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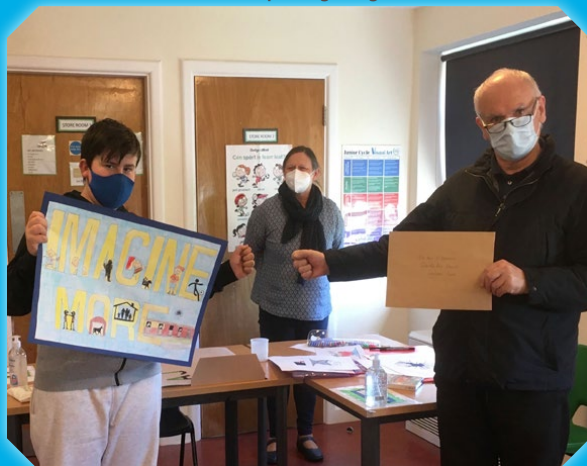
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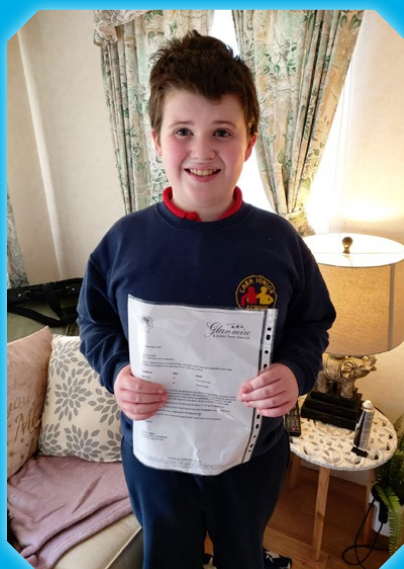
Despite Covid-19 we held our annual Credit Union Art Competition. Thanks to all the schools and pupils that competed, (nearly 1,200 entries), photos are of some of the prize winners and apologies to those of you who did not feature. Best of luck to all the first placed winners that have gone through to the Cork county final. Caroline Higgins, the Art Competition Co-Ordinator, is looking forward to hosting the event again in 2021 when hopefully a prize giving celebration in the credit union will be held.



AJ Rodgers Ard Alainn



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

The Late Mary Rose Waterman RIP

Parishioners and those residing beyond were so saddened on hearing the news of ninety-three-year-old Mary Rose Waterman's recent death. Mary Rose was born on May 19th. 1927 and there were three girls and three boys in the (Fitzpatrick) household at 132 Blarney Street. The Waterman family has been associated with the printing business extending back to 1908 and Mary's husband John, who died on July 1st. 1994, jointly with his brother Wan and another brother Bill who joined a short time later, opened Watermans Printers in Shandon Street in 1955. John and Mary Rose had a family of six; Nora, Wanfred, Gordon, Jakki, Norman and John. Mary Rose, known affectionately as "Mother", adored her twenty-eight grandchildren, her twenty-eight great-grandchildren and her two year old great-great granddaughter Freya, born to her proud parents Emma and Kevin. John and Mary Rose acquired the "Rising Tide" in the late fifties and named it "The Waterman Arms", which was subsequently "The Junction", later "The Great O'Neill" and is now the location of the recently opened "Fitzpatrick's Shop".



2013 Hurling Final at The Great O' Neill

Mary Rose loved her sport and participated at numerous track events with great success, and indeed she was the annual victor of the Parents' Race at the Glounthaune Parish school sports. Her superb speed also came to the rescue on many occasions; such as when being disturbed helping herself to some apples at a neighbouring orchard while her elder siblings were manning the "look-out post"! Mary Rose was also a star camogie player and was captain of the School of Commerce team at the tender age of fifteen, and she also captained a St. Vincent's side as an eighteen-year-old. Glen Rovers, which is the oldest camogie club in Cork, won its first county title in 1950, retained it the following year and Mary Rose played a starring role in their victorious campaigns. Her talent was duly recognised and she was selected on the Cork panel for a Croke Park encounter but there was a problem; the match was fixed for a Saturday and Mary Rose had just started employment at

Dowdens' Fashion of Patrick Street and this entailed Saturday work. A camogie official approached management regarding the possibility of securing a day off for her and because the company was so proud of the fact that a staff member was representing Cork at Croke Park; it was granted. Fast forward now to October 1st. 1970 when the Erins Own camogie section was formed. Mary Rose was elected President and her daughter Nora (Roche) Secretary and County Board delegate. The club's first match was a friendly versus Mayfield at Iona Park on October 25th. 1970 and Erins Own was victorious on an eight, nil scoreline. Mary Rose at forty-three years of age played in the full back line and her daughter Nora was introduced as a substitute during the course of the game.

It was the end of an era when Mary Rose retired and her glittering career spanned four decades. Incidentally, it is understood that her camogie skills were utilised in her domestic life also, especially when rearing the boys as her hurley was the ultimate threat in maintaining family order! She remained passionate about sport and entered the spirit of the occasion on match day by decorating the exterior of her home with flags and bunting, and she would also be colourfully attired. Mary Rose had always an ear to the ground regarding any imminent social attraction and she looked forward so much to "Bingo Night", and enjoyed the "Gramophone Circle" greatly. Her jovial presence at such functions was proof that she never "missed a trick"! Mary Rose lived life to the full, galavanted here, there and everywhere, hit the high stool four nights a week, liked the odd waltz and was known to give a blast of "The Banks". Its sweet rendering as the cortege was leaving the church for her final resting place was so poignant and appropriate; it was "music to the ears". Mary Rose was in so many ways a truly wonderful and colourful person and her positive attitude to life, as well as that constant precious trademark smile will always be remembered. Her passing on leaves a void in our community but of course Mary Rose will be missed most of all by her close-knit family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam Dlíis.

CHRISTMASTIME: And so, December has arrived but the November sadness continues for those who lost a loved one, moreover if during the past year. The sense of loss through death or otherwise is intensified to a greater degree during Christmastime and we remember with a heavy heart those who are not with us now to share the festive season. It is difficult, very, very difficult and it highlights the importance of cherishing and enjoying the company of those

still in our lives, and that's what keeps us going. Those unique and wonderful happy memories which we experienced help us along the way and it does get a little easier over time, however there is always the grief that lives with us forever. Memories are wonderful, they will last for eternity and we never know what tomorrow will bring. Christmas is



also a joyous period when many may be overcome with emotional feelings of love and affection for those they cherish. And it is a magical time for children whose innocence and radiant smiles display a sense of wonder and enormous happiness, and they are full of excitement and anticipation. They should enjoy now while being sheltered from heartache, grief and the countless other difficulties of life which lie ahead.

Has Santa the celebrity status as in times gone by or is the associated magic no more? Was that precious present, yes one, of times past valued more than nowadays? Ludo, Snakes & Ladders, Dart Boards, Train Track Sets, Guns, Cowboy Outfits, Mouth Organs, Tin Whistles, Pencil Cases, Skipping Ropes, Painting Books, Crayons, Dolls' Houses, Tea Sets, Story Books? Have things changed a little?! There are numerous traditions observed at Christmastime and perhaps one of the quality ones' is the "Christmas Candle". In bygone days, and to an extent nowadays, it was positioned on the interior sill of a front window in the home and was first lit, usually by the youngest child, on Christmas Eve. The candle was not extinguished before midnight and if there was a "Mary" in the home; she did so otherwise another person was nominated.

