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Summertime in

In welcoming you to Schull we very much hope you will enjoy your visit. Summertime offers many diversions for your holiday entertainment and enjoyment.

Availing of the many watersporting activities, you could find it extremely difficult to decide between windsurfing, sailing dinghies, kayaks or going under for a bit of scuba diving. You could find everything necessary to fill your stay by wandering down to the pier and checking with the local adverts. If sailing is your chosen adventure, novice or just for a tune-up, the Fastnet Marine Outdoor Education Centre offers '5 day

sailing courses' throughout the summer.

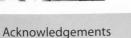
The waters off our picturesque coastline are filled throughout the summertime with dolphins, seals, whales, and sharks (if you go to the right areas). Schull is blessed with a variety of boatmen who would be able to deliver you to just the spot. Stop on one of the islands and take a snapshot or two of the lazing seals (if you've got a keen eye, you can usually spot a seal or two playing peek-a-boo around the pier).

The local angling competitions are a must for those wishing to put a wager on their skills as a 'Capt. Ahab'. The Schull Sea Angling Club holds

regular competitions which are open to all visitors; you should check locally for exact dates. If a private outing is your choice, then check the adverts and pick a boat for the day with your family and friends.

Every child is dying to spend a

■ Colour on streets as Schull
 ► hosts All-Ireland Rowing finals last
 August



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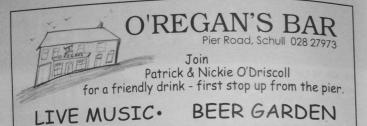
day with his toes buried in the sand, and Barleycove is just the place! Waiting invitingly with its golden sand and stretching surf, Barleycove is absolutely a must. Nationally known as one of the most picturesque strands in Ireland, as the rolling sanddunes collide with the rugged cliffs, children will find warm rivers meandering from the sandy dunes into the waiting

sea. A perfect day out. If a quick swim on shallow, sandy beaches are what you're looking for, then Ballyrisode is just for you. But, make sure you leave early as parking is limited and sometimes difficult.



Many sailing events are hosted by Schull throughout the summer: Calves Week (7 days of competitive yacht sailing), the Fastnet International Schools' Regatta, the Munster Laser Championships, European Junior 420







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Championship Trials and camp, and the Junior Helm Championships for the younger sailors. Ferries are available for tours around the islands, or for those wishing to spend a day on Cape Clear, Sherkin and even over to Baltimore, a ferry will deliver you and shuttle you back to Schull in the evening.

On the land-based side of things, there is a number of pony trekking facilities varying from riding on the local roads to venturing off towards the sunset across the open countryside. Bicycles can be hired for a closer and more intimate look at the sights that flash past, usually unseen by the motorists, at a pace to suit yourselves. There are plenty of walks and golf for those who enjoy a walk with a purpose. There are tennis courts, a squash court (at Schull Community College), a planetarium, a library and a brand new children's playground.

On the first Sunday of most months the Mizen Historical Society takes off into the countryside on one of their outings. A lively group who always welcome new faces. (see Library window for details). Garden enthusiasts should look for the 'West Cork Garden Trail' brochure with details about area gardens which are available to the public. Further afield, you could visit The Mizen Vision, at the outstretched tip of the Mizen finger with its famous suspension bridge. Enjoy a tour of the lighthouse.

Those interested in arts and crafts should stop at one of the Craft centres locally and take advantage of the talents of the many excellent craftspeople in our area of West Cork. Courses are held in many local studios and galleries and give children and adults the rare opportunity to exploit their own talents and take home a treasured piece of jewellery, sculpture, pottery, or just a decorative object which only you can appreciate and cherish.

And of course, a fine selection of pubs and an ever increasing variety of restaurants are waiting to cater for you after a long day's excursion. Could there possibly be a better way to prepare for tomorrow?

Schull Céilí Group

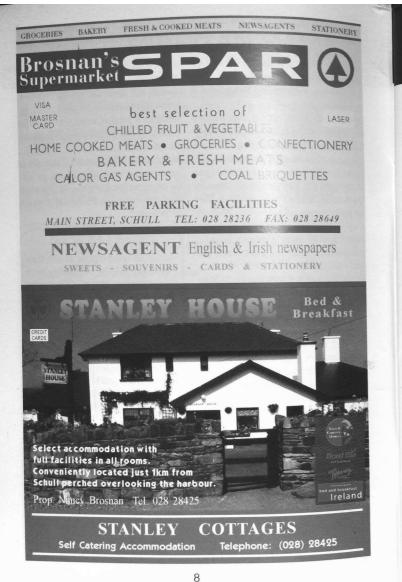
Schull Céilí Group organise an Irish Night from July 10 for six weeks every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The evening includes Céilí and Old Time Dancing with some set dancing, songs and stories. All the family are welcome and don't worry if you don't know the dances they will be shown to you by a competent M.C. Céilí and Set Dance classes continue from September until May every Monday at 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., beginners and advanced dancers catered for. All information from Bertie or Annie Moran, 028 28647.



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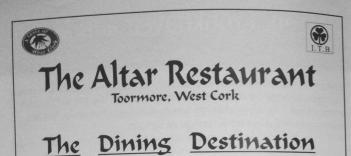
Goleen, Crookhaven and Mizen

The Mizen Peninsula, at Ireland's most south-westerly point, is renowned worldwide for the beauty of its rugged landscape and ancient heritage. A tour of the Mizen Ring gives you the chance to immerse yourself in the various strands that make the Mizen unique, from geology, flora, birds and fauna to the influence of man and his history on the landscape.

Travelling west from Schull you drive along the bog road built originally in the eighteenth century to carry butter to Cork for export to the new colonies.

