MooreHaven News

Patrick Crowe walked the Galtee Challenge. This is a 31km traverse of the entire Galtee Mountain range, taking in all major peaks. Patrick raised €1,000 for MooreHaven. Derry acknowledged the valuable contribution when he accepted the cheque. Patrick would like to wish his friend John Condon a speedy recovery.

EAMON AND GER ARE SIMPLY THE BEST

After their victory win against Residential, Eamon Cooney and Ger Heffernan made the bus drivers proud when they represented them at a recent putting competition. Seen here with the winning cup and bus drivers Liam Guilfoyle, Eddie Madden and Humphrey O’Leary. More details inside.

CAPTURING THE MOMENT

Geraldine O’Connell and Elena Sawczenko at the early stages of a mural which one can enjoy as you enter MooreHaven. Elena Sawczenko came to Ireland in 2007 from Poland. Elena became profoundly deaf at a very early age and communicates with the world through sign language. Elena uses acrylics and oils to create portraits, landscapes and also specialises in murals for public spaces. Elena has had a number of very successful solo and group exhibitions around the country, in Cork, Clonmel, Tipperary Town and in Dublin. Elena is very keen to share her skills and experience with adults and children and dreams of becoming a teacher in the deaf community. She would also like to teach sign language and promote the integration of deaf and hearing communities. Geraldine O’Connell is assisting Elena during this ongoing project and is very proud of their display.
Emma O'Neill works full-time as the new Day and Residential Manager

Emma worked previously as a Manager in an organisation in Australia which had over 500 service users. The goal was to empower each person to decide how their funding would be best spent on their needs, wishes and according to their rights. There was a multi-disciplinary approach to the service.

However, her long term plan was to return to Ireland to her family and friends. She is presently busy managing two sections in the Centre both Horizon1 and Day Activation. She hopes to develop new programmes and to support service users to get out more in the community in accordance with the requirements of New Directions.

She also manages the Residential Homes and is delighted that HIQA have recently reregistered the Centre. Last year two new posts were created in accordance with HIQA requirements, including Josephine Norris, Person In Charge (PIC) and Sandra O'Donnell, Deputy PIC. She feels HIQA are needed and will make sure services are compliant with best practice. She feels that HIQA needs to listen to feedback from Service Users and that the outcomes are achievable for Service Providers.

One of her priorities at the moment is Respite which families really need. Her aim is that MooreHaven strategically moves forward as a community and stays compliant with standards and that she has a good working relationship with everyone here. Emma also strives for the Centre to have a strong values based vision and ethos. The Centre supports choice and is welcoming to change.

Emma enjoys spinning, Jacuzzi, and reading and wouldn't mind a meal with Price Harry!

Sandra O'Donnell joins us as Deputy Person In Charge

Sandra works in the Residential homes as the Deputy PIC. Her job is to support Josephine Norris (Person in Charge) and in her absence to step in to run a smooth ship. HIQA defined these new roles. She is enjoying the balance in her new role, which includes admin and providing support in the house. Her aim is to take care of the Service Users both their emotional and social needs as well as running the house, record keeping, and reaching HIQA, fire and medication standards. She believes everyone is here for the same reason and will enjoy watching MooreHaven change and grow. As regards HIQA she is not afraid, you can only get better. They are there to protect the service user. The downside is there is no handbook or finance from them, they only tell you what they want.

Sandra lives in Kildorrey and married John last year. She describes herself as bubbly, a bit crazy and likes order. She likes the gym, reading, animals and vintage tractors and going on holiday especially Florida.

