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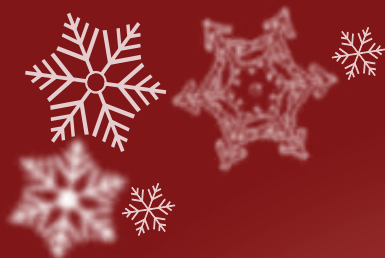
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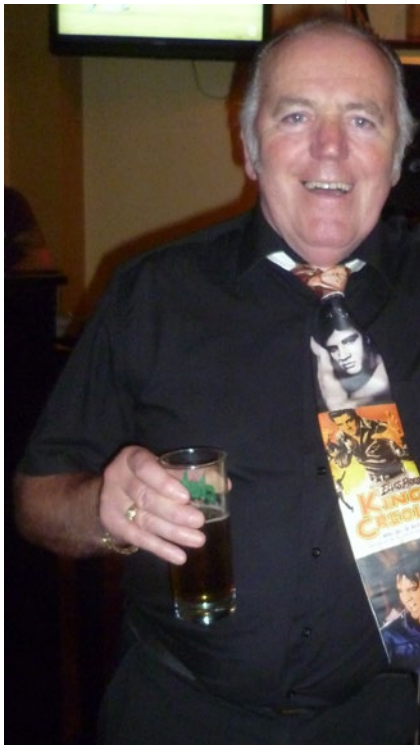


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"NÍL AON GLEANNTÁN MAR DO GLEANNTÁN FÉIN" GLOUNTHAUNE NEWS BY "THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT"

THE LATE GREAT O' NEILL



14th. As I have stated on previous correspondence, this is not acceptable and I must insist that you never repeat this action. It is foolhardy to put yourself at risk by such actions and I'm sure there are more suitable places on Little Island to play football. UNQUOTE.

And how did Martin respond? He simply captioned it; "Grass is for playing football on" and framed it! Indeed it was on view amid the impressive array of memorabilia on the night he laid in repose at his residence. Martin was a flamboyant mischievous character and he brought a "life before death" culture to a high level. His dress code was eye-catching and was best exemplified by those striking Marilyn Munroe ties or perhaps some outrageous footwear. He loved a sing-song; did he give it holly and what about his Elvis impersonation? Martin was also chairman of the Cork Branch of Manchester United Supporters' club for many years and was a regular at Old Trafford season after season. He organised visits of high-profile players to Glounthaune parish down through the years; including Bryan Robson, Brian Mc Claire, Denis Irwin, Lee Sharpe, Nicky Butt and Gary Neville. Martin was a popular character in the parish and beyond and this was borne out by the vast crowd who attended his funeral ceremony which was so meaningfully executed by the former curate of the parish, Fr. Greg (Howard), and what a loss he is to our community. Geraldine, Martin's wife for over forty years, delivered the eulogy in an informal style and she related their journey of life with humour. She commented on the large gathering; "Martin loved an audience and to be the centre of attention. Once again, he would be gratified by the large congregation here today and in all his gigs he never had an audience quite so large". Geraldine referenced when as a fifteen year old she first met Martin, he was

twenty one; "I met 'The Legend' who hailed from Little Island at an Erins Own victory dinner dance at the Commodore Hotel in 1971. At some time during the night I was approached by this long hair, bearded, hippy looking kind of guy dressed in a most awful green suit and I found myself sitting next to him on the bus coming home. The cheeky guy that he was then asked me for a kiss!" She also related; "I knew that Martin was a singer and a rebel from the very first night as he gave a rendering of 'The Lonely Woods of Upton' on stage". Martin had set up a small painting business and on one occasion Geraldine obtained a job for him from the nuns in Carrigtwohill Convent where she attended secondary school but it came to an untimely end. She explained; "he somehow got himself locked into the girl's dormitories one evening. The nuns thought he might be up to something suspect and that the girls in their care might be in some mortal danger or other - however could they be thinking that"?! Geraldine had a job working at Ashbourne House Hotel during her summer school holidays and Martin used hang around the pool waiting for her in the evenings. A lady from Little Island, who knew Martin, was working there at the time and she would say to her; "what is a nice girl doing with him? You should keep away from him because he is trouble". Geraldine continued; "indeed, she was not the only one to tell me that he was a bad boy but then, as we all know, nice girls always go for the bad boys"! Martin and Geraldine married in 1976 and they took over the running of Fitzpatrick's Shop from Geraldine's late mother Nora while continuing to work their full time jobs. Their first daughter Kerri was born two years later and Geraldine then gave up her teaching job and worked in the shop full time. Their business progressed over the years and Geraldine highlighted Martin's input to their financial success; "it was he who identified the many opportunities that contributed to it, such as the old schoolhouse at Little Island which is currently known as Trafford Park, the Ellis Quarry which lay idle for many years and is now the location of some of the first new homes in Little Island, and the old farmhouse at Lanes' which he proudly

named the "Elizabeth O' Neill House" in honour of his late mother and which is now the Pepsi-Cola headquarters in Little Island". Martin had many other passions in life besides football; cars, motorcycles, music, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Munroe and travel. Geraldine said that his most memorable trip was when she surprised him on his fiftieth birthday with a visit to the home of Elvis Presley; Graceland. He dressed in a suit that day "to pay respects to the King" and later said that that the hair stood on the back of his neck such was his awe at the whole experience. He told her that it was the best day of his whole life. Geraldine continued; "His greatest passion though was reserved for his family, particularly around his six children who he loved so dearly. This passion extended to his family of origin and he was a loving and generous son to his late Mam and Dad and a supportive and caring brother to his sisters Ann, Marion, Geraldine, brother John and also to his many relatives". Martin never lost his roots and he loved the fact that he was from Little Island. Geraldine remarked that if asked on their travels where he came from he always responded; "I come from Little Island". This was often a cause of some comment between them, particularly if he got himself into trouble, and Geraldine would say; "you can take the boy out of the Island but you can't take the Island out of the boy". She concluded the eulogy; "Martin as we bid you farewell today and take you back "Across the Tracks" to your beloved Little Island may I say; thank you for sharing your journey on the road of life with me and you know what; it was one hell of a ride". Martin will be remembered often and missed greatly and of course especially by his close knit family. The strength of the love that the family share for each other and for Martin will get them through this difficult time and they will gradually find comfort in all of the joyful times that they experienced together. "Elvis has left the building".

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

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The Glounthaune community is stunned and saddened with Martin O'Neill's ill-timed and unexpected passing. We often say that the hour of death cannot be forecast but we imagine that this hour would be in a distant future. We never thought that we would be thinking of Martin as a memory.

Yes, it came too soon. Life doesn't seem fair sometimes and this is one of those moments. Martin was one of the good guys; as seen in his love for his family, his natural friendliness, his great sense of humour, his love of music, his community work and of course his passion for soccer and his beloved Manchester United. Martin was a soccer fanatic and was the prime motivator in promoting the game in a GAA stronghold parish. His love for soccer even spread to the golf course as he greatly enjoyed a "kick-around" on the lovely manicured fourteenth green at Cork Golf Club! The members were furious and Martin received correspondence regarding this "bizarre behaviour".

