House B&B, Colla Road (Cornelia O'Keeffe) rockhillhouse.com
087 2704534

Rookery Cottage, Air Hill, Schull (Rita Nyhan) rookerycottageschull.com
086 2334492

Seaview B&B, Schull (Noreen Levis) seaviewschull.com
086 0763045 or 028 28373

Stanley House, South Schull (Nancy Brosnan) stanley-house.net
028 28425

Water's Edge, Coosheen (Nuala Morgan) watersedgeschull.net
028 27674

Vary's Guestroom, Colla Road, Schull (Vary Finlay) \[\frac{1}{VarysGuestroomSchull} \] 086 6018608

Self Catering

Self Catering	
Airhill House, Schull	086 602 6445
Sheila Barnett Holiday Homes, Schull	028 28153
Centre Park, Schull schullholidays.com	085 122 7771
Colla Pier Cottages, Colla, Schull	028 28122
Harbour Cottage, Colla, Schull	028 28717
Holidaymakers, Mizen (D&M Collins) schull-holidaymakers.com	028 28350
Jim's Place, Ardravinna (Eileen Hunt) jimsplaceschull.com	086 3509448 or 028 28183
Marian Hegarty, Schull	028 28446
The Moorings, Schull (Catherine Kelleher) themooringsschull.co	om 028 28699
Quarry Cottage, Schull	087 9416641
West Cork Rentals, Schull westcorkrentals.ie	028 28122





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

WHERE TO STAY NEARBY

	Brea	

An Carraig Ard, Ballydehob (Hickeys)	087 2673141
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 (Sue Hill) heronscove.com	028 35225
Oakwood, Ballydehob (Hannah Vaughan)	086 8846214
Seafront B&B, Toormore (Margaret Whitley)	028 35364

Self Catering

Ar Glas Holiday Home, Ballydehob	+44 7963 949202
Blairscove 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 (Sue Hill) heronscove.com	028 35225
Molly Cottage, Glaun (Robin Wells) niborwells@gmail.com	028 27592

Hotel (seasonal)

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

Hoste

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

Camping

Camping, "Summerfield", Colla Road, Schull	086 725 2031
Camp site at Dunbeacon, nr. Durrus	027 61246

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK IN SCHULL

An Tigín, High Street. The only pub in Schull	028 28830
Auspicious House, Main Street. Chinese restaurant	028 28000
The Black Sheep, Main Street. Extensive bar food all day	028 28022
The Bunratty Inn, Main Street. Extensive bar food all day	028 28341
Casa Diego, Main Street. Tapas	086 397 8364
Café Cuis Cuan East End. Homecooked food & gourmet coffee cafecoiscuan.ie	028 27005
Grove House, Colla Road. Lunch, tapas and dinner grovehouseschull.com	028 28067
Hackett's Bar, Main Street. Bar food	028 28625
L'Escale, The Pier. Fish menu and pizza normandyireland.com	028 28599
New Haven Restaurant, Main Street. Lunch, dinner and pizza	028 28642
Newman's West, Main Street. Café Bar, breakfast, lunch & dinner tjnewmans.co	m 028 27776
O'Regan's Bar, Pier Road. Craic, ceoil agus ol	086 101 0113
Paradise Crêpe, Main Street. Crêpes	087 743 7427
Waterside Restaurant, Main Street. À la carte & café menu watersideschull.com	028 28203