The Christian meaning is that it is a symbol of welcome to Mary & Joseph as they travelled looking for shelter on that night long ago, and the lighted candle also served as a beacon for the lonely and homeless wayfarer. It was an indicator as a safe place for priests to celebrate mass as well, as mass was prohibited during penal times. The candle remained in position until January 6th. as did the home decorations, and in fact it was considered bad luck if they were removed prior to the 6th. There are many Christmas symbols; the red berry holly is one and the Christian meaning is that it sprung from the footsteps of Christ as He walked the earth. The prickly pointed leaves is said to represent the Crown of Thorns He wore while on the Cross and

the red berries symbolise the blood He shed. Ivy is another and the Christian meaning of this is that as it grows it has to cling to something for support which is a reminder that one must cling to God for support in life.

A trip down memory lane to Christmas mornings' in the Glounthaune of old gives an interesting flavour. There were two masses celebrated; one at eight am and the other at eleven thirty. "The Canon" was invariably the celebrant of the first and in the sacristy prior to mass he gave each Altar Boy a Christmas present of one shilling. A timber rail extended from pillar to pillar in the church back then and this prevented nave to aisle access. Also the aisle on the right was assigned to women, the one on the left to men while the pews in the nave were classified as mixed-use occupancy! The 1917 Code of Canon Law stipulated that it was obligatory for women to cover their heads in church, this was eliminated in 1983, and relative to this there were curious contrasting styles evident at the Christmas morning masses!

Modest new headscarves were on display at the Women's Aisle whereas stylish new hats and, if you don't mind, black mantilla veils were exhibited, by the women that is, at the prestigious nave! And not to be outdone; the majority of those at the Men's Aisle knelt on their "new" handkerchiefs which was not for comfort purposes but rather to protect their "new" trousers from the dusty kneelers! Incidentally, why did men always carry a handkerchief in those days? A collection for the parish clergy was taken-up at each mass and the names of those who contributed as well as the amount of their donation was announced from the altar the following Sunday!



Lastly, a meaningful time honoured custom around here and beyond was to give the Postman, the Milkman and the Breadman a "Christmas Box", and whilst the latter two traditional services are now sadly surplus to requirements; we still have the Postman so let's carry on the tradition.

Nollaig Shona Agus Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh Go Léir.

SLÁN ANOIS ©



SVP South West launch urgent Christmas appeal as calls for help reach over 200 a day

Over 200 people in Cork are making calls to St Vincent De Paul (SVP) daily seeking assistance from the charity in the run-up to Christmas.

The staggering number of calls to the regional office come as the charity says it's facing unprecedented challenges this year as COVID 19 has led to the cancellation of the majority of their fundraising events. The charity has expressed concerns that up to 40% of their income from their core fundraising this year could be lost as a result of the pandemic, with their annual collections in mid-December set to be significantly reduced, if even permitted to take place.

Speaking at the launch of their annual Christmas appeal, SVP South West's Regional President Paddy O'Flynn said that this year it was "more important than ever" to support the Christmas raffle taking place on January 7th.

He said: "The people of Cork have always been very generous to us. This has been an exceptionally challenging year for SVP but particularly for the families and the people that we support. We depend on the generosity of our brilliant donors and we're asking them to support us if at all possible, for this annual car draw raffle."

"We will reach out to many families and individuals for Christmas this year to ensure that they have enough food and some Christmas treats to mark the season, as we always do. "However, our fundraising needs remain high and we are turning to online appeals and distributing the SVP blue envelope to homes throughout the region in addition to our annual car draw and we would be extremely grateful for any support that we receive. Each and every single ticket sold will make a difference and we want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Cork for all of their support this year to date," Mr



SVP's Annual Car Draw for 2020 - First prize will be a brand- new Ford Focus, donated by CAB motor company

O'Flynn added.

In addition to supporting families in the run up to and throughout the festive period, the charity continue to provide up to 450 homes across Cork City with regular coal deliveries during the winter and are delivering approx. 160 food hampers every week to families in need through the SVP Cork Hampers projects. It is estimated that over 1,600 food hampers will be distributed in the run-up to Christmas.

Last Christmas, over 6,600 families were visited by SVP volunteers in Cork, and Mr O'Flynn said the charity was determined to continue to offer families help and hope over the festive season.

"Since March when this pandemic hit, we continued to find new ways to contact and help the families that we assist, we couldn't do this without the support of the people of Cork and we really do appreciate it. It has been a tough year but we are committed to ensuring that all of the families who need our help will be supported irrespective of the challenges that we face.

"We know from our conferences that there has been a big increase in fear and loneliness amongst callers – people are really missing the company of

family, friends and home visits which up to March were the bedrock of SVP. We want to help and assist people as much as we can and do our utmost to make sure that no one is left feeling alone this Christmas," Mr O'Flynn concluded. SVP's Annual Car Draw for 2020 will be the primary fundraising event for the charity this year.

Tickets for the raffle cost €5 each and can be purchased online or raffle tickets can be returned in the freepost SVP envelope or can also be brought to the SVP Regional

Office at Ozanam House, 2 Tuckey Street, Cork. You can also purchase tickets online at the following link : <https://app.galabid.com/cardraw2020>

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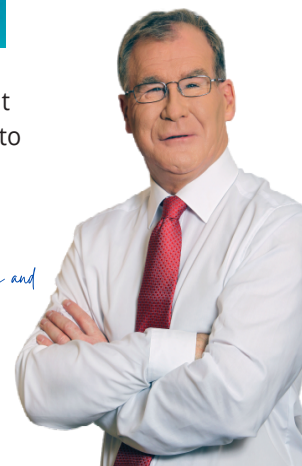
The final date for entries will be 12 noon on January 7th with the draw taking place that evening and the winners announced.

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WELCOME ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

There are two winters here in this fast-developing city suburb of Glanmire/Riverstown. Each have their own distinctive character, one with diminishing light, the other increasing. The former falls before Christmas, the other after. I like this one best for it carries far more meaning, atmosphere, and charm. It is less doleful, certainly more colourful, and there are normally plenty of festivities and activities to look forward to.

For all that, it still encompasses the season of harvest-time and thanksgiving, and in churches all over the country, flowers, fruit, and vegetables have been on bountiful display. The highlight of this first half of winter is, of course Christmas, a time for remembrance and going back. For most of us it involves the return, physically or mentally to old ways, old places, and old sentiments. My route is through the senses, through stories, smells, and sounds, and in visiting places where I spent my youth and my working years. Goodness, but how they have changed! But I have always had affection for past things and never more so than during December, and in the approach to Christmas. Each year, just before the holly and ivy go up, and the box balls on the driveway are festooned with lights, I take an entire day to re-visit The English Market, the Coal Quay, my grandmother's house on the Western Road, Mount Farran where I grew up, and the wonderful Savoy cinema complex (now sadly closed) once alive and vibrant with clothes shops, eateries, and antique outlets. I would also visit Cashel's emporium on Winthrop Street (this too is sadly closed and shuttered) to peer with my nose inside the old chest of drawers always on open display just inside the shop front. These unsold items were always stuffed with 'rubbish' and smelt of times long passed: of yellowing newspaper cuttings, faded photographs, even menus from dinner dances at Sunday's Well Lawn Tennis Club! Above all, these antiques recalled another world, one totally changed from today's restricting cocooning and associated closures.