A letter dated March 25th.1997 from the General Manager Matt Sands gives a flavour. QUOTE: Dear Martin, It has been reported to me that you were again seen playing football on the fourteenth hole on Friday March

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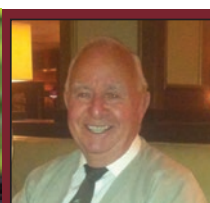
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THE CHARMS OF IVY

Although unashamedly pagan, the custom of decorating homes for Christmas has always been central to the celebration of Christmas. Even before the introduction of the Christmas tree, the Irish did as they had done for hundreds of years—they brought indoors from the countryside all available winter evergreens. Indeed, fetching such greenery from the woods may have been responsible for the origin of the phrase 'bringing home Christmas'. Whether or which, holly was cut into great boughs, and swathes of ivy festooned fireplaces, kitchens, even the bedrooms. As evergreens, they represented the unchanging message contained within the promise of Christmas and our search for immortality.

Their presence today makes the message of Christmas relevant to everyone but I am never sure, as I unwind the hanks of ivy from trees to lie along our mantelpiece, whether I am paying tribute to the true spirit of Christmas or some darker creature buried in the subconscious layers of myth and legend. The two forces, pagan and Christian, are indeed a powerful and lasting combination.

As we start the decorations wet days take their toll on the appearance, and spirit, of the December garden. The petals on late blooms turn brown with excess moisture far too quickly then fall flat to the floor like wet moths. Low lying aubreita plants, with their chins resting in the mud are now dull of leaf

and unexciting in their late season distress. Dahlias, which looked so promising just a few weeks ago, have turned to mush smacked down by deteriorating weather. I turn in disgust and look away to that part of the garden containing mostly shrubs, then on to a circular thicket of box, a mature silver birch, and boundary wall clothed in dark ivy. This looks marvellously polished just now and it glistens with a shiny, black-green intensity lightened by odd splashes of gold. Being mature, it boasts large leaves and clusters of emerging berries which will soon blacken and become delicious food for birds which they consume with relish.

When you start looking for ivy you see it everywhere. And how marvelously multi-faceted it is. Pale green and gold varieties trail from window boxes in city and town, whilst curtains of ivy foliage soften garden walls and house fronts. You will even find it in cemeteries where delicate wands frame the names on lichen encrusted gravestones. In its rampaging form, it can appear like a vast cloth thrown over a wall to hang down almost to ground level with an air of faded grandeur.

Pluck a leaf and study its shape. Each is quite unique, a triangular shaped creation unlike any other foliage plant in the garden, cyclamen excepted! If it were not so common, we would think its leaf markings remarkable. When studied up close, thread-white veins show up on a dark green background as if drawn, in web-like fashion, with the finest



If you get bored with a wall covering of green ivy it can always be livened up by the addition of a little humorous artwork, seen here peeping out from the dark recesses!

etching tool.

'Goldheart' is a variegated form I like to recommend in many situations for it has shiny, deep green leaves, heavily splashed with gold in its centre. In youth, these leaves are modestly sized but as the plant matures, they grow larger and the plant tends to push forward from its wall or support. It will still look fine at this stage, but it is often better to clip it back hard in mid-spring and allow fresh new growth to take its place. 'Goldheart' does have a strong inclination to revert to plain green following such a short back and sides³ but this can be countered by the selective cutting out of such shoots once they are noticed.

A super alternative is a variety called 'Buttercup'. This is the best of the yellow-leaved forms, and in a fully exposed situation it will be found decidedly cheerful, especially in winter. Leaves which receive less light will be more subdued of course but this will only highlight the contrast between a strong yellow and its dismal winter surroundings.

THE DECEMBER GARDEN

WINTER Where non-gardening friends find the onset of winter depressing, I never regret its approach—or indeed the change of any season. They all contain distinctive brands of beauty, pleasure and renewal. But the mood of autumn is the ebb and flow of life and what better finale to the gardening year could there be than the great spectacle of decay and renewal? The debris and detritus of one year will soon become the food for another so autumn should be celebrated and savoured for what it is. I try, am much as possible to prolong it.

LEAVES Although the leaves which are now tottering and falling to ground look romantic and seasonal, when they are allowed to remain for long periods on lawns and grass areas they damage the swards by excluding light. Invest in a good leaf rake and use it as often as is necessary. Don't be tempted to burn

the leaves. Add them to compost or stuff them into a black plastic bag in which they can rot down. Wet the leaves to begin, punch a few holes in the bag to allow air penetrate then store in under shrubs for one year. Use the resulting mixture as a mulch medium next autumn or in a compost mix.

WEEDS AND MOSS Check brick paved driveways for debris. Clean lines are pleasing to the eye, particularly in a wintry garden. There is still time to apply the likes of 'Pathclear' and if attended to now, the area will remain weed free at least until late spring. Moss is quite another story. Use Jeyes Fluid to clear this, mixing it with water at the rate of a cup to a gallon of water. The product was much stronger in the past so add more on heavily infested ground. Apply via a watering can or sprayer. Be advised that this product will not physically remove the moss. It will kill it, yes, but the onus will be on

the gardener to scrape the offending remains from between individual bricks on the driveway.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The days ahead embrace Christmas and I hope that all readers and well-wishers (of which there are many) will have a truly happy time. While comfortably seated beside the fire consider what the garden has meant to you this past year and what you hope to accomplish next season. Always remember that the more difficulties you experience, and the greater your problems, the more you are in my writing thoughts. The harsher the conditions you struggle with the more I strive to write about ideas and plants which will enrich your view and thrive where you may have previously failed. And in the end, whether the battle is won or lost it makes no real difference, for we will have gardened together in spirit and in print and enjoyed every moment of it! A Happy Christmas to you all.

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FRIDAY
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Join us for the lighting of the
Glanmire Christmas tree
on Friday, December 6th at 6pm.
Kids entertainment from 5.30pm.



An Nollaig sa Litríocht

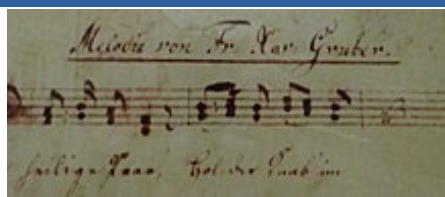
Micheál Ó Súilleabháin

Tá séasúr na Nollag tagtha chugainn arís. Dealraíonn sé go dtosaíonn na hullmhúcháin níos luaithe gach bliain. Tá gach áit breac le soilse de gach cineál atá ag éirí níos gile agus níos mó i gcónaí. Caitear an t-uafás airgid ar nithe atá nasctha in aigne an phobail leis an Nollaig na laethanta seo. Airítear maisiúcháin, bréagáin, bia i measc na nithe sin. Dar ndóigh, níl gach éinne tógtha suas leis na rudáimeallacha agus caitheann said a gcuid ama ag cabhrú leis na daoine nach bhfuil dóthain acu. Is iad san eagraíochtaí ar nós Naomh Úinseann de Pól, Clann Shíomóin a dháileann bia agus riachtanais eile ar na daoine atá ar an ngannchuid.



