



Spring 2018 - Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of 2018. We've lots of news to share with you.

- Launch of our new website
- Data Privacy - new EU regulations that affect us all
- How to book your tickets for the Annual Lunch in April
- Stories - we want to hear from you
- Muckross Alumni Choir
- Benevolent Fund - how you can help
- Dates for your Diary 2018

Launch of Website

Anyone spot our new website?

We are very happy to launch our new revamped website for our Past Pupils Union including new photos & sections to make it easier to find stories and information and move around the site quicker. We even have our first 'drone' video imagery of the school on our [Home Page](#) which we were very excited to use and think it shows wonderful footage of our school, evoking special school memories for us all.

As we want to keep our website up to date and relevant we'd ask you to please continue to send us your stories for inclusion as we love hearing from you. Log on to www.muckrossparkppu.ie to check it out.

Data Protection



On 25 May 2018, a new European data protection regulation comes into effect called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) with the aim to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the European Union, granting new and enhanced rights for individuals in relation to their personal information.

Your Past Pupils Union has been actively working to understand the changes required for our PPU Members to be ready for this regulation. This includes being transparent about how we process your personal information and ensuring that we have your consent to send you any information we may deem of interest to you - for example this Newsletter. Over the next few months we will send you all a separate communication with more information around this regulation, what GDPR means to you and any actions we may need to take to ensure we are compliant as a Union for this regulation before 25 May 2018.

Annual Lunch



Following two successful events we're pleased to be returning to Marco Pierre White, The Courtyard Restaurant, Donnybrook for our lunch on 14th April.

We're delighted to confirm that Mary Rose Gearty, Senior Counsel and class of 1987, will be our guest speaker.

At the lunch a raffle to support our Benevolent Fund will be held. If you'd like to donate a prize, drop us a line before 31st March.

It promises to be a fun day and a great opportunity to meet old friends, remember school days or just catch up with pals.

[Book your tickets now.](#)

Hall of Fame

Authors

As you probably know we have a large number of authors among our past pupils. Congratulations to Zoe, Catherine, Lisa, Valerie and Jennifer who launched new books during the last few months:

- Jennifer Geary (class of '93) - 'How to be a Chief Operating Officer: 16 disciplines for success'.
- Lisa Harding's (class of '90) debut novel 'Harvesting', was nominated for the 2017 Irish Book Awards Newcomer of the Year
- Catherine de Courcy (class of '75) - 'Montségur'. A Novel set in Southern France in 1236.
- Valerie Cox (class of '69) – 'A Ploughing People'. A celebration of the ploughing championships and farming life and 'ALONE: The First 40 Years'. The story of how Dublin fireman Willie Bermingham set up the charity ALONE to combat homelessness.
- Zoe Devlin - 'Blooming Marvelous'. A Wildflower Hunter's Year.

Are you publishing a book this year? Make sure to let us know.



Valerie Cox (class of '69) at the launch of her new book 'Alone - the first 40 years' with Gay Rodgers and Emer Daly.



Fellowship of the Royal Academy of Dance Awarded

We only recently heard that past pupil Cynthia Ó'Dúnlaing (nee Gaffney, class of 1957) was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Academy of Dance for her important contribution to ballet.

Muckross Park College Sporting Winners

We share lots of stories on [Facebook](#). Do you recognise any faces?



Muckross Alumni Choir



**MUCKROSS PARK
Past Pupils' Union**

The MUCKROSS ALUMNI CHOIR
is holding its Open Night

Monday 19 February at 7.30pm sharp
in Muckross Convent

Past pupils,
do you feel
like singing
for fun?

No Auditions!

Popular Songs!

All Past Pupils Welcome!

Contact:
MuckrossAlumni.Choir@gmail.com
or T: 087 6383 683

Website:
www.muckrossparkppu.ie

Benevolent Fund

Over the years the Fund has been used to support past pupils who have been impacted by serious illness, disability, bereavement, and unemployment. The Fund has also supported the education of students in need and other charitable causes deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Committee.

The Past Pupils' Union continues to reach out to those who are in need and who can most benefit from a contribution from the Benevolent Fund. Your support of the Benevolent Fund has made a significant difference to the lives of many past pupils.

If you know of or become aware of a past pupil in need of assistance please contact us –
muckrossppu@gmail.com.

Dates
for your



Upcoming events

- 4 March 2018 - Past Pupil Union Mass at 11.15 in the Convent Chapel
- 4 March 2018 - AGM at 12 noon in the Convent
- 14 April 2018 - Annual PPU Lunch. Guest speaker : Mary Rose Gearty, Class of '87. Marco Pierre Whites, Donnybrook
- 6 May 2018 - Past Pupil Union Mass at 11.15 in the Convent
- 9 July 2018 - Combined Dominican Unions Golf Outing, Naas Golf Club
- September - Hockey Match, Past Pupils v Present Pupils (date to be confirmed)
- 13 Sept 2018 - Muckross Park PPU Golf Society Outing (Golf Club to be confirmed)
- 4 Nov 2018 - Combined Dominican Union & Deceased Past Pupils Mass at 11.15 in the Convent

Contact Details

If you would like to receive this Newsletter by email instead of by post and help us save money for the Union, please contact us through our mailing or email address below:-

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