



Jack & Jill News

February 2016

HARES & POLITICIANS ON THE MARCH

Yes, spring is in the air, we've got 110 hares on the march around Dublin, and politicians on the march, knocking on doors and asking for your vote. Healthcare is a key issue in this election and we have three simple asks of those politicians - which we'd like you to pass on.

- ◆ Increase the HSE grant to Jack & Jill from €520,000 to €1.5m, so that we can increase our age range to cover children from birth to 6 years old, rather than finishing at 4.
- ◆ Grant medical cards to children automatically, in their own name, in their own right, and as a first step issue medical cards to those qualifying for the Domiciliary Care allowance.
- ◆ Move the Children's Hospital from St. James to Blanchardstown, which has more room to grow, better access and is a less costly option.

I've certainly got a better spring in my step since Hugo Jellett joined Jack & Jill as our incoming CEO. He is off to a great start, learning the ropes, understanding our home nursing model, driving the fundraising effort to make sure that we reach our €2.7 million target this year to do what we do and sharing an office with this grumpy old man. It's good to know that when I move to my new role as Executive Chairman in 2017, the day to day running of Jack & Jill is in good hands, and I can focus my time on all the good stuff, like making speeches, collecting cheques and meeting wonderful families and supporters like you.

This year we are determined to win more Corporate partners who will nominate Jack & Jill as their charity of choice and give us the push we need both locally and nationally to raise more awareness and funds. IF you hear about organisations seeking nominations for charity partners please don't be shy about putting Jack & Jill forward. We have a very good story to share and a case to make for more funding, and we need all the help we can get. If we have families and supporters out there, flying the flag for Jack & Jill this year the task of fundraising will be made that bit easier, as we approach it as a community of friends helping friends, community helping community, with every €16 raised funding 1 hour of home nursing care for a sick child in your area. Check out the county breakdown on the back page and become a County Champion for Jack & Jill.

Thank you all for your continued loyalty, support, friendship and prayers.

Jonathan

HARES ON THE MARCH

'Hares on the March' kindly sponsored by Lily O'Briens was launched back in November at Artsource in the RDS. 110 Hares are now dotted around Dublin City locations to be spotted on our Hare Trail which runs until February 28th. Bring your family into Dublin and find 20 hares in their hidden locations and be in with a chance to win some great prizes. All entries must be received in Jack & Jill offices by close of business on March 15th 2016 with the draw taking place on March 16th. Trail booklets are available from the Jack & Jill office and a number of locations in Dublin city (see www.haresonthemarch.ie).



Each unique hare will sit on a stylish 4ft tall plinth and will be sold at Auction. We have 25 Golden Hares that will be sold at a Live Auction Event taking place in the Royal College of Physicians overseen by John De Vere White on the 15th March with the remaining 85 Hares being auctioned online, all to the benefit of the 270 children under our wing. Big thank you to John de Vere White, all the artists, to our main sponsor Lily O'Brien's and all the people who have supported the campaign. More info for this affordable art and auction at www.haresonthemarch.ie

JACK & JILL GOLF 2016

This year we are hosting the Jack & Jill Annual Golf Classic at the Magnificent Championship Druids Glen Golf Course which is nestled in 400 acres between the Wicklow Mountains and the Irish Sea only 30 mins drive from Dublin. **The Druids Glen Course**, known to many as the "Augusta of Europe" is famous for hosting the Irish Open on four occasions – along with the prestigious Seve Trophy. It should prove to be a challenging and enjoyable day out. Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort is planning to line-out their star ambassadors Rob & Dave Kearney, Fergus McFadden and Ian Madigan to help make the day extra special". The entry per team is €1024 which is a months nursing care for a Jack & Jill baby.



For more details or to book your team please contact Deirdre or Edelle on 045 894538 or email Deirdre@jackandjill.ie



For those ladies who are non golfers we are also hosting a ladies style and fashion event with Celeb fashionista Marietta Doran which will take place in the Druids Glen Hotel while the golf is being played. Keep an eye on our website for more details. www.jackandjill.ie

BAKE A CAKE FOR JACK & JILL

During February and March we are running our second **Bake a Cake for Jack & Jill**. We will be asking you to host a Bake Sale in your school, home or work place to raise funds for Jack & Jill. The campaign raised over €11,000 in 2015 and we are hoping to top that this year, which would be the icing on the cake. We are delighted to collaborate with well known chef **Liam Boland** this year to give you some exclusive recipes and top baking tips. Register at www.jackandjill.ie to receive your FREE Registration pack to help with your bake sale.