Greanadh a foilsíodh sna 1840-idí a spreag suim sa Chrann Nollag

Cuimhnimis, chomh maith, go bhfuil nós eile ann fós a dhéanann iarracht díriú ar bhrí cheart na Nollag, is é sin carúl agus iomann na Nollag a chanadh. Is nósanna iad atá sean-bhunaithe sa saol Críostaí agus tagann said ó ré a bhí dírithe ar an saol spioradálta seachas ar an saol tráchtála. Féachaimis ar chúpla sampla atá coitianta. 'Óiche Chiúin' is ea ceann de na hiomann is ansa le daoine. Cumadh é dhá chéad bliain ó shin. Ba é an tAthair Joseph Mohr a bhí ina shagart in Eaglais San Nioclás in Oberndorf san Ostair a chum na focail. D'iarr sé ar Franz Xaver Gruber, máistir scoile agus orgánaí in Arnsdorf, sráidbhaile a bhí in aice láimhe, an fonn a chumadh. Canadh an t-iomann den chéad uair ag Aifreann Óiche Nollag. Chuala Karl Mauracher, déantóir organ, a bhíodh ag deisiú an orgáin san eaglais, an t-iomann. Bhí sé an-tógtha leis agus thóg sé an téacs agus an fonn abhaile leis. Bhí aithne aige ar dhá theaghlach d'amhránaithe tíre, Strassers agus Rainers, a bhí ina gcónaí ar an mbaile. Thug sé an t-iomann dóibh agus chanadar é mar chuid den réimse amhrán a bhí acu. I measc an lucht eisteachta a bhí ag na Rainers bhí Franz 1 na hOstaire agus Alexander 1, Sár na Rúise. Chanadar 'Óiche Chiúin' ina dhiaidh sin i gCathair Nua Eabhrac. Faoi na 1840-idí, bhí cáil ar an iomann i Saxony agus tuairiscíodh go raibh Frederick William 1V na Prúise an-tógtha leis. I rith an ama seo, tháinig athrú airithe ar an bhfonn agus is é an leagan sin atá coitianta inniu.



Stille Nacht le Josef Mohr

I rith na mblianta, cailleadh an bunlámhscribhinn agus rinneadh dearmad ar ainm Mohr. Bhí a fhios ag daoine go raibh Gruber bainteach leis agus mheas mórán gurbh é Haydn, Mozart nó Beethoven a chum an ceol. Ach faoi dheireadh, thángthas ar an lámhscribhinn i scribhneoireacht Mohr in 1995 agus chuir lucht taighde an dáta 1820 air. Deireann an lucht taighde gur scríobh Mohr na focail in 1816 agus gur chum Gruber an fonn in 1818. O shin i leith tá an t-iomann scaipthe ar fud an domhain. D'aistrigh John Freeman Young go Béarla é ón mbun-Ghearmáinis in 1863 agus inniu is féidir é a chloisint i dteangacha éagsúla, an Ghaeilge ina measc. Nuair a bhí an Chéad Chogadh Domhanda ar siúl, bhí sos cogaidh don Nollaig in 1914 agus tháinig saighdiúirí na Gearmáine agus na Breataine amach ó na trinsí chun é a chanadh ina dteangacha féin.



William Grattan Flood

Tá traidisiún carúl Nollag in Éirinn atá sean-bhunaithe, go háirithe i gContae Loch Garman. Is é an carúl Éireannach is cáiliúla ná Carúl Loch Garman nó Carúl Inis Córthaidh. Ní fios cathain a cumadh é i dtús báire ach bhí sé ann sna meánaoiseanna. Canadh é go háitiúil ar feadh i bhfad go dtí gur mheas an t-orgánaí in Ardeaglais Naomh Aodhán in Inis Córthaidh, duine darbh ainm William Grattan Flood (1859-1928) gur cheart eolas níos leithne a bheith air. Bhreac sé síos na focail ó cheoltóir áitiúil agus foilsíodh é san Oxford Book of Carols. Dá dheasca, is féidir teacht ar an gcarúl i leabhair charúl ar fud an domhain. Tá sé deacair dáta cruinn a chur ar an gcarúl mar is dócha go raibh sé ar fáil ar feadh i bhfad sa traidisiún béil sular scríobhadh síos é.

Rugadh William Grattan Flood i Lios Mór, Contae Phort Láirge. Fuair sé a bhunoideachas i scoil a sheanathar agus d'fhoghlaim sé an piano óna aintín,

Elizabeth FitzSimon. D'fhoghlaim sé uirlisí ceoil eile, chomh maith. Bhí sé ina orgánaí in eaglaisí ar fud na tíre, i mBéal Feirste, i nDurlas, i Muineachán agus faoi dheireadh in Inis Córthaidh. Mhúin sé ceol i scoileanna éagsúla ar fud na tíre. Chomh maith lena obair mar stiúrthóir ceoil sna heaglaisí éagsúla, cumadóir ceoil ba ea Flood, chomh maith.

Le blianta beaga anuas sna seachtainí roimh Nollaig, téann grúpaí pobail agus cóir scoileanna amach ar na sráideanna chun taispeántas dá gcuid carúl agus iomann a chur os comhair an phobail. Is gnáthach go mbíonn aidhm charthanachta ag baint leis na ceolchoirmeacha seo. Bailíonn said airgead chun teacht i gcabhair ar charthanachtaí éagsúla. Chifeá iad sna hionaid shiopadóireachta, chomh maith.

Nós eile a bhaineann leis an Nollaig, dar ndóigh, is ea an Crann Nollag. Bhí nós ann riamh crann síorghlas a úsáid mar chuid de cheiliúradh. Tháinig an Crann Nollag mar atá sé againn inniu chun cinn sna tíortha Baltacha agus sa Ghearmáin. Níos a bhain leis an reifirméisean agus leis na Liútaraigh a bhí ann i dtús báire. Chuiridís crann a bhí maisithe in airde sa teach. Bhí sé seo i gcodarsnacht leis na tithe Caitliceacha ina mbíodh Mainséar na Nollag. I rith an 19ú Céad, scaip an nós i measc na n-uaisle, go dtí na cúirteanna ríoga ar fud na hEorpa. Nuair a phós an Bhanríon Victoria an Prionsa Albert, Gearmánach, d'éirigh nós na gCrann Nollag forleathan sa Bhreatain agus níos faide i gcéin. I gcaitheamh na mblianta, tá tionscal mór déanta den Chrann Nollag. Le blianta beaga anuas, tá an Crann Nollag saorga tagtha chun cinn. Bíonn sé maisithe leis an iliomad soilse leictreacha. I dtús báire, bhíodh rósanna a bhí déanta as páipéar maisithe, úlla, tinsil, sliseanna agus cionnle in úsáid. Nuair a tháinig an leictreachas éiríodh as cionnle agus úsáideadh soilse leictreacha, atá éirithe níos feiceálai le himeacht na mblianta.