ANNE BOWES EXPLAINS RESPITE AND HOW IT IS SO VALUABLE TO HER AND OTHER FAMILIES WHO AVAL OF THE SERVICE

My name is Anne Bowes from Mocklershill in Cashel. I used to go on Respite every Thursday and Friday night to the Laurels on the Bansha Road. I didn't go for a while as there is no respite available at present. Respite is where people can stay in the Residential Homes in Tipperary Town for a short time. I used to go to give my brother Paul and his wife Mary a break from looking after me. I loved going on Respite. The girls are friendly and we have a laugh. The houseparent's are very nice to me. Its like going away on a holiday every weekend. I feel independent when on Respite. We go Bowling with the special Olympics on a Thursday and go out for coffee every Saturday. I miss the trips out. I hope to be back again very soon.
END OF AN ERA AS KATHLEEN MORRISSEY RETIRES AFTER THIRTY ONE YEARS SERVICE. HER FRIENDS IN MOOREHAVEN RECALL VERY HAPPY MEMORIES OF WORKING WITH HER.

- She was always very good to me  
  Mary Ryan
- She was a lovely woman in here.  
  Margaret Slater
- Kathleen was nice.  
  Kathleen Power
- She was lovely and friendly.  
  Noreen Ryan
- I knew her for many years.  
  Brid Donovan
- She was nice.  
  Chantel Fryters
- I wish Kathleen well  
  Mary Kate Martin
- Wishing you luck Kathleen.  
  Vanessa O’Gorman
- Best of luck, we all miss you, come into visit us soon.  
  Shauna Bloom
- Kathleen is my friend, and I miss her.  
  Carmel Magnier
- Kathleen worked very hard and was very dedicated to MooreHaven.  
  Louise Ryan
- She was a generous lady, if there was any problem, she would sort it out.  
  Aoife Leahy
- She was a nice person with a good sense of humour  
  Sharon Fitzgerald
- Kathleen had a great relationship with both staff and the people supported in MooreHaven and was always there to help  
  Josephine Norris
- In 2005 I was in her section. While there I went to Buttercup Farm with her. We used to have chats about politics, the Royal Family and hurling.  
  Brendan O’Dwyer
- Kathleen was a huge part of MooreHaven and she has left big shoes to fill. I want to acknowledge her great contribution over the 31 years she worked in MooreHaven. Kathleen is always welcome in MooreHaven and people are continually asking how is she and when is she coming in to see us? I wish Kathleen many long and happy and healthy years of retirement.  
  Derry McMahon
- Kathleen was a great promoter of MooreHaven News. She purchased many copies of each issue for family members. We hope she continues to support us!  
  Editors
- I know Kathleen for a long time, have a nice time in the future.  
  Emily Moore
- She used to call every Monday to the group home to say hello  
  Josephine Ray

Noreen Fahy retired from the Centre in December. We met up with Noreen before she left.

She really enjoyed her time here. She got on with everyone, “it has thought me a lot about life and how lucky we are and how we should be grateful for what we have. It’s a great facility for people with disabilities, providing work, a place to meet friends and somewhere to learn new skills”. Her plan now is to do some gardening and walking, just to take things easy.

Noreen resides in Glenview Square and has three children, Morgan, Mairead and Shauna. We all miss Noreen and wish her well in her retirement.

Susan O’Sullivan has moved to Fleming Medical Ltd; in Limerick City, a medical supply store for pharmacies, hospitals and nursing homes. According to Susan “the role is completely out of my comfort zone, you have to make the most of opportunities that come your way”

She would like to thank everyone for the welcome she received and wishes us health and happiness.
We say goodbye to a dear friend Tony Crotty who passed away unexpectedly on 30th December 2017

