

News in brief



Our athletes do us proud

CORKMAN Mike Keohane, above, arrived home from Croatia with two gold medals from the European Transplant and Dialysis Games. The Rosscarbery man won one gold medal in the field discus event and the other in the 5k walk. He also won two bronze medals in darts and badminton. His fellow Rosscarbery athlete Anne Lankester won gold in the ladies 3km road race in the 50-59 years category and a bronze medal in the 50m backstroke swimming event. Charlie Ryan from Cobh took gold from his team mate John Loftus from Limerick, in the 60 to 69-year-old category in darts. They arrived into Dublin Airport on Saturday night with the Irish team, to be met with a hero's welcome.

Power line hearing

AN oral hearing into controversial proposals for a 38km overhead power line in mid-Cork, which was due to start today, has been put back two weeks.

Campaigners against the power circuit, from Clashavoon, near Macroom, to Dunmanway, successfully appealed to An Bord Pleanála for more time to prepare their case.

The hearing will now begin on Monday, September 10, in the Castle Hotel, Macroom.

Cork priest dies

THE death has occurred of Bandon parish priest Fr Denis O'Leary. Fr Denis was a native of Dunmanway parish.

He was ordained a priest in 1971 and has served in Bandon since 2007.

His funeral Mass took place in Bandon parish church this afternoon.

Books destroyed

SOME 22,000 books were destroyed in Glanmire and Clonakilty libraries in the June flood. Glanmire's facility lost 20,000 books, while Clonakilty lost 2,000. Both libraries are still closed after the flooding. However, they are to reopen next week.

The cost of the damage is still being assessed.

HUNDREDS OF VISITORS GET TO SEE THE POTENTIAL OF 70 HECTARE PARK



At the family fun day at the Tramore Valley Park, Kinsale Road, were Matthew and Gillian Counihan, Luke and Kevin Wilson, Donal Counihan, Mark and Noel Sutton, and his sister Bride Counihan.

Picture: Tony O'Connell Photography

Visitors witness dump blossom into city park

THE word 'dump' is now banned when referring to the former Kinsale Road Landfill which has been renamed the Tramore Valley Park.

By ALAN HEALY

At an open day on Saturday hundreds of visitors got their first chance to see the potential for the 70 hectare park.

To help launch the future masterplan for the park the city council organised a family sports day, birds of prey, open-top bus tours, a polo-crosse demonstration, petting zoo, bouncy castles and zorbing.

The open day was held to encourage the public to see the park in a

new light and to view the plans for the park and make their own views on it known.

Millions has been spent capping the rubbish on the site and covering it with soil. That process is now nearing completion and the planning has begun for the site's future as a public park.

The Tramore Valley Park Masterplan was developed by architects Brady Shipman Martin and was on display at the park on Saturday.

It includes proposals for walking trails; cycle paths; an outdoor activity area including zip-lines, climb-

ing walls and an assault course; a motor home and caravan park; and a possible pedestrian bridge across the South Ring Road linking the park to Vernon Mount and Frankfield.

Launching the masterplan the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr John Buttimer said the words "dump" and "landfill" were banned from now on.

"Those living in the city often forget just how much space is in here. This will be a brand new amenity for the city and the county and an opportunity to create something unique."

The city manager, Tim Lucey, said the park was not just a city pro-

ject but was a regional project.

Other events in Cork also drew the crowds over the weekend.

In Bishop Lucey Park a medieval reenactment took place as part of Cork Heritage Open Day. A Viking flash mob, weapons display and an archeology tent formed part of the celebration on Saturday.

On Sunday a charity walk took place along the banks of the Lee to celebrate survivors and remember loved ones affected by cancer.

The walk was organised by the Mercy Hospital Foundation and went from the hospital to Fitzgerald Park where face painters, bouncy castles and live music provided the entertainment.



Danny O'Leary, Fair Hill, and Shane Kent, Legion Ireland, at Cork Heritage open day in Bishop Lucey Park.

Picture: Darragh Kane



Melissa Shiels, Irish Tudor Company, with Ruby McGonnell, St Luke's, in Bishop Lucey Park for Cork Heritage Open Day.

Picture: Darragh Kane



Enjoying the spin on the carousel at the family fun day at Tramore Valley Park, Kinsale Road, was Conor Stack.

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