Bíodh Nollaig faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise agus athbhliain faoi áthas ag gach éinne.

Gluais:

an t-uafás airgid= excessive money
a dháileann bia= who distribute food

ar an ngannchuid = in need

lucht taighde = researchers

lámhscribhinn = manuscript

orgánaí = organist

crann síorghlas = evergreen tree

i gcodarsnacht leis = in contrast to

saorga = artificial



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the month of December,
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The staff of Glanmire library would like
to wish all our patrons a very

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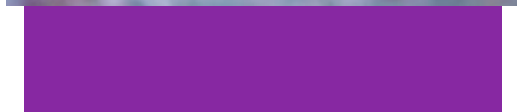
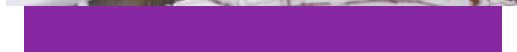
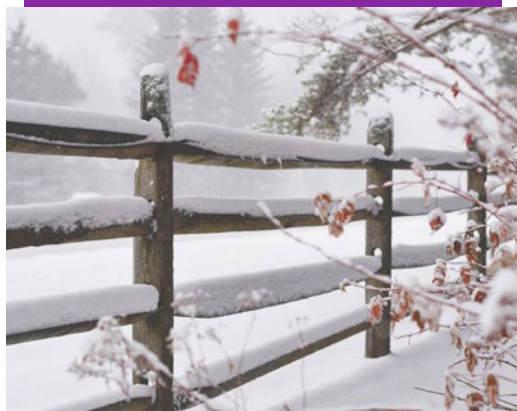
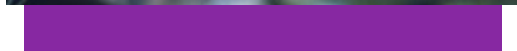
A CHRISTMAS CHILDHOOD
BY PATRICK KAVANAGH

One side of the potato-pits was white with frost -
How wonderful that was, how wonderful!
And when we put our ears to the paling-post
The music that came out was magical.

The light between the ricks of hay and straw
Was a hole in Heaven's gable. An apple tree
With its December-glinting fruit we saw -
O you, Eve, were the world that tempted me

To eat the knowledge that grew in clay
And death the germ within it! Now and then
I can remember something of the gay
Garden that was childhood's. Again

The tracks of cattle to a drinking-place,
A green stone lying sideways in a ditch,
Or any common sight, the transfigured face
Of a beauty that the world did not touch.





Dr. John Sheehan

MB, BCH, BAO, DCH, DME, MICGP, MRCP, MD

SEPSIS

Sepsis is a dangerous condition and can be lethal. It is the body's reaction to a severe infection caused by germs. Early treatment saves lives: if you suspect sepsis obtain medical help immediately—don't wait until the next day.

Sepsis is very common, and we have over 18,000 cases each year in Ireland. Sepsis can start in people while in hospital, but more commonly starts in the community. Sepsis is especially common in babies, elderly people and after surgery, pregnant women and people who are immunosuppressed (taking steroids and other medicines).

How to recognise sepsis: The symptoms can be very vague initially, and will be different in babies, pregnant women and the elderly. This contributes to the difficulty in early diagnosis of sepsis. People with any infection can develop sepsis, but urine and chest infections are of-

ten the source. A really early subtle sign is new confusion: if someone has an infection and becomes confused, seek immediate medical attention. Fast breathing is another early sign of sepsis. Many people will have a fever, often with cold hands & feet, shivering and aching muscles, feel breathless. Many survivors felt they were going to die: don't ignore this sense of impending doom.

Sepsis in babies and children is especially difficult for parents to recognise and doctors to diagnose. Children may be confused, drowsy, feverish, clammy, stop eating, vomit and stop passing urine ("no wet nappies"). If your child has got worse, and you are worried, see a doctor urgently and ask "Could this be sepsis?". We all need to "THINK SEPSIS". Early treatment of sepsis saves lives.

Sepsis is a medical emergency. If you think someone has sepsis urgent medical assessment is crucial: don't delay: call 999. The ambulance service will give someone with possible sepsis the highest priority. The treatment is

usually given in hospital, and involves oxygen, intravenous fluids and antibiotics.

Sepsis can be lethal, and many people with sepsis die. Many of the survivors have long term symptoms afterwards, both physical and psychological.

We can prevent sepsis: The influenza and pneumonia vaccines are really important. These are given to people aged 65y and over, pregnant women, and people with many conditions: Diabetes, liver-heart-kidney disease, Asthma, COPD to name a few. Children should be up to date with all their vaccines, especially the meningitis, Hib and pneumonia vaccines. Don't delay giving your child vaccines. Your GP and practice nurse can administer these vaccines.

Early recognition of sepsis is key to early diagnosis and treatment. When someone you love has an acute infection, remain vigilant throughout the illness until they are better. If a person with an infection seems to be deteriorating, or becomes confused: don't delay and

get immediate medical advice.

CONCLUSION

- Sepsis is common and potentially lethal "Think Sepsis"
- Sepsis is especially common in babies, elderly, pregnancy and immunosuppressed people

- Common symptoms include confusion, fast breathing, clammy cold skin, shivering, or muscle pains

- Any child under 5y age who is not feeding, vomiting and hasn't had a wee/wet nappy in past 12 hours might have sepsis: Call 999 or see your GP urgently.

- Sepsis is difficult to recognise and diagnose: if someone with an infection is deteriorating get them seen again as an emergency: don't delay.

- Early treatment saves lives
- Call your GP and make an urgent appointment if you don't think your child needs to go straight to hospital.

- If there is a delay in seeing a doctor, go straight to hospital or dial 999 and ask "Could this be sepsis".

Upper Glanmire ICA

Update on Guild activities

Our Coffee morning in October was to Blarney Woolen Mills, which was very well attended.

- At our November Guild meeting, we had Margo from Margo's Jewellery doing a demo on the art of Jewellery making. Members were also able to buy some jewellery afterwards.

- The Craft group continue to meet for crochet, knitting and a chat on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Community centre.



Margo from Margo's Jewellery doing a demo on the art of Jewellery making



Margo's beautiful jewellery



A sample of the Crochet block stitch

Christmas fruit cake

Ingredients

1 lb mixed fruit/ sultanas
2 oz cherries
3 oz mixed peel
1/4 pint sherry
(Soak all your fruit in the sherry for at least 24 hours prior to making your cake)
6oz butter
6 oz brown sugar
3 eggs

6 oz plain flour
2 oz self-raising flour
Pinch of salt
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
AND of nutmeg
2 oz ground almonds
2 tsp of grated rind of lemon

Method

- Line the sides and base of an 8 inch round tin with a double sheet of greaseproof paper.
- put a double sheet of tinfoil around the outside of the tin, tied with a string.