Noreen McNamara called in to meet the MooreHaven editors and spoke to the group about her brother Tony Crotty. Tony lived in Glenatfically in Mitchelstown. He was the second eldest of seven children, five boys and two girls. He went to Cork City to Scoil Bernadette and later to the Vocational Training Centre, which was part of COPE Foundation. He worked in Togher in the Help Industries making stools, furniture and timber products. While there he stayed with different landladies in Cork. Aiden Kirwan was a very good friend of his in Cork and they travelled to Mosney together on many occasions. In 1993 his mother died and Tony moved back home. He travelled to Cork two to three days a week on the bus with his friend Michael Condon where he worked in the laundry in Cope, Montenotte. Anne Long took him under her wing. Over the years Tony won many medals for Special Olympics and had travelled to many Munster, National and European games including Connecticut for the World Special Olympics in 1995. In 2010 after a spell in hospital Tony went to live with his sister Noreen in Tipperary. He joined MooreHaven in 2011 and came two days a week. He looked forward to the summer and Xmas parties in MooreHaven. He loved coming here, he never stopped talking about it. He received many Certificates while he was here. He loved the variety that was on offer. He was able to live independently in Mitchelstown a few days a week. He loved bowling, going to see films, going on holidays, collecting magazines as well as music, concerts, Star Wars, Murder She Wrote, and musicals. He looked forward to visits from his brother Michael in Madrid and Kieran in London. He spent a lot of time with his sister Ann going to films, concerts and mass together. He had regular visits from his brother Gerard and Tadgh. His neighbours Margaret McInery, Michael and Nora O'Sullivan as well as Billy Barret were regular visitors to his home. Tony was very witty, very wise in his own way. His excuse was "I haven't time"! He loved animals especially his pet dog Gloria.

REST IN PEACE FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

He was a very good worker and we miss him and remember him all the time. Paddy Foley
He was a pleasure to be around and a gentleman. We could always rely on him for a chat and he was so helpful in the section. Sean Long
Tony was very quiet, he was a very nice person. Always very friendly, we miss him. Marenia Gleeson
Tony was a gentleman, well mannered and friendly. We all remember him very fondly. He didn't like stew so we always remember him when it's on our menu! Canteen
Tony was always able to make us laugh with his stories especially the one about him getting engaged. He was a pleasure to work with in the contract section of sewing. Sewing
Tony would never pass you without saying hello. When you would have a disco he would always request Big Tom. Lovely to have known you. Margaret O'Neill
Tony was nice and kind. Geraldine O'Connell
I was new to the Horizon 1 group and only met Tony a few times but on each occasion I was struck by the care he showed towards his colleagues in the group, opening doors, helping ladies put on their coats. A pure gentleman, a lovely smile, a gentle soul. Annie Hutton
This is an Advocacy group for all of the service users in the Centre – meetings happen once a month and as many people as possible are encouraged to attend. Two days before the meeting is planned to take place, Marissa Noonan and Tom Crowe go around to all of the sections asking people if they have anything that they would like to talk about at the meeting. At the meeting they read them out and each issue is discussed at the meeting. Everyone who attends the meeting is given the opportunity to have their say and if questions can be answered at the time, they are, if not they are answered at the next meeting. The Advocacy group raise all kinds of issues i.e. we now have the canteen menu emailed out each week – this request came from the Advocacy group. This group also had a say in which activities we would have during the summer programme and decided on the venue for the summer party and DJ. The Advocacy group also put together the rules for using the computers in both IT rooms and they also put together the rules around behaviour for everybody in the Centre.

As you can see this group is very important in the Centre and we would like to say Thank You to everyone who is involved. Janine Duffy
In February 2018, MooreHaven allocated funds raised from various fundraising events & donations to the purchase of 14 new computers for our 2 IT Rooms. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following fundraisers whose funds were used for this project – Alan Carter who completed the Tour de Munster in August 2017, Michelle Ryan and Sean Croker from Tipperary Town Macra who coordinated the Tipperary Town Macra Tractor Run in October 2017 and Rose Ryan, Paula Hickey and Joe Franklin who organised the Halloween Discos in 2016 and 2017 – all in aid of MooreHaven. Our sincere thanks to all these volunteers for the time & effort they have committed to organise these events – the benefits of these efforts can be seen every day in our upgraded IT facilities for our Service Users!

Aisling is delighted to receive a Certificate in General Learning and Personal Development from Mary Immaculate College in Limerick last year. The course duration was two years. Aisling travelled by train each day from her home. Aisling said “it was very helpful, the people I did the course with were very friendly. The tutors were polite and helpful. I gained new skills and confidence and it is a fantastic course. It was tense and hard but I learnt so much from start to finish. It covered technology, arts and crafts and work experience. I was exempt from the maths module. I am now back in MooreHaven four days a week where I work in the canteen. I have also secured paid work in Applegreen in Tipperary every Wednesday and Friday. I would like to thank everyone in Applegreen, I love it there.