For instance my favourite walks to Fota Arboretum and Little Island are temporarily out of bounds, and this simple occupation usually satisfied my need for gathering thoughts on the gardening year ahead. Instead local walks now take through leafy suburbs where merchant princes once lived, and my concentration drifts to vivid memories of the gardens in the area that once opened regularly for charitable causes. Just like Indian summers, they seem to have sunk into picturesque



The strikingly magnificent Wedding cake Tree (*Cornus controversa variegata*) seen on the lawn at Gerard O'Connors open garden in Glanmire a few years ago

obscurity, and I notice when passing that their entrances are now gated and closed. No more the line of anxious visitors, the directional signposts, or the buzz of comments from those exiting what were strange confections of human desire. But perhaps I am too pessimistic. Perhaps they still live quiet lives with caring owners behind those secure gates, pleased no doubt to have their lawns and paths away from too much treading.

There were similar 'open' gardens in Glanmire and Riverstown, and these too I have had the pleasure of visiting. They were as magical, wondrous, and captivating as the best in the country and ranged from the modest to the grand, the simply planned to the quirky, all undertaken by the whims of plant lovers acting as custodians of nature's treasures.

Few however matched the grandeur (and history) found at Mairead Harty's 'Poulnacurra' Kevin O'Connell's (RIP) 'Woodleigh', Rose Marie Punch's 'The Rectory' at Brooklodge and Ger O'Connors 'Woodview House' in Glanmire village. The long, long memories I have of these gardens and the kind people who agreed to open them for charity will remain with me always. Today, these fine gardens are closed and protected from this foul and revolting serpent stalking our country. Restricted we may be but looking out

from the warmth and comfort of where I write, I daydream and plan forward, imagining the garden as it might be during the year 2021! Of course, what we get from other gardens are ideas about layout, design, and what plants to choose for tricky areas. No one invites us in to see how they undertake regular maintenance, how they clean out the fish pool, or to compare notes on how best to incorporate manure into the soil. That would be like having someone in to watch how you load the washing machine, do the housework, and vacuum the bedrooms. No, we plan our gardens from what we have seen elsewhere and like to make the changes (plus the mistakes and the untidy mess) behind the privacy of boundary walls or tall hedges. We only ever want others to see our successes. And that is how it should always be.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As Christmas and yet another New Year approach I hope the year ahead will bring readers, as it has brought me, another satisfying period in their busy lives. My plants have taught me that life is a continuous circle, one of growing, maturing, and eventually one of rest. Gardening has also given me bountiful days of fun, health, and immense knowledge of how things evolve. It has given me innumerable gardening friends none of whom I would change for even the most desirable of ornamental plants. Best of all, it has given me laughter and tears and pictures of almost incredible beauty, unlike any I have ever seen on canvas or board. A Happy Christmas, and Joyous New Year, to all readers.



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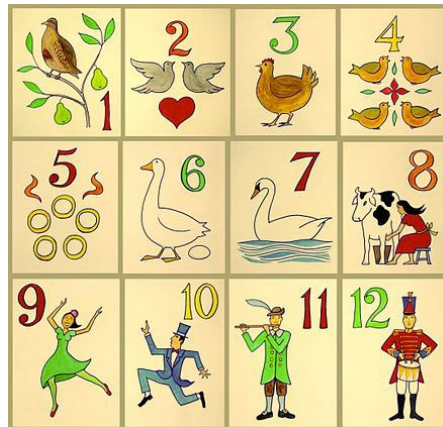
Bhí teachtaireacht dhifriúil le fáil ó na scannáin, am-hráin agus cártaí Nollag a tháinig amach. Léirigh siad sneachta mar shiombail na Nollag agus ina theannta bhí bia agus deoch flúirseach. Malartaíodh bronntanais agus thar na blianta d'éirigh siad níos mó agus níos costasaí. De réir a chéile, tógadh an bhéim ó na gnéithe spioradálta, is é sin breith Chríost, Slánaitheoir an Domhain, agus thóg gnéithe saolta an phríomh-áit. In Éirinn, bhí Lá an Droilín, is é sin, Lá le Stíofáin, coitianta go dtí tamall de bhlianta ó shin ach tá athbheochan tagtha air arís. Is fiú, b'fhéidir, breathnú ar amhrán atá mar dhlúthchuid na Nollag le blianta, is é sin 'Dhá Lá Dhéag na Nollag'. Ní dhéanann sé puinn céille go dtí go gcloiseann tá an comhthéacs in ar tháinig sé chun cinn sa chéad áit. De réir mar a chuala mé an scéal, tháinig an t-amhrán chun cinn sa chomhthéacs go raibh an Creideamh Caitliceach curtha faoi chois sa Bhreatain sa séú céad déag in aimsir Éilise. Bhí na heaglaisí Caitliceacha dúnta agus bhí ar dhaoine teacht ar bhealaí nua chun an creideamh a chleachtadh. Ba é an t-amhrán seo an bealach. Má thógann tú an t-amhrán go liteartha, tá mór-chostas ag baint leis na hearraí éagsúla a luaitear san amhrán. Pé scéal é, chuala an scéal seo go raibh an costas a bhain leis na héanlaithe agus na rudaí eile atá luaite déanta amach ag eacnamaí. Dar ndóigh bhí an bhrí cheart ceilte air. Seo é an scéal a dtugtar 'Achar an Dá Lá Dhéag' air.

Achar an Dá Lá Dhéag

Ba é J. Patrick Bradley, príomh-eacnamaí ar an Provident, banc i Philadelphia sna Stáit Aontaithe tamall de bhlianta ó shin. Bíonn eacnamaithe gafa le cúrsaí airgid agus lá áirithe thosaigh sé ag áireamh na gcostas a bhainfeadh le bronntanais a tha-bhairt dod' ghrá geal ar feadh dhá lá dhéag na Nollag, de réir an amhráin. Tamall de bhlianta ó shin a rinne sé na suimeanna seo agus, dar ndóigh, bheadh an costas níos airde inniu. Pé scéal é, bheadh \$27.48 ar phatraisc i gcrann piorra. Bheadh \$15 ar an bpatraisc féin agus \$12.48 ar an gcrann. Chosnódh dhá fhearán bhreaca \$50. Bheadh \$15 ar thrí chearc Fhrancacha, \$280 ar cheithre éan ghlaiteacha. Bheadh \$600 ar chúig fháinne órga, thart ar \$150 ar shé ghé ag breith. Bheadh, ar a laghad, \$7,000 ar sheacht n-eala ag snámh. Ní chosnódh ochtar maighdean ag crú ach \$30.40, a léi-ríonn a shaoire agus a bhí saothar na mban tráth. Ach dá mbeadh siamsaíocht i gceist mar naonúr ban ag rince, mhéadódh an

costas go \$2,417.90. Bhainfeadh deichniúr tiarna ag léim siar tú \$2,686.5. Bheadh \$947.70 ar aon phíobaire dhéag ag píobair-eacht agus dáréag drumadóir ag drumadóireacht ag \$1,026.68. Dá mba mhian leat iad ar fad a thabhairt dod' Ghrá Geal i rith an Dá Lá Dhéag, níor mhór duit seic a scríobh do \$15,231.72 nó iasacht a fháil ón Aontas Creidmheasa, b'fhéidir.

