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A new one will be published approximately every 3 months.

If you would like to add content or advertise in our next edition please call or use the on-line submission form.

We will be producing booklets for each of our website areas.

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Summer 2009

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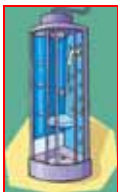
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The first Clondalkin booklet was published last year as a trial to promote the website but due to demand we will be publishing the booklet at regular intervals throughout the year.

If you have any local events listings you would like to promote for the Clondalkin area, please log on to the Clondalkin page at www.thebestin.ie.

We are also taking submissions from any budding writers out there who would like to contribute to our next Clondalkin booklet or be published on-line. If you have any interesting articles you would like to include in our next issue, please contact us via the website. You can also take part in our on-line competitions details in this booklet.

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difficult times ahead. Not just the students who are still within the formal education system need to be planning their futures and further studies but also many adults must now think about retraining and upgrading their skill set as well.

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Music shops have always been a place where you could pick up news about musicians, bands, gigs and advice about how to improve your music as well as purchasing instruments. Monastery Music strives to keep this tradition alive. In this day and age the internet, whilst being a good source for purchasing goods, does not always come up to the mark when it comes to sound, solid advice and service, Monastery Music guarantees this on any goods purchased in their store.



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There are 1.4 million Members worldwide and are made up of men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes each year. When money is raised by a Lions Club it goes directly to charity. All administration costs are met by the Members who contribute a fee each year for this purpose.

Clondalkin Lions club was founded in 1996 and has 10 Members from the local community. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month in the Waterside Bar.

At these meetings we plan our programme for the year and monitor progress.

If you want to give something back to your Community (4 hours a month) why not drop into our next meeting on the 14th June in the Waterside bar and Bristo. 9th Lock Clondalkin.

Members of Clondalkin Lions Club can be found collecting outside supermarkets, organising fashion shows, coffee mornings and Gala Concerts.

New members are always welcome and any support you can give is appreciated. In this context people who do not have the time to be active can contribute by signing our Standing Order for anything from €5.00 per month.

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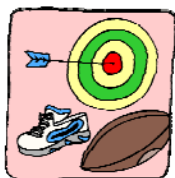
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When you call to make an appointment you will meet a family breakdown consultant who holds a Diploma in Family Law from the Law Society of Ireland. They will conduct an informal interview to establish the facts of your situation and from the information provided they will provide you with all the options available to you, and give you an estimate of how much it will cost. Don't worry the fees are minimal compared to a solicitor.

The services we assist with range from Divorce, Judicial Separation, Separation Agreements, which include dealing with the Family Home, Maintenance, custody and access, and domestic violence issues, to International child abduction, Guardianship, pensions, applications to the family court etc.

At family breakdown support services we very much encourage people to attempt to come to an agreement before approaching the family court, and this is the core of our initial interview. It is much better to decide

between yourselves on issues rather than having a judge make a decision that neither of you are happy with. However if you must go to court we will breakdown all the legal jargon, including making you aware that every person in Ireland has a constitutional right to represent themselves in court, and furthermore if you do represent yourself, the judge and the legal personnel on the other side have a legal obligation to conduct the court hearing in a way that they must speak in a language that you understand. We also prepare you for your hearing and provide you with all the points you need to get across as well as responses to questions from the judge and the other side.

The other point to note is that family law cases are held in camera and that means the public are not permitted to enter the court during a family law hearing, and there are no wigs or gowns like you are used to seeing on television. Family Law hearings are informal to an extent given that the facts need to be put before the court in order for the judge to make his decision.

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Ronanstown Youth Services

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Our Aim is to support the development of a board based service to all young people and to all youth clubs and organisations in the North Clondalkin area.



The Youth Service.

Offers faith development programmes in conjunction with C.Y.C. Offers support, advice and Information for adults working with young people including Information on grants, insurance and funding.



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- Drop in Clubs
- Young Mothers Club
- Adventure Clubs

Homeless Service.

The Youth Service employs a homeless officer who provides a drop in service for young people sleeping rough in the area.

Support, advice and Information are



offered to people who are out of home. Meals, showers and rough sleepers packs are also available.

Summer Projects.

The Youth Service co-ordinates four summer projects in July every year. They run for an "action packed" two weeks and target children aged 4-14 years followed by sports and soccer week.

Stars Youth Cafe.

Stars Youth Cafe was set up on the 21st June 2007 in Ronanstown to give young people aged 15 years plus in North Clondalkin a fun place to go on Friday nights to meet new people in a safe and supervised environment.

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2009. Winners of the Rupert Murray Award at the Dublin St Patrick's Day Parade. Winners of Best Band at the Mullingar St Patrick's Day Parade.

