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The Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford is a new major annual one-day cycling event taking place on three separate routes in County Waterford on Sunday, August 19th. The event is being organised by County Waterford Local Authorities and Waterford Sports Partnership with support from Failte Ireland, Cycling Ireland and Waterford Leader

Partnership, but also with the support of all the local cycling clubs. The event is being developed not alone with the blessing of Sean Kelly but also with his direct advice and participation.



Sean Kelly was one of the greatest cyclists that the world has ever seen. Ranked the world's number one cyclist for six consecutive years from 1984-1989, he won the green jersey in the Tour de France on no less than four occasions, various multi-stage tours and umpteen one-day classics. His determination in the saddle is legendary. He was born in County Waterford at the foot of the Comeragh Mountains and this event will now be organised as a means of demonstrating civic recognition of Kelly's achievements in a very practical manner. It is a way for County Waterford and, indeed, his native Ireland to say thanks.

The event will attract cyclists from home and abroad who will be willing to pit their cycling wits against the challenges posed by Kelly country. The timing of the event, of course, could not be more appropriate as it occurs just three days before the first stage of the newly-announced professional Tour of Ireland, which passes through West Waterford.

But the three different routes of this leisure event, demanding differing levels of ability, will ensure that everyone can participate.

45km Kelly Cruise
100km Kelly Legacy
160km Kelly Comeragh Challenge

So, come on, it's time to dig the bike out of the shed and get pedalling. The website offers some very useful 'Tips for Beginners' and a 'Suggested Training Schedule' for the 45km Kelly Cruise.

**To find out more about the Sean Kelly Tour of Waterford –
SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH 2007
visit www.theseankellytour.com or contact (058) 20897**

Official opening of

Dungarvan Gymnastics Club

which was established with the help of funding secured by Waterford Sports Partnership from Irish Gymnastics and with the support of the WSP Development Fund.



**Check out the club website for further information
www.dungarvangymnastics.com**

Strategy Development

WSP have over the past few months been reviewing the work done during 2003-2006 and developing the next strategy for 2007-2011.

We wish to thank all those who attended consultations and made submissions for their valuable input.

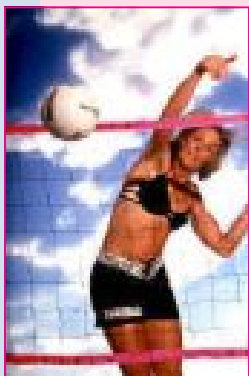
The 2007-2011 Strategy will be launched during the Summer, date to be advised.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL!

An exciting Beach Volleyball initiative is taking place on Tramore beach starting **June 18th**.

The Volleyball Association of Ireland in conjunction with Waterford Sports Partnership is running a week long Beach Volleyball participation

programme as part of the Irish Sports Council Women in Sport initiative. Coaching will be provided each day (Mon - Fri) in two sessions, one for teenage girls 12-16 and an evening session for adult women.



At the end of the week a fun tournament will be

held on the beach on Saturday 23rd June for all the participants. This is an excellent opportunity to try out a new sport and to get active on the beach! Details will be advertised locally in the run up to the event.

For Further information contact Ciara Buckley of Volleyball Ireland on 086 8173990 or the WSP office.

FOOTBALL FORUM

A Football Forum was held in the Tower Hotel, Waterford on Thursday 8th February 2007 to identify barriers to and potential opportunities for the integration of non Irish Nationals into mainstream soccer in Waterford. There were over 60 attendees on the night representing clubs around the City and County and also many new members of our community were in attendance. Mr John Delaney, CEO of the Football Association of Ireland, addressed the meeting emphasising the FAI's commitment to inclusion in soccer.

Following John Delaney's address there were presentations from Br Kevin Mascarenhs for the Information and Support Unit, Mount Sion, Des Tomlinson, Intercultural Co-ordinator FAI, Rosarie Kealy, Waterford Sports Partnership and Marc Mbanda, on behalf of new communities.