Travelling on through the townlands of Kealfadda, Ballyrisode and Ballydevlin you arrive in Goleen. This village was built during the nineteenth century at a crossroads where a cattle fair was regularly held. You will notice the extremely wide road winding through the village and all the houses were originally built as shops. Falling away left of the village is the hidden harbour from which the village takes its name. 'Goilin' (little inlet) is easily recognisable once you venture down the lane. Although the harbour dries at low tide, giving great feeding for a variety of wildlife including fox and a pheasant, there is a deepwater quay at the entrance to accommodate fishing boats and yachts.





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ingredients, each one handling the foods uniquely, with the chef's individuality, like Jean Michel Cahier in La Coquille or Tom Brosnan in the Waterside. The Barn at Dereenatra is a fine place for dinner parties in the chef's own house. In Schull there are two great butchers, Tim and Marie McCarthy and Paddy and Nuala Hegarty. Their meat is mostly bought from local farms animals reared on the hills here, eating the salty grasses and pasture of West Cork, you can taste the difference for yourselves!

At either end of town, to the West and to the East are two cheesemakers. Bill Hogan, at West Cork Natural Cheeses makes a remarkable selection of award winning cheeses, 'Desmond', 'Gabriel' and 'Mizen'; great Swiss-type, raw milk cheeses with the most complex flavours and scents. Tom and Gianna Ferguson to the West produce Gubbeen Cheese from the milk of their

own herd, a semi-soft surface ripened cheese. Their son, Fingal, runs the Gubbeen Smokehouse producing the Gubbeen Oak Smoked Cheese and also delicious Smoked Bacon. For fish, just go down to the fish shop at the pier and ask what's in - Monk fish, Squid, Oysters, Mussels, Tuna, Swordfish, all caught by families who have been fishing these waters for generations.

Schull's many bars offer a variety of foods, starting at the Western end of town with the Bunratty Inn, you'll find treat after treat until you get down to Hackett's fabulous "BLTs" and the East End Hotel. They will give you home made soups and pies, inventive recipes full of the ingredients that have walked or swam or grown in the surrounding landscape. These bars are also full of music and fun, hospitality and

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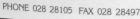
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Glór na nGael organises a national competition aimed at encouraging towns and villages in the promotion of the Irish language and culture. It is a community project, and therefore aims at getting the entire community involved.....the business sector, services, the clergy, schools, local

Bunaíodhh an coiste atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair i 1997. Bíonn féile beomhar bliaintiúil againn gach Márta....Seachtain na Gaeilge, agus imeachtaí éagsúla eile le linn na bliana. Trí bliana ó shin chabhraíomar le 'Sult Scoil Mhuire' a bhunú....ár n-amharclann sráide féin. I rith Seachtain na Gaeilge bíonn seisiúin ceoil, ceardlanna éagsúla, oíche scoraíochta, comórtaisí, damhsa seite, turas seandálaíochta, tráth na gceist, babhlaíocht, agus imeachtaí eile.

The present committee of Glór na nGael was founded in 1997 and has gone from strength to

consecutive years. We hold our own annual Seachtain na Gaeilge each March, which by now is seen as a highlight on Schull's social calendar ! We also run various other cultural events during the year and helped to found our own street theatre group 'Sult Scoil Mhuire' three years ago. During Seachtain na Gaeilge we organise music sessions, various workshops, a 'scoraíocht' night, a singing competition, set dancing, an archaelogical walk, a quiz, road bowling and lots of other events.

Má tá tuilleadh eolais ag teastáil uait féach ar www.schull.ie agus féach ar 'Gaeilge'. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh gach éinne taitneamh as bhur saoire anseo i Scoil Mhuire.

If you would like further information look up www.schull.ie and then click on 'Gaeilge'. We hope you all enjoy your holidays here in Schull and return home refreshed and happy.

Le gach dea-ghuí, Ó choiste Glór na nGael. Phyllis O'Meara, Cathaoirleach; Anne Marie Collins, Rúnaí; Anne O'Regan, Cisteoir; Pauline Roycroft, OCP; Valerie O'Connor, Hilda Hussey, Sr. Gabriel McSweeney, Carina Hurley, Mary Anne Griffin, Pádraig Regan.

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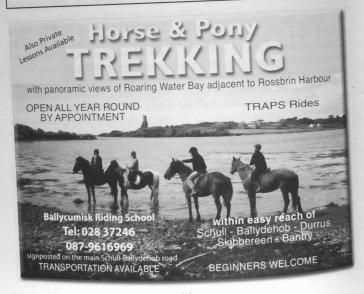
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Fastnet Lighthouse

In 1810 the only sea lights on the S.W. corner of Ireland were situated, one on Loophead at the mouth of the Shannon river, another on almost the highest point of Clear Island, and on the old head of Kinsale.

The Fastnet Rock is approximately 9 miles from Schull and 41/2 miles southwest of Clear Island. The tide rises 12 feet and currents round the rock at springtides can attain a force of 3 knots. It is a very rare occurrence for the water to be sufficiently smooth to enable people to step out onto the rock, averaging about 12 tides a year. The first Fastnet Lighthouse was a cast iron tower designed by George Halpin. It was started in 1849 and finished in 1853, and was built because the old light on Clear Island was too far inside outlying danger and at so high an elevation that it was frequently obscured by fog. Cost, including shore dwellings, was £20,000. During a gale in Nov. 1881 the glass was broken by the sea and one lens was damaged.

In 1891 it was decided that the old lighthouse was not powerful enough and because the Fastnet Rock was the principal landfall light on the southwest coast of Ireland, it should be made as powerful as circumstances would permit. So in 1896 preparations started for the foundations of the new tower.