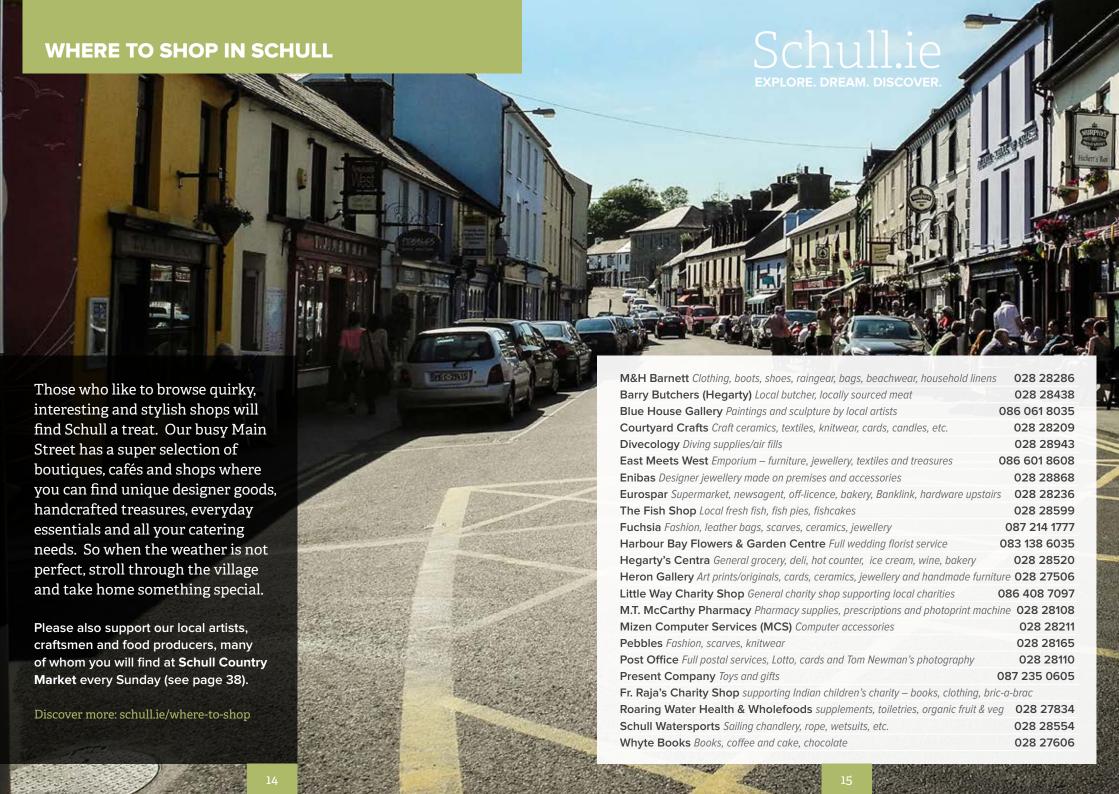




WHERE TO EAT & DRINK NEARBY

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

Along the Way Cafe, Goleen. Teas/coffees, ice cream and home baking Antonio's Ristorante, Ballydehob. Italian dishes and pizzeria 028 37139 Blairscove, Durrus. Dinner served Tuesday – Saturday blairscove.ie 027 61127 The Crookhaven Inn, Crookhaven. Home-cooked bar food 028 35309 The Good Things Café, Durrus. Fresh locally sourced food thegoodthingscafe.com 027 61426 028 35225 The Heron's Cove™, Goleen. Children's, dinner and à la carte heronscove.com Hudson's Wholefoods, Ballydehob. Vegetarian organic lunches 028 37565 Mizen Head Café, Mizen Head Signal Station. Meals and snacks mizenhead.ie 028 35115 Nottages, Crookhaven. Irish and global cuisine nottagesrestaurant.ie 028 35963 O'Sullivan's Bar, Crookhaven. Bar food osullivanscrookhaven.ie 028 35319 Sean Ruas, North Harbour, Cape Clear. Seafood seanruasrestaurant.com 028 39099 West Cork Gourmet Store, Ballydehob. Café and delicatessen 087 926 3255



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. Dr. David Hurley attends.



Private Therapists providing a service at Mizen Medical Practice:

Caroline Cummings – Physiotherapist	087 928 1582
Melanie Furness – Massage	085 119 2423
Joan Giller – Counsellor & Psychotherapist	086 060 9702
Claire Osbourne – Massage & Yoga	086 213 4080
Emily O'Toole – Podiatrist	087 956 4921
Ann Ryan – Reflexology	086 146 8968

Mizen Primary Care Team:

Public Health Nursing	028 27352 or 028 27353
Diabetes Prevention Nurse – Ber O Riordain	087 131 2890
Physiotherapy	086 787 1588
Occupational Therapy – Colette O Flynn	028 40400
Community Dietician – Melissa Byrne	087 969 6267
Speech & Language Therapy – Paediatric & Adult	028 40400
Social Protection Officer	028 21047
HSE Dental Service	028 27369

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	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 12.00	15.00 - 16.30
TUESDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		10.00 - 12.00
WEDNESDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		
THURSDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		
FRIDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 12.00	15.00 - 16.00
SATURDAY	11.00 - 12.00 Urgen	t 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.