Ach, dar ndóigh, tuairim an eacnamaí atá ansan. Breathnaíonn sé ar shean-amhrán i dtéarmaí airgid, dollar nó euro. Féachaimid air mar rabhcán áiféiseach. Ach san am atá thart, bhí brí níos doimhne i gceist do mhórán mar, cé go bhféachann an píosa ceoil seo gan bhrí, bhí rún domhain Críostaí laistigh de.



Dhá Lá Dhéag na Nollag



Dhá Fhearán Bhreaca

Trí Chearc Fhrancacha

Scríobhadh 'Achar an Dá Lá Dhéag' sa séú céad déag. Beirt íosánach ghlice a chum agus bhí cluiche contúirteach á imirt acu. Ba é seo an séú céad déag i Sasana, an dtuigeanntú, agus bhí cosc ar rud ar bith a bhí Caitliceach agus dá mbéarfaí ar an té a bhí ina bhun, d'fhéadfadh pionós an bháis a bheith i gceist. Dá bhrí sin, cuireadh an creideamh Caitliceach faoi thalamh. Ach bhí gá fós an creideamh a chur chun cinn agus é a theagasc don chéad ghlúin eile. Mar sin, fuair na hÍoslánaigh seo bealach chun bunús an chreidimh a chur ar fáil – i gcód. Agus ba é an cód ná an t-amhrán seo againne.

Tá an chuma ar an scéal nach bhfuil mórán brí ag baint leis an amhrán. Ach féacha-imis go grinn air. Mar is eol do chách, baineann an dá lá dhéag den Nollaig leis na laethanta idir Lá Nollag agus Lá Nollag Beag. "Dúirt mo ghrá geal liom" is ea Dia ag labhairt leis an gCaitliceach gan ainm. Ní hiad an Dáréag Aspal atá i gceist le "dáréag tiarna ag léim" ach an dá chreideamh déag atá léirithe i gCré na nAspal. Is iad an t-aon aspal déag – bhí ludás imithe –

an t-aon píobaire dhéag ag píobaire-acht an chreidimh i dtraidisiún gan bhriseadh. Is iad "an deichniúr ban" ag damhsa ná na Deich nAitheanta.

Is iad "an naonúr drumadóir ag drumadóireacht" ná naonúr góir na n-aingeal.

Is iad "an t-ochtar maighdean ag crú" ná na n-ocht mbiáide.

Is iad "na seacht n-eala ag snámh" ná na seacht sacraimint.

Is iad "na sé ghé ag breith" ná sé theagasc na hEaglaise.

Is iad "na cúig fháinne órga" ná an Pentateuch, na chéad chúig leabhar den Bhíobla.

Is iad "na ceithre éan ghlaiteacha" ná na ceithre shoiscéal a chanann an Dea- Nuacht.

Is iad "na trí chearc Fhrancacha" ná na trí bhronntanas a thug na Trí Ríthe nó na Ma-ji leo.

Is iad "an dá fhearán bhreaca" ná an sean agus an nua-thiomna.

Ar deiradh thiari, is é an "patraisc sa chrann piorra" ná Críost Ionrach a rialaíonn ón gcrois chéasta.

Mar sin, chomh fada agus a thuig Sasanaigh Phrotastúnacha an tséú céad déag, a bhí aineolach ar bhrí an amhráin, amhrán taitneamhach don tsaoire a bhí ann. Ach, chomh fada agus a bhain sé leo siúd a raibh orthu a gcreideamh a chleachtadh go rúnda, cód imlíneach a bhí ann a nocht fírinne an chreidimh dóibh a bhí ann, cinn-teidil chaibidlí an Teagaisc Chríostaí a bhféadfadh múinteoirí leas a bhaint astu go rúnda chun an creideamh a theagasc.

Gluais:

comhthéacs = context

crann piorra = pear tree

patraisc = partridge

dhá fhearán bhreaca = two turtle doves

trí chearc Fhrancacha = three

French hens

ceithre éan ghlaiteacha = four

calling birds

cúig fhéinne órga = five gold

rings

sé ghé ag breith = six geese a

laying

seacht n-eala ag snámh = seven

swans a swimming

ochtar maighdean ag crú = eight

maids a milking

naonúr ban ag rince = nine

ladies dancing

deichniúr tiarna ag léim = ten

lords a leaping

aon píobaire dhéag ag

píobaireacht = eleven pipers

piping

dáréag drumadóir ag

drumadóireacht = twelve

drummers drumming



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Sinn Féin's Thomas Gould TD & Mandy O'Leary-Hegarty on a previous visit to Glanmire

Thomas Gould TD along with Mandy O'Leary-Hegarty Sinn Féin's local area representative for the North East LEA met with local groups including Glanmire Ladies Football Club to discuss difficulties facing them as an ever growing and continual expanding club. Glanmire badly needs more sports grounds to support local clubs like Glanmire Ladies Football Club.

Glanmire's rapidly growing population has placed serious pressure on existing family doctors services in the locality. Consideration must be given to developing a primary care centre in Glanmire which can cater for the ever-expanding population of the community that will meet the growing healthcare

needs of families in the area.

Pictured below is Mandy O'Leary-Hegarty Sinn Féin's local area representative for the North East LEA with Thomas Gould TD surveying St. Stephen's Hospital, Sarsfield Court, Glanmire as a likely site for development of a Primary Care centre.

Thomas Gould TD with Sinn Féin's local area representative for the North East LEA met recently with local business owners in Glanmire to discuss the ongoing impact Covid-19 is having on their businesses. This Christmas season it's more important than ever to continue to support local business in Glanmire. Lets help keep businesses in business!

CHRISTMAS PROFILE

Name: Santa Claus

Nickname: Father Christmas

Job: Delivering Presents All Over the World

From: North Pole

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Person: Mrs. Claus

Favourite Animal: All of my reindeer - I couldn't pick a favourite!

Favourite Food: Mince Pies and Cookies

Favourite Time of

Year: Winter of course!

Best Thing about your Job: Making Christmas special for kids around the world and reading all of the lovely letters I get each year.



Your local Sinn Féin team



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MAKE THE MOST OF IT

John O'Sullivan

Life & Business Coach

Imagine the scene. You have been trusted to take the penalty in the final minute of the champions league final against Barcelona. You look down and you're wearing the jersey of your favourite club. You don't know how you got there, but this is it. One shot to take – nothing more. You can send your club and yourself into the record books if you score or just fade into obscurity if you miss. The thing is that's all you get – this one kick. What thoughts would go through your mind as you approach the penalty spot to take that kick?

Or in a more tangible scenario, imagine you were to paint the front door of your house. But in this case, you were never allowed to paint it again, no matter what. Every time you came and left your home for the rest of your life, you'd be reminded by the excellent, middling, or poor job that you did painting the door. So how would you approach it? I bet you'd think long and hard about the paint colour. I bet you'd prep and treat the door before applying the paint. After all, this is a once in a lifetime thing. And I bet you'd be as careful as you could be when applying the paint. And if you did it well, you'd feel proud every time you walked through the door.

If in life we only have one chance to do something, it would make sense to do it well. Like, insanely well. Taking the match winning penalty kick or painting your front door are unbelievably trivial

when you think of some of the things we are trusted with in life.

