

COMMUNITIES

## Piltown Community Enterprise Newsletter

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You are invited

To: An Open Day

At: Old Creamery Enterprise Centre, Piltown

Date: Thursday 9th April 2015

Time: 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm

All are welcome

## **The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre**

Stage 1 of the Old Creamery development has now been completed. It consists of three enterprise units. Two businesses will be taking occupancy within the next two weeks. Before this happens, we are inviting all people living in the parish to view what has been done to date and to speak with various Board Members about this project.

Work has been carried out on the site to enable Stage 2 and 3 to proceed with minimum disruption when the debt on Stage 1 is cleared.

We, the Board, know that all of you who knew the Old Creamery building will be impressed and pleased with what has been achieved with the actually structure of this building. The building is very spacious and it is expected that the businesses occupying this building will create approximately eight jobs, at least, within a short while.

Many of you will have stories to tell regarding this building – from playing pitch and toss in the corner under the bridge, to bringing milk here with you father as a child, to perhaps having your first date behind the gable end.

Would you share some of these stories with us? A box will be in the building on the Open Day and we would urge you to take pen to paper and let us share you story. It would be great to collect some of these memories before they are lost forever. Another option is to contact either Gerri (087-2191808) or Kate (087-9451394) who

would love to hear your story. We would also welcome old photos, which will be copied and returned.

Piltown Community Enterprise wish to acknowledge the ongoing support they are receiving from all corners of the community. To date our fund raising activities have been well supported. People have given of their time, their skills and their resources in a positive and encouraging way. This has made our work of raising the capital to pay for this development easier. It has also shown us that we

have the backing of the community, that they are appreciative of the task we undertook and they are acknowledging the rewards the community will get from this development.

Currently our debt stands at €80,000. A manageable amount considering the we are now in with a substantial asset - Old Creamery Building completed and ready for occupancy plus tenants ready to move in.

Plans are in motion for further fundraising activities throughout 2015.

Businesses, Farmers, Individuals - each and everyone one of you has a vital part to play in this project. We are asking that you continue to get involved and be prepared to contribute the task of creating jobs in our own community.

The jobs that were created in the Enterprise Centre in Fiddown are still in existence. T Butler Eng is currently employing 14 people. Two other companies, that started in Fiddown, have expanded and are still operating in Waterford plus various sole traders throughout south Kilkenny that PCE assisted 'getting off the ground'. Piltown Community Enterprise surpassed their target of job creation initially set in 1988.

We know that with this current project we will be successful in doing the same. The interest shown in units has surpassed what we have available at present.



Local clubs are showing their support towards the effort being made to create jobs within the community by getting involved with or organising fund raising activities. As a gesture of their support, Piltown Gun Club will host a Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at Bishops Mountain, Clay pigeon grounds, Mullinavat. Co Kilkenny.

This event will host a beginners section for those of you who would like to see what Clay Pigeon Shooting is all about. A qualified instructor will be on hand to instruct and demonstrate the basics of this sport. For further information on

this event please contact Sean Grace at 087-9530644

## **BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2015**

The Business Directory gives details of local businesses and services.

A copy of this directory was distributed to every house in 2014. It will not be reprinted in 2015. However, the online version is constantly being updated...

The online directory is available at www.piltowndirectory.ie.

This directory forms the basis of a Business Network which PCE uses to keep it members informed of various courses and activities organised for small businesses.

Should you wish to include your business in this directory please contact Kate at 051-643152



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