The 2nd lighthouse consists of 89 courses, 2,074 stones and weighs 4,633 tons. The tower was erected in sections of 6-8 courses at a time in the contractors yard in Cornwall and inspected before it was shipped out to Rock Island, Crookhaven harbour, where there had been built an office, stores, carpenters and blacksmiths

shops and a barrack for workmen, dwellings for the lighthouse keeper and magazines for cotton powder, charges and detonators. There was a specially built steamer for landing the materials on the Fastnet, named the 'lerne'. At 126 ft. long,

she carried 90 tons loaded.
The masonry was completed in one week under 4 years. There is a central water tank, which holds 3,250 gallons of fresh water in the base of the lighthouse. Above this tank there are 8 rooms topped off by the optical apparatus and lantern. The lantern had a single flash recurring every 5 seconds. The power of the beam at maximum intensity was equivalent to 750,000 candles and it used 1.2 pints of oil per hour at maximum output. The cost of mantles, etc. was about £45 per annum and the ammunition for the fog signal was on average £260 per year. The lighthouse was completed on 16th July 1904 for appr. £90,000. There was a staff of 6

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called to work the fog signal. The annual cost of maintenance and repairs of the station was about £1,000, not including the travelling expenses of the keepers. Since 1989 the lighthouse has been unmanned and now operates on an automatic basis.

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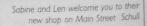
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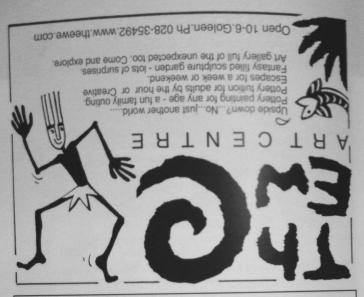
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Pier area.

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Mizen Head

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Schull Watersports Centre.
College, Colla Road. (Booking – Centra)
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Reservoir – Licences from Newman's Bar.

Many and various, but check tourist office for brochure.

Schull Watersports Centre.

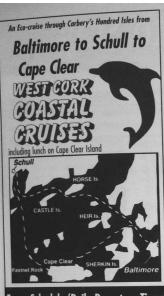


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Oileán Chléire is a Gaeltacht. Most of the islands 140 inhabitants speak Irish and English so if you wish to practice your 'cupla focail' they shall willingly help you. June through August, students come to perfect their Irish and participate in cultural and outdoor activities. Cape's remote island location, coupled with its proximity to the continental shelf, makes it the foremost centre for birdwatching in Ireland.

There was previously a Church of Ireland, which, after demolition in 1933, the Cornish stone was transferred to Schull to use in the construction of what is now the AIB bank on main street. Before the famine in 1847 the population of Cape Clear was 1200. Every house had it's handquern for grinding wheat. The inhabitants raised sheep, grew flax and fished.

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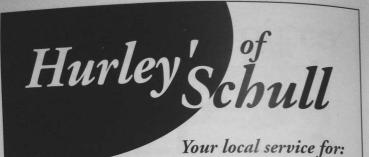
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- 3. The provision of a marina for leisure craft within this inner harbour which would be accessed from the north shore, to allow local boat owners and visiting craft safe and secure berths.
- A sandy beach would be constructed south of the existing pier to provide a

safe play/swim area for children and others.

The next phase of the plan is to get some initial funding in place and to get planning permission, and a foreshore license. Following this we will be approaching the relevant authorities and possibly the public to see how we can then make the plan a reality.

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The ruins of St. Mary's Church stand in the local cemetery on Colla Road, Schull. It is a pre-reformation church with extensive alterations and repairs done in the 18th and 19th century. In 1854 it was replaced by the nearby Holy Trinity Church.

The old section of the graveyard contains the Famine burial area. The great famine of 1843/48 had a devastating effect on the Mizen peninsula. Canon O'Rourke in "The Great Irish Famine" published in 1874 wrote, "The graveyard at Schull was doubled in size to receive upwards to half the population within its bosom in a single year." The 1811 census figures for Schull were 17,314 - ten years later in 1851 they were 11,000. Below the church there is a famine memorial erected by the local Historical Society.

There are many interesting graves including the Hull

family vault - a family which dominated the area, as landlords, for nearly three hundred years. Danno O'Mahony, of Ballydehob, the former world wrestling champion, is also buried here.

At the East end of Schull are the ruins of the old workhouse which was built in 1850, too late for the great famine but still necessary to accommodate the destitute of the post-famine years. By the turn of the century the workhouse hospital functioned as a local hospital serving the whole community. The workhouse burned down in 1921 during the troubles. The old tramway station can be seen at the entrance to Schull. It is now a private house.

The Catholic Church, modernised in recent years, was built in 1826.

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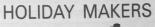






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Walks around Schull

See map next page

Make your own walk up and down the lane ways of Schull by following the small roads on the map (see centre pages). Anyway you will hardly get too badly lost with the harbour (south) and Mt.. Gabriel (north) as your compass points. The following 6 walks all include a green road or off road element. Sections are likely to be muddy (especially in wet weather!) & overgrown. The walks are graded with Walk 1 being short and simple up to Walk 6 which is cross country up a mountain. Please remember you will be walking across farm land when you are on a green road: SHUT ALL GATES; DOGS ON LEADS; NO LITTER; NO FIRES. So on with the walking boots, grab that bottle of water and enjoy!

00000 WALK 1.

Approx 1 mile

Foreshore walk

A council maintained footpath joins the tennis courts at the east end of the village to the ruined church and graveyard at the west end. You go via the pier, the new sailing centre and several little sheltered rocky coves. The very last one is the "Dog Hole" a favourite swimming spot in summer. There are a couple of stiles to cross at

western end of the path. Return to the village along the Colla Road or continue on walk 3.