KILKENNY CYCLE 2016



Jack & Jill's Kilkenny Cycle returns on Saturday the 17th September! More details to follow or contact Edelle on Edelle@jackandjill.ie

LOSE KILOS & GAIN EUROS

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

- ◆ Overindulged a little this Christmas?
 - ◆ Making a New Year's Resolution?
 - ◆ Looking to shed a few kilos and put a spring in your step before the clocks spring forward again?
 - ◆ Want to simply feel fit and healthy?
- Then why not join us to "**Lose Kilos & Gain Euros for Jack & Jill**" this January & February and shed those kilos while supporting sick children in your community at the same time? For further information and to register see www.jackandjill.ie



A SONG FOR JACK & JILL

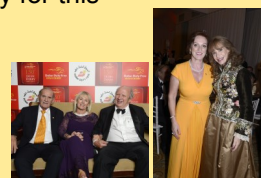
The brainchild of **Michael Gleeson**, CEO of ISS Recruitment and Director of North Kildare Chamber, and through his love of music coupled with his recently established label Downda Road Productions, this charity album featuring *Paddy Casey, Keith Plunkett, Flat Out, I Draw Slow* and up and coming singer/songwriters nationwide, **priced at €10** is available to download from Amazon or iTunes. Launched last November this CD has been viral in many households and cars throughout the country. The CD is also available to purchase from the Jack & Jill website www.jackandjill.ie or call 045- 894538.



SAVE THE DATE!!

The Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Ball, which is one of the Irish Racing Calendar's most anticipated social events takes place in the stunning grounds of the K-Club, Co. Kildare on the eve of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby.

Jack & Jill Children's Foundation is, for the third year the beneficiary charity for this fabulous event. Details on www.jackandjill.ie soon.



Updates on www.jackandjill.ie

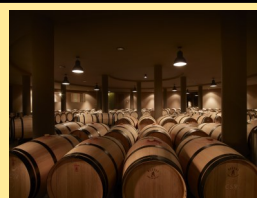


CHATEAU DE FIEUZAL WINE DINNER IN THE KINGS INN

We have teamed up with Bacchus Wines for an exciting Chateau de Fieuzal Wine Dinner in the Honourable Society of The Kings Inn on Thursday 28th April.

Awarded with 'Graves Grands Cru Classé' in France, Fieuzal produces some of the finest white wines, and equally good red wines in Bordeaux.

The Kings Inn is one of Ireland's most interesting social venues in Dublin and we are delighted to hold such an evening there. In attendance on the night will be award winning Chateau de Fieuzal owners Lochlann and Brenda Quinn and renowned winemaker Stephen Carrier.



Tickets are €125 per person or table of 8 €1000. For more information contact Alie at alie@jackandjill.ie or call the Jack and Jill office on 045 894538.

Limited Number of Tables Remaining

CHARITY BOUTIQUES

Jack & Jill now have 6 stores open in **Newbridge, Naas, Arklow, Carlow, Wicklow & Crookstown**. Now that Christmas is over why not have a clear-out of those items gathering dust in the back of your wardrobe or those unwanted gifts that you received for Christmas and we can turn them into nursing hours for very sick children? Every €16 raised provides one hour of nursing care to a very sick Jack & Jill baby. Alternatively drop in to our Charity boutiques and purchase some of the high end stock that we have for knockdown prices! We now have furniture at bargain prices!

Congratulations to our Arklow Store who was the joint winner in the ICSA Christmas Window competition. Well done to Theresa (Arklow Manager) and the 4 volunteers responsible for creating the window, Kristine D'Alton, Christina McGrath, Sarah Kavanagh and Kathryn Short.



Arklow Christmas Window

Newsflash—Our Latest recycling campaign is collecting unwanted Lego and we need your help in spreading the word. Donate your lego via any DPD depot nationwide or drop into any of our charity boutiques and we will buy your lego for €4 per Kilo.

