

It's showtime in South East Clare

Ronan Judge

THERE was a large turnout in Bridgetown on Friday night for the launch of the 24th annual South East Clare show.

Clare Rose, Joanne O'Gorman and the Liam McCarthy Cup were among the guests of honor at the Community Green.

"Charlie" the Great Dane Dog also helped launch the event with his 3 year old owner Brianna Lynch and mum Arabella.

The dog captured the hearts of the country when the story emerged of Charlie could detect

Brianna's epileptic seizures long before they would occur; Charlie has received Great Paws Award for heroic services and will be featured on TV in the upcoming weeks on RTE1

South East Clare Show has chosen Milford Care Centre as charity of choice for the Show date, Sunday, July 27.

Cathy Sheehan, Head of Finance was present to represent Milford Care Centre, The Show Committee look forward to presenting a donation post Show date into this community which touches the hearts of so many people.

Richard Hackett, Clonlara brought along his prize winning nine month old Charolais CF52 Bull, to give those in attendance an idea of what to expect in the 28 Cattle Classes scheduled for the show date.

Rose Scanlan (12) from Killaloe Co. Clare was also in attendance with her pony Simbo, when he competes this year it will be his 15th time.

The 24th Annual South East Clare Show at Bridgetown Show grounds introduces some additional activity



The Show will have something for everyone, including a comprehensive programme of children's entertainment including bouncy castles, mobile pet farm, archery, ceramic making and many dog showing classes.

A selection of "Farmers Market" style stands await visitors to the show and this year the team at Irish BBQ Association join on the day to provide an atmospheric and dining experience.

Be in with a chance to win Best Dressed Lady, Bonnie Baby or little Miss Competition

A selection of Vintage cars & tractors will be on display. East Clare Harriers Hunt will be parading the hounds at 3pm in the main jumping arena; do not miss the beautiful spectacle and selection of two and four wheel traditional driving carriages and horses.

A great selection of home produce and horticulture items including a children section will also be on view.

National & International riders will participate in many of the scheduled show jumping events - starting at 9.30am

General admission for a family €20. Children go free up to 12 years, while student or OAP cost €5 or individual adult costs €10.

Left: Pat O'Brien (Deputy Mayor of Clare) with his grandson Billy Hynes and the Liam McCarthy Cup; Below: Clare Rose Joanne O'Gorman with Rose Scanlan holding the Liam McCarthy Cup and riding Simbo (this will be Simbo's 15th year appearing in the South East Clare Show).

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for families, children and patrons both in the leisure and competitive capacity.

With a total prize fund of €20,000 and more than 2,500 equestrian, cattle and Horticultural entries expected, the 2014 Show will draw

thousands of people to watch feature classes such as Cavan Equestrian Centre Elite Sales Qualifier for young horses, Champion of Champions in the Limousin Pedigree Cattle Section and Odlums All-Ireland Home Baking Qualifier.

News in brief

Tulla Soccer Club

A FULL week of events takes place at Tulla Soccer Club until July 19. This will be a busy time at Tulla Soccer Club with the 15th annual summer camp, the annual Golf Classic and the Tulla/SuperValu 10k all taking place - an activity for each member of the family.

The camp runs until Friday, July 18.

The Golf Classic takes place again this year at the East Clare Golf Club on Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19. Phone East Clare Golf Club on 061 921322 for tee times.

Tulla Soccer Club/SuperValu 10k will take place on Friday, July 18, starting at 7pm. Registration from 5pm on in the Cragg or online at www.runireland.com.

Men's Shed

The Killaloe/Ballina Men's Shed meet at the Family Resource Centre every Tuesday at 11am. Call 061 374741 or find us on Facebook.

Derg Fest

DERG Fest takes place in Ogonelloe on the weekend of Saturday, July 19, and Sunday, 20. A 10k-run has been organised for 2pm on the Saturday and at 2.30pm there will be a 5k Family Fun Run. There will be music with Gearóid Devaney on Saturday night in the Piper's Inn.

On Sunday, July 20, there will be a Monster Bingo at 8.30pm at Annacarriga. It promises to be a wonderful weekend of entertainment for all the family.

Féile success

THE third annual Féile Chnoc na Gaoithe was a great success with musicians, singers and dancers coming from all over Ireland, UK, USA, Canada and Australia to enjoy a wonderful weekend in Tulla.

The Ring of Kerry Dance group from Washington DC, who travelled to Tulla with Wild West Irish Tours, went home very happy on Monday morning. The dancers were very well catered for with céilis each night, workshops in sean nós and set dancing during the day, as well as the dance extravaganza on Sunday featuring Caitlín NicGabhann from Riverdance with dancers from Scoil Uí Ruairc, Helen Hehir Set dancers and the Suzanne Leahy sean nós dancers.

The Saturday night concert - which featured The Shannonvale Céili Band with guest dancers Mairead Casey, Gearóid Devane, Suzanne Leahy and Mairead Casey - was an electric affair with huge reaction from the audience.

Joe O'Connor held court at the singing sessions with guests Annmarie O'Riordan, Máire NíCheilleachair and Jerry O'Reilly among others. Workshops were very well attended on Saturday with fiddle students getting a chance to do workshops with such legends of fiddle playing as Maurice Lennon, Liam O'Connor, Antóin MacGabhann and Bernadette Nic Gabhann.