- Beat the butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Stir

in the eggs, salt, flour and spices. Mix well.

- Add in the ground almonds and lemon rind and all the soaked fruit.. Mix very well together.

- Transfer to tin and even out the surface.

- Sit tin in a roasting dish. Place in the centre of the oven at 160°C.

After about 40 minutes, when top of cake is beginning to brown, place a double sheet of tinfoil across the top and lower heat to 150°C.

Leave to cook until centre of cake is firm and a skewer comes out clean. (2 hrs approx in all)

Leave to cool in tin for 24 hours before removing greaseproof.



Traditional fruit cake



Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil

Seachtain na hEolaíochta 2019/ Science Week

Pupils engaging in experiments during Science week! The pupils of Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil have a tradition of attending the ESB Science Blast, carrying out science experiments on generating electricity and conserving energy, engaging in STEM activities and have participated in "Thinking outside the Box" in partnership with engineers from Stryker and class teachers.



Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil winners of the School Garden of the Year competition. All classes are actively involved in the school garden.



Nativity



Santa visit



Christmas Time at Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil- The school is a hive of activity during the festive season with choir concerts at the Everyman, School Concert and various charitable activities such as collections for S.H.A.R.E, Simon and Cork Penny Dinners.





Iris Wilkins McCarthy brings her pick of photographs from around Mayfield.
If you would like your photos featured on Mayfield Eye please send to
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St Patrick's College, Gardiner's Hill



First Years Ladies Football Team with Coaches



Emma & Linda from School Robotics Team with De Puy Pharma Staff



Spikeball Team 2019



Student Council Training



Chemistry Class



Students of the Week
Nabella, Ava and Clodagh

Mayfield Ladies GAA U16 Ladies team



Mayfield GAA

Some Mayfield GAA volunteers attending Rebel Óg thank you night for hosting Féile Finals back in June.



Vice Chairman Tony Hegarty, Executive Secretary Eoin O'Mahony, PRO Marie Rawley Murphy, Games Secretary Eamonn Landy.



Treasure Eoghan Cronin, Juvenile Chairman Neil Crean, Juvenile Secretary Michael McDonagh.



Huge congratulations to Abbie O'Sullivan on making the Cork U14 squad 2020.

You have done your team, your coaches, your family and more importantly yourself proud on achieving your goal

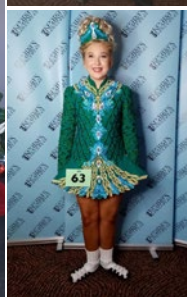
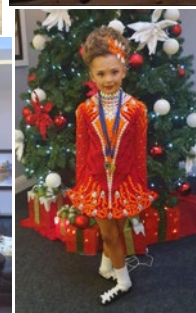
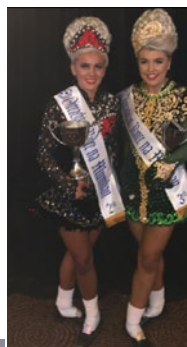
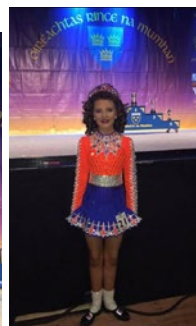
Congratulations & Well Done to the FE14 footballers who won the League title yesterday.





Mary McCarthy School of Dance

Congratulations to all the dancers who took part in the Munster Irish Dancing Championships held in the INEC Killarney recently



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Our Lady Crowned Church

Members of Our Lady Crowned Parish Pastoral Council with Bishop Fintan Gavin at the official launch of the John Paul 11 Awards at Blackrock Parish Centre last evening. Cork and Ross Pastoral Development



Hi Style Awards 2019



Newbury House Trip to the Woods



Mayfield St Luke's Tidy Towns Group. A magnificent Group of volunteers making a real positive contribution to our Local Community.





GLANMIRE PARISH NEWS

Website: www.glanmireparish.ie

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Christmas ceremonies in Glanmire

The following ceremonies will be held in Glanmire during December. Glanmire parish would like to wish all our parishioners and their families and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Annual Toy Mass

Sunday 8th December St Joseph's Church Springhill: 12 noon Mass

Ecumenical Carol Service

Please check www.glanmireparish.ie for date and time. St Mary & All Saints.

Penitential services, including surrounding parishes

Sunday, 15th December Church of the Immaculate Conception, Carraig na bhFear, 7:30pm
 Monday, 16th December St Joseph's Church, Springhill, Glanmire, 7:30pm
 Tuesday, 17th December Church of the Immaculate Conception, Watergrasshill, 7:30pm
 Wednesday, 18th December Sacred Heart Church, Glounthaune, 7:30pm

Confessions

Thurs 19th December St Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire, after 9:20am mass
 Fri 20th December St Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire, after 9:20am mass
 Sat 21st December St Joseph's Church, Springhill, Glanmire, 12:00-13:00
 Monday, 23rd December St Joseph's Church, Springhill, Glanmire, after 10:00am mass
 Tuesday, 24th December St Joseph's Church, Springhill, Glanmire, after 10:00am mass

Christmas Eve

Ballynoe Nursing Home: Mass at 2:30pm
 St Joseph's Church Springhill: Crib ceremony 4:00pm
 St Joseph's Church Springhill: Mass at 6.00 pm
 St Michael's Church, Upper Glanmire: Mass at 7.30 pm
 St Joseph's Church Springhill: Mass at 9.00 pm

Christmas Day

St Michael's Church: Mass at 9:30 am
 St Joseph's Church Springhill: Mass at 10:30 am
 St Joseph's Church Springhill: Mass at 12:00 noon



St Stephen's Day

St Joseph's Church Springhill: Mass at 10.00 am

Vigil Mass:

6:00pm St. Joseph's Church

Sunday:

9:30am St. Michael's Church
 10:30am St. Joseph's Church
 12 noon St. Joseph's Church

Confessions:

First Sat, 9:30– 10:00am, St Joseph's Church
 Or by prior arrangement

Parish Masses & Services

Fr. John Newman Springhill, Glanmire 087-2485684
 Fr. Pat Nugent Springhill, Glanmire 087- 0518239

Weekday Masses:

Mon-Fri 10:00am St. Joseph's Church
 Thursday 9:20am St. Michael's Church
 Friday 9:20am St. Michael's Church

Adoration:

Monday 8:30-9:30pm St. Joseph's Church
 Thursday 10:00–12 noon St. Michael's Church
 Friday 10:00am-10:00pm St. Joseph's Church



GLANMIRE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB



Minor team

Well done to our minor team who won county minor A title, also well done to Glanmire men's club who also won minor county.

Big well done to Riverstown NS who play the Sciath Na scol final today. Great win and delighted they brought back the Gearoid Duggan trophy to Glanmire once again.

Our junior team were Honored to receive the sports award from Glanmire chambers. And we wish to thanks everyone who voted for us.