WHITH WALK 2 Approx. 2 miles Meenvane Ring Fort & Cooradarrigan

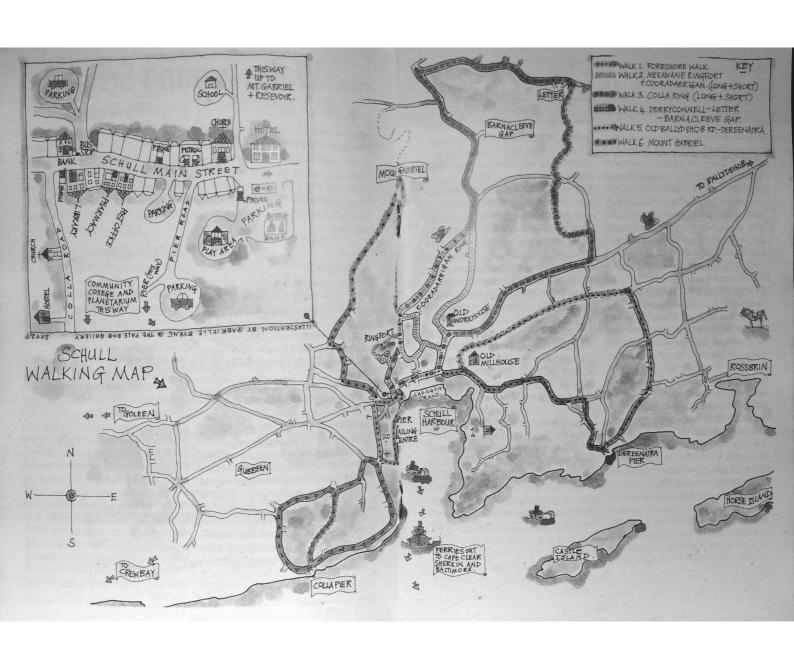
At the bottom end of main street take a left turn at the church and go up past the school. Ignore the first two roads which are driveways and take the third on your left which is a small paved road. Follow this road westwards to the very end and proceed on down the track for 100m. The Ring Fort is in the field on the right. Carefully

make your way over the fence; the entry to the fort is on the north side, facing Mt. Gabriel. To continue the walk: cross the field and climb over the fence on the east and continue across the

next field until you reach the track behind a couple of houses. This short track will bring you back onto the road. Turn left for the "Cooradarrigan Ring" walk and follow map or for the shorter walk take either the road opposite or the next road right and amble down through Cooradarrigan. You will come out on main Schull-Ballydehob road.

DDDD WALK 3 Approx. 4 miles Colla Ring (long and short route).

Starting at the ruined church & graveyard on the Colla Rd, continue south for 1.5 miles until you come to a fingerpost directing you to"Toad Hall Kennels". This is the start of the short route and follows the old road to Schull, now a track, which winds steeply uphill through a farmyard. The track improves towards the end which is marked with a gate. Turn right (rejoining the long route) and continue downhill to Schull. Alternatively for the long route, continue on the main Colla Road past Colla Pier and Colla House Hotel. Bear right and continue onto the T- junction. Turn right & follow the road over the hill, bearing left and then turning right to rejoin the Colla Rd. at the old ruined church. Turn left for Schull village or turn right and rejoin the "foreshore walk".



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Approx. 9 miles

Derryconnell - Letter - Barnacleeve Gap Starting at the East End car park head East along the main Schull - Ballydehob road for 2.3 miles.(Or get dropped here!) Turn left at sign for Derryconnell House. 350 yards down the road there is a gate and a track on the left just before the first house. Follow the track bearing right around the old farmhouse & keep right through a gate onto the tarred road. Turn left and take the next right (just after the cream coloured cottage) onto the green road which winds its way uphill to the east of Barnancleeve Gap with stunning views. The track eventually emerges onto the main Letter road through a gate and farmyard. Turn left here and continue to the Tjunction. Turn left again and follow the road to the top of the gap which is the highest point of the walk. Continue downhill to the Y junction. The right fork brings you straight back to Schull while the left fork takes you past the old workhouse and back down to the Schull-Ballydehob

Approx. 6.5 miles
Old Ballydehob Road- Dereenatra

The first 2 miles is a green road. Start at the east end of the village and take the right turn at Cadogan's Strand towards the golf club. About half a mile along the road turn left up the track, (just before the old mill house). Behind the house you will see the old track ahead of you. This is the start of the old Schull - Ballydehob road, unused now for many years and remaining today as a footpath, muddy and overgrown, quiet and beautiful. You will have to climb over and under a couple of gates, use stepping stones

over a stream and practically crawl through a tunnel of fuschia near the end. But its worth it! Cross one tarmac road & find the track again for a short way. When you come to the second tarmac road turn right (south) towards Dereenatra - a lovely swimming spot. Follow map.

****WALK 6
Mount Gabriel

Approx. 5 miles

Keep an eye on the weather and especially watch for fog! This walk starts and finishes on small road and track but the middle is all cross country. The radar domes at the top are fenced off and entry is not permitted but the views from around the perimeter fence are spectacular. From the Fastnet and Baltimore to the mountains of Kerry. (There is a tarmac road on the north side of Mount Gabriel but this is a long way on foot!) To start the ascent go to the top of Schull main street and take the turning by the bank to Ardmanagh. Follow Map. The tarmac road ends and turns into a good size track leading to a house. The big track ends at the gate to the house and another smaller track (made from the tracks of a 4 wheeled moped) starts to the right of the house. If the gate is closed on this smaller track be SURE to close it behind you to avoid livestock straying. This smaller track will lead you to the top with a steep climb towards the end. To get back down look for the road which you can clearly see to the south east just below a group of green fields. Head down and near the bottom, a track reveals itself to the right of two white houses. Cross a small river to arrive back on the road by the bridge. Turn right for Schull village.