- Medical Officers Dr Brian O'Connell, Dr Helen Finlay
- The *Social Protection Officer* is available every Thursday Morning between 9.30am 11am in Schull
- For further information regarding the $\it School\, Dentist$ 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.

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 a monument to the vision, workmanship and perseverance of those involved. Predictably, the weather delayed the final completion. 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 southwest 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 on 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 $\pounds 20,000$. 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 rises 12 feet and currents round the rock at spring tides can flow at 3 knots. It is a very rare occurrence for the water to be sufficiently smooth to enable people to step out onto the rock from a boat.

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 lerne*, 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. 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





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, Ballyrisode 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 houses were originally built as shops. Falling away left of the village is the hidden harbour form which the village takes its name. 'Goĺlín' (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 vachts.

Crookhaven

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 tackling 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.





Clear Island (often called Cape Clear or just Cape) is Ireland's southern-most inhabited island. 3 miles long by 1 mile wide and lies just 8 miles off the West Cork mainland - 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 create 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 opens every day during the summer. Oileán Chléire is Gaeltacht. Most of the island's 140 inhabitants speak Irish and English, so if you wish to practice your

'cÚpla focail' they will willingly help vou to do so.

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, from 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.

Before the famine of the 1840s, the population of Cape Clear was about 1200. Every house had its 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

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

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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.

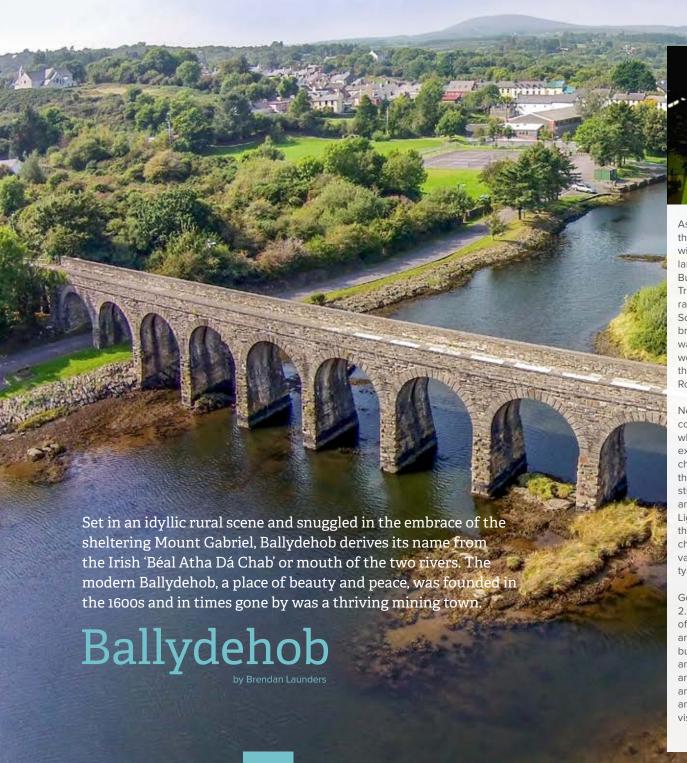
Schull and the surrounding area was devastated by the Great Famine of the 1840s. Many victims were buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church on the Colla Road. The austere ruins of the old Workhouse just outside Schull are another sombre reminder of the misery of this period. Finally, for a delightful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











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 Bay estuary.

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 several types of shark.

Gortnagrough Folk Museum, 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 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 former National Wrestling Association World Heavyweight Champion 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.



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.