A number of issues and ideas emerged from this workshop and the first action arising will take place in the form of a Mini World Cup on July 15th 2007. Soccer clubs will be contacted soon with further details.



Pictured here at the Football Forum are (from l to r); Br Kevin Mascarenhs; Information and Support Unit, Pat Kelly; Chairman Schoolboys FAI, Rosarie Kealy, Sports Co-ordinator, WSP; Jane O'Dwyer, Sports Development Officer, WSP; John Delaney, CEO FAI, Des Tomlinson, FAI Intercultural Co-ordinator.

SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS 2007

Waterford Clubs receive €2,830,500 in 2007 Sports Capital Grants

26 Waterford Clubs and organisations were allocated funding in the 2007 Sports Capital Grants scheme announced in April. The recipients were as follows:

Waterford City Council for Waterford United FC Regional Sports Centre	€750,000
Ballygunner GAA Club	€250,000
De La Salle GAA Club	€200,000
Dungarvan Rugby Club	€200,000
St. Paul's CPI, Lisduggan	€150,000
Cappoquin AFC	€140,000
Cappoquin Community Development	€130,000
KGK Community Sports Ltd.	€110,000
Waterpark RFC	€100,000
Ballymacarby Community Centre Ltd	€100,000
Kilrossanty GAA Club	€100,000
Lismore GAA Club	€90,000
Cunnigar Pitch & Putt Club	€80,000
Villa FC	€80,000
Tallow Hurling & Football Club	€65,000
Passage Hurling Club/ Cumann Iomána Pasáiste	€50,000
St. Saviour's GAA Club	€50,000
Stradbally GAA Club	€50,000
Southend United F.C	€45,000
Stradbally AFC	€24,000
Waterford Boat Club	€24,000
Tramore GAA Club	€15,000
Modeligo GAA Club	€10,000
Kilbarry Gym Club	€9,000
Dungarvan Boxing Club	€5,000
Waterford Triathlon Club	€3,500

Waterford Sports Partnership held an information Seminar on Tuesday 15th May for organisations receiving grant allocations to assist them in the drawdown process. This was well attended and received positive feedback.

Irish Sports Council launches National Buntús DVD in Waterford

In March 2007, the Irish Sports Council officially launched its teacher's resource DVD for its national primary school sports programme; **Buntús**, at an event in Waterpark College, Waterford where the DVD was filmed. Buntús, is designed to give primary school children a fun but high quality introduction to the fundamental skills of sport, in a safe environment. The Buntús programme has been implemented by Waterford Sports Partnership in all 78 Waterford City and County primary schools.

Staff of Waterford Sports Partnership and children from 4th class Waterpark National School, Special Olympics Waterford and the Fun4All sports club were selected by the Irish Sports Council to participate in the filming of this promotional DVD. This Buntús DVD has been distributed to all primary schools in Local Sports Partnership areas in Ireland to be used as a teaching aid for primary school teachers to assist them in the delivery of the programme.



Pictured here at the Buntús DVD launch are (from l to r): Ray Ryan, Chairman of Waterford Sports Partnership; Jacqui Freyne, Irish Sports Council Buntús Tutor; Jane O'Dwyer, Sports Development Officer, Waterford Sports Partnership; John Treacy, CEO Irish Sports Council; Rosarie Kealy, Sports Co-Ordinator, Waterford Sports Partnership and Valerie Colville, Irish Sports Council Buntús Tutor.

WASP

Waterford Active Schools Programme

WASP is a programme piloted earlier this year by Waterford Sports Partnership which aims to increase awareness in families of the importance of being active and to make activity a natural part of daily living - resulting in families being more active, more often.

The programme was very successfully piloted in 7 Primary Schools in January this year. We now plan to expand the Programme and we will be in contact with Waterford Primary Schools very soon.

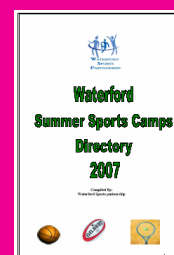
Our thanks again to the pilot schools;
Scoil Mhuire, Abbeyside; Garranbane N.S.,
St. Mary's, Dungarvan; Knockanore N.S.;
Fenor N.S.; St. Saviours, Ballybeg Waterpark N.S.



**Programme Mascot
'Wizzy the Wasp'**

NOW AVAILABLE!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS DIRECTORY 2007



contact the office or visit our website to download a copy...



The Waterford Sports Partnership Team (from l to r); Peter Jones, Sports Development Officer; Rosarie Kealy, Sports Co-Ordinator; Jane O'Dwyer, Sports Development Officer; Karen Phelan, Administrator.

Changes to the WSP Team

Jane O'Dwyer and **Peter Jones** have recently joined the WSP Team as Sports Development Officers, with Jane based in the City Hall office in Waterford and Peter, based in The Courthouse building in Dungarvan.

Jane hails from New Zealand and brings a wealth of experience with her. Peter, a Welshman, also brings many new ideas to the work of WSP. We wish them both well and are delighted to have them on the team!

Waterford Sports Partnership would like to wish Jacqui Freyne and Valerie Colville all the best in their new positions. Jacqui has taken up the position as Director of Coaching with Athletics Ireland and Valerie has joined South Tipperary Sports Partnership as Sports Co-ordinator

Calendar of Upcoming Courses and Events 2007

Date	Course/Event	Time	Venue
Fri 25th, Sat 26th & Sun 27th May	Sli na Slainte Training	Friday 19.30 - 22.00 Saturday 09.00 - 17.00 Sunday 10.00 - 15.30	Ennistymon, Co. Clare
Tuesday 5th June	Child Welfare & Protection	FULL 18.00 - 22.00	City Hall, Waterford
Fri 15th, Sat 16th & Sun 17th June	Sli na Slainte Training	Friday 19.30 - 22.00 Saturday 09.00 - 17.00 Sunday 10.00 - 15.30	Garton OEC, Donegal
Monday 18th - Saturday 23rd June	Beach Volleyball Week	(Girls age 12 - 16) 15.45 - 17.30 (Adults) 18.00 - 19.45	Tramore Beach
Sunday 15th July	Mini World Cup Festival	12.00 - 16.00	Villa AFC, Waterford
Sunday 19th August	The Sean Kelly Tour	START 08.30	Dungarvan
Fri 21st - Sun 23rd September	FAI-Kickstart 2 (Female Only)	Friday 19.00 - 22.00 Sat & Sun 10.00 - 17.00	Cill Barra Centre, Waterford

DETAILS OF SAQ, CHILD PROTECTION, FIRST AID COURSES ETC. FOR THE AUTUMN WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF OUR NEWSLETTER WHICH WILL BE MAILED OUT IN AUGUST.

COACHING CORNER



FAI
FAI Youth Cert - Tramore FC
June 29th (19.00 - 22.00)
June 30th & July 1st (09.30 - 17.00)

FAI Summer Camp
Staff Training Day
June 9th (10.00 - 15.00)
Dungarvan United FC

CONTACT: Darren Murray
on 087 637 8742
or darrenmurray@fai.ie

Kickstart 1
August 21st, 22nd & 23rd
18.45 - 22.00 (each night)
West Waterford Venue TBC

CONTACT:
Michael Looby
On 087 050 8623



GAA
For Information on upcoming Courses
CONTACT: Eoin Breathnach
on 087 921 9345



Ladies Gaelic Football Association
Level 6, Cusack Stand,
Croke Park, Dublin 3

CONTACT: Diane
Tel: (01) 8363156
Email: diane@ladiesgaelic.ie

CALLING ALL SPORTS

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IRFU
For Information on upcoming Courses
CONTACT: Pat Collins
On (021) 4323693
on 087 921 9345



Badminton
For Information on upcoming courses
CONTACT: Wayne Doyle
on 087 687 1929



Athletics Ireland
For Information on upcoming courses
CONTACT:
Jacqui Freyne (087) 2629950



Basketball Ireland
For Information on upcoming courses
CONTACT: Dermot Howlin
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