Archaeology of the area

People often regard archaeology as something unchanging, totally static. They could not be more wrong. Something new always turns up and changes our perception of the prehistoric past, throwing a light on an aspect about which we thought the last word has been said. Archaeology does change and there is a future for our past.

Neolithic Period 4000 BC to 2000(?) BC

The known Neolithic monuments in the area are a portal dolmen tomb in Arderawinney north of the Schull/Goleen road one mile east of Toormore Bay, and the recently discovered Passage tomb on top of the highest hill on Cape Clear Island.

Bronze Age 2,000 BC to 500 BC

The most common tomb type from this period is the Wedge Tomb and there are many examples in the area. Altar tomb, on the eastern side of Toormore Bay is now designated a National Monument. Further west is the recently excavated wedge tomb in the townland of Toormore in which a bronze axe was found and donated to the National Museum. A replica of it is now on display in the Altar Restaurant. Other wedge tombs can be seen at Arduslough and in Kilbronogue. Boulder tombs can be seen in Dunmanus east, Lisheen and Cooridorrigan. The famous Mount Gabriel Copper mines are on the southeast slopes of the mountain, south of the gap on the Schull/Durrus road. The only prehistoric stone circle in the area is at Dunbeacon.

Iron Age 500 BC(?) to AD
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Three Castle Head, and Dooneen on Dunmanus

Early Christian Period 500 AD to 1100 AD Ringforts are the most common type for this period. These were the farmsteads of the time and the best examples are at Rathooragh, Lissacaha, Meenvane and Rathruane. There are a small number of monastic sites, notably at Croagh Bay, Kilbrown and Coosheen. A 9th century church ruin on West Skeam Island was excavated in 1990 and very early dates have been obtained.

Medieval Period past 1000 AD

Kilmoe church, near Barley Cove has a 12th Century east gable. There are O'Mahony castles at Three Castle Head, Leamcon, Ardintenant, Rossbrin, Dunmanus and Dunbeacon. A McCarthy Castle stands on the seashore at Kilcoe, and there are O'Driscoll castles at Whitehall, Sherkin and Cape Clear Islands. All the castles were built in the 14th or 15th centuries.

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West Cork is teeming with artists, craftspeople, musicians, writers and many more associated with the arts. In 2000 a joint venture was launched by Sult Scoil Mhuire and Schull Development Association to showcase this talent. Art in Schull was born. The inaugural festival, Art in Schull '01', took place between June 28 and July 1, 2001.

Businesses throughout the village, including pubs, restaurants, cafes and shop windows displayed exhibitions of wonderful paintings. Scoil Mhuire National School very kindly made their excellent facility available as a venue for the festival. This is a lovely new school with bright airy classrooms and plenty of space. Its welcome atmosphere provided a wonderful setting for exhibitions, a series of workshops and evening lectures.

Children's workshops included creative arts and crafts, musical instruments, circus skills and juggling. For teenagers and adults there was bookmaking, web design (in Schull Community College's computer room), music and dance video and poetry writing. In the evenings, artist and art historian, Frank Russell, gave a series of art lectures on Picasso's Guernica. There were also drama performances by Glynis Casson and Kevin Quinn, and poetry reading by Patrick Galvin, Pat Boran and Ann Kelley. John Minihan exhibited his photographs and gave a fascinating talk about his work.

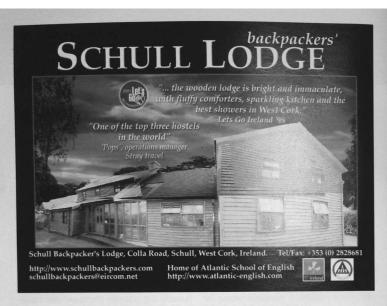
The festival culminated in a grand parade of brightly costumed children and musicians from Skibbamba, a local Samba Band. There was also the unveiling of the Wildlife Sculpture, made by local children and Sult Scoil Mhuire. This won-

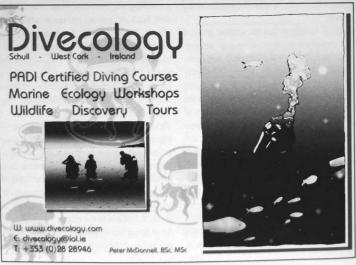
derful sculpture can be seen at Scoil Mhuire National School on the Bantry Durrus road. The festival was supported financially by the Arts Council, Cork County Council, Schull Development Association, Schull Garden Club and FAS as well as individual and corporate donations. Everyone agreed that it was a very popular and successful event, bringing excellence in the arts to visitors and residents of Schull and environs. It is hoped to make it an annual event. This year Art in Schull '02 will run from June 27 to July 2, 2002. If you are in Schull during that time be sure not to miss the excellent programme of events on offer.

There will be children's workshops based on a butterfly and caterpillar theme and also a puppet making and performance workshop for children. Adult and teenage workshops will also be offered. There are plans for poetry reading, music, drama, an art installation and art lectures. Plus, of course, exhibitions throughout the village. On Sunday, June 30, there will be a parade with butterflies and caterpillars from the children's workshops. An Art//Craft/Food Fair will be held in the afternoon.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to explore what is offered, develop your artistic skills by taking a workshop, attend a poetry reading or a dramatic performance, drop the children off at a workshop and visit some of the exhibitions, you may find a treasure to remind you of your stay. A full programme of events is available in the village.

Art in Schull is a showcase of excellence in the arts and we delight in bringing you the best we have to offer.