Things like life itself. Think about it for a moment. We each get just one single shot at life. This is it. It's not a rehearsal for anything, this is your time. Yet many of us treat it as if it's endless and we can put off indefinitely the things we need to do to make the most of it. There are other things too, like parenting. Often, we let the mundane things (like emptying lunch boxes) take over and we end up in a cycle of pettiness. The reality is that every day you have the chance to positively or negatively impact on your kids, their future, and the future relationship they'll have with you. Perspective, people!

What I'm trying to say here is that many of us squander our chance of making the most of life. Maybe it's because we get caught up in stuff that really doesn't matter – like Netflix. Or maybe it's because we underestimate our own potential *a w e s o m e n e s s*. Personally, like everyone, I give into procrastination more than I care to admit. Putting things off just delays our progress and makes us soft. The best-selling author, Brian Treacy in his book "Maximum Achievement" talks about this. By putting off ugly tasks, chores, or projects, we do ourselves a huge disservice. Biting the bullet (or eating that frog) is vital to making the most of life.

In my life I've been blessed to have met a few amazing people. One is Kevin Webber (google him!). He was diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer and given a sentence of 2 years to live. (A good reason for the male readers over the age of 40 to schedule an appointment with your GP). This was 5 years ago. This guy had a choice. He could accept this and slowly fade away and accept his faith, or he could do something else. Kevin decided to do something else. After his first chemotherapy session he told his wife that he was going to go for a jog. He gradually built this up getting stronger and fitter. He now runs extraordinary races such as the Marathon de Sables, over multiple days and hundreds of kilometres raising funds for cancer research. His mantra is that you only have one life. "Make the most of it".

Another friend of mine died 2 weeks ago in a sporting accident. Although he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes 15 years ago he didn't let this define him. Instead of letting this hold him back, he focused on health, fitness and enjoying life. He became a marathon runner and completed the Barcelona Ironman in a really impressive time. He was killed kite-surfing in Dublin Bay doing something he loved and living life on his own terms. If that isn't making the most of it, I don't know what is.

These examples made me realise that our time is finite. There is room

for a little slippage, but ultimately, we are the only ones who can make the most of our time on this earth. It's reminded me to "eat that frog" and deal with things that are uncomfortable so that I can move forward in work, life and things I'm passionate about. Few people would disagree that we are the product of our little daily habits which over months and years give us our current circumstances in life. This is true for our physical health, our relationships, our career, and our state of mind. This article has reminded me that I need to work on the small daily routines, which, compounded over time, greatly shape our time on this crazy floating rock we call planet Earth.

The mere fact that we are here at all is mind blowing. Here you are, on a floating rock in the middle of space. You would not be you if you were conceived a day earlier or later. Just think, what are the chances of us being here at all! The very fact that you exist goes to show how unbelievably unique you are and it's worth remembering that fact. If you believe in destiny, go out and find yours. We are all here for a reason. This world is lucky to have you, so don't disappoint it!

Now, time for this writer to go for a jog!

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The Lord Mayor and Mayoress launching the Glanmire Ladies Footballers Fundraiser. (Collect & recycle your Christmas Tree)




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KAIZEN PHYSIOTHERAPY HEALTH CENTRE

Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre will be officially opening its doors in early January. The centre will be based in Unit 5A in Sallybrook Industrial Estate, adjacent to the Glanmire Garda Station (separate entrance). The aim of the Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre will be to provide a complete healthcare approach for clients under the one roof.

This will involve experts in the areas of physiotherapy, exercise rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, nutrition and health and sports psychology. Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre will be managed by Alan Keane, a chartered physiotherapist who has been operating in Glanmire for over eight years, most recently running a physiotherapy practice in Woodview Family Doctors in Sallybrook.

Physiotherapy and Exercise Rehabilitation

Kaizen Physiotherapy will provide a comprehensive physiotherapy service backed by an experienced

team of chartered physiotherapists. Along with a typical physiotherapy service, the facility will also operate a fully equipped exercise and rehabilitation area that will allow clients to take a more active and self-empowering approach to managing their health.

Strength and Conditioning

Based on comprehensive assessments the service will provide individualised strength and conditioning programs based around injury prevention and performance improvement. This will include ongoing assessments for clients to ensure optimisation of the program based on individual client goals.

The centre will also have a significant focus on developing future athletes by providing youth athletic development programs for developing athletes between the ages of six and eighteen. This will provide developing athletes with a strong athletic foundation for whatever their chosen sport or activity is and ensure higher levels of

injury prevention and performance improvement.

Nutrition

Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre will offer a high quality clinical and sports nutrition service assisting clients how to appropriately use diet to manage their medical conditions, improve sporting performance and improve overall quality of life.

Health Psychology

A health psychology service will be available in Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre. This service will be provided for people who are rehabilitating from injuries, for those who are suffering with persistent pain conditions, or for those who would like to improve

their overall performance, enhance their focus and live a more fully vital life.

The word Kaizen is a Japanese term meaning continuous incremental improvement towards a goal or a purpose. With experts in the above areas of health, Kaizen Physiotherapy Health Centre will offer a complete, holistic and team-based approach, ensuring all health care needs and goals are met for all clients.

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MAYFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Faruq Musa was presented with a cheque for €1000 from Access to Education Bridge to Employment. He will get a €3000 in total over the next 3 years. He is studying Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in Maynooth University. Thanks to all the ATE BTE Committee and we wish Musa all the best now and into the future.





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Help your Neighbour this December

On reflection 2020 has been a challenging time for so many people in our community; families and businesses alike. The uncertainty that came about with the onset of Covid 19 had an impact on peoples livelihoods and mental health.

As a result we urge you all to be even that little bit more mindful of your neighbours, your family and friends this Christmas.

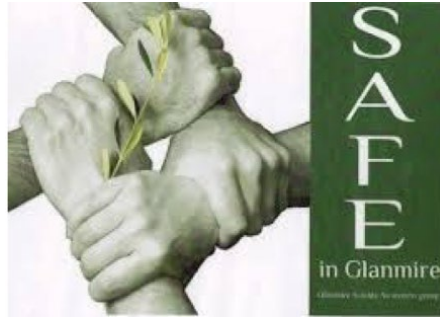
When making your Christmas Shopping List please think of the local businesses who we ultimately want to keep open and operational going forward.

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There are many charities within our community who can assist, if needed, Including SAFE and Saint Vincent de Paul.

S.A.F.E (Suicide Awareness for Everyone) support community members in accessing supports needed to develop and improve mental health either for individuals suffering with their mental health or relatives/friends dealing with suicide.

Saint Vincent de Paul have just reached out to the community delivering envelopes to all homes in the hope of receiving donations that will be channelled directly back into our community.



They also have an ongoing food collection in Super Valu Glanmire so would appreciate if you can contribute if you are in a position to do so.

Also, the local committee are happy to hear from anyone who is experiencing difficulty at this time of year. If you are in need please contact the local contact:

**Geraldine in confidence on
087 7843572**



Local GACA News Update:

Glanmire Community Association has written to the Chairman of The Climate action group Local Cllr Oliver Moran in Cork County Council, requesting the Council to purchase the 5.6 acres Barleycorn site, which is currently on sale, for the Community and turn into a people's Park. Glanmire which is the fastest growing town in Munster, now part of Cork City is oversubscribed with housing and any existing Green spaces must be retained. The Government has announced millions of Euro for Green Projects such as this. Our request is exceedingly small in the overall scheme of things. We have also forwarded the correspondence to all the Counsellors in the North East-Ward seeking their support.

