

## Village Meeting: Friday 15th February, 7.30 pm Parish Rooms, Laytown Rd - All Welcome

- Presentation of the findings of the recent Julianstown Tourism Feasibility Study
- Discussion of recommendations and next steps re Nanny Greenway and restoration of the Old Mill site
- Update on Tidy Towns work and Village Design Statement projects
- Plans and activities for 2013 – including The Julianstown Gathering

**Come along – hear the news and give your views!!!**

**JDCA Fundraiser: Poker Classic, 1<sup>st</sup> February Whytes, Stamullen 9.30. Tickets €25**

## Plans for 2013 from our Sub-groups:

### Tidy Towns & Community Garden Sub-group:

Ongoing **village enhancement** and **Pride of Place** work in garden and village.

- Community celebrations –
  - **May Day Festival,**
  - **Summer Street Fest,**
  - **Halloween Bonfire**
  - **Christmas Santa Visit**
- Developing a **new Children's Sensory Garden** with the Foroige Youth Club

### The 2013 Gathering & Heritage Sub-group:

- **Roots and Shoots:** a long term project, with linear tree plantings on the 4 main approach roads to welcome people to our village. All local families can sponsor and name their "Family Tree" and put their roots down in Julianstown.!
- **Julianstown Week of Welcomes June 29<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July: Do you sing or act or cook?? We want to hear from you!** Helpers wanted to organise a week of exciting events including, drama, drums, dance, battle re-enactments and barbeques!!
- **Get the Word out:** we need all the help and support possible to invite friends and relatives from abroad to our Gathering to make it a week to remember.

### Tourism & Street Scape Sub-group:

Following the recommendations of the Tourism Feasibility Study, we will apply for funding for the next phases of our key projects:

1. Researching and planning a **Nanny Greenway**
2. **Lighting on the bridge**
3. **Supporting the restoration and redevelopment of Old Mill Site**

Want to get involved in a sub-group?

Its creative, fun & you get to know your neighbours – try it!

Just call or email below.

### Administration & Finance Sub-group:

Many thanks to our TUS Administrator Tom Finglas who does great work to keep our accounts in order and to our Tidy Towns worker Paddy >>. And to all who helped out at our many fundraisers

Also special thanks to Nicola Hanraty, our treasurer who is taking a break this year.

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- Administrator Tom Finglas - [julianstowndca@gmail.com](mailto:julianstowndca@gmail.com)
- Tidy Towns Sub-group: Niamh UiLoinsigh, Clare Burke, Jackie O'Shea, & Mary Logue. Tel Niamh 086 3477283
- Gathering & Heritage Sub-group Ashling Monaghan, Margaret Downey, Anne Flynn, Eileen McCullough, Niamh UiLoinsigh, Clare Burke
- Tourism & Streetscape Sub-group Paddy Prendergast, Clare Burke, Niamh Ui Loinsigh, Emer Dolphin & Leo Monaghan

# Summary of Annual Report & Achievements of 2012

Well Done & **HUGE** Thank You for all the hard work last year



## AWARDS Received in 2012:

- First in Participatory Planning category of National Planning Award
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the All-Island Cooperation Ireland Pride of Place awards for our Community Garden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with Meath An Taisce Ellison Awards
- Nominated to represent Ireland in the international LIVCOM Awards in 2013!

*Left: Claire Burke, Niamh Ui Loinsigh and Jackie O'Shea celebrating their well-deserved award for the Community Garden from Cooperation Ireland*

## Tidy Towns Sub-Group achievements in 2012:

- **Spring:** massive "Clean Up" project at the Old Mill site with over 20 local residents helping on 3 separate weekends. An huge amount of rubbish was removed from the site and our thanks once more go to all involved, especially Panda Waste, Indaver Ireland, Meath County Council and The Glenside Hotel for their generous sponsorship and support. In
- **May** - our **first Mad Hatter's Tea Party** in the community garden, we also officially unveiled our beautiful garden art sculpture by Roy Breslin. We also hosted our fund raiser Coffee Morning, to help with our application to Meath partnership to buy the tents, table and chairs etc that we now use at all our outdoor events.
- **Summer:** Increased our Tidy Towns marks by 5 points! We started several **new village enhancement projects** - planting on the hill, placing a bench at the woods and added a new wildlife pond to the Community garden., and held the **Street Fest** morning.
- **Autumn:** Meath County Council **nominated us to represent County Meath in the Community Garden category of the All Island Co Operation Ireland Pride of Place competition** and in August we organised a major village presentation in the garden for the judging panel. We were also selected for nomination for the "Ellison Award" of Meath by An Taisce
- **Halloween** saw us run an extremely well attended "Spooky Night" bonfire party in the Community Garden. There were plenty of treats, mystic moments and a great atmosphere, the weather was also very kind to us.
- **Winter:** The year closed with a fantastic Christmas in the garden, where **Santa** managed to drop by to see us, and caught a lift on a local tractor, accompanied by his elves! Mulled wine and mince pies rounded off a very busy year here in Julianstown!

## Heritage Sub-group work 2012:

Following substantial historic research, The Heritage Sub-group completed and published their booklet on Julianstown called **Heritage Footprints**. It was funded by Meath Partnership and launched by Gavin Duffy in May and distributed widely.



## Tourism Sub-Group work in 2012:

In 2012 the Tourism Sub-group was formed and successfully applied for applied for and received LEADER funding from Meath Partnership to engage a tourism consultant do a **Tourism Feasibility Study on Julianstown**, in line with the goals of our VDS. In May we held a public consultation meeting and had several follow-up meetings with Meath County Council and the owners of the Old Mill.

We are delighted that the report has just been completed and **recommends the development of a Nanny Greenway and the restoration and development of the Old Mill site**. The report will be presented to the community **on February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**next in the Parish Rooms at 7.30**

## The Bridge and Streetscape Sub-group work in 2012:

Several planning meetings were held with Meath County Council and Meath Partnership early in the year to progress the concept of making a feature of our historic bridge with antique lighting and also to develop a streetscape plan to make the main street more attractive and slow down traffic. This work was put on hold pending a bat survey and the outcome of the Tourism Feasibility Study

## Administration and Finance Sub-group:

Huge work was achieved through fundraising and grant applications to raise significant money for all our work in 2012. Big thank you to our TUS workers, all our members and sponsors and especially to Meath Partnership, Meath County Council and The Heritage Council for their ongoing support.