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR ANNABELLE



On February 13th Paddy & Helena Keogh will light a candle in memory of their daughter Annabelle and are asking the public to unite and light a candle with them

on this date and donate €4.00 by texting ABCANDLE to 50300 to raise funds for Jack and Jill. As part of this fundraising campaign they have created a video of Annabelles life to share with the public to show Annabelles life journey and how wonderful their daughter was www.annabellescandle.ie

Please Light a candle for Annabelle and

Text ABCANDLE to 50300 to donate €4

100% of your donations go to Jack & Jill across most network operators. Some operators apply VAT which means a minimum of €3.25 of €4 will go to Jack & Jill. Service Provider LIKECHARITY Help Line 0766805278

MARATHONS 2016



Thanks so much to everyone who raised sponsorship for Jack & Jill through marathons in 2015.

If you're thinking of taking on one of the many marathons throughout the Country and further afield and would like to support Jack & Jill we would love to hear from you. Contact Edelle on 045 894538 or email Edelle@jackandjill.ie to receive your free sponsorship pack.

List of marathons available on the Jack & Jill website!! #teamjackandjill

CORPORATE

Over the years Jack & Jill has been nominated by a number of Corporates to be their Charity partner.

We rely on these types of partnerships to help fund our service to the 270 children currently under our wing. If your Company or a Company you know of are interested in partnering with a Charity, please either mention Jack & Jill to them or email us at info@jackandjill.ie and we can contact them directly. Corporate Giving starts on the floor not in the Board Room. We can help companies put a CSR plan together that works specifically for them and for Jack & Jill.

Corporates can support Jack & Jill in many ways such as:

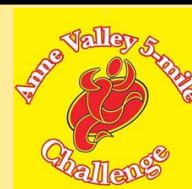
- Payroll Giving
- Corporate Donations
- Sponsorship
- Matched Giving

For more details logon to www.jackandjill.ie



Jonathan Irwin and Margaret Bannon from Topaz

ANNE VALLEY RUN



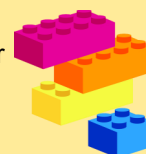
Our sincere thanks to the organisers and supporters of the Anne Valley 5 Mile Challenge for their wonderful support over the years. Having raised over €60,000 for various charities, Jack & Jill were delighted to be a beneficiary charity once again for this special year marking the 10th anniversary of the event. Congratulations and thank you so much to everyone involved.

SPRING CLEAN LEGO APPEAL

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation has created a new 'currency' to fund home nursing care for sick children in the form of donated Lego blocks and is calling on families to round up that loose unwanted Lego and donate or sell it to the charity

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation is pleased to announce that it is now collecting loose Lego as a new 'currency' to fund home nursing care for children from birth to 4 years old with severe to profound disabilities supported by the charity across the country. We are now urging families, preschools, schools and businesses across the Country to donate or sell their unwanted Lego to Jack & Jill who will sell it on and use the funds raised to fund home nursing care hours for sick children. What Jack & Jill is looking for is loose Lego, no need for complete sets or boxes, and people can donate the Lego via DPD Ireland's 38 depots around the Country, with locations listed on www.dpd.ie and www.jackandjill.ie. Alternatively, people can donate or sell the Lego via one of Jack & Jill's six Charity Boutiques located in Arklow, Carlow, Naas, Newbridge, Wicklow, and Crookstown with the charity buying the Lego for €4 per kilo.

Every €16 raised through this, Jack & Jill's Lego Appeal will fund one hour of home nursing care for a sick child. We are hoping to capitalize on the spring cleaning that starts in Irish homes at this time of year, so please please bring your unwanted lego to Jack & Jill. We will find it a new home and it will help provide much needed home nursing care for very sick babies!



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County	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	5	32	Louth	2	48
Cavan	6	33	Mayo	9	76
Clare	10	58	Meath	7	76
Cork	41	236	Monaghan	2	28
Donegal	7	48	Offaly	4	29
Galway	24	132	Roscommon	2	24
Kerry	9	57	Sligo	2	24
Kildare	13	109	Tipperary	4	46
Kilkenny	10	43	Waterford	9	64
Laois	3	33	Westmeath	6	45
Leitrim	3	12	Wexford	13	100
Limerick	10	93	Wicklow	9	40
Longford	0	16	Dublin	62	479

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