



Piltown Community Enterprise Newsletter

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Piltown Community Enterprise is a group of people, from all ends of the parish, that have come together with the aim of creating jobs in the Piltown area. Since we started the project of renovating The Old Creamery our projects have been varied. We have not shied away from any task that will lead us to fulfilling our aim of creating jobs in Piltown and have become involved with various groups within the community to achieve this aim.

PILTOWN COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE



The Old Creamery in 2014

In 2014 The Old Creamery, situated opposite Glanbia, was a derelict building. Today, it is a hub of activity housing two businesses and employing seven people. The old building was purchased from the proceeds of sale of the original Enterprise Centre in Fiddown in 2000. The renovation of the building cost €340,000. This building is a protected structure that has a significant heritage value and as a result many regulations had to be complied with. Today the balance of monies to be raised is €50,000 which we expect to clear within a short number of years.

We will be undertaking fundraising activities later in the year and hope we will have your support going forward. There is only one unit now available for rent and since the upgrade of broadband we have already had a few enquiries.



The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre 2016

The renovation of this building has given a new lease of life to this part of the village and has encouraged both Glanbia and Kilkenny County Council to upgrade the infrastructure. The current improvements of Creamery Road, are visible from the Waterford approach road into Piltown and brings the restoration of the village another step forward. It is a legacy to future generations that we can all be proud of.

PILTOWN DID STRICTLY



Piltown Community Enterprise undertook the task of running Piltown Does Strictly with the three schools to raise funds to reduce the loan on The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre. An exceptional parish night was enjoyed in the Lyrath Estate Hotel on Saturday November 14th 2015. The three Primary Schools in Templeorum Parish joined together with Piltown Community Enterprise to raise funds by staging PILTOWN DOES STRICTLY. The overall event realised a total profit of €66,700. In excess of 1100 people came from all corners of the parish to enjoy an event which was described by a person who attended as a 'large community wedding'. Photos of the night can be seen on Facebook/piltowndoesstrictly.



Dermot Keyes & Irene Malone
– MCs for Piltown Does Strictly

THE COTTAGE, LOUGHMORE, CO TIPPERARY



Gerri Hickey, John O Shea, Mary Fogarty

The café encourages people to mingle and the afternoon resulted in interesting conversations with lots of laughter. If you happen to be in this part of Tipperary - The Cottage is well worth a visit.

The Cottage is a community run Co-Operative Shop and Tearooms situated in the middle of Loughmore village in Co Tipperary (4 miles from Templemore) They have recently won the Get Involved Award, the Community Impact Award and the overall award and first prize in the Get Involved Sustainable Communities Award.

John O'Shea and Gerri Hickey, on behalf of PCE, dropped into the Cottage and were delighted to meet with Mary Fogarty (who, along with Maeve O Hair, originally had this idea). The layout of

LEADER 2007 – 2015 END OF PROGRAMME REPORT



The parish of Piltown has had a very good working relationship with Kilkenny LEADER Partnership. Piltown Community Enterprise (PCE) was invited to be one of the four communities, from the county, to present their project and the work achieved by the community in the development of The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre at this event which was held in Kilkenny Castle Parade Tower on Friday 29th January

2016. Micheal O Muirheartaigh was the special guest and he took time out to talk to the Board Members who represented PCE on the day as it was a project in which he had a keen interest. His talk stressed the need for communities to share their skills and to work together to improve their locality, their lifestyles and to assist in the creation of sustainable jobs.



JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME (JEP) – PILTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL



Piltown Community Enterprise (PCE) was delighted to be involved with Piltown National School (PNS) for the 3rd consecutive year as the 'Dragon Judges' on the very successful Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP).

JEP is a 10 - 16 week entrepreneurial education programme for primary school pupils. This innovative programme opens the minds of primary school pupils to the joy of entrepreneurship at a time in their lives when they are full of imagination and open to new possibilities. The programme helps participating pupils to develop a number of skills

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including literacy, writing, presentation, drawing, technology, research skills, numeracy, financial, consumer awareness, storytelling, listening skills, creative thinking, problem solving, team building and collaboration skills.