Winners of the Irish Association of Brass and Concert Bands National Finals held in the new Cork School of Music. April 2009
May 2009. Visit by Professor James Hudson, Arizona University, USA. A specialist in marching/concert band. Worked for 5 days with the band.

Will perform at the World Band Championships in Kerkrade, Holland in 2009. Summer performances to be held throughout the country.

Brief Band History.

European Gold Medallists 2001.

European Gold Medallists 2003 & 2004.

World Silver & Bronze Medallists 2001 & 2005. Held in Holland

Best Band at Limerick International Band Competition 2005

Best Band at the Dublin St Patrick's Day Parade 2006

Supported by the Clondalkin Community Civic Reception from South Dublin Co. Co. 2002 & 2005

Have attended 12 International Tours throughout Europe and performed in Eurodisney and Birmingham International Tattoo

Students sit for Assoc. Board & Royal Irish Academy music exams.

Best Irish Marching Band at the Dublin St Patrick's Day Parade 2007

Participation at the Irish Concert Band Championships

Recital performances in Farnleigh House and in Arus An Uachtarain. Charity engagements locally and Peamount Hospital Open days.

Performs every Christmas in local churches.



New classes commence in September. Music classes for beginner recorder students 8 - 10 years.

Other enrolments taking place in September are for Colourguard (Flag & Dance girls) and Percussion. These classes are for students 12yrs to 14 yrs of age.

Band Director is Mr Vincent Dolan.

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The other perceives the situation as an opportunity to relax, to visualise the forthcoming meeting. He says things to himself such as "I might as well relax it will probably be the only time I will have to myself today". He plays his favourite tape and if he has a chance he tries to contact the office to warn them of the delay. Requesting his assistant to either entertain the clients or deputise for him at the meeting. He is positive,

calm and accepting of the situation using it to his advantage.

Both people eventually arrive at the office. The first is very angry frustrated and out of focus. He vents his anger at his assistant. He arrives at the meeting unable to concentrate. The meeting is not successful. For the rest of the day everyone he comes in contact with experiences his anger and negativity. He has become the victim of his own thoughts and attracts events to feed that mood throughout the day.

The second person is calm focused and prepared for the meeting. He takes over from his assistant with ease. He is relaxed and is able to articulate his ideas with confidence. He is successful. For the rest of the day everyone who comes into contact with him experiences his calmness and positivity. He is in control and the rest of the day reflects this.

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Brief History of Clondalkin

Clondalkin – Cluain Dolcain – Dolcans Meadow, is situated on the banks of the river Camac. Commanding the heights over the estuary and guarding the inland pass between the mountains and the river Liffey, this advantageous position first attracted Neolithic settlers around 7,600 years ago. The Celtic tribe of Cualainn settled in the area around the 4th Century BC and left many mounds and raths to record their passing.

Christianity came to East Leinster in the 5th century where they built their first churches. Clondalkin was one of these early communities. It’s foundation being ascribed to St. Cronan also known as St. Mochua. The monastery was situated where St. John’s Church now stands and would have been surrounded by a protective rath, the outline of which can be followed in today’s village streetscape. Orchard Road, with the gardens



sloping up from street level, would have formed the boundary on one side. Continuing along the Main Street, it then curved to the west of the Round Tower. The Annals of Ulster record that the relics of St. Kevin and St. Mochua were taken on tour in 790 AD and it is thought that Clondalkin Round Tower was built circa this period. As there are no signs of any of the stones being shaped by mason or stonecutter, it suggests that it may also be the oldest.

The village was plundered by the Norsemen in 832, 1071 and again in 1076 AD during which period they settled in the area and built a

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fortress named Nun Amhlaeibh after their King. Clondalkin was established as a borough in 1300 and by 1547 it is recorded that: “Clondalkin is among the walled and good towns of the County”

The mediaeval church was closed in 1649, and in 1785 it was demolished to allow for the construction of the present St. Johns. The remains of the old church along with two crosses from that period can still be found in the churchyard today. The Brothers of the Third Order of our Lady of Mount Carmel built the monastery of Mount St. Joseph in 1812, and this was the first new monastic establishment founded in Ireland since the



Reformation.

Clondalkin also has a history unique in the development of industry and public transport. In 1837 Thomas Seary started to produce hand made paper at the Sally Park Mills which continued to flourish until its close in 1987; and in January 1845 work started for the laying of the Great Southern and Western Railway. When the Cork line was completed, it was the longest section of rail in the British Isles.

Present day Clondalkin is now a thriving modern community which continues to put its mark on the progress of the country , while retaining its ancient streetscape and preserving the monuments to a long and varied history.

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