

**News from the Gardens**

Typed by **Charlene Kelly**



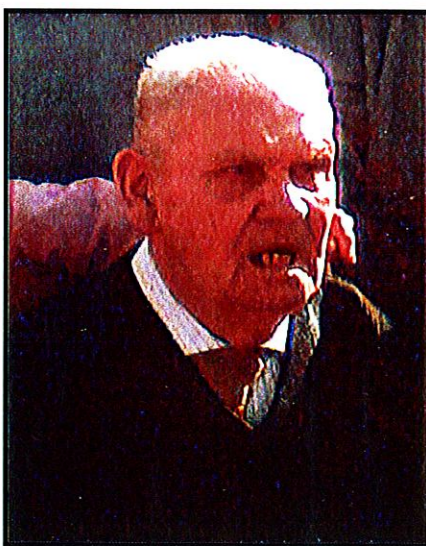
Staff and residents would like to wish Happy Birthday to John, Mamie and Claire who have celebrated birthdays over the last couple of months.

B.C.G has recently had an interior face lift freshly painted throughout, new flooring, new curtains and our home is now the nicest it has ever been.

Well done Deirdre Mallon on your recent celebrity status, everyone is very proud of you.

We would like to welcome back Kelly, Fiona and Michelle after the arrivals of their three chaps, hope motherhood is treating you kindly.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the staff and residents of Belford house on the recent passing of Mick, he will be missed by all.



*Mick Connick  
1937-2010*

**ALL THE NEWS FROM BELFORD  
TYPED BY LESLEY O'LEARY**



We would like to say well done to Deirdre Mallon for her fantastic performance as Amy Winehouse in Celebrity Wanabee well done Deirdre.

We all had a great Easter and the Easter bunny was working overtime in Belford.

We are really looking forward to the summer months and going on our summer outings to the beach and on picnics and having BBQ's in our garden.

Birthday celebrations were had for Jim in March. Jim had ball.

Congratulations to Keara who became an auntie earlier this year.

We would like to say Bon Voyage to our good friend and colleague Lisa Farrell who is heading to Australia very soon, we will miss you Lisa!

We wish Aleana staff and service users good luck in their lovely new home, sure were practically neighbours now, the kettle is always on in Belford.

We send condolences to Paddy Meyler and his family on the sad passing of his mother earlier this year, our thoughts and prayers are with them.

As we write our notes for the Observer and look back over the past few months we fondly remember our great friend Mick Connick.

Mick sadly passed away just a couple of weeks ago and he is greatly missed by his Belford family.

The Belford staff and service users would like to take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude to all at Ard Aoibhinn Centre, Brendan Corish Gardens, Dun Ri and Aleana House for their care and support to us all during this difficult time.

Remember—The Annual  
Golf Classic takes place in  
Rosslare on July 23rd  
2010. Entry remains at  
2008 prices so book early  
and tell your friends!

**For Mick**

He was a very nice man is what they all say,  
Not is but was is always the way,  
But was deems final finished and gone,  
Is are the memories that forever live on.

Memories of Mick whose life was not empty,  
Friends and family's love he had plenty,  
Memories of laughter his hopes and his dreams,  
No matter how trivial these memories may seem.

They are memories of Mick and his life and his song,

Which has ended so quickly and seems very wrong,  
That his life can so easily be taken away,  
When will we understand life's mysterious ways.

That the hopes and dreams that at one time mattered,  
Has become the hopes and dreams that now seem shattered.

Shattered they will be if we don't remember,  
Our friend and brother, and our good times together.

*By Tracy Byrne  
Typed by Paul Houlihan*



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**DEIRDRE WINEHOUSE DOES US PROUD  
REPORTERS SHANE O'BRIEN & JOHN POWER**



Well done and huge thanks go to Deirdre Mallon who represented Ard Aoibhinn with pride in the recent "Celebrity Wanabee" competition.

The competition was organised and run by South East Radio and DJ Alan Ennis was the host for the event. Many charities were represented, each sending some one forward to impersonate a celebrity singer. Everyone from Garrett Brookes to Charlie Landsborough were represented and many charities benefited as a result of the competition.

Our Deirdre was so talented she could have been many stars so to decide which one she would represent Ard Aoibhinn as a night was held in Whites Hotel at which Deirdre took off many singers and sang many songs, after which the audience decided that Deirdre's Amy Winehouse number was the one to send into the main competition.



**ARD AOIBHINN  
DEVELOPMENTS**

Building works have begun on the extension to the front of Ard Aoibhinn centre.

The extension will add much needed administration and activity space and also involve a redesign of the car park that will result in a much better use of the space available.

The work is expected to take up to 6 months and during this time there will be no parking available at the centre.

Drop offs will still be possible for people who use wheelchairs and bus transport, all others should make alternative arrangements for drop off and collection.

Authorisation was recently given for the allocation of a half million Euro to Ard Aoibhinn Services for the development of 2 houses in the Coolcotts area. These houses will provide a home for up to 6 people and we hope to complete the building element within the next 18-24



### DUN RI NEWS TYPED BY Carol Browne



Dun Ri wish to welcome Sharon Phillips, a new staff member to join us.

In February we had visitors from WIT Nursing Dept. for a successful audit. Next month we will start taking B.S.C. Nursing students for work placements.

After Easter Paddy Dobbs recommenced his exercise classes on Wednesday. He is helping service users and staff to work off those Easter eggs. Yvonne and the activation group join us for these classes.

Dun Ri wishes Brigid Keane and Yvonne belated birthday wishes, They celebrated in style and like good wine are improving with the years.