Shauna Bloom, is the proud Godmother to Georgia who is a twin. “I enjoyed every bit of it, I was dancing all day at the christening in Clondalkin

Ann-Marie Hyland delighted to announce the arrival of her niece baby Ellie Jane who was born on 18th June 2018. She is a sister to Claire, Conor, James and Philip.

Great excitement as Conor Keogh graduated from a Literacy & Technology Hands On (Latch On) programme in Limerick. This is a two year literacy programme for adults with Down Syndrome. It was developed at the University of Queensland, Australia and is now taught in centres across Ireland. Course content is designed to allow students opportunities to access literacy in all its forms from viewing through to reading and writing. Conor has decided to progress to the next level. Well done Conor on this major achievement. J.P. McManus is pictured with Conor at the celebrations.
HORIZON 1 WELCOMES ANNIE HUTTON

I joined MooreHaven in December. It’s a fabulous Centre, with so much going on. I have enjoyed meeting everyone and find the Centre a happy place to be. My family are from Tipperary Town and I have one daughter and two grandchildren living here. In the picture opposite is Noreen Ryan from Rossmore and Annie Hutton. in the background is a very impressive mural.

Wedded bliss

Shauna Bloom had a wedding in May. She was a bridesmaid and it was held in Cork. She had a great time. Her favourite part was walking down the aisle, sitting at the top table and the first dance.

Sharon Fitzgerald arrives at RTE to join the audience at Ryan Tubridy’s Late Late Show. Pictured here with her friend Joan Norris.

DAY SERVICE UPDATE
JANINE DUFFY

We are currently in the middle of our summer programme which means that we put the books away and do some fun things instead. We had Ice Cream day on 19th June with all proceeds going to the Down Syndrome Association and we also had a talk on recycling that same day which was very informative. Activities for the summer programme include arts & crafts classes including tie die and decoupage, cooking and smoothie making classes and the Horizon groups have completed a Piñata project for the summer party. We also had a Tai Chi class and drama classes as well as day trips out.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff for getting involved with all of the activities. We have also had a couple of trips to the cinema in the past few months and these days have proved to be very popular with all of the service users and The Badgers came into the Centre on Wednesday 4th July to play some trad music which was enjoyed by all.

Back in March 2018 we had the QQI external authenticator come into the Centre to verify QQI work for certification – his feedback was very positive regarding the standard of the work – WELL DONE to all involved.

In September we will have 4 new people joining us on the training programme and 4 people will be moving on. Work experience is continuing for all of the service users in the Centre both internally and with local employers and we would like to acknowledge their help and support in this. Work experience is an essential part of the day service as it helps to build skills and provide a real work like experience for the service user.

The summer party is to be held in Ballykisteen Hotel on Thursday 19th July 2018 from 4.30 pm – 9.30 pm – HAPPY HOLIDAYS.
For one day every April, Job Shadow Day brings people with disabilities and local employers together to highlight the valuable contribution MooreHaven clients can and do bring to the workforce. Shop owner Carmel Dolan commented that this programme has proven to be a huge success for our organisation, the community and most importantly John himself.

2018 Job Shadow Day proved another huge success this year with John Condon displaying his work skills in Dolan’s Supervalu Cahir.

Heartiest congratulations to Ashling Nolan who recently has gained part-time employment in Applegreen Tipperary town.

Ashling proved her worth by completing a work – experience placement beforehand. Store manager Helen Hogan commented that Ashling’s success was contributed to by her good time keeping, her immaculate appearance and her hard work ethic. Ashling commented that she enjoys working here because the people are so friendly and with the extra income she hopes to save for a car.

TIM CAREY IS EMPLOYED AS JOB COACH IN THE MOOREHAVEN CENTRE. A Jobs Club is open every Friday between 1.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. This time is allocated to support individuals who are presently out on placements.

