

# Winter 2022 Newsletter

## *Nuachtlitir an Gheimhridh Cairde na Camóige*

### **Friends of the Camac Mission Statement:**

*Protecting, preserving and enhancing the Camac River in Clondalkin; its heritage, wildlife and ecosystem; for present and future generations.*

### **Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme**



*Camac in Clondalkin Community Centre – photo by Brian Nolan*

As part of planning for Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme (CamacFAS), FOTC engaged with the public participation process in 2022, offering historic photos and stories on flooding in the past and sharing the memories and knowledge of our members. We have been told that the outcomes of planning by AECOM, OPW and SDCC will be shared in Q1 of 2023 and we look forward to hearing the proposals for this very significant development in the Camac catchment.

### **Kerosene Spill**

Unfortunately, we had a kerosene spill on 24<sup>th</sup> August of this year. It entered the groundwater and was culverted toward the river opposite the Garda Station. Fortunately, very quick action and reporting by local residents in Riversdale and Yellow Meadows, as well

as Inland Fisheries Ireland and local representatives Cllr.s Francis Timmons and Eoin O’Broin, resulted in SDCC teams being on the site very promptly. SDCC engineers continue work to absorb remaining kerosene and we thank them for all their efforts.

### **Friends of the Camac Art Competition 2023 Winners - Keep our River Camac Clean!**

This Autumn, Friends of the Camac launched our ‘Keep Our River Camac Clean’ art competition, with sponsorship from the South Dublin County Council Antilitter/Antigraffiti Initiative. Thank you to all the students and their teachers for submitting fantastic artworks showing how much they know about, and care about their River Camac. Comhghairdeas libh go léir!



*Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Clonburris: Adair Cowan & Lile Frost FOTC, Paula Galvin Teacher, Principal Fiona Morley, with art competition winners – photo Tommy Keogh*



*Jamie Byrne, age 9, 4th Class*



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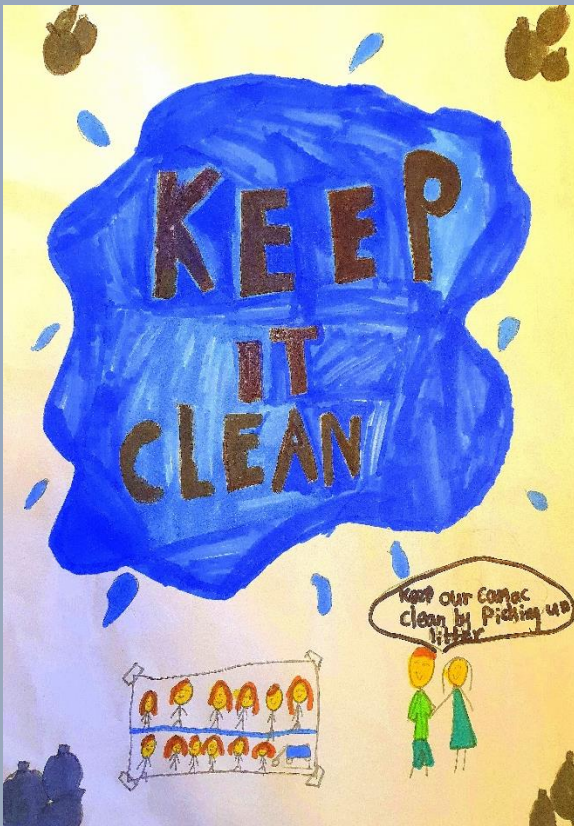


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Ines Pietrazek, age 11, 5th class



Special mention for Biodiversity Rep. for Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Jordan! – photo Tommy Keogh



Isobel Whyte, age 10, 5th class



Winners from Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin pictured with their teachers and school principal, also Lile Frost & Brian Nolan FOTC – photo Tommy Keogh



Darragh Flood, age 10, 4th class



Damhán O'Gallchobhair, 7 mbliana d'aois, Rang 2



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Ava Carberry, 6 mbliana d'aois, Rang 1