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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

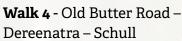
Long (11km) Short (6.5km)

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 at Cadogan Strand.

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.





Long (10km) Short (6.5km)

Start at Trá na Oileáin (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 vou 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 then 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 is invariably 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 stony 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 an 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!

The public garden at 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 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'. It is maturing into its location to a point where people can hardly remember a time when it wasn't there.

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

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.

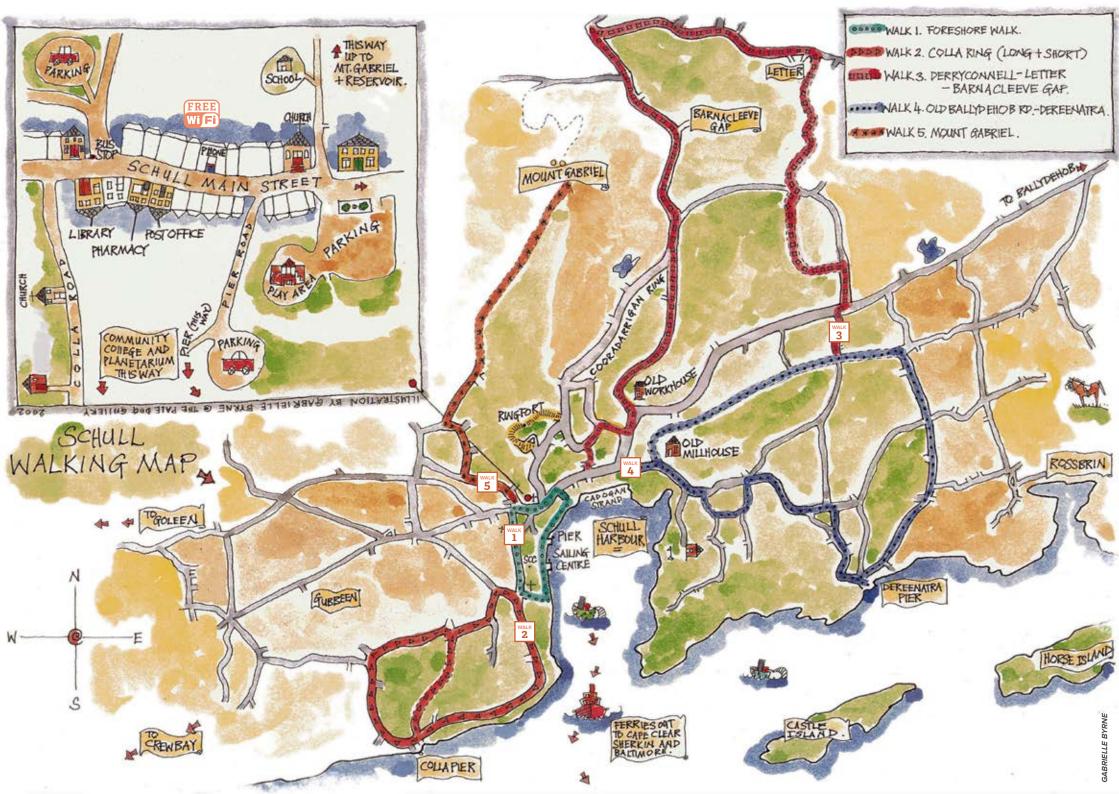
The garden has become an important feature of the village and every effort is made to keep Cadogan's Strand clean and a few devoted locals, in association with An Taisce and the local Cork County Council, ensure that the whole area is maintained and remains pleasing to the eye. As part of this effort 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





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 fencing) 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

The famous arched bridge was originally built in 1910. 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 guaranteed for the next 150 vears. 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.

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.

Mizen Head Signal Station is now one of the best visitor attractions in the country.











F Discover Schull

The Arts Scene

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 film makers. 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 **Corona Short Film Festival** is international recognised and is attracting huge interest. In early June the inaugural **Trad Music Festival** takes place bring the tradition of music making to the village. By July attention turns to the visual arts when the village becomes a gallery

- Art in Schull will once again take centre stage. Throughout the year Schull Drama Group stage productions both demanding and entertaining, PlayActing Theatre is a young company whose emphasis is on creative and innovative work. There is also a strong tradition of street performances; St Patricks' Day Parade, Hallowe'en, and any other special event will see performers entertaining the crowds.

