

Bertie Ahern set for Chamber meet-up

by Lisa Deeney

FORMER Taoiseach Bertie Ahern will be the guest speaker of County Kildare Chamber President's 12th of May luncheon.

"Bertie Ahern's achievements as a leader at home and abroad have been recognised internationally," said the chamber in its latest newsletter.

Mr Ahern was previously scheduled to attend a Kildare Chamber event until it was cancelled because of the pandemic restrictions.

"He has been conferred with honorary degrees by several universities and is one of only five people to enjoy the great distinction of having been invited to address both the Houses of Parliament at Westminster and the Houses of Congress of the United States in Washington DC."

Bertie Ahern led the successful negotiation of the Good Friday Agreement between the Irish and British Governments and the political parties in Northern Ireland in 1998. Bertie Ahern served as Taoiseach from 1997 to 2008.

The venue for the location is The Osprey Hotel and the three course meal costs €100. You can register online or email Jennifer@countykildarechamber.ie.

PLANNING

South Dublin County Council: Mr Kaushal Kathuria seek Planning Permission for a development at this location 13 Tullyhall Mews, Esker South, Lucan County Dublin K78C596. The development will consist of a two story detached house to be constructed directly adjacent to the existing house - No13, the proposed dwelling will consist of three bedrooms and two car parking spaces. The proposed dwelling will be designated as 13A. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm., and may also be viewed on the Council's website- www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20 within five weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

Middle-aged man facing sexual abuse charges involving neighbour's child

A MIDDLE-AGED man, who faces sexual abuse charges involving a neighbour's child, found himself before Kilcock District Court sitting in Naas on Tuesday of this week.

There are reporting restrictions and Judge Desmond Zaidan ruled that the man should not be named in order to protect the identity of the alleged injured party in the case.

Garda Danielle Farragher of Kil-dare Garda Station told the court that when she had put 17 charges to the defendant under caution he had replied "no reply" to almost all and "no comment" to the others.

She told Judge Desmond Zaidan that the case relates to charges of "sexual abuse and rape of the injured party," who was aged

between 14 and 15 when the incidents are alleged to have happened in 2001/2 "at various locations in Kildare and South County Dublin."

She said he was a neighbour to the child, who was vulnerable.

New evidence

Asked by Judge Zaidan why it was so long before the case had come to court, Garda Farragher replied that it had gone to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) ten years ago when it was decided that no prosecution should be taken. However, the gardai had new evidence in the case and had received "the go ahead" from the DPP the day before the court.

There was consent to bail which was fixed in an independent surety of €3,000, the defendant's own bond

of €1,000. A relative of the defendant was willing to provide the independent surety.

The Garda also demanded as bail conditions that the defendant sign on at a garda station three times a week, that he not try to get any travel documents, that he have no contact directly or indirectly with the injured party in the case, that he provide a contact number and be contactable on it, that he go to a specified address, and that he notify gardai of any change of address or contact number.

She said the case was going forward to the Circuit Criminal Court in Dublin. Judge Zaidan put the case back to May 17th at Kilcock District Court to give time for the provision of a Book of Evidence.

Ultra run for Carbury Carer's Association

by Lisa Deeney

CARBURY man Barney Daniels is taking to the roadways of Kildare, Meath, Westmeath, Longford, Roscommon and finally Sligo to raised funds for his local Carer's Association.

"When my father passed away the carer's association here in Carbury was very good to my mother. It's something I'll never forget. So I'm doing this run for them," he explained.

Daniels is starting at 12 noon on Good Friday 15th April and plans to

finish the run in 26 hours.

"We are going all through the night. I'll have friends and relatives helping me on my way," he said.

"I just want to challenge myself and to give something back. I'll do it. It might not be pretty but I'll get it done."

So far his gofund page has received €1,450 in donations. He would like to thank the support of his wife Francis and kids Amiee and Ryan, and LeCheile Athletic Club's John O'Regan.

"I'll run until the challenge is complete," he added.