Cllr Ger Keohane have made representations to Cork City council in 2019 to purchase the Barleycorn site with the idea of

making it a regional Park for the people of Glanmire. Motions have gone through to Cork City Council. Cllr Keohane states that that negotiations for the Greenway going through the Barleycorn site. The CPO was due last April but with the Pandemic the process was stopped, and Council are still awaiting a CPO date.

The proposed Apartments beside LIDL and adjacent the Barleycorn site which consists of 42 Apartments, three Commercial Units and a cafe have been granted planning permission by an Board Planala. The Board described the scheme as "acceptable" in terms of height, scale, mass and density. Cllr Keohane states that the entire Greenway Project from GCC on to Dunkettle is under the LIAHF funding was passed in the County Council days (March 2018) City Council have now taken this project on Board.

If the Council were to purchase the 5.8 acre Barleycorn site in its entirety it would open the way for more funding and develop it into a Peoples Park.

The Park is an ecological gem. The Park could involve a wide variety of Biodiversity, currently much of which is there but will be lost if there is inappropriate Developments. The Park could involve walkways, Planting native trees, Summer sensory Gardens, wildflower Meadows, Children's Playground, Space for the elderly, Picnic area, Community Composter, Electric Chargers. It could used as an Educational HUB for the schools in the area. The possibilities are endless.

The GACA Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas & above all stay safe, healthy & happy.

**LOVE LIFE Fashion Fix**

is a new ladies fashion business set-up recently by two local ladies; **Jennifer O'Driscoll & Lorraine O'Neill**. They have combined years of experience in both retail and hospitality and decided that 2020 was the year to realise their fashion ambition. Their clothing has been sourced from

various parts of Europe and their aim is to provide quality yet affordable lifestyle fashion. Clothing comes wrapped in red tissue and presented in a beautiful crisp white 'Love Life' bag with logo. They are also offering festive red gift boxes for Christmas. So if your aim is to shop local make an appointment to view their products or avail of delivery to your door. Their new showroom is on the 1st floor above Cafe Beva where customers can collect their purchases, however, they also offer a unique delivery service directly to your door and post nationwide.

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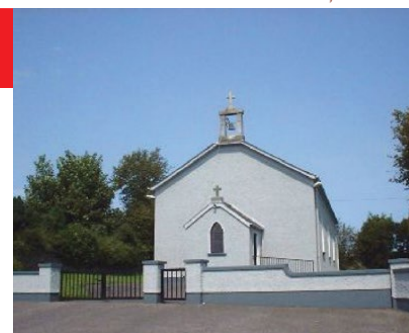


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Christmas ceremonies in Glanmire

With level-5 restrictions still in operation at the time of print, we do not know what Christmas celebrations we can have with live participation. We will have a full schedule of Christmas Masses on live-stream. Please, look up the Glanmire Parish website for details of the proposed ceremonies.

All ceremonies from St Joseph's are streamed on MCNMedia.tv



Annual Toy Mass

Due to government restrictions on attendances, the annual toy mass will not take place in St Joseph's this year. A Toy Appeal takes place on Sunday 6th December from 3-4pm at the Crestfield Centre near the library.

Christmas wishes

Fr John Newman, Fr Pat Nugent and Fr Martin Barry wish all parishioners and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

SEASON GREETINGS

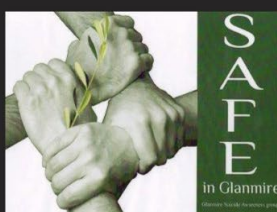
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S.A.F.E IN GLANMIRE

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Update on Guild activities:

- We all anxiously wait for when we will be able to meet up safely for walks, chats and coffee.
- Our members continue to remain very busy with their many hobbies, especially with Christmas baking during the month of December.



A beautiful granny square blanket by Mary Manning



Snoods make beautiful Christmas gifts



Crochet snowflakes by Mary OC

December Recipe: Fruit cake



Traditional Christmas cake

(we put this recipe on most years in December)

Ingredients

- 16 oz mixed fruit/ sultanas
- 2 oz cherries
- 3 oz mixed peel
- Quarter pint of sweet sherry (Bristol cream)
- (soak your fruit and sherry for 1, 2 or 3 days, stirring occasionally)
- 6 oz butter
- 6 oz soft brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 6 oz self raising flour
- 2 oz plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 oz ground almonds
- Grated rind of lemon

Method

- Grease and line the sides and base of an 8 inch round tin with a double sheet of greaseproof paper.

- Put a double sheet of tinfoil paper all around the outside of tin, tied with a string. (Can be done the day before)
- Beat the sugar and butter until pale and creamy, stir in flours, salt and lightly beaten eggs.
- Add in ground almonds, spices, and all your soaked fruit. Mix very well together.
- Spoon into tin, and gently flatten the top.

Sit into a roasting tin (if you wish). Place in the centre of the oven at 160°C. After about 45 minutes, as cake is slowly beginning to brown, place a double sheet of tin foil/ cardboard over the tin. Lower oven to 150°C for another 1h 20- 1h 30min approx

Leave to cook until golden brown, and the centre of cake is firm. (check with skewer/ needle)

I make this cake several times throughout the year, and is a real treat also in mid summer!



A snood by Jenefer O Dowd



Coláiste an Phiarsaigh, Gleann Maghair, Co. Chorcaí



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Due to covid this year we can't hold our usual fundraisers and would appreciate the support.

We have huge outgoings every year and we continue to grow year on year and thrive to provide the best for our members.

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Every year we strive to be as charitable and giving as we can, this year will be no different as we set out to help once

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that VOUCHERS are bought rather than gifts this year.

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Hands down we have the best girls and club. Well done to these 5 girls who made and sold perfume during the summer, and then each bought vouchers for Barnardos kids out of the money! Well done and thanks girls!

Don't forget you can also help out by contacting Deirdre on 087 918 3787

Happy Christmas

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and can't wait to be back playing football again in Early 2021.



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White's Cross GAA News

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White's Cross under 8 Camogie and Ladies football team 2020

Ladies Football!

Despite, like all other teams, having their playing season curtailed by the national public health crisis, the Ladies Football section managed to have a relatively busy season and have a number of unique achievements that they can look back upon in 2020. At the very start of the year, the club was chosen as the only club in Cork to host the Lidl sponsored Gaelic4Girls programme; a 10-week training course aimed at increasing participation among primary school aged girls. The course got off to a great start but had to be cancelled with the onset of COVID in March. This setback did not deter the girls as the coaches put in place a, socially-distanced, training plan for the players to engage in. There was huge enthusiasm among the girls as was evidenced by the video posted on our social media pages back in May!

This training done at home meant that the players were able to hit the ground running when restrictions were lifted in late June and we were able to return back to training. After a few friendly games, and one year after the club was established, White's Cross LGFA club played its first ever competitive match. This took place on the 6th of September against the Rockbá club in the East Cork under 10 league. The game took place in Whitechurch. Unfortunately defeat was our lot on that evening but the girls recovered quickly and recorded some notable victories against the likes

of Delaneys, St Nicks and Mayfield. This is a very talented group and are equally adept at camogie where they also played a number of games. The ladies section continues to grow thanks to the hard work from the likes of Ger Hayes, Kevin O'Callaghan, Colum O'Sullivan and more. Apart from under 10s we have an under 12 and 8 teams while the younger girls play with the future All-stars!