Sean Nash is also one of our Job Coaches and like Tim is available to service users in the Centre who would like to access work experience..

Anyone interested in availing of work experience placements can do so through the PCP (Person centred planning) process. At this meeting you are encouraged to talk about your wishes and goals.
WORK EXPERIENCE DEVELOPING KEY SKILLS

My name is Niamh O’Brien from Hollyford. I do my work experience at Hair Design in Tipperary town. I have been working there for many years. My job is to fold the towels, sweep the floor, polish the mirrors and to sort the rollers. I work with Leanne, Aoife and Margaret. They are kind and genuine and very cheerful when I see them. I work every Tuesday at 10 O’ clock for one hour. Work experience makes me happy and in good form. I like getting out of MooreHaven and meeting new people. My job coach is Sean Nash. He is nice. Going out to work makes me and my family proud. I look after the customers by giving them magazines and coffees.

In March 2018, MooreHaven purchased a much needed new minibus as our fleet of vehicles is aging. The funds received from Churchgate collections from 2013 to 2017 provided the funding for the purchase of this vehicle. MooreHaven would like to express our sincere thanks to the many volunteers who assisted in these collections and to all who donated to these collections from the parishes of Tipperary Town, Hospital, Doon, Lisvernan, Kilfeakle, Golden, Galbally, Knockavilla, Donaskeagh, Cappawhite, Solohead, Lattin, Cullen, Annacarthy, Bansha, Kilmoyley, Emly, Ballylanders.

FEEL, LOOK AND BE BEAUTIFUL AT HAIR DESIGN, TIPPERARY TOWN

Hair Design is located on O’Brien Street in Tipperary town. The owner Margaret Quirke opened the salon in June 1985 and it was revamped last October. Aoife Guerin and Leanne Leigh work in the salon, the salon caters for clients of all ages and mainly repeat customers. According to the girls hair styles have changed dramatically over the years. It is easier now with the help of all the extra tools. People are doing their hair more frequent and pampering is not seen as a luxury. In the early days perms were the fashion now its either straight or curls. A hairdresser has to be a good communicator and know when a client wants to chat. Margaret said they don’t advertise and are not on Facebook and business is usually by word of mouth.

Caring for your hair consists of washing at least twice a week and using a regular conditioner. A special treatment needs to be applied occasionally, especially if you have highlights. It is better to colour your hair in a salon as it is hard to predict a colour from a shop. Cut and style your hair every 6 weeks to keep it in good condition.

The girls organised a coffee morning which raised a staggering €1076 for the hospice.

Staff would like to thank all the customers for their loyalty and friendships over the years.

Two workshops were delivered recently to service users and staff. Jason O’Mahony, I.T. Consultant spoke about the importance of staying safe while on the internet.

Attracta White organised Victoria Wills, Environmental officer with Mr Binman to come in to give a talk on recycling.
In December 2017, MooreHaven, supported by the HSE Tipperary Gold Star Initiative ran an art competition to design and create a logo for the MooreHaven Centre. The winning logo was designed by Amy Lowry from St Anne’s Secondary School in Tipperary Town and the runners up were Katie Kent-Francis and Heather O’Dwyer. A presentation of prizes took place in MooreHaven Centre on 8th May 2018.

In Amy’s words, “the tree represents the nurturing and caring environment that MooreHaven Staff and volunteers provide. The trees roots are firmly lodged in the ground representing the committed staff who are willing and ready for hard work. The leaves represent the many service users who benefit from this care everyday and without the leaves the tree would be left bare”

The Board, Management, Staff & Service users of MooreHaven would like to thank all of the participants for the time and effort taken to partake in the competition. We would also like to acknowledge & thank Anne Bradshaw from HSE Disability Services and also the teachers who facilitated this Competition - Claire Long from St Ailbe’s Secondary School, Helen Ryan and Mairead Hayes from St Anne’s Secondary School.