Galleries in the Area:

The Blue House Gallery and Upstairs at Blue House, two exhibition spaces showing innovative art from April to September with a stimulating balance of West Cork and international artists. Showing painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, textile art and ceramics, both Galleries host two-weekly exhibitions with openings on alternate Fridays, 6-8pm. "The most exciting new gallery between Macroom and Boston, Mass".

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*

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.

fwally.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. Over the years the group have presented a number of successful productions that are innovative and imaginative. Their latest production - The Eileen & Marilyn Experience - which is touring West Cork – is a combination of comedy, humour, music

and pathos, written and performed by

playactingtheatre@gmail.com

Terri Leiber & Karen Minihan.

FPlayActingTheatre

Schull Drama Group – For more than 30 years this small but dynamic amateur drama group have entertained the local community with productions that have ranged from intimate plays to vast productions involving huge numbers of cast and crew. The enthusiastic members also participate in street productions, festivals and contribute to community-based events. New members are always welcome both, on stage or behind the scenes. Contact them at schulldramagroup@gmail.com

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Each year since 2009, over the last weekend in May, the now five-day Festival plays host to in excess of 300 short films. The commitment in Schull is to screen all of the short films entered into competition during the festival in as many different venues throughout the village as possible and to have them available on the festival archive for wifi viewing on devices within the network of Schull. The Fringe has a full programme of events for children of all ages.

Filmmakers, directors, producers and invited industry experts all share their experiences, giving shape and direction to each year's challenging programme. This short film festival without a cinema invites you to explore alternatives throughout the village of Schull, providing those who attend with a totally new cinematic experience.

Distributed Cinema is Schull's very own intranet network dedicated to short film. Films are screened in over 15 venues, from Whyte's Bookshop to the Blue House Gallery, to the 2 village halls to numerous local pubs and restaurants. Schull's network connects, through ethernet cable and wireless, to its own short film archive on a dedicated server. Anyone with a smartphone, laptop or tablet can access the server through wifi anywhere on Main Street and watch any of the 7 years of submission films any time of the day or night. Visitors can also take a short ferry ride to the Long Island cinema to watch submission shorts and enjoy a Corona.

For further information checkout www.fastnetshortfilmfestival.com







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 Twinned with Guilvinec, France

Schull Vintage Regatta

8th-9th August, 2015

Schull is now twinned with the town of Guilvinec in Brittany and deputations from the two towns have exchanged visits. Schull and Guilvinec have much in common 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, 2014. 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 takes place annually in late May and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out - all volunteers are welcome!





Everyone is still talking about what a great weekend was had at the Schull Regatta Revival 2014, which celebrated



130 years, the oldest regatta in West Cork and perhaps in Ireland! Last August the town was alive and the pier was rocking, the highlights were the *Blessing of the Boats*, the return of the *Greasy Pole, Swingboats* the mighty *Tug-of-War* and of course we can't forget the *Vintage Parade* in the company of the *Ballingeary Pipers*. With the compliments of mother nature, the two days culminated with a super firework display over the harbour with a once in a lifetime "super moon" shining back at the hordes of people who came in their thousands to gaze skywards.



Rest assured, the committee is busy planning this year's event, which will take place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August, 2015. With the help and goodwill of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers, it looks like being

even bigger and better. We are even adding a few new events to the very busy programme.

Schull Vintage Regatta is now one of the highlights of the summer calendar, and should not be missed, bringing together a mix of old and new, young and old, there will be something for everyone. We have already started our fund raising events, from bingo to films, talks and a flag day. Watch out for your opportunity to support this great event, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

To get the latest information follow us on schullregattarevival



Schull Agricultural Show

Sunday 26th July, 2015

Following its re-establishment in 2006, Schull Show has enjoyed wonderfully successful events and looks forward to another bumper family day out on Sunday 26th July 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 26th July, featuring local farm produce. We hope to see you at Schull Town Park for what promises to be a most enjoyable day!