St Colmcilles under 16 panel 2020

St Colmcilles

History was also made in 2020 for the St. Colmcilles juvenile GAA club – though this was probably history revived rather than created as the club had previously existed up to 1983. That said, the teams of the 1970s and 1980s certainly did not face the game schedule brought upon their contemporary peers due to COVID19. Between July 17th and October 3rd (11 weeks) the boys from under 12 to under 18 played a total of 39 competitive fixtures, 12 challenge games as well as training. This incredible effort was thankfully rewarded with significant success garnered. The

under 14 hurlers were the first side to win a trophy. This team certainly used the challenge game circuit to their advantage playing games against some of the best underage sides in the county in Glen Rovers, Bandon, Sarsfields and Charleville with victories against the first two. When it came to the championship (played in Champions League format) their hurling sharpness was at a level that saw them go the season undefeated. Kiltaha Og did prove tough opposition drawing one game but they were beaten by a 9 pointy margin in the final. Credit to all the players and management involved in this success. Sadly, the football title was not added as they went under by the narrowest margins.

We did have football success with the under 12s and under 18s both winning their respective championships. The under 12s faced the prospect of a local derby in the final as they took on Whitechurch. The had drawn with each other in the group stage and

well done to all involved!

The under 16s did not win a trophy. However, they were the other team in the club to reach a hurling final. They played a very good Erin's Own side (a side they had previously beaten) in that final. Though we came second, the standard of hurling and scoring on view was very high. Best to play in the final and lose then not to play at all. This is the tightest group numbers wise but there is plenty of talent in the group. We can expect that success will follow in the coming year!

Seasons Greetings!

2020 has been a strange year for us all! There are those in the community that have been significantly affected by the pandemic either through contracting the illness, missing out on or having significant live events (weddings, leaving cert, communions etc) curtailed, having their livelihoods threatened and, for most, having their daily lives/routines negatively affected. We have suffered tragedy within our Club too. Carol Healy, wife of under 14 coach George, departed way before her time recently. Our club president, friend and lifelong supporter, Dermot Whooley also left us suddenly in May of this year. And many others have lost family and friends that we remember at this time of year. Despite the doom, we have had some positives from the underage success of our boys and girls, our junior A hurlers had a memorable championship win over Whitechurch and we had a newly formed team of volunteers who did the club proud when liaising with SuperValu during the initial lockdown.

The year though strange, has been eventful. As it approaches its end we have still one event to celebrate. Christmas 2020 will be different from others but it still provides us all with an opportunity to cherish what we hold dear. To all our friends and supporters and everyone in the community, no matter how or where you celebrate it, we wish you a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2021!

both sides were undefeated through the year. Something had to give! Thankfully from our perspective, we were able to keep the unbeaten run going! Again, well done to the management and the large panel of players involved. The under 18 footballers, given that there are Brian Dillons players involved, had a local derby victory over Mayfield in the final. The team were dealt a blow before the game as the team captain was ruled out due to illness. Despite this setback, and a sluggish start, the team proceeded to given an accomplished performance to thoroughly beat their opponents. Again,



Sarsfields Camogie Notes



M.LEE MEDIA
By David Ribeiro

Ellen Murphy in action

INTERCOUNTY

With all underage competitions presently on hold, attention turns to our Intercounty adult activity and Cork Seniors are currently in the midst of their All Ireland campaign. We are delighted to have three representatives from the club included in the panel - Niamh O'Callaghan, Ellen Murphy & Molly Lynch. Ellen made her debut in the win over Wexford and followed up with another impressive performance against

All Ireland champions, Galway even though on this occasion Cork had to settle for the scenic route in pursuit of the title! Niamh partnered Ashling Thompson at midfield in their Quarter final win over Clare in Pairc Ui Chaoimh with Ellen also playing her part on the day. Meanwhile Molly continues to work tirelessly as Sub goalkeeper! Well done girls, we're proud of you all and best of luck!

We have captaincy of both the Cork 16s (Cliona Lynch) & Minors (Ciara Irwin) but unfortunately both panels' activities are on hold while uncertainty continues over Covid Level 5 restrictions up for review early December!

CLUB TRAINING

Club underage training for U6s to U12s will take a break from end November while our U16s & Minors continue to prepare for their respective county finals. U14s have already finished their programme for 2020 with two county titles under their belts!

FÉILE NEWS 2021

The recent announcement that the age grade for county & National Féile competitions will move from U14 to U15 next year in a bid to improve player retention has been welcomed news! Our understanding is that the competition will be run off within the county initially, and thereafter on a regional

& national basis over two designated weekends! The old format of one or two counties only hosting visiting teams will cease. This change also ensures those disappointed U14s for 2020 will get to experience the Féile experience after all!

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As the year comes to an end we would sincerely like to thank the following sponsors who have contributed greatly in defraying our club running costs:

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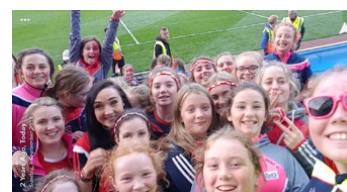
Cork Cpts Cliona Lynch (U16s) & Ciara Irwin (Minor) in a pre season friendly

Happy Christmas to all our players, coaches, mentors, parents & supporters!
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To apply, you make a claim to Revenue under the CRSS for a cash payment known as an Advance Credit for Trading Expenses (ACTE).

This ACTE payment is equal to 10% of your average weekly turnover in 2019 up to €20,000 and 5% thereafter, with a

maximum weekly payment of €5,000. If your business was set up between 26 December 2019 and 12 October 2020, the claim will be based on your actual weekly average turnover.

There is a 2-step process to make your claim:

1. You must register for the CRSS through Revenue's Online Service (ROS).

2. You must complete a CRSS claim for a claim period/s within 8 weeks of the date the claim period starts (that is the date the restrictions start).

The claim period is the period during

which the qualifying COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

The current maximum claim period runs from 13 October 2020 (the date the scheme was announced) to 1 December 2020. The date you can start your claim from depends on the level of restrictions that were in place in your location during October 2020.

You can get more help from Revenue's National Employer Helpdesk through the myEnquiries system or by calling the National Employer helpline Tel: 01 738 3638 (Monday to Friday, from 9.00am to 5.00pm).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can find comprehensive integrated information online at citizensinformation.ie/covid19/ and you can get daily updates on what's changed on Twitter at @citizensinfo.

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Glanmire Heritage Society



TREASA HEALY died on 28th September 2020. Lest we forget, I would like to recall the enormous contribution Treasa made to the cultural life of our Community. She trained and conducted and sang in the choir at St. Joseph's Church for many years, where her beautiful soprano voice and constant striving for perfection greatly enhanced our liturgy.

As a member of RACA (Riverstown Area Community Association) Entertainments Committee which was set up in 1982, Treasa got involved in organising a variety show to compete in Benson & Hedges Talent Contest. This show drew a capacity audience of 500 to a great evening's entertainment at Vienna Woods Hotel.