Michele O’Shea has successfully secured part-time paid employment in the IWA in Tipperary. She also volunteers three days a week. Keep up the good work.

Brid Donovan enjoys her work experience at Dorothy’s Flower Shop in Tipperary. Pictured above with Dorothy Casey and Sabrina Borza

Every Thursday morning I go to St. Vincent’s day care Centre, to assist staff to give out lunches and do general tidy up. I love working there. Staff are very friendly and helpful. I also did placement in the Tea Rooms in Annacarty. I love keeping busy.

Anna Foley

Marian McGrath busy at work in Stitchrite.

Anna Foley

MOOREHAVEN LOGO COMPETITION 2018
David Quirke from Tipperary Lions Club came to the Centre in December to collect a cheque for €320. This was raised through a fundraiser where service users and staff wore their Christmas jumpers at work for one day. The Lions were delighted to receive the money when they did as it helped to feed 150 people at Christmas.

Tom Crowe lives in Thomastown, Golden and went to school in Donohill and the Abbey CBS. Tom comes to the Centre everyday. He travels on the local ring a link bus. He likes the training and meeting new friends. He has become friends with Graham Gleeson. He joined the programme in January 2018. He enjoys computers and gardening. He likes hurling and Gaelic football. He has three brothers and three sisters. Before here he was doing FETAC Level 4 computer applications and office skills in the National Learning Network. He would like to work in the canteen part time when finished his training. He enjoys going on trips with his class mates such as cinema and walking trips.

Hi my name is Katie Condon. I am from Cullen. I was working in various schools before I came here. I am now a supervisor and I work in Training, teaching QQI Modules. I enjoy the variety here and working with adults with an intellectual disability. The work is very rewarding and Moorehaven is great place to be. Katie is presently doing her masters in Primary Education with Hibernia College.

Mary Buckley, Cappawhite Active Retirement invited MooreHaven to their music afternoon. Liz Murnane, Mary Treacy, Noreen Ryan, Sarah English, Anne Bowes and Paddy Foley are pictured enjoying music, dance and refreshments. The plan is to go again when they resume activities in September.

Cappawhite Active Retirement Group

Hello to Tom Crowe who joins the MooreHaven Training Programme

Tom comes to the Centre everyday. He travels on the local ring a link bus. He likes the training and meeting new friends. He has become friends with Graham Gleeson. He joined the programme in January 2018. He enjoys computers and gardening. He likes hurling and Gaelic football. He has three brothers and three sisters. Before here he was doing FETAC Level 4 computer applications and office skills in the National Learning Network. He would like to work in the canteen part time when finished his training. He enjoys going on trips with his class mates such as cinema and walking trips.
As the community of MooreHaven look forward to the summer break, the committee of the F.R.A look back on a very busy year with a variety of guest speakers attending our monthly/bi-monthly meetings. The development of a health and wellness policy; the possible development of a respite house in MooreHaven and the promotion of the “social farming model” as an additional and integrational activity; these three topics have been the focus of our activities since last October.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following guest speakers for their enlightening presentations.

1. “The lasting Benefits of Healthy Eating” – Angela Ryan, Catering Manager, MooreHaven Centre
3. “Social Farming and its positive benefits for participant and Host Farmer” – Paul Tidd, Regional Development Officer, Social Farming Ireland, South-East.
5. “MooreHaven, a promotional presentation” – Mary Kate Martin and Paddy O’Dwyer, Service Users. Many thanks to Jeanne Roche, I.T. Tutor, MooreHaven for facilitating same.
7. “On-line Awareness, Children of the Digital Age” – Mr Jason O’Mahony, I.T. Consultant. Sincere thanks to Derry McMahon, Manager for sponsoring same.
8. Service users, accompanied by a parent/sibling/guardian availed of a one to one, complimentary, confidential session regarding “health and wellness” with Orlagh McCarthy, Unislim tutor. Thanks also to Orlagh for her generosity. Following on from this successful venture and if sufficient interest is shown, a health and wellness class will begin in MooreHaven next September.

