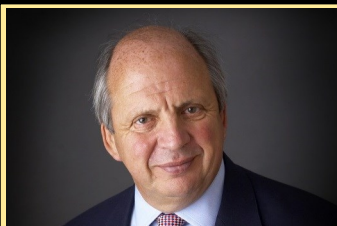




Jack & Jill News

June 2016



NOTE FROM JONATHAN IRWIN

While I didn't get enough votes for the Seanad - not by a long shot - what I wasn't short of was the warmest of support from hundreds of families and supporters around the country, and I thank you for that.

However, one fact I want to stop to share again is that the €3633 administration & postage costs in relation to my Seanad campaign has already been paid personally by me. That's important to know, given some of the nasty comments I've seen posted in

Facebook land.

As always, I want to start the summer by thanking our families, friends and supporters for their donations which keep our critical, nationwide home nursing care service going, with every €16 donation funding one hour of home nursing care for a sick child. We really appreciate your loyalty and continued support and we hope to see many of you at family day, along with our new Minister for Children, Katherine Zappone.

As you know, we've done our very best over the past 5 years to challenge the location of the National Children's Hospital but we've taken a back seat position since planning was approved for St. James'. However, we still believe that that's not the right location and that Connolly is the best location. It is good to see other voices leading the debate now and we will continue to monitor carefully, react where necessary and hope that common sense will prevail. Hope the sun shines for you this summer, wherever you are.



THE RORY FOUNDATION

On the 22nd May, Jack & Jill were delighted to congratulate Rory McIlroy on winning the Irish Open Golf

Championship at the KClub. It was a great event with the last day's play keeping us all at the edge of our seats, especially because Rory had chosen Jack & Jill as one of his beneficiary charities for the event along with Laura Lynn & Barretstown. This is a real 'gift of time' from Rory McIlroy and the Rory Foundation to the 300 families under Jack & Jill's wing. This means a huge amount to Jack & Jill in terms of building funds and in building awareness. Having a champion like Rory, and being associated with such a high profile event, reminds our families that they don't walk alone. What a Golf Champion and a Champion for children's charities! Well done Rory!



GET ON YER BIKE FOR JACK & JILL!!!

Our Jack & Jill Kilkenny cycle takes place on Saturday 17th September 2016. Starting and finishing in O' Loughlin Gaels GAA Club Kilkenny, with refreshment stops

on route, back up support and assistance, we have 2 routes available for those up for a challenge—66km or 100km.

Registration *on the day* is €45 or €40 *online* at www.jackandjill.ie

For further details call us on 045 894538 or email Edelle@jackandjill.ie



VHI MINI MARATHON

Congratulations and a Big thanks to all the women who took part in the VHI Mini Marathon on the June Bank Holiday weekend especially those flying the flag for Jack & Jill.

JACK & JILL CHATEAU DE FIEUZAL WINE DINNER



The Château De Fieuzal Wine Dinner took place on Thursday, 28th April 2016 and raised €32,000 for Jack & Jill. Hosted by The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation and Bacchus Vinos, the event was a rare occasion to dine in the fine dining hall of the great historic building of the Honorable Society of King's Inn. In attendance was Lochlann and Brenda Quinn, owners of Château de Fieuzal and Stephen



Carrier, renowned winemaker who explained some of their magnificent wines that were served on the night, while relishing in cuisine prepared by Clare Hanley.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by the many guests who attended to support the work of the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.



KEANE MCDONALD COCKTAIL EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Keane Mc Donald Cocktail evening in the Merrion Hotel on 6th May in aid of Jack & Jill! Organised by Yvonne Kelly and her team, guests enjoyed delicious summer canapés accompanied by mojitos and appletinis while Stella Bass and her jazz trio entertained in the stunning Wellington Room. The event raised €3545, providing 221 home nursing care hours for our families.



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€8 per kilo

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TOUR DE PICNIC

We are delighted to be one of the three beneficiaries of the Tour de Picnic cycle/run on the 2nd September to Stradbally for the sold out Electric Picnic Festival 2016.