A massive well done to our own Abbie O Mahony picking up an Evening Echo Women in Sports award today. Abbie is an incredible inspiration to the younger players in our club. She has

also captained the Cork Ladies Minor team to an All Ireland win this year. Keep up the hard work Abbie and again massive congratulations and well done.



Abbie O' Mahony with Mom and Dad

A great night was had at our Halloween Disco, some very original and scary costumes along with some adorable ones. Well done to all the amazing ladies for putting on a great night again this year We hope everyone had as much fun as we did.

Big thanks to all our sponsors and supporters through out the year, but a even bigger thanks to our coaches and committee who have give their all for our 2019 season. We couldn't have had such a successful year if it wasn't for the dedication of you all.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and can't wait to be back playing football again in Early 2020.



Jonny Long (GLF)



Halloween Disco



Jonny Long (GLF)

Garreth Fitzgerald **CRASH REPAIRS**

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Sarsfields Camogie Notes



Dinner Dance Silverware

November saw us pick up more silverware with two U13 final wins, U14 & U16 league titles, a Junior and Minor County! Throw in the hosting of a Munster Club Semi-Final, 50th Anniversary/Celebratory Dinner Dance and three recipients of Sporting Awards: Emer Fennell (96/103FM) and Molly Lynch/Olivia McAllen

jointly receiving the Cork City & County Youth Sports Award.

Its been a busy month and a fantastic year.

Many thanks to Liam Ryan of Ryans Supervalu who presented the club with an underage set of jerseys recently. The club hugely appreciates Supervalu's continued support of the local sporting communities.

As the season comes to a very fruitful end we would like to thank all our supporters, players, parents, coaches and mentors for being part of such an exciting year. Thank you for all your hard work and support all year & wishing you a very Happy Christmas and well deserved break!



Joint Recipients of Youth Sports Award



Ryans Supervalu Club underage jerseys



U13's White Imokilly winning team



Junior Team



U16 League Winners



U14 League Winners



County Minor Champions



U13's Blue Imokilly winning team



White's Cross GAA News

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Three generations of Delaneys following the under 14 football league victory - Con, Sean and Marion

Underage Success!

The club added more silverware to the cabinet in the last month to round off the playing season. The under 14 hurlers played Tracton in the hurling league final in a game that was played in White's Cross. The heavy conditions were not ideal for free-flowing hurling which was evident in the fact that White's Cross' final tally of nine points was enough to see the team over the line.



Captain Eddie Coughlan about to be presented with the under 14 hurling shield

Two early points put our lads ahead and were never lead from there. It was a dogged performance from there to the end with a tight defence ensuring that Tracton were never getting a foothold in the game.

The game ended nine points to four and ensured the club collected its second hurling trophy of the season. For the under 14s, it was their third title in the last few months having previously garnered two on the football field.

Christmas Draw 2019

Tickets for the White's Cross Annual Christmas Draw are now in circulation, and as always offer excellent prizes. This draw is the Club's main annual fundraising activity and thus we are grateful to all those who buy tickets.

It would be hard to find a better value annual raffle this Christmas costing just 2 euro per ticket – with a 600 euro first prize and 60 prizes in total – indeed if you buy 3 tickets you will get better value again with the three-for-a-fiver deal!

It is the wonderful ongoing support of our many sponsors that makes this draw so attractive and the relatively easy-sell that it is. Most people are satisfied to buy a ticket ever before they turn over the front page listing the first 25 prizes and see the back of the ticket detailing a further set of prizes, giving 60 in total.

We take great pride in the developments

we have made to our facilities in Ballinvriskig in recent years. These improvements to the Club's facilities have been done on top of fielding an ever-expanding number of teams in both football and hurling, across all ages and now in both genders!

All of this would simply not be possible only for the generous support of our annual fundraising efforts through the Christmas Draw, the Club Lotto and the Cork GAA Clubs' Development Draw.



Liam Ryan SuperValu Glanmire, kindly donating a set of jerseys to the White's Cross GAA ladies football team

The draw will take place at the venue of the draw's main sponsor, the Stirrup Bar, on Monday December 23rd. Thanks to Eileen and Michael Hennessy for their continued generous support.

Looking for a Christmas Stocking Filler?

Keep in mind that White's Cross GAA operates its own club shop that has been open weekly throughout the year. The

shop is selling the entire set of gear in all sizes – zip-tops, rain-jackets, jerseys, shorts, socks, hoodies, hurleys, helmets, gearbags, key-rings and more. It might just prove the ideal stoking filler and even if you cannot make up your mind you can always play it safe and buy one of our gift vouchers!

The shop will be open on Friday evening between 18.00 and 19.00 in the Upper Glanmire Community Centre during training for the future All-stars. Alternatively, please message the White's Cross GAA Facebook page for details/requests.

Poc Fada

White's Cross GAA will host its annual Poc Fada competition on St. Stephen's Day, starting out at 10:00am from the club grounds in Ballinvriskig. This is a fun filled couple of hours for all ages and genders. As always there will be various categories of prizes but the top prize will once again will be the John Hickey Memorial Cup.

Be sure to come join us for the spraoi agus craic on St. Stephen's Day – an ideal way to work off the excesses of the day before... and to make room to do it all again...!

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaire daoibh go léir ó CLCG Crosaire An Fhaoitigh!



Eoin Murnane and Cillian Hall at the White's Cross GAA end of year social held at the Blackman Bar recently



Pat Reid, Martin Flynn and John Drummy also enjoying themselves at the White's Cross GAA social at the Blackman Bar



GLANMIRE LADIES BASKETBALL CLUB

Autumn Highlights: Our Halloween Mid Term camp attracted over 60 boys and girls aged from five years upwards to Upper Glanmire. The camp was run by our Super League Team including Head Coach Mark Scannell and American players Shrita Parker & Tatum Neubert and catered for all different skill levels with the focus on participation and skills development. A big thank you to Ryan's SuperValu Glanmire who provided refreshments and goodie bags for all of the participants over two days of fun.



Above: All coaches and players from the Halloween Mid Term Camp in Upper Glanmire Sports Complex.



Above: Camp competition winners. Back: Roisin Murphy & Lisa Krol; Front: Aoise Furlong, Sophie Erangey, Bobby Quinlan, Davin McKeown & Nina Collins

Fundraising: We will be **bag packing** in local supermarkets during the month of December and appreciate the donations we receive from the local community. The funds go directly to the running of our club.

Get Involved: For further information about the club, how to get involved either as a player or volunteer, check out our website or follow us on social media.



November Highlights: Congratulations to Annaliese Murphy on winning 'Glanmire Ambassador of the Year' award at the Glanmire Chamber awards night, hosted in Vienna Woods Hotel. Annaliese was nominated in multiple categories on the night which is a testament to this multi-talented young lady and we are all very proud of her at GLBC.

Super League: The Super League season is well under way and our girls have put in some great performances at home and on the road including an impressive Cup win against last season League & Cup Champions Liffey Celtics, to progress to the next round.