Barney Daniels



Liffey Celtics Team L-R Back 1st Row: Caroline Gaffney, Anne Griffin, Triona McHugh, Aoife Tiernan. Middle Row: Tanya Toor, Lily Diffney, Caoimhe Doyle, Rithvi Alle, Keelin Mooney, Olivia Harrington, Niamh Looney, Emily Keegan, Laoise Boyce, Sophie Murphy. Front row: Emilia Gornicz, Freya Clifford, Saoirse Costelloe, Sophia Brown, Emily Geraghty, Himayni Sud, Aine Byrne Beades and Aine McFadden Fortune

A day of fun and basketball at Leixlip Amenities

by Melissa Cooke

GREAT fun was had by all at a Basketball Jamboree held by Liffey Celtics on Sunday, 3rd April.

Leixlip Amenities Centre was a hive of activity as four teams participated in the under 11 Girls Basketball Jamboree.

Two of the teams on the day were made up of Liffey Celtics players: Liffey

Celtics White and Liffey Celtics Green.

There was one team from the Oblates in Inchicore and one team from Firhouse.

Over 45 girls played in the tournament, and they were cheered on and supported by their friends and family, with a fun and exciting atmosphere filling the venue during the event, which ran from 2pm to 5pm.

While under 11s is a non-competi-

tive league with no scores recorded, there was still an air of healthy competition on the day, with plenty of hard work and determination on display.

Sweet treats and baked goods were provided by the under 11 Liffey Celtics Basketball team and their parents, and there was tea and coffee available from the staff at Craft Café.

The organisers thanked the staff at the cafe for their assistance.

LEIXLIP UNITED AFC CORNER



Leixlip United's Under-13C team.

Hutton and Jeffrey win cup quarter-final place for Leixlip United

by Debbie Moriarty

LEIXLIP UNITED Under-13 C Boys made their way into the Joe O'Leary Cup quarter finals last Saturday morning with an exhilarating win against the visitors Leicester Celtic.

The boys had an early free kick on the edge of the box which was taken by Eoghan Lyons hitting the back of the net.

Creating many chances for the rest of the first half, more goals were kept out by the Leicester Celtics goalkeeper.

The Leicester side from Dublin applied pressure on goal in the last 10 minutes of the first half, but Leixlip's defence and goalkeeper kept them at bay.

Ten minutes into the second half Celtic equalised but within 10 minutes of more strong attacking, Cameron McComish was through on the keeper and made it 2-1.

The game looked finished until Leicester Celtic played an all-out attack for the last few minutes and with an attacking overload put in an equaliser just before the final whistle to make it 2-2 and take the game into extra time.

With no change in score the game was decided by penalties. After the first five penalties it was 4-4 and with the sixth penalty taken by Leicester Celtic. Kyle Hutton made a crucial save.

Conor Jeffrey placed the ball and hit it in the back of the net to take the win for Leixlip United.

Sacred Heart 0-0 Leixlip United 0 Under-16 Sat Division 1

LEIXLIP UNITED's Under-16s are placed third in the table with a game in hand, three rounds out from completion.

Playing away from home there they produced a solid defensive performance last weekend.

The hosts had one header on target and United had two half chances to nick the win in second half but their goalkeeper came out to smother well.

Meanwhile, Leixlip United Under-19s beat park Celtic 2-1 in Sunday Division 1 league.

Greystones 0 Leixlip United 4 16 premier

GOALS from Callum Lynch (two) Josh Flood and Alex Ake gave Leixlip United's U16s a deserved win last weekend with two games in hand.

Lucan United 2 Leixlip United 4 Under 14 Intermediate

HERE was a very good win for the 14s away to Lucan United. The goals came from Kaylum Tynan, Aaron Reilly and Giulio Montironi 2.

Leixlip Line Dance Club hosts local fundraiser

by Ella Mahon

IF you are looking for a night of fun and are perhaps interested in trying something new, Leixlip's Line Dance Club will be hosting a "Routin' Tootin'" Modern Barn Dance on 7th May and hope to see your support!

The event is to raise funds for Scoil Choca Naofa's astro pitch in Kilcock.

Tickets are selling for 15 euro and there will be plenty of dancing to various music, raffles and opportunities to win prizes etc.

It will take place at Kilcock GAA Club from 8pm on the Saturday, the event is strictly over 18s and there will also be a free dance class at 7.30pm before the event for those who would like to practice.