Run 15K or cycle 80Km and donate €380, and you will receive your weekend ticket, EXCLUSIVE Tour de Picnic kit and lots of pampering and festival surprises. Register at www.rabodirecttourdepicnic.com before all the places are filled.



FAMILY DAY 2016

This years Annual Family day takes place in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. Hopefully the weather stays good for us and we have an exciting line up of activities and entertainment planned for our families. Please contact Tracey with any queries. Tracey@jackandjill.ie or call 045 894538



AN ACT OF KINDNESS

On the 2nd June we received a call from a bank about an anonymous donor looking to make a €50,000 donation to Jack & Jill, and on the 3rd of June, the very welcome funds arrived. Random acts of kindness from individuals, motivates us to keep ploughing ahead to raise the €2.7million we need to raise each year to continue to provide our service to very sick babies nationwide.



JACK & JILL ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

This year the Jack & Jill Annual Golf Classic took place on Friday 13th of May on the magnificent Championship Druids Glen Golf Course just outside Dublin. The course more than lived up to its reputation as the "Augusta of Europe". The course was in outstanding condition and it was helped by the fact that we had a glorious day.

120 golfers took to the course where many of them met Druids Glen Brand Ambassadors, rugby stars, Rob & Dave Kearney and Ian Madigan and that was followed by a beautiful dinner in the Druids Glen Hotel. Our thanks to Druids Glen and their Brand Ambassadors for their fantastic support of the event. Our thanks also to those who supported the event through sponsorship or taking part on the day. Keep an eye on our website for more details of next year's golf events. www.jackandjill.ie

DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH DERBY BALL

The Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Ball is set to take place in the magnificent surroundings of The K Club in Straffan, Co. Kildare on Friday 24th June. Jack & Jill are delighted to be the charity of choice for the third successive year

and this like previous years, will be a truly spectacular evening. Tables are priced at €1,450 for 10 or €145 per ticket. The black tie evening, hosted by RTE sports presenter Tracy Piggott, kick 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. For booking details or more information please contact Edelle at: edelle@jackandjill.ie or call 045 894538.



Updates on www.jackandjill.ie





BAKE A CAKE FOR JACK & JILL

Planning on activities with your children, nieces and nephews during the summer holidays??? Why not hold your own 'Bake a Cake for Jack & Jill' this August. Teach your family some of your homemade baking recipes or introduce them to some of our simple baking recipes we have included in our FREE Bake Sale Pack.

All you have to do is register at www.jackandjill.ie, set up a table / stand and invite friends, family or neighbours to come along and support your 'Bake a Cake for Jack & Jill'. This campaign will run during the month of August and all registered donations returned before the 12th September will be entered into a competition to win a family packed Jellybean Hamper. Contact alie@jackandjill.ie for more information.



TEAM JACK & JILL

If you're thinking of taking part in one of the many marathons, 10k/5k Run/Walks nationwide, or any of the endurance challenges going on around Ireland or abroad and would like to help Jack & Jill we would love to hear from you and support you on your journey.

Contact Edelle on 045 – 894538 or email Edelle@jackandjill.ie to let us know what challenge you are going to undertake for Jack & Jill and receive your free sponsorship pack.

List of marathons and challenges available at www.jackandjill.ie



GETTING TO KNOW HUGO JELLETT, INCOMING CEO

Q1. What are your key skills for the job of CEO?

'I listen, and like to feel really informed before making a choice, and then see it through.

Other things I believe in:

- a happy workplace is preferable to a sales force with targets.
- long-term patience and strategy is a forgotten art.
- showing respect for things that already work.
- people's stories are the greatest asset that we have.

A robust attitude to positive change is something I hold dear, and letting an idea that isn't working go is too.'

Q2. As incoming CEO of Jack & Jill, how is the transition working? Jonathan Irwin is a hard act to follow. Has he given you any tips?