Ms Aideen Sheehan (Teacher), organises this programme in Piltown National School for 5th and 6th classes and assists the pupils in developing and presenting ideas. This year the winning project was Fairy Doors – a tool to develop a child’s imagination. As parents will be aware these items are in demand by children at present. This item was made from plaster instead of the traditional wood and was sold at a much reduced cost. The market day, a fundraising event for the school, was very successful and made over €2000 for the school. The Regional Showcase Day was held in the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny, where all sixteen schools presented their products. Piltown National School was also presented with a plaque, flag and medal for each child. Congratulations to all the pupils involved with this project and to Aideen Sheehan and Piltown National School for undertaking this extra-curricular activity.

UPDATE ON BROADBAND ROLLOUT



Piltown Community Enterprise, together with a number of local business people, has been involved in a campaign to ensure that broadband rollout went ahead on schedule in the Piltown area. We are pleased to say that Piltown Exchange has now been upgraded and the first phase of the rollout occurred on April 14th 2016

Any premises connected directly to the exchange and less than 1.5km from the exchange are now in a position to access the high speed broadband network with speeds up to 100Mb/s. The speed is determined on distance from the exchange.

Upgraded Cabinets Live - 5 in total, are still on target to go live by the end of June 2016. These cabinets will extend the speeds of up to 100Mb/s to a larger range of users. The actual speed delivered to the home will depend on the distance you are from the cabinet as the signal will travel from there by means of the existing copper cable.

Piltown Fiber to the Home (FTTH) - will be completed this year, which means that a further 330 premises within Piltown that are too far from cabinets or the exchange will be enabled with Fiber to the Home, giving up to 1Gb/s by December 2016

CAKEFACE PASTRY

The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre



CakeFace Pastry produces quirky and unique cakes, pastries and individual desserts which, to date, they sell at Dungarvan Farmers Market on Thursdays and at festivals and events throughout Ireland at the weekends. Orders can be collected in Piltown.

Since setting up in The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre in July 2015 Laura and Rory have been busy developing their own range of products in their unit in Piltown. They are delighted with the response and recognition they have been receiving and are thrilled to now be in the position to be to take orders.

If you want to purchase some of their delicious desserts or cakes for birthdays, communion or any occasion call:

Laura at 086-6017045

or have a look at their website www.cakefacepastry.com



Handmade bespoke desserts, pastries, cakes and favours for you, your family or even your business. Why not impress with their range of unique desserts, cakes, pastries and sweet treats.

THE OLD CREAMERY – TIMES PAST

THE KIELY FAMILY, BELLINE, PILTOWN

During the 1960s Piltown Creamery was a hive activity employing about 30 people. Larry Kiely worked there during this time when he was 14 years of age.

At that stage Piltown Creamery had its own grocery shop. O Dwyer's Butcher Shop was nearby, a premises which was originally owned by Mr Tom O Shea, Ardclone.

First thing every morning Larry would cycle, on the heavy old creamery bike, to Hickeys Shop in Fiddown to collect the daily newspapers. Hickeys premises can still be seen today on the right hand side just after Inis Alainn estate.

His next duty was spent in a store at the back of the Creamery weighing out sugar and tea into half pound bags. After which he mounted his bike again and delivered groceries all around Belline, Tybroughney, Ardclone, Turkstown, Corloughan, Banagher and Piltown village.

His boss at this time was Breda Power R.I.P. from Breanor – a sister of Ned Power who played hurling on the County Kilkenny team in 1966.

Larry was later promoted to serving behind the counter working four full days and 2 half days per week. His weekly wage was 15 shillings per week which is €2.29 per week in today's currency.

During this time his brother, Fintan, worked in the stores in the Creamery with Jackie Comerford. At a later stage Larry's other two brothers, Charlie and Roger, served their time here also.

The Creamery was, back then, the first step for many lads starting out in their working lives.



Larry Kiely

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COMMERCIAL UNIT TO LET

The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre is a recently developed prominent premises situated in the centre of Piltown Village.

It consists of three units, each with own access

Unit 2 – 450 sq ft on the 1st floor is now available for rent with 30mb fiberoptic broadband.

The building is in a prominent location and is well represented with easy access to the parking. For further information contact

Gerri 087-2191808

The Old Creamery Enterprise Centre is on the line of the recently upgraded fiberoptic broadband. We are now in a position to offer an upload speed of 30mb to all our tenants

If you would like to view this unit please contact Gerri Hickey 087-2191808 who will arrange a suitable time with you.



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