Above: Ambassador UCC Glanmire player Shrita Parker in full flight at the UCC Mardyke Arena in recent fixture against Liffey Celtics.

Upcoming home fixtures Super League.

Date	Time	Away	Venue
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ERIN'S OWN LADIES CLUB



U12 Football Team

Congratulations to our U12 Footballers on winning the East Cork Football League final replay against Fermoy on the 9th of November last. Our U12s have had a fantastic year so big congratulations to their amazing coaches also.

who were involved with the winning team. We have a number of girls playing with the club and were thrilled to see them do so well with their school.



Sciath Na Scol Team

Congratulations to the girls on the Glounthaune National School Football team on winning their Sciath Na Scol final recently. Well done also to the super teachers and coaches of the school

Congratulations to our U16 Footballers who defeated Na Pairsaigh in the East Cork Football Championship Final on the 10th of November last. It was a very close and nail biting match with a point in it at full time.

Our girls fought hard to the end to secure the win. Well done to the girls and their dedicated coaches.

The U14 Feile camogie team and coaches met in the clubhouse on the 14th of November to present the fabulous Fiona Twomey of Fiona

valuable player in the Feile competition had the honour of presenting the jersey to Fiona. We would like to sincerely thank Fiona who has also been sponsoring our page in the Glanmire News this year. Fiona is such a positive role model for our girls, we



U16 Football Team

Twomey Solicitors with a framed jersey as a thank you for kindly sponsoring our jerseys to the Feile team for the Feile competition in June this year. Edith O Donnell, voted most

are incredibly proud of our association with her. Thank you to Fiona and her team !!!!



Members of the Feile Team pictured with Fiona and Edith



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Knockraha History & Heritage

continued from earlier edition

When Martin Corry T.D. Fell Foul of the Catholic Church

This vault, which has been shown many times on TV documentaries, is still there in perfect order and is now a great tourist attraction. And it is the fate that awaited these prisoners that revisionist historians have blamed Martin Corry for. But Martin Corry was doing no more than carrying out the Brigade orders. If Martin Corry was never Captain in Knockraha whoever would have been Captain would have to carry out the same instructions so to tar Martin Corry with that brush is false and misleading. Martin joined Fianna Fail at its inception in 1926 and was elected in 1927, a seat he held until he retired in 1969. When he joined the Dail he severed all his links with militarism devoting all his efforts to promote the welfare of the people of North East Cork. In Dail Eireann he was seen as a very colourful politician with very independent views of his own. In Fianna Fail he was one of the men who would stand up to De Valera. That was very evident in the case of Tomas MacCurtin Junior, son of the murdered Lord Mayor who was murdered in his bed in Blackpool by the RIC which was witnessed by young Tomas. Tomas, even after

the formation of the State, carried on activity in the Republican movement and for these activities he was sentenced to death in 1941 when De Valera was Taoiseach. It was Martin Corry who led the campaign to get his death sentence reprieved. He told De Valera that if he hung Tomas MacCurtin he would leave Fianna Fail and run against them in the next election. This was still no use so Martin got onto De Valera's wife Sinead and the 2 of them persuaded De Valera to commute the death sentence. Tomas was kept in jail for another 5 years and when he was finally released and came back to Cork he was met at Kent Station by 5 bands and thousands of supporters. Martin often proposed many controversial measures in Dail Eireann. The following is an example of a letter I received from Fr O' Donovan of Drimoleague about Martin Corry.

The Presbytery, Caheragh, Drimoleague, Co. Cork 12-04-2013

Dear Jim, Seeing your letter in 'the paper' some days ago reminded me of the pleasant times I spent in that Parish. Martin Corry and his family were very kind to me and I remember Martin showing me some of the weapons he made, souvenirs from the times he was interred and telling some stories of some escapades his Volunteers were involved in. I never

mentioned to him one story about himself "that he was the only person in modern times for whom a mortal sin was specially invented".

Our story is that in the 1960s Martin introduced a Private Members Bill in the Dail claiming that any person should be entitled to have a drink in a pub, as well as "bona fide travellers" on a Sunday. On a Sunday some "church people" spoke vehemently against it, as if it would be the end of Christianity. I heard priests preaching that people would come in to Sunday evening devotions half-drunk, etc. etc. The Irish bishops met solemnly in Maynooth and declared that anyone introducing such a change in the law would be guilty of "grave sin" (which I think means "mortal sin"). Since the FF Party did not support Martin nor any of the political opposition either, Martin was the only one being condemned by the declaration. When his Bill was defeated in the Dail he proposed then that all pubs should be closed to all on Sundays. That too was defeated-but the embarrassment it caused meant that the law was updated. But that is why we claim that Martin was the only person in modern times in Ireland and probably in the world for whom "a mortal sin" was specifically invented. Every good wish to you, to your beloved wife Sheila, and family. Fr. Michael O' Donovan, P.F.

Martin also proposed in Dail Eireann that commercial lorries should be allowed to have insurance to take supporters to GAA matches. It is fascinating to see as in Martin's case how a freedom fighter can change to diplomacy. In 1948 when Martin was 21 years in Dail Eireann he was made a presentation of a writing desk by Fianna Fail in East Cork. This presentation was made by Eamonn De Valera in the Commodore Hotel in Cobh. In the course of his address Martin stated that in his young days he doubted that the pen was mightier than the sword. But the events that had followed since 1932 had proved that the saying was right; that realisation had come to him when he saw the Union Jack being pulled down on Spike Island and the forts of Cork harbour being handed back to the Irish Nation. That day had shown to him the value of Statesmanship. So Martin Corry was a true patriot in every sense of the word. His funeral in Midleton in February 1979 was one of the biggest funerals ever seen in East Cork with all political parties represented. A graveside oration was given by An Taoiseach Jack Lynch. We shall not see his likes again.

Jim Fitzgerald

Chairman Knockraha History & Heritage Society

St Patrick's College

News November 2019

Donation to Book Rental Fund

A very generous past-pupil donation to the school book rental fund means that the school has reduced the book rental charge to just €50 for the year 2020/21. This also covers the cost of the journal, locker, student insurance & ingredients for Home Economics. The school is very grateful to this past-pupil who wishes to remain anonymous.

Christmas Revision Courses

St Patrick's offers subsidised Christmas Revision courses to it's Leaving Cert girls each year. The courses are subsidised through the Aspire2 funding from DPS Engineering and take place over the Christmas holidays. All students are encouraged to take advantage of these helpful

courses and can sign up through the school office.

School Robotics & Science Week

Our school robotics team are working hard on building their robot. They received a donation of €500 towards their work from De Puy Pharmaceuticals at a recent Women in STEM roadshow as part of Science Week.

Science teachers have organised a Senior Cycle science quiz as well as Careers in STEM talk for 3rd years & TYs as part of Science Week 2019. In addition, there will be forensic science workshops during science week for 1st years.

