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Tour de Munster

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2021 will certainly be a year to remember for Tour de Munster, not only as the Tour celebrated its 21st edition, but also raising a phenomenal €522,201 - its largest sum to date for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland.

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Funds raised as a result of Tour de Munster play a significant role across each Munster branch of Down Syndrome

Ireland who provide a range of vital supports and services to children and adults with Down syndrome and their families.

In their quest to raise vital funds and awareness, this year's Tour saw over 150 amateur cyclists make their way across the six counties of Munster, travelling over 600km from August 5th - 8th, supported by friends, family members and many volunteers along the way.

Sean Kelly, who celebrated his 16th Tour de Munster, once again led the 150 cyclists through the beautiful towns and villages of Cork, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare and Kerry, covering an average of 150 km per day.

Paul Sheridan, who established Tour de Munster in 2001, was once again amazed by the magnificent support



the Tour received again this year. Speaking at the cheque presentation, Paul said:

"I am so proud of everyone involved in this year's Tour de Munster. We are over the moon to have raised such a phenomenal sum of €522,201 which will go a very long way in supporting the fantastic work carried out on a daily basis by the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland."

None of this would have been possible without the huge dedication and efforts made by cyclists, volunteers and supporters. We are very grateful to the many companies and the public who have supported the Tour in the past 21 years, in particular this year's main sponsors u-blox and UPS for their continued support."

Speaking at the cheque presentation, Nichola Power with Down Syndrome Cork and a participant in this year's Tour said:

"From all of us here in Down Syndrome Cork, we can't thank you all enough for your incredible hard work and dedication over the past year. The extreme efforts made to raise much-needed funds for all six branches is astonishing and is what makes Tour de Munster so special. We are blown away by the sum announced and the difference it will make in

so many lives."

Thanking all those who supported Tour de Munster this year, Catherine Cleary Chairperson of Down Syndrome Tipperary said:

"I'd like to give a huge thank you to all involved for their incredible hