



Jack and Jill News

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PIGS ON PARADE

Pigs on Parade 2015 was a phenomenal success bringing in over €200,000 in funds for Jack & Jill. The pigs were dotted all over Dublin City during February and March and created great excitement.

Our thanks to all the artists, businesses, sponsors and general public that supported the campaign.

100 piggies were sold in both online and live auctions in March and are all now settled in their new homes with some even going as far a field as Greece, Poland, U.K. and Canada. We are looking forward to next years campaign. Watch this space...



A NOTE FROM JONATHAN IRWIN

Sustainability is the buzz word for the Government's Spring Statement. A word we're all too familiar with in Jack & Jill in terms of budgeting and raising the €2.7million we need every year to do what we do. And it's the public and our families and corporate champions that make us sustainable, not our State funding.

Meanwhile, there's a real case for extending our service to children up to the age of 6 and the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Health & Children have recommended more funding for us to do just that. Mind you, they haven't said where we get this funding and we look to Ministers Varadkar and Noonan for that. So we'll prepare our case for extending the service, backed up by 17 years of effective delivery from qualified, experienced nurses who've supported 1800 children to-date. As usual, our families are our ambassadors and chief fundraisers and we thank you.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Question—is this:

- a. An Up The Hill for Jack & Jill destination shot?
- b. The offsite venue for next Fine Gael think in?
- c. The entrance for National Children's Hospital?

The answer unfortunately is **c.** and this would be funny if it wasn't so serious. With the Rotunda Hospital moving to Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown there's no excuse for Minister Varadkar not to reopen the file on Blanchardstown, rather than condemn our children to the wrong site for the Children's Hospital over the next 100 years. We want to hear your views and, with planning permission pending, you can keep up to date on our Facebook page.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC IN MOUNT JULIET



Jack & Jill's Annual Golf Classic takes place on May 22nd in Mount Juliet. As per last year, the format will be a 'Shotgun' start at 2pm followed by dinner in the luxurious surroundings of Mount Juliet.

The donation to the Foundation per team is €1024—equivalent to one months home nursing care for one baby under our wing, covers the golf team of 4, lunch on arrival, tickets for 8 people for dinner (including wine).

Last year we were delighted to welcome new supporters to our event and hope to see them again with some more new faces. To book a team please contact the office on 045 -894538 or email info@jackandjill.ie. **Only a limited number of team slots left!**



CHANGE FOR CHARITY

We are delighted to have been selected as one of the charities to benefit from the new 'Change for Charity' campaign. Change for charity is the brainchild of Norma Smurfit and is based on the Central Banks Rounding Initiative which took place in Wexford in 2013 to try and reduce the number of 1c and 2c coins in circulation in Ireland. This is a Nationwide fundraising campaign which will raise much needed funds for Charities across Ireland. Ask your school to come on board and be in with a chance to win some great class prizes! www.jackandjill.ie

MARATHONS



Looking for a challenge this year????

Run, jog or walk a Marathon for Jack & Jill and help us raise some of our much needed

funds. Go to www.jackandjill.ie for a list of marathons to participate in this year and sign up for your FREE fundraising pack and sponsorship card.

Email info@jackandjill.ie or call 045 894538.

BAKE A CAKE FOR JACK & JILL

We were delighted with the amount of registrations for the 1st **Bake a Cake for Jack & Jill** supported by Odlums. During the month of February we asked you to host a Bake Sale in your school, home or work place and raise funds for Jack & Jill. This campaign has raised over €11,000 with more donations still coming in. Our thanks to all who supported this initiative.



KILKENNY CYCLE 2015



Save the date for the 4th Annual Jack & Jill Kilkenny Cycle on Saturday 12th September 2015. There will be some changes to this year's event with the cycle starting and finishing at the 4 star Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, and a choice of cycling distances including the option to take in Mount Leinster. Watch out for registration details and more information on www.jackandjill.ie.

CANDLES

There is still a real diamond ring to be found inside one of the Jack & Jill Shine Bright, Find A Diamond Candles!! These very special Marilyn Monroe inspired candles retail at €19.99, with a sparkling costume jewellery ring at the bottom of each and one containing a REAL Diamond ring!

Ideal gift for birthdays, dinner parties, special occasions and when you purchase one candle on line at www.jackandjill.ie you will receive a second candle FREE. Double the chances of finding the sparkling real diamond ring!!



DUBAI DUTY FREE BALL



The Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Ball is set to take place in the magnificent surroundings of The K Club in Straffan, Kildare on Friday 26th June. The event will have added significance this year as an important part of the celebrations to commemorate the 150th running of the Irish Derby, undoubtedly the Jewel in the Crown in the Irish horse racing calendar.

Jack & Jill are delighted to be the charity of choice for the second successive year and this special year will be a truly spectacular event. Tables are priced at €1,250 for 10 or €125 per ticket. The black tie evening kicks starts with a stylish drinks reception followed by a four course dinner, a quick auction and raffle and dancing with the Bentley Boys who are guaranteed to have you on your feet until the early hours of the morning. Bing Crosby's daughter, Mary, whose character Kristin shot JR Ewing will be one of the guests and with TV3's Anna Daly, bringing her own unique sense of fun and elegance as MC, it promises to be a really special evening of glamour and glitz.

For booking details or more information please contact Edelle at edelle@jackandjill.ie or call 045 894538

GALA UP THE HILL FOR JACK & JILL

Following from the success of last years Gala Up the Hill for Jack and Jill, we are putting plans in place for this year.



We will be running it again in September and look forward to your support again. More information to follow on www.jackandjill.ie.

KILDARE ROSES

Jack & Jill are thrilled to be chosen as the Kildare Rose Centres charity of the year for 2015. We have had the pleasure of working with the Kildare Roses last year and this year is no different. The 2015 Kildare Roses have helped us with the successful Pigs on Parade campaign, launching various campaigns and modelling and promoting our Charity Boutiques latest fashion. Our CEO, Jonathan Irwin, attended the selection evening in The Westgrove Hotel, Clane on the 18th April where Ailish Brennan was crowned the Kildare Rose and will represent Kildare in Portlaoise in the Regionals in May. We wish her the best of luck and thank Ailish and her fellow roses for their continued support of Jack and Jill!!



JACK & JILL HORSE SHOW BALL



Join us for the second Jack & Jill Horse Show Ball on Friday the 7th August at the Intercontinental Hotel Ballsbridge (formerly the Four Seasons Hotel) during

Dublin Horse Show Week. A fantastic opportunity to enjoy some glitz and glamour during this special week. Tickets are €150 with a table of 10 for €1500. More details to follow on www.jackandjill.ie or from the Jack & Jill Office on 045 894538

OUR JACK & JILL LIAISON NURSES



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Nurses Joanne Doyle, Eilin Ní Mhurchú, Cathy Keighery and Sinead Moran who received their Higher Diploma in Children and Young People Palliative and Complex Care Certificate recently from Coventry University. They are the only 4 nurses in Ireland to hold this qualification and they are currently pursuing their Masters in the same field.



Rome

Our Jack & Jill Nurses were very proud to be selected to do a presentation at the 2nd International Congress in Rome in 2014. Saundra Nolan and Joanne Doyle presented their research and facts on Paediatric Palliative Care which was very well received.

JACK & JILL CHARITY BOUTIQUE

The Jack & Jill Boutique re-located to a larger premises in Newbridge, Kildare (The Courtyard Shopping Centre) to cater for the large volumes of high quality stock we have been receiving. Due to the phenomenal success of our boutique in Newbridge we are delighted to announce that we are opening 2 new shops this month, one in Naas, and one in Arklow. Our boutiques motto is high quality at low prices! Thank you to everyone who has continuously supported the shops by donating clothes and various items—if you would like more information about donating stock to any of our boutiques or volunteering, please contact info@jackandjill.ie.

KILSHANE HOUSE BALL

Join us on Saturday the 14th of November in the elegant and picturesque surroundings of Kilshane House, Tipperary for a Gala Ball with an elegant dinner and superb music followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

More details to follow on www.jackandjill.ie



Money raised locally stays locally

County	2014 Total County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	2014 Total County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	€11,496	5	31	Louth	€33,056	6	47
Cavan	€8,940	2	29	Mayo	€54,728	8	72
Clare	€27,656	8	50	Meath	€50,976	9	75
Cork	€117,708	37	220	Monaghan	€7,960	4	27
Donegal	€58,618.75	11	48	Offaly	€22,006	2	26
Galway	€82,699.86	19	120	Roscommon	€18,614	3	22
Kerry	€48,106.83	5	51	Sligo	€12,410	2	22
Kildare	€44,480	13	105	Tipperary	€27,378	4	43
Kilkenny	€46,028	9	40	Waterford	€27,512	10	62
Laois	€25,585.50	5	32	Westmeath	€16,664	6	43
Leitrim	€69,136	2	11	Wexford	€70,603	13	95
Limerick	€60,025	13	90	Wicklow	€31,792	5	36
Longford	€3,840	0	16	Dublin	€264,394	58	462

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