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.









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 22nd 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

Schull Harbour Sailing Club was founded in 1977 as a summer sailing club and from its inception it has actively promoted leisure and competitive sailing in Schull.

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 Gas Calves Week Regatta scheduled for the 4th to the 7th 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 Vintage Regatta 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.

2015 Fixtures

19th April Ring

16th May Kilmacsimon

17th May Rosscarbery
31st May Galley Flash

21st June Kilmacabea

5th July Myross

19th July Castletownsend

TBC Sherkin and Baltimore

2nd August County Final (venue TBC)

9th August Schull

14th, 15th & 16th August

All Ireland Final in Waterville, Co. Kerry

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**.



Following the success of its 10th anniversary celebrations in 2014, Schull Triathlon Club is looking forward to lots more fun in 2015.

We hope to encourage people who have never before taken part in a triathlon to give it a go this year. If you enjoy swimming, cycling or running but the thought of signing up for a full event is a bit daunting then why not join together with some friends to form a relay team? This is a really fun way of taking part in the sport and it is how many members of Schull Triathlon Club got started.

For further information visit www.schulltriathlonclub.com

Dates for 2015

7th March Fastnet Duathlon –

5km run, 16km cycle, 3km run

6th June Fastnet Triathlon –

750m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run

August Cross Harbour Swim

September Kidathlon



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Welcome to Schull Harbour

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 vessels.

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 2km away. Please do not discharge from boat toilets while in the harbour. Showers available at Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre. 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 at North Harbour, Clear Island. Large quantities of diesel can be delivered to Schull pier by arrangement.

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!

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Crew complement stands at 15 volunteer members. 7 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 Coastguard and Irish Water Safety.

Annual maintenance and running costs - €15,000.

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we can send you your 2015 car sticker.

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 helping to keep Schull clean and litter-free, making it a more pleasant, environmentally friendly and welcoming place to live, work or visit. We also 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,

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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.



Schull has long been known for its cosmopolitan air and since 1999 this has never been more true.

It was then that Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure opened its doors to the world. Ever since, Schull residents have enthusiastically welcomed learners of English of all ages, nationalities and walks of life to their small vibrant village. It started as a trickle, but nowadays hundreds of visitors from ages 3 to 83 make their way here annually to this purposely small, recognised English school. Their main objective is to learn English but they do a lot more besides. The mission of the Atlantic SEAL team is to ensure that these valuable visitors not only learn the language, but also live the local life, enjoy the leisure and fall in love with the location - in their safe hands.

Last year more than 16 nationalities of all ages visited the school's three centres. Often during the same week! Students are advised to book six to eight months in advance to secure one of the limited places.

This was not always the case and the journey to putting Atlantic SEAL on the map was long and often hard. Atlantic SEAL Director, Barbara Connelly, states however that it was all worthwhile. "At the beginning," she says, "some students had no idea where Ireland was located, let alone this small, gem of a village in West Cork!"

Students sign up to get the true 'full immersion' experience at Atlantic SEAL which, according to Connelly, is why they learn English so quickly and also have the time of their lives. Thanks to this, they come back year after year and become part of what they themselves often describe as 'The Atlantic SEAL

family'. The all-inclusive 'packages' cleverly combine a tailor-made English course with an exciting and eclectic selection of leisure activities. There is also a wide variety of accommodation choices to suit all personalities and budgets.

So what goes on?

Following a morning of expert English tuition, students enjoy sailing, kayaking, snorkelling, paddle boarding, body boarding, scuba diving, horseriding, team sports, hike and bike, and fishing trips. For the less sporty there are choices of T-shirt design, arts and crafts, Irish cookery/dance/music, jewellery making or yoga. All instruction is through English, so the learning and practice goes on even outside the classroom.

A large part of the Atlantic SEAL success story is the exceptional hospitality and warm welcome extended to students by a select group of locally-based host families. Holiday homes and B&Bs are also arranged.