Crookhaven

Crookhaven Harbour is as picturesque today as it was useful in its heyday, being a large and sheltered harbour. You pass the old Roadstone Quarry on the side of the mountain, which provided metalling for the roads of Wales until 1945. There are numerous Bronze Age field monuments scattering the hills surrounding Crookhaven. The Ordnance Survey Discovery Series map 88 will indicate the whereabouts for you. The village of Crookhaven has a distinguished history as the last port of call for ships journeying to and from America. Over the centuries ships stocked up with provisions here before tackling the Atlantic Ocean. All the shipping lines had agents located here to tell the ships in which port their cargo had been sold. At the beginning of the 20th century it was said that you could cross the harbour on the decks of boats. 700 people lived and worked in the village against the 29 permanent inhabitants who reside here today. Marconi came here to try to send his first radio message across the Atlantic and he fitted the first telegraphic equipment to the Fastnet Rock Lighthouse to communicate with the passing ships.

Barleycove

Barleycove is a large sand beach backed by sand dunes, the sand dunes were thrown up in the tidal wave which swept Europe after the earthquake in Lisbon in 1755. Today the dunes have been partially eroded but are protected like much of the coastal area here as European Designated Special Areas of Conservation. The road goes to the east of the beach across a causeway bisecting Lissagriffin Lakes and at the T-junction you turn left to Mizen Head.

Mizen Head

Mizen Head Visitor Centre has been developed by a local tourism co-operative. The signal station was built in 1905 to protect shipping from the cliffs during fogbound journeys. It is a spectacular location with its folded rocks and high cliffs. The signal station is on an island joined to the mainland with a fine example of an arched bridge. If you have plenty of puff you can return up the 99 steps but there is an easier path for the less energetic. Well worth a visit!

Another gem of the Mizen Peninsula is Three Castle Head, with the three castles, which are three Tower Houses with curtain walling. Built in the 15th century on the site of a Bronze Age Promontory Fort, the Castles stand sentinel beside a cliff top lake. Access is restricted at the moment due to the unstable state of the castles, but it is worth asking if it is possible to visit.

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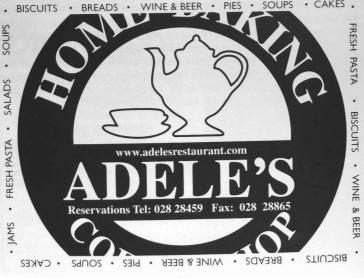
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Wintertime in Schull

In Schull's early days as a holiday resort, the final gun on Regatta Day marked the closure of the village. Yes, there were winter activities for the remaining population, but the street was quiet, the cars few. Nowadays the street in winter tells a different tale. The indigenous winter population has multiplied. People of many different nationalities live and work here the year round. The ISDN lines hum with the work of composers, web designers and people playing the markets. The village is very much in the 21st century. However the community keeps very much in touch with itself and has lost none of its winter welcoming warmth. In late autumn and early spring the out of season visitor has the best of it.

There is a regular Bridge Club at the East End and the Bunratty maintains an energetic and successful soccer team. A winter visitor might stumble upon an evening of charades, a quiz, a charity auction or a race night. The Planetarium has limited opening and always puts on a special show for a dramatic astronomical happening. Enrollment in a night class at Schull Community College might be appealing; there's computers, guitar or perhaps conversational Irish. There are aerobic sessions and squash club. A good day will always flush out groups of golfers who play locally, or travel to Skibbereen for 18 holes. The ICA has a lively guild representing Schull and Goleen. The Gardening Club has regular outings as does the Mizen Historical Society. A March weekend might be enlivened by a production from the Schull Drama Group. Every year, also in March, Glor na Gael presents "Seachtain na Gaelige", a week of events promoting the Irish language and culture. Schull Ceili Group, talented and enthusiastic, offers set dancing for beginners. Every other year they host a group of traditional Welsh dancers at Easter time, a colourful display. Sult Scoil Mhuire, a newly formed street theatre and community arts group, has recently delighted audiences with it's performances, among them the Battle of Murahin and Fionn Mac Cumhail returns to Schull. Sult's roots are very much in the community with a great deal of local involvement in all stages of productions. Their aim is to enhance and enliven community spirit by fostering creativity using artists of different disciplines. They celebrate the Irish roots of the community but also the diversity of culture which influences how we evolve. Sult is frequently praised for their innovative creativity and community effort. Be sure to see what Sult are doing during your visit. Their premises is on Air Hill(Monday, Tuesday Wednesday) and they welcome visitors.

The Mizen remains a place of great beauty and contrast, a place of water and rock, tree and hedgerow, valley and mountain. The contrast between summer and winter is equally great and well worth time taken to see it in it's other mood. And if you find it all just too hectic, the winter visitor is always allowed to withdraw from the activities and sit by a warm fire, sip a pint and wait for it to quieten down in the summer.

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All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Schull

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She was blonde, she was beautiful and she was bellowing with all the power of her three year old lungs "Come on the Hurricane", nearby, on the sun-drenched foreshore sat her grandmother, comfortably ensconced in a folding chair, surrounded by all the paraphernalia of an experienced regatta aficionado, a tartan rug, a cool box, an enormous flask of tea and a pair of powerful binoculars. The rest of her extended family basked in the sun, speculated about results and watched the rowing races with eagle eyes as granny carefully noted down the results. It was a scene that was repeated with variations, hundreds of times, in Schull on the last glorious weekend of August 2001. A whole year of planning and preparation had finally come to fruition and Schull was hosting the 2001 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships.

Schull nestles at the foot of Mt. Gabriel on the edge of one of the loveliest harbours in Ireland. The sheltered bay provides what is probably the best coastal rowing course in the country. At the reception held on the Friday night at the Sailing Centre in Schull Community College the view of the harbour was incomparable. As the perfect summer evening drew to a close the sight of one of the Kerry boats rowing a practise course on the pearly water distracted the guests from the delicious food and drink on offer inside.

