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2012 has truly been a year of continual celebration for the Fitzpatrick Shop Family. Our goal this year was to show our customers and community, in a real and meaningful way, how much we appreciate your support.

March - St. Patrick's Day, offered us the opportunity to sponsor the local parade, which proved so successful that it was suggested by some customers that it be renamed as the "Fitzpatrick's Day Parade". An absolutely outstanding gathering of the community with music and dance, complemented by a terrific array of food, cemented the 2012 Patrick's Day Parade as being the most memorable to date.

May/June - The local community has entered the "Tidy Towns" competition for the last number of years, and it was in complementing their efforts that Fitzpatrick's Shop found their second opportunity to demonstrate in a very visible way their appreciation. Over a two month period the roadside wall opposite the shop, which extends for a considerable distance east and west was prepared, planted and decorated; bringing a blaze of colour seasonally to what was once a neglected and unremarkable wall. Fitzpatrick's are committed to maintaining this planted area in the future and trust that it brings visual pleasure to the community at large, whilst also supplementing the marvellous efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee.

July/August - Fitzpatrick's organised a fundraising drive to raise monies for the vital repairs to the Glounthaune Community Centre. €1040 was donated by customers of the shop and this was matched by Fitzpatrick's with a donation of the same value. Local companies and other private donations brought the total raised just shy of €5000! A local builder, Fergal Finn was awarded the contract for the repairs, and it is planned to have the work completed by Christmas.

September - On Saturday afternoon, September 22nd Fitzpatrick's held their 70th Birthday Party where the whole community was invited to participate in a family fun day. The event took place in Craig's field adjacent to the Village, with a spectacular array of events and attractions for all, too numerous to mention. The photograph boards on display in the shop and the many pictures on facebook encapsulate the truly amazing day of fun enjoyed by all!!

November - The month of November provided us with the opportunity to remember and honour those who were part of our life's journey and who are no longer with us. With this in mind, Fitzpatrick's took the opportunity to honour their late mother Nora, by sponsoring a history board at Caherlag Graveyard, where she is buried. This board displays the history of this unique cemetery, courtesy of Mr. Paddy Twomey, and adds to the heritage of our community. We trust that it also shows appreciation for the outstanding work restoring the graveyard, which was completed by Jamie Murphy and his team.

December - As December 2012 and our celebrations came to a close, Fitzpatrick's presented their final gift of a defibrillator to the community. This life saving equipment will be permanently mounted on the wall of the shop for the benefit of all.

As a meaningful and appropriate conclusion to a notable year, Fitzpatrick's commissioned this unique Glounthaune themed calendar, which portrays various landmarks in our parish, and highlights the connection that exists between Fitzpatrick's and their locality.