Amy Iago, 12 mbliana d'aois, Rang 6



Séamus Mac Raith, 7 mbliana d'aois, Rang 2



Bronwyn NíChionaith, 11 mbliana d'aois, Rang 5

### Special Tribute to George Smith RIP

In September we lost one of our great supporters and volunteers, George Smith of St. Killian's Park. George was an enthusiastic planter in our 'Planting for Pollinators' campaign, and a great example of volunteerism, contributing to Clondalkin Tidy Towns, St Killian's Residents Assoc., Clondalkin Men's Shed and Friends of the Camac.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.**



Art competition winners from Gaelscoil na Camóige pictured with their teachers and principal, also Lile Frost FOTC – photo by Tommy Keogh



November Clean-up Crew and his daughter Georgina pay tribute to George Smith RIP – photo Tommy Keogh



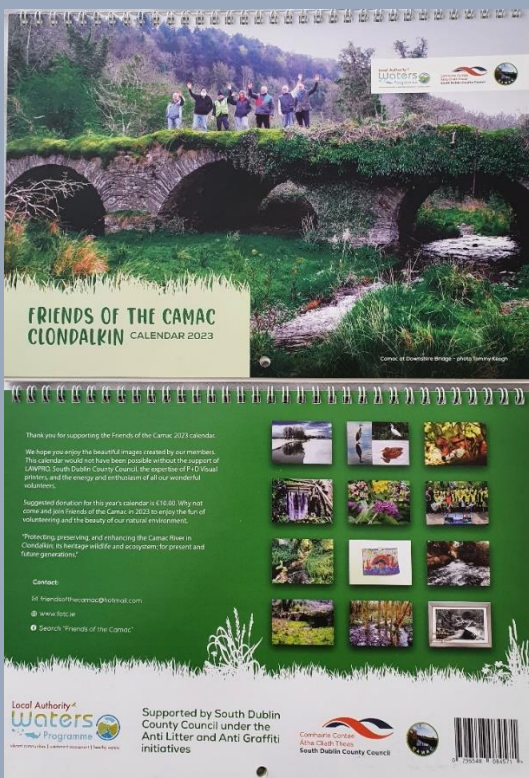
## Heritage Week 2022 – Walk and Talk

Led by Pat and Peter Ging, this year's walking event for Heritage Week was a great success. At this popular event, attendees were given a talk about the history and heritage of the Camac using visual aids, and then joined Pat and Peter for a walk and talk along the river. Over sixty people of all ages attended, and the event was enjoyed by all.



Heritage Week Walk & Talk – photo Tommy Keogh

## Friends of the Camac Calendar 2023



**The 2023 Friends of the Camac calendar is available from us, contact [friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com).**

## Rathcoole Woodlands

After six years campaigning by Four Districts Woodlands Group, the majority of Rathcoole Woodlands is now zoned 'Rural' in the County Development Plan. Congratulations to Deirdre Tierney and her colleagues for all their hard work endeavouring to protect this habitat of national ecological importance. This is a shining example of how local people and public representatives can work together to achieve something meaningful in the protection of our natural environment.

## Friends of the Camac AGM 2022

**THANK YOU** to all members who attended our AGM on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Aras Chronáin, and mile buíochas to Brían O'Gaibhín for the room. The AGM is adjourned in order to complete the election of officers (Hon. Sec. & Treasurer). If anyone is interested in these roles please contact our Chair, Lile Frost, at this email address: [www.friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com](mailto:www.friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com)

## Events 2023

<b>Second Saturday of every month (check <a href="http://www.fofc.ie">www.fofc.ie</a> for details)</b>	Friends of the Camac Community Clean-up along the river in Clondalkin Village. Meet 9.45am for 10am at Clondalkin Leisure Centre Car Park D22 E283. Wear comfortable and waterproof footwear and clothing and please do not attend if you feel at all unwell. Thank you.
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**Facebook:** Search 'Friends of the Camac'

**Friends of the Camac:** We are a not-for-profit community volunteer group set up to preserve/improve the Camac river and greenway for the people of Clondalkin. **If you would like to donate to/sponsor** Friends of the Camac, please email [friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofthecamac@hotmail.com) and we will reply as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Lile Frost, Chair, Friends of the Camac**

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