Before leaving Wexford, after the 2000 All-Ireland Championships the Committee of Schull Rowing Club distributed hundreds of the promotional booklets provided by Schull Development Association. As well as being a very useful source of information on all sorts of

topics, the booklet contains a list of accommodation in the area. Thus began a year of planning and preparation.

An event of this size could not have been organised without the whole-hearted support of everyone in Schull. This event grew from within the community, a community that is hugely diverse, but a community none the less. It was not imposed from outside and therein lay the secret of its success.

The 1,500 competitors came from all over Ireland. They ranged in age from under 12 to well over 40 and they rowed boats of varying designs. For the last time, a new one-design boat is to be introduced this year, levelling the playing field, to mix a metaphor. Boats, crews and supporters began to arrive on the Friday and the atmosphere built up as the glorious day drew to a close.

The arrival of Tossy Hayes portable lavatories signalled the beginning of the serious preparation and all day long, volunteers were busy, securing the pontoons, the safety barriers and signs. An army of club members cleared litter from the entire Pier area as well as from The Tracks - where the old tram once ran - and South the Fields. The unwary guests of one committee member were armed with paint brushes and rollers and were put painting the container which serves as a home for the gallant "Fastnet Flyer" the sleek green boat which has won so many honours for her club.

By the end of the day it was all done. The town was immaculate, the signs were up, the extra litter bins were in place, the bouncy castle was

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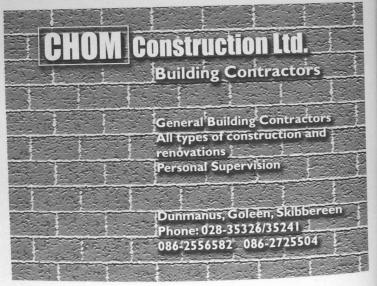
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slowly filling with air and wobbling into shape. All the business premises had decorated their windows appropriately for the weekend. In the shops and on the street Antrim accents mingled with Sligo and Kerry voices.

After the opening ceremony on Friday night the street was packed with people. Under a warm and starry sky they were entertained by a magical performance from "Sult Scoil Mhuire" the Community based street theatre group. They presented a colourful, irreverent and hilarious version of an All-Ireland Regatta complete with fire-eating and drumming. The performance incorporating light, rhythm, dance, movement and colour entranced the audience and Sult set the tone for a marvellous night of music by Liam O'Connor and dancing in the street where everyone partied happily and harmoniously until late, and in many cases until dawn.

Reverend Eithne Lynch and Fr. Michael Nolan blessed the boats on Saturday morning and the Regatta was under way. The heats were run on Saturday. As night fell the calm waters of the bay reflected the lights of the town and of the L.E. Emer, gracing the Regatta with a courtesy visit, who floated like an enchanted ship on the pool of her own reflected lights.

By Sunday the size of the crowds had increased significantly. The tension among the competitors began to rise and the nervous queues outside Tossy's Toilets began to lengthen. Racing began at 9.30 as the beautiful classic boats took to the water. Mike Harris's measured, mellifluous tones rang out as he charted the varying fortunes of Fisherman's, Courtmacsherry, Sive and Ferrycarriq.

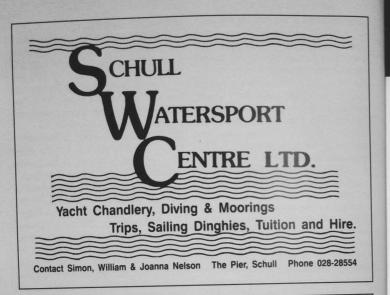
The sun shone, the smell of popcorn and candy floss wafted in the summer air and race after race was rowed on a calm blue sea under an impossibly blue sky. By mid-afternoon a crowd of about 5,000 people had gathered, filling the pier and lining the pathways along the foreshore. At this stage most of the children had invested in cap guns and whistles so the noise

level was quite impressive.

The Senior Men's Race was the Blue Riband event of the day and the last race of the Regatta. It was heart-stopping stuff as the defending champions from Schull fought gallantly, but unsuccessfully, to retain their title. The men from Sneem won the race in a 'photo finish' as 'The Swallow' crewed by the famous Casey family just pipped 'The Fastnet Flyer' at the line.

The prizegiving took place in the perfect evening that followed a perfect day. Brian Martin, president of the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation was loud in his praise of the organisation of the Regatta and he invited everyone to Antrim for next years championships. For the rest of the night disappointments were forgotten and victories were celebrated as everyone partied the night away, dancing in the street, first to Switch and then to a disco. At dawn the last good humoured revellers made their way home through the sleeping village. The All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships were over for another year.

Although Schull Rowing Club did not win a race at the Regatta, having to be content with seven second places they were winners in every other way. The Regatta passed off without a single unpleasant incident. There was no vandalism of any kind. There was no evidence of under-age drinking with its attendant litter and broken glass in the park or on the beaches. Pubs and restaurants coped with the huge crowd. Parking was more than adequate and well organised. Stewards were extremely efficient and traffic flowed smoothly. The safety precautions were strict and well-observed. The council and an army of volunteers were on duty all weekend ensuring that there was no litter problem. The town looked wonderful, painted, flower bedecked, beflagged and spotless - and of course the sun shone, oh, how it shone! Most important of all, everyone, organisers, competitors and spectators had a wonderful time. Schull 2001 was simply the best.



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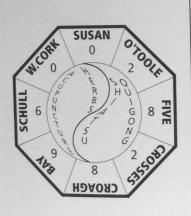
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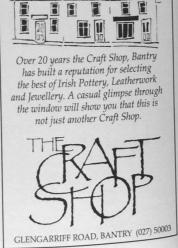
Skippers meeting will be held at 12pm on race day at Watersports centre. Visiting yachts are welcome to compete and crewing opportunities on the local fleet are usually available by contacting the Sailing Secretary Michael Murphy at the pre race meeting.