At the AGM of the Family and Relatives Association held on Monday June 25th, the following officers were elected:
Chairperson:  Billy Bloom
Secretary:    Anne Cooney
Treasurer:   Pauline Mulcahy

Amy Keogh and Liam Treacy have been elected as F.R.A. representatives on the Board of Directors of MooreHaven.

Kathleen Morrissey, a loyal and dedicated member of the management team of MooreHaven retired after Christmas. The committee wish Kathleen good health, happiness and fulfilment ad multos annos.

We extend a warm welcome to all newly appointed members of management and staff and wish them every success in their respective roles.

Míle buíochas to all who attended our meetings since last October and looking forward to increased numbers next September.

Wishing the MooreHaven community ie. service users, staff, parents/siblings/guardians and management a truly enjoyable and safe holiday.
BLESHKA REUNION IN AID OF THE MOOREHAVEN CENTRE

David Bourke from Doon came in to tell us about his successful band reunion with the proceeds going to the Centre. “It was the 10 year anniversary of our first gig as a band. We hadn’t played together for a long time and thought it would be a great opportunity to plan and make some money for charity. Yeah I do miss playing and I’d love to go back as a two piece band. I’m in the process of looking for a singer”. Would his brother Diarmuid who works in the Garden Centre think of auditioning, “no he said I’m not a singer, David is the only family member who plays music”. Diarmuid likes to listen to Johnny Cash and Elvis. David would like to thank the following for sponsorship, Aherlow House Hotel, Woodlands, Adare, Carvery Restaurant, Dunnes, Widdess Pharmacy Limerick, Bleisce Barbers, J.s Fitness, Betty Buckley, Ryans Centra, Service Station Doon, Danny Ryans music Tipperary, Mikey McNamara Chiropractor, Excel Centre Tipperary, The local bar, Doon, and Tipperary Mid West Radio.

Lots of celebrations

Emma O’Neill accepts a cheque for €1455 from David and Diarmuid Bourke

John Flynn celebrates reaching 21

Rachael Patterson is 21

Ryan Hayes partying at 21

Lisa Lonergan loving life at 30

Fab at 50 are Mary Maher, Mairead Ryan and Sheila Corbett

John Aherne young at 40
EAMON AND GER PUTTS THE BUS DRIVERS TO VICTORY!

Warm weather and a great turnout added to the excitement during a recent putting tournament at the Centre. Eamon Cooney and Ger Heffernan representing the bus drivers had a super win over Residential when they beat Marian McGrath and Karina Houlihan in the finals. All Teams gave a tremendous performance, battling it out for a place in the final. After a very close round Eamon and Ger proved to be the best putters on the day much to the delight of our bus drivers! A big thank you to Eddie Madden the adjudicator on all three days. We also thank our loyal supporters who turned up in large numbers. The putting green which is part of our new sensory garden is a marvellous addition to the Centre.

Denis Kennedy, Imelda Fitzpatrick, Ellen Kiely, Carol Fitzpatrick and Derry McMahon enjoying the glorious conditions at the Golf Classic

Noelle Kiely Golf Classic was held in Tipperary Golf Club on Friday 6th July. This annual event which is a huge success is organised by Imelda Fitzpatrick. A very impressive total of €5,805 was raised from the event for MooreHaven. Team players, Sean Long, Jeanne Roche and Joe Franklin represented the Centre on the day.
Pictured is the winning South Tipperary Boccia Team. They beat IWA and Rehab Care. MooreHaven are now going ahead to the County League. Pictured above is Elaine, South Tipperary Sports Partnership, Noel Ryan, Brendan O'Dwyer, Dan Quigley, Shane Lonergan, John Aherne, Brid Donovan and Marian Mcgrath.

Pauline Scanlon is pictured above getting fit through cardio and light weight gym exercises under the careful guidance of her Recreational Co-ordinator John Aherne.

Boccia Team—Brendan O'Dwyer, Marian McGrath, Noel Ryan, Joey Maher and Brid Donovan.