'It is very unusual! There is a lot of cushioning in a handover period of a year, and

it allows me to really learn the structure of the organisation to identify things that I would like to improve without knee-jerk changes, to meet families, to understand why Jack and Jill is so unique, to scrutinise the finances, and to see how not having the personal story is going to make it a very different type of leadership. The School of Jonathan Irwin - an extraordinary and inspirational man who has a lot of teach – has given me food for thought on subjects such as being territorial, and make fast decisions that give immediate effect to the families of unwell children, and moving swiftly through a world in which the air is made of molasses.'

Q3. What was your career track / favourite role, pre Jack & Jill?

'I have always worked in the Arts - marketing, fundraising, curation and administration - in book publishers, in arthouse cinemas, in modern art museums, in theatres - until eventually I became immersed in Music and Arts Festivals, where I could bring all this experience together. I have absolute belief in the power of culture and the arts to heal.

My two favourites are The Borris House Festival of Writing & Ideas in June (just finished, and which raised some €3,000 for Jack & Jill this year) and Electric Picnic in September. My family are involved in the 'Trailer Park' area, and the 'Salty Dog' Stage. The creativity is nothing short of incredible and everything is built on such a big scale. Again Jack & Jill look set to benefit from this festival by €30,000 - €40,000 if we play our cards right!'

Q4. Do you have time for hobbies and, if so, what are they?

'I read fiction, travel writing and biographies at traffic lights.

I play soccer with my two young boys Arthur and Felix. It used to be them- against-me, those days are now gone.

I listen to a lot of bands, and organise the occasional gig'

Q5. Speaking of animals, do you have pets?

3 dogs, one rescue one and two peculiar looking yokes.

2 lambs who have graduated to sheep instead of Sunday lunch. They were meant to mow the lawn, but they are more partial to a hedge or a poppy in bloom. 1 degu, a Chilean rodent who lost his tail (and his partner) to a devious mink. He is shook and lonely and won't stray far again. 4 hens, three of them blue, one brown, who have taken possession of the tool shed.

Updates on www.jackandjill.ie





ANNABELLE'S CANDLES

On February 13th candles were lit to join with Annabelle's Candle in memory of all children here present or gone before us. This fundraiser was organized by Helena and Patrick Kehoe in memory of Annabelle. This fantastic fundraiser has raised an amazing €5141.59 to date in support of The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.

Many thanks to everyone for their support!!!

RIO OLYMPICS 2016 SHOWJUMPER GREG BRODERICK



Sincere thanks to Olympic nominated showjumper Greg and Cheryl Broderick for recently donating the proceeds from the sale of their colt foal who is three parts brother to Greg's Rio mount MHS Going Global. We wish Greg the best of luck in Rio in August!

Help us #UptheHill for Jack & Jill this September
www.jackandjill.ie



JACK & JILL CHARITY BOUTIQUE

The 6 Jack & Jill Charity Boutiques stock high end good quality ladies and gents fashion at bargain prices, along with children's toys, books/ magazines, cds/vinyls, Lego, household and furniture. If you are cleaning out the closet or de-cluttering over the summer months please donate to our shops. If you would like to donate Furniture to any of our stores contact your nearest Jack & Jill boutique or call the office on 045 894538.

JACK & JILL FESTIVAL BOUTIQUE

Going to Electric Picnic this year??

Make sure to pop into our Pop up Jack & Jill Boutique to pick up some festival fashion!

'DRESS WELL OR DIE TRYING'



CHARITY BOUTIQUE CONTACT NUMBERS

Newbridge: 087 6890894
Naas: 045 888375
Carlow: 059 9133619
Wicklow: 040466016
Arklow: 0402 91250
Crookstown: 059 86234021

County	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	6	33	Louth	5	51
Cavan	4	34	Mayo	8	77
Clare	6	59	Meath	9	81
Cork	42	243	Monaghan	2	28
Donegal	5	48	Offaly	5	30
Galway	19	134	Roscommon	3	25
Kerry	8	58	Sligo	3	25
Kildare	14	110	Tipperary	6	49
Kilkenny	12	46	Waterford	7	65
Laois	2	33	Westmeath	4	45
Leitrim	2	11	Wexford	11	101
Limerick	12	97	Wicklow	11	43
Longford	1	17	Dublin	67	488

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