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From the walkway over the viaduct the estuary seems filled with waders and wildfowl on the ebb tide. Also in view are the barrage amenity walk and tennis/basketball courts, while over the hill to the south you can find a horse-riding school. Many charming walks and cycle routes touch the coastline in this area offering stunning views of the Islands and the distant Fastnet Rock lighthouse. In the waters beyond there is good fishing from chartered boats, with a large variety of fish including several types of Shark being caught.

In Ballydehob town it's most famous son has a public monument in his honour as world wrestling champion. A local pub still bears the name of his celebrated throwing technique 'The Irish Whip' . From here and from other bars the strains of traditional and folk music is heard at eveningtime, while others favour quiet chat and poetry recitals.

Ballydehob also has the reputation of nurturing the arts and is home to several writers, artists, sculptors and craft workers in a variety of media. The town boasts antique and craft shops, a book shop and gallery. Neither is food neglected with internationally renowned restaurants and cafes catering for pockets of varying depth and multiple choice.

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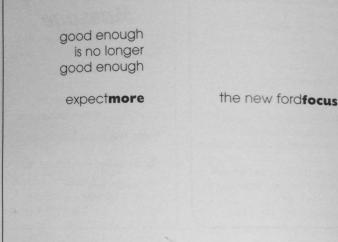
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The West Cork Leader Co-op ran a course in 1994 to generate ideas that would improve interest in the area. One of the participants wondered why there was no sign of West Cork's maritime history. Fishing was and still is a large part of the local economy but where were the historic boats of West Cork? Could something be done to bring about a revival?

The vision was to see a historic vessel restored or rebuilt for Schull Community College. This would allow students to learn to sail an authentic replica of the type of boat on which their great grandfathers worked, around the turn of the century. This replica could also be operated during the summer months and at weekends offering sailing trips to visitors. It would spark local interest, more boats would be built, races would be run and the design might become as famous to West Cork as the hooker is to Galway.

Jimmy O'Reilly Snr. the Schull Harbourmaster, recounted stories of the old boats, where they had been built, where they had gone and where existing hulls might still be found. He called them West Cork Sailing Yawls or Long Island Mackerel Boats because they had been purpose built for drift netting mackerel off the Fastnet. Yachting buffs would question the terminology. Strictly speaking, a yawl, recognised by her rig, is a two masted sailing vessel, with the aftermast back of the sternpost and shorter than the foremast. A West Cork Sailing Yawl actually carries the rig of a gaff tops'l cutter.

There was a hulk, the Shamrock, beached some 20 years or more but still intact enough to take measurements and hull shapings. This boat had the reputation of being the fastest of the local



boats, first in every regatta, well worthy or restoration or duplication.

Liam Hegarty of Oldcourt was asked to price building a replica of the Shamrock. He wanted to take measurements and shape profiles right away so that the design at least, would be preserved for all time. Permission to do so was readily obtained from the daughters of the original owner who were delighted to hear that their father might be remembered in this way. The biggest problem (surprise, surprise) was finance. West Cork Leader had intimated that

the cost, but where to get the other 50%? Schull Community College had no funds available and neither did Cork Vocational Education Committee. Efforts to secure corporate financing

they might be willing to provide up to 50% of

were unsuccessful at this time. Liam decided to go ahead and build a replica, he'd be sure to find a buyer.

Nigel Towse, a Sherkin Island resident with no previous boatbuilding experience, wanted to build a boat himself. Under Liam's expert guidance while working on Shamrock II, Nigel SCHULL HACKNEY CABS

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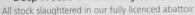
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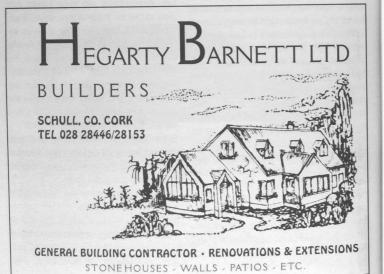
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learned fast and replica number two, An Rún was completed

In Crookhaven, on Saturday August 12th 2000, for the first time in over 50 years two West Cork Yawls raced against each other. The race (now an annual event) was won by Nigel Towse in An Rún and the trophy was presented by Mac O'Donoghue, the last surviving owner of one of the original vessels. West Cork Web Ltd. provided the challenge cup, a replica of the Derry na Flan Chalice, beautifully crafted by Mullingar Pewter, as a perpetual trophy. The original Shamrock belonged to Mick O'Sullivan, an uncle to Billy O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan's Bar, Crookhaven, where the cup is on permanent display.

Shamrock II is now based in Monkstown, An Rún, is in Sherkin, the third replica, Macalla, is in Baltimore and the fourth, Nellie B, is in Sligo and

an order for number five is at present under negotiation. Nothing finalised yet for a boat for Schull Community College Sailing School but at time of going to press a group of interested financiers have pledged half the money for the project. Whether the second half comes from similar like minded sponsors or West Cork Leader, remains an unknown factor. However, there is an ever increasing possibility that some day, a Shamrock replica will be a common sight in Schull harbour with Schull Community College students at the helm.

For more information see the website www.westcorkweb.ie/Shamrock or telephone Terry Tuit 028 35435 or e-mail terry@westcorkweb.ie



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Schull Harbour is the home of an active sailing club, which organizes weekend races for both

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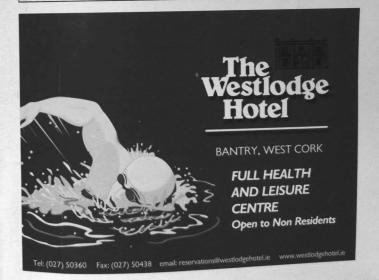
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