The 6th Nations trophy and Triple Crown came to Clonwilliam Rugby Club for all locals to come and view. Emer Ryan, Conor Keogh, Christine Ryan and Donal Carroll couldn't resist the visit. They were joined by Pauline Scanlon and Brendan O'Dwyer.
As July looms, it is time to pen a few words for this the 30th edition of MooreHaven News. What are the points of note since the Christmas 2017 edition?

Kathleen Morrissey has retired from MooreHaven. Kathleen finished on Friday 12th January. She left quietly with no fanfare as this was her wish. Kathleen played a huge part in MooreHaven over her 31 years in the Centre. Kathleen started in the day service working in Day Activation and in 1998, she was asked to ‘keep an eye’ on the residential side for a few weeks. Fast forward to 2018, on Kathleen’s retirement, a re-organisation of the residential service was required. On my behalf, I wish to thank you Kathleen for all your work and great dedication to caring for everyone, you were ‘one of a kind’. I wish you every happiness as you turn a new leaf entering a new chapter in your life. You have earned your rest, though as someone recently said you have too much still to offer to ‘hang up your boots’ completely.

Reorganisation of the Residential Service, the following appointments were made: Josephine Norris and Sandra O’Donnell were appointed as Person in Charge and deputy person in charge of the residential service. Josephine Norris is appointed to fill ‘Person in Charge’ role while Sandra O’Donnell is part of the ‘Person participating in management’, HIQA term for the on-call support team supporting the residential team. Both Josephine and Sandra work ‘on the ground’ in the four residential homes. Emma O’Neill is the new day and residential manager, Emma’s role is to span the day and residential service. I welcome Emma, Josephine and Sandra to the team and I hope you will enjoy your time working in MooreHaven.

An announced HIQA inspection was held in late January 2018. The initial feedback from HIQA is residents have a good quality of life in relation to community involvement, going on outings and engaging in the daily life of the town and all the leisure and recreational pursuits in the area. An action plan is in place with timelines in relation to working on the Centre’s policies.

Sadly, Tony Crotty passed away on Saturday 30th December 2017, very unexpectedly. A mass was said for Tony by Monsignor Michael Crotty, Tony’s brother, which was attended by all of Tony’s family, his brothers, sisters and nieces. Tony’s family made a donation to MooreHaven for a bench that will have Tony’s name on it.

A freak downpour saw the Noelle Kiely building flooded, on Friday 8th June. The rain started to fall at 7pm and by 7.15pm, the back entrance doorway was flooded to circa 6-8 inches in depth of rain water. All the rain water gathered at the back door entrance to the building. The system that was put in place to take the rain water provides for a percolation tank to fill up first and the overflow then goes into the main pipe out onto O’Brien Street. However, the flow of rain water from the back of the building out to the percolation tank was so strong, the gulleys were not able to take the volume of water such as the strength of the downpour. A team of people was called in at 8pm to sweep out the ground floor which was completely flooded. I would like to thank Eddie, James, Joe, Gerry and Joan who responded to the call doing Trojan work in sweeping out the water from all the ground floor. Martin O’Dwyer and Seamus Clarke brought in sand bags and dehumidifiers, which was very much appreciated. Luckily, I was here to see the events unfolding which were quite shocking to see. The quick response to the unfolding situation salvaged what could have been, were the building empty till the following Monday morning, a serious situation. This was the first flood incident since the building was built in 2013.

The Centre will close on July 20th for the annual three weeks Summer holiday and is due to re-open on Monday 13th August. I wish everyone a very happy holiday break, I hope that you enjoy the lovely weather we are having this year, which hopefully will continue good for the holidays!

The Summer party will be held in Ballykisteen Hotel on Thursday 19th July and everyone is very much looking forward to a night of good food, dancing and comraderie.

Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on the death of your loved one.

The Family of Tony Crotty.
Tony was a Service User in MooreHaven.

Mary Dempsey on the sad passing of her mother Peggie.
To Michael O’Dwyer on the death of his father John.

REST IN PEACE