Gaelic Football / Soccer / Volleyball

Our Gaelic football team have been very busy and have played three matches so far, including one very competitive encounter



Students of the Week Nabella, Ava and Clodagh

against St Colman's Midleton. They are in action again on Friday. Well done to the girls and their coaches.

Our soccer team have also been in action recently against Midleton College, losing a hard fought game 1-0.

Our volleyball team are in training twice a week getting ready for a 1st & 2nd year tournament

coming up in December.

Student Council

Our new student council had their first meeting and had dedicated student council training from SCALA youth leadership centre in October. This year they're working on healthy eating & suggestions for classroom improvements. They will attend a BOM meeting once a term to update the board on their work.



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Glanmire Macra



Alison O'Connell with Macra President Thomas Duffy

National Conference Weekend

The October Bank Holiday weekend sees the highlight of the Macra calendar, with the Avondhu Region hosting the National Conference (Rally) at Corrin Mart in Fermoy and Radisson Blu in Little Island as members from across the country descended on Cork for the long weekend.

Friday afternoon saw the weekend launched with the Conference at Corrin Mart with panelists under the topic "Disruptive Innovation in Agriculture" and "Irish Agriculture Thinking Smart". Friday evening saw our team of Dónal O'Callaghan, Patrick Healy, Séamus Reid and John Casey test their knowledge in the Know Your Ag National Final. Congratulations to Awbeg who took first place. Festivities continued into the night with the Traffic Light Disco and dancing to Hell for Leather.

Saturday saw an eventful day with members heading out on their choice of tour, Dairy; Beef; Agri Contractor and Tillage or the alternative which saw people visit the Jameson Distillery. Also, during the day, the finalists for Club of the Year all presented their stands at the hotel where a number of judges and macra members called by to view their activities and achievements over the year. Also, being carried out on the day were the Best New Member interviews which saw

our own member and PRO, Alison O'Connell being interviewed about her reason for joining and her experiences to date in Macra. The night continued with the Club of the Year finalists promoting their club in a 2-minute presentation. Celebrations continued into the night again with Ruaile Bualáie.

Sunday morning saw the finals of the Beef and Sheep Stock Judging at Corrin Mart while the residents of the Hotel were treated to entertainment from The Fogues before donning the glad rags for the Banquet and entertainment culminating a highly active and successful number of days which sees Avondhu passing the torch, or rather "The Rally Bull" to the Kerry Committee who take over the hosting of the Conference in 2020..

Our Boys meet the Queens in Tullamore



Back Row John Lonergan, Darren Cremin (Knockraha), Donal O'Callaghan. Front Row Kayla Gillick, Joanne O'Leary (Carrigaline), Cliona O'Leary & Nicole H

The 55th Queen of the Land Festival 2019 took place in November as 28 beautiful ladies headed for Tullamore, County Offaly.

The lovely ladies were lucky to be accompanied by a number of rather dashing gentlemen. The Cavan Queen Kayla Gillick, was escorted by Glanmire Member John Lonergan and Kildare Queen Nicole Hollands was escorted by Dónal O'Callaghan. The private interviews took place Saturday morning and following that the ladies took the stage for their public interviews

and finished off with dancing the night away. The festivities continued into Sunday with more music and dancing before the Gala Banquet on Sunday evening with the announcement of the winner Roscommon Queen Sinead Conry shortly after midnight.

Glanmire Macra Regional Soccer Round

November kicked started (literally) with Seandún Regional Indoor Soccer Final. The competition took place in Riverstick Community Hall.

The ladies team consisted of Zara Long, Siobhan Ryan, Sinead Broderick, Mar Cottrell, Muireann Kennedy, Tanya O'Sullivan and Aisling Walsh. The gentlemen's team consisted of Seamus Quinlan, Cathal Cashman, Seamus Reid, Declan O'Hara, John Casey, Donal O'Callaghan, and Mike Buckley. As a club we are delighted that both male and female teams had new club members take part in the Indoor Soccer competition. Unfortunately, it was not to be our day with neither of the Glanmire team reaching the finals.

Locally this month

Glanmire members and friends were hosted by Elaine and Ben Ryall for a farm walk in Watergrasshill recently. The Ryall family have one of the largest pedigree pedigree angus herds in Ireland. Their main aim is to breed bulls for dairy farms with a big emphasis on herd health and are also involved in the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation. There was a fantastic turn out on the day. Thanks to the Ryall Family for their hospitality.

Glanmire Fundraiser

Macra

It's that time of the year again as Glanmire Macra host their Annual Christmas Quiz at the Stirrup Bar 12th of December at 8pm. This year's charity is Shine A Light: Suicide Awareness. Joe D'alton and Nadine Long spoke with club members of their work, which focuses on suicide awareness, prevention and the promotion of positive mental health. Shine a Light Suicide Awareness works in its community providing the following local services: "low cost counselling; through the Coisceim Counselling service, provision of SafeTALK and ASIST Suicide Awareness Trainings, the rolling out of bereavement support groups in communities and sign posting people to supports offered by other organisations". For full details on the work the group carry out please go to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/shinealightgroup/>.

Our monthly meetings continue the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9pm in the Stirrup Bar. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the club or looking for any information about Macra of the club, call into our sports night at 9pm each Tuesday in the sports hall at Upper Glanmire Community Centre (Eircode: T23 EV2W) or check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/glanmiremacranafeirme/> or you can also find us on Instagram

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Petition signing in Ryan's Super Valu Glanmire to get the Flood Relief Scheme started, too many delays.

Resurfacing in Silversprings Court Mayfield will be added to list of works 2020

In the coming weeks the chronic parking by motorists outside and within St Josephs View/Marble Park to be addressed, I had a positive meeting with Council Engineers and Gardai and work to commence shortly. Footpath repaired by Hazelwood.

Parking issues to be addressed in Glenheights Park. Zebra crossing outside Riverstown Community Centre will be investigated and made safer.

Flooding issues at the John Barleycorn bridge and outside Lidl are being worked on and I have been assured these works will solve these issues once and for all.

City Hall Budget passed and us Councillors will have access to a Ward fund in January, please ask me for more details..

Much more to be done and I will continue to keep working hard for you.

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28. Annoying small insects (5)
29. Games held every 4 years (7)
30. Utilisation (5)
31. Forename of Adams, Marsden (5)

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2. Altitude (6)
3. Forename of Wisdom, Mailer (6)
4. Adam's significant other (3)
5. Angry (5)
6. New Zealand city (7)
7. Keep under control (4)
8. Diary of ----- Mole(6)
12. Weird (5)
13. Holy song (5)
14. Detection system (5)
15. Chocolate substitute (5)
16. Unrelaxed (5)
18. African country (5)
19. Hard wearing, long lasting (7)
21. Birds of prey (6)
22. Subtle difference (6)
23. Northern province (6)
25. Vagrant, down-and-out (5)
26. Dense pollution (4)
28. Professional (3)

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