In 1984 Fr. Kerry Murphy-O'Connor suggested RACA might consider holding "Tops of the Area" to help integrate residents of the many new housing estates with the long established population. The objective was to get people together in a spirit of fun, enjoyment, friendship, happiness and neighbourliness. Treasa enthusiastically embraced the task of organising and co-ordinating the contest, and setting up panels of independent adjudicators. Groups from 9 areas competed, each produced a 30 minute show - three heats were held over 3 evenings with the winning show from each heat competing in

the Grand Final. In all over 100 adults and children got involved. All shows were sell-outs. "Hazelwood Capers" produced by Frank Houlihan won first prize. Treasa's professionalism and attention to detail ensured all ran smoothly and on time, and a great community spirit was generated.

1985 Cork 800 was celebrated. A pageant "The Spirit of Cork" was performed at historic Riverstown House, and followed by a variety concert at Vienna Woods Hotel. Both were organised and directed by Treasa Healy.

1986 was the bi-centenary of Glanmire Church of Ireland, and the Vestry Committee and RACA again called on Treasa. She superbly wrote, produced and directed a pageant entitled "Glanmire and the Outer World" which was performed for 2 nights in the Church of Ireland and was one of the highlights of the bi-centenary celebrations.

In March 1987 Tops of the Area contest was again staged, and Treasa willingly took on its organisation, with the Hermitage show produced by Mary Rose Hayes triumphant on this occasion. Later that year Treasa wrote and produced "The Light of all our Days" a pageant to commemorate 150 years of St Joseph's Parish and Community. This show, staged in the church, had a huge cast and brought all sections of the community together.

Our community is much indebted to Treasa Healy, a wonderful person who generously gave of her time and talents. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

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"Cork has been very envious of the Dublin Trees Strategy. Dublin already has a Trees Officer and they're able to drive forward a trees policy. That's not just about protecting trees but also making sure the right tree is in the right place. That can avoid a lot of problems residents make about trees before they ever happen. The overall of benefit of doing things right is about keeping the benefit of having trees and biodiversity at the heart of the city.

"The first act of this Council in 2019 was to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency in the city. The climate emergency is being addressed through the Climate Action Committee, with a remit across the whole of the city's operations. The biodiversity crisis involved the preparing of a trees and biodiversity policy for the city. There has been work on that, some very impressive, but it has been hampered too by there being no dedicated trees or biodiversity officer to drive it forward on the ground.

We hope to see the Trees Officer post advertised early in the new year, after the Christmas period has passed."

Councillor Oliver Moran
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Copper Valley Rockets Charity Run



The Copper Valley Rocketts completed a 10k run for breast cancer awareness in October and also did a 10k run fundraiser for Edel house.



The Copper Valley Rockets completed a 5k run for Warren's fight against Hurler Syndrome.

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Children's Corner with Mary



Now Wash Your Hands
Matt Carr
Age 3+

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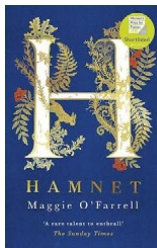
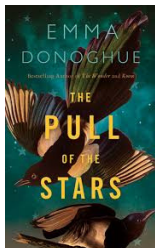
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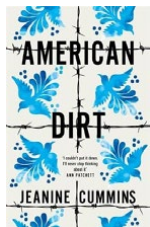
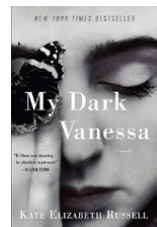
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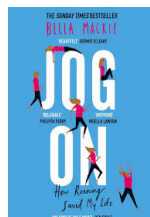
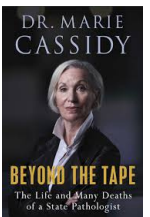
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Local History with Michael

St. FinBarre's Cathedral

A story of three Spires and their Inspiration.

The building of the new St. Fin Barre's Cathedral caused much excitement in the city in 1862. One stipulation of the design competition was that the building costs were not to exceed £15,000. On the 20th of February 1863 the plans of William Burges were selected and the architect simply wrote in his diary 'Got Cork'. Bishop John Gregg became its patron and a grand total of £6,700 was promised by subscription. The work of demolition of the old cathedral commenced under Mr. Robert Walker of Cork and it was later transferred to the firm of Messrs Gilbert Cockburne & Co Dublin.



During this time the rebuilding committee was working at full pace raising the necessary funds for its completion. By October 1868 the grand total of £34,519 was raised. The initial estimate had proven to be wildly off the mark as Burges ambitious plans spiralled totally out of control. By 1870 the cathedral which was due to be consecrated looked rather unfinished even unsightly. The lower towers were covered with temporary roofs and very little of the ornate carving seen today had been completed. On St. Andrews day 1870, the great consecration ceremonies took place over a three day period. By September 1873 the grand total of £40,000 had been spent leaving but £500 in the bank. The fund raising was in dire straits and the grand towers had not even commenced. The project had become a bottomless pit as far as money was concerned; few believed that the cathedral would be completed as designed.

In 1875 just as it appeared that the scheme was hopeless two of Cork's wealthiest citizens came to the rescue. Mr. Francis Wise the distiller and Mr. W. H. Crawford of brewing fame donated £30,000 between them. The project was back on track once more. A year later Mr. Delaney was appointed contractor for the building of the vast towers at a projected cost of £23,000. In 1877 Bishop Gregg announced that Mr. Crawford had donated a further £8,300 to enable the completion of the carving on the west front. On the 6th of April 1878 Bishop John Gregg had the satisfaction of laying the topmost stones of the western towers and spires.

Just over a month later he was dead, his funeral service was attended by a massive congregation and the cathedral was filled to capacity. The three magnificent limestone towers were finally completed in October 1879. By the time of its completion the project had gone massively over the initial budget of £15,000. In fact in excess of £100,000 had been spent on creating this architectural jewel in Cork's crown. One can only ponder, would this optimistic building project have commenced if the financial difficulties that lay ahead had been predicted? The 150th anniversary of the concentration of the cathedral occurs on the 30 November 2020.



Michael Lenihan is the author of 3 books; *Cork Burning*, *Timeless Cork* and *Pure Cork*

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Across

1. Contest, game (5)
6. Long narrow weapon (5)
9. Home of the US Masters (7)
10. Inflicted by a nettle (5)
11. Opponent (5)
12. Goes with red, green (5)
13. Windfall (7)
15. Personal pronoun (3)
17. Responsibility (4)
18. Walked leisurely (6)
19. Iron (5)
20. Make certain (6)
22. Saga (4)
24. Regret (3)
25. Pudding (7)
26. Keep away from (5)
27. Animal trap (5)
28. Alerts (5)
29. Beg (7)
30. Raising agent (5)
31. Arrive at (5)

Down

2. Deed (6)
3. Tent fabric (6)
4. Embrace (3)
5. Myanmar (5)
6. Small rivers (7)
7. Two (4)
8. Native American tribe (6)
12. Shade of blue (5)
13. Pugilist (5)
14. Cares for patients (5)
15. Gradient (5)
16. Decree, order (5)
18. Requested (5)
19. Keep from happening (7)
21. Subtle difference (6)
22. Lands plus large house (6)
23. Sardonic (6)
25. Daily account (5)
26. Metric units of area (4)
28. Armed conflict (3)

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