The English teachers are highly experienced and qualified – most are 'homegrown', as **Atlantic SEAL** is also an approved English language teacher training centre

There are three centres, all within easy walking distance of each other:

- The Adult School is year round (18 to 88 years old).
- The Junior School runs Easter and summer (9-12/13-17 years).
- The Young Kiddies' English summer camp (3 to 8 year olds).

So all members of the family can enjoy their own individual experience.

All programmes can be viewed on www.atlantic-english.com



Thank you

Welcome to the "Discover Schull" 2015 Guide (the 38th edition).

This guide is produced by the Schull Business & Tourism Association, a volunteer body which exists to promote Schull and the Mizen to the outside world; to attract visitors to the area; to promote local businesses and support a viable and sustainable economy.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those businesses who have become members of the SBTA and/or taken adverts in this year's guide. The more members we have, the stronger the SBTA can become and the better we can realise the potential of this dynamic village. This guide and membership fees are the only income the SBTA receives and without this support we would not be able to do the work of promoting the village and area. All of the money raised by the SBTA is put back into the community in the form of

various locally based projects: the free wifi, christmas lighting, promotions, advertising, etc., and financially supporting many of the festivals and events that occur throughout the year.

This guide is produced as a handy reference to the area, providing relevant information for both visitors and locals alike - we hope you enjoy the experience! We are proud of what we have here and would love to share your experiences - on Instagram use the hashtag #discoverschull, check out our Tumblr site "Discover Mizen" discovermizen.tumblr. com, pin your images of Schull and the Mizen with DiscoverSchull on Pinterest, or share your stories on our Facebook page facebook.com/Discover.Schull.

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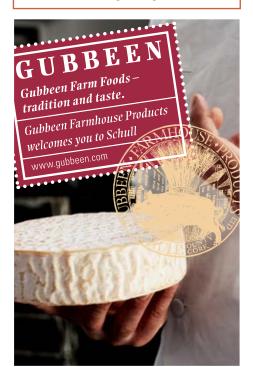


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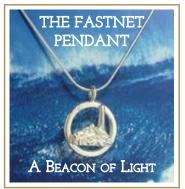
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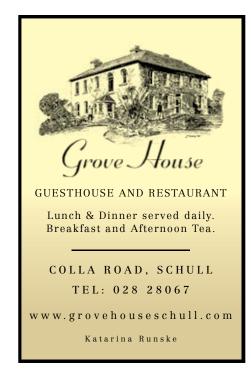




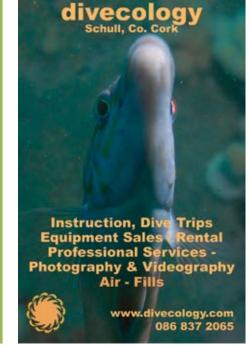
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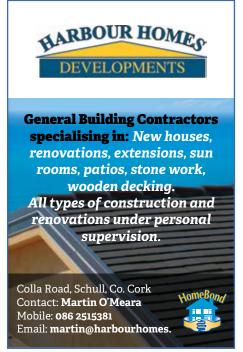








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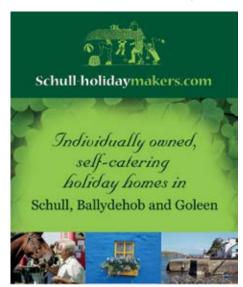
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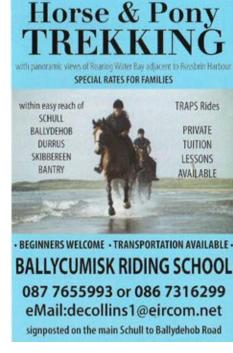
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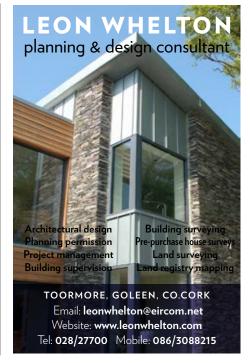
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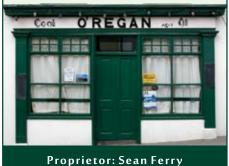
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