Billy, Jim and Thomas enjoy a trip weekly to Alana house for Bingo sessions. Samantha and Becky are great for making tea and having biscuits afterwards.

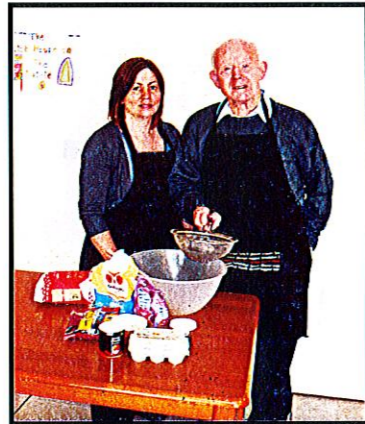
It is with a heavy heart we say good bye to Mick who sadly passed away at the beginning of May. His happy character will be greatly missed from Dun Ri.

Mary Fox's Dad died recently we express our sympathies to her and her family. May he rest in peace.

Students Patrick (social care WIT) and Naomi from VEC recently had more work experience with us we appreciated the hard work. Patrick has

green fingers and did pots with the service users. Naomi enjoyed baking and kitchen skills with the lads.

We wish Mary Hunt well she was 3 years with us and will be sorely missed by service users, staff and families. Dun Ri had a great party for her, Joseph brought the flowers and wine and Yvonne, Tammy and John O'Rourke provided the singing. Pamela baked the scones with Betty.



Above: Sharon and Billy busy baking  
Below: The new Alana House, Clonard



### WHAT'S NEW IN ALANA HOUSE?

TYPED BY  
STEPHEN HAYDEN



Greetings from Aleana House Clonard Wexford! There have been great changes since last year . We moved premises from Oulart to Wexford town . The Service users are delighted with our newly renovated house with lots of extras which includes a multi-sensory room, and a large activation room with a ball pool and a relaxation / music room. In April we got a new Multi-sensory bath installed which comes with lights and music!

Our day service is going well and has expanded to include another service user from the residential service. She Joins us for a few hours every day and enjoying the time spent there.

Our weekend respite continues to go well and with the summer coming we are looking forward to lots of picnics and walks and hopefully visits to the beach.

Finally we would like to say our thoughts and prayers are with both staff and service users of Belford House on the recent passing of dearly loved Mick Connick and indeed his family also. He will be sadly missed but always remembered. R.I.P.



### PRE-SCHOOL NEWS TYPED BY JIMMY KELLY



Hi from all in the pre-school. Over the past few months we said our good-byes to two children John Robert and April, both are starting school in September. We've welcomed new students Ella, Rona and David to the Pre-School.

All the children enjoyed the Easter egg hunt but Dolores got the most fun eating the eggs!

Bon Voyage to Emer who has left us to head for Australia We hope she has a blast.

A very big welcome back to Fiona we're delighted to have her back.

Maura is busy with her studies and we wish her well.

Congratulations to Deirdre on her success in the Celebrity Wanabee she did us proud She's always a winner to us!

Our sympathies go to all in Belford, Dun Ri and the family of Mick, may he rest in peace.



### NEWS FROM THE DAY-ROOMS TYPED BY ELEANOR O'DOWD



Welcome back Michelle after the birth of baby Tom, and Edel after her break.

We also welcome Tammy to the children's day room.

Best wishes to Fiona Murphy on her upcoming nuptials, hope you have a fantastic day.

Birthday wishes to Claire, Margot, Siobhan, Peter and Anna.

We wish Amy all the very best with her nursing studies in England.

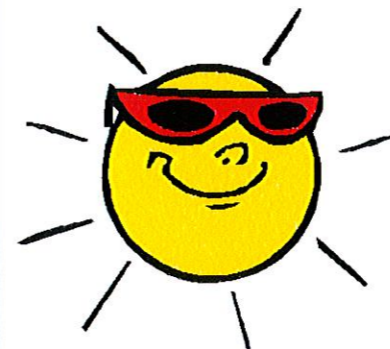
Well done Deirdre on your great success in Celebrity Wannabe, you did us proud.

Thanks and best wishes to Laura and all the best with your future.

Enjoy your holidays if you ever get there.

The day rooms would like to extend our sincerest sympathy on the recent passing of Michael Connick, to all in Belford house and Dun Ri. He was a great character and will be sadly missed.

Best wish to Carl on moving to his new premises and all are welcome for coffee any time, also congratulations on the new addition to his life hope it all works out.



### ACTION FROM ACTIVATION BY JOSEPH AND GLENN



It's been a while since our last newsletter and as always we've been keeping very busy.

Christmas came and went with the usual fun occasions like our Christmas party in The Gaelic Bar and our Christmas dinner in the canteen. We also had a Bag Sale this year with our coffee morning and this was also a great success and enjoyed by all, especially the ladies!

The new year has brought new and exciting programmes like our art programme and our weekly exercise class with Paddy Dobbs in Dun Ri.

We have also been putting together beautiful art works in the hall to mark the changing seasons.

Now as the summer approaches we are hoping the weather will continue to be so nice so that we can get out and about on our day trips again and also out for lots of daily walks.

We are playing lots of Bocce lately and have now got our own set of Bocce balls and are becoming expert players.

Brigit reached a milestone birthday recently and we threw a huge party here in the centre to celebrate. She had a great day and got loads of great presents and cards.

Congratulations to Eleanor who became an auntie for the first time.

Finally we were very sad to hear the news that our friend Mick passed away. May he rest in peace.



Above: Raoul and Keara preparing for a baking lesson.

Below: Stephen and John are deep in concentration as Draughts fever takes over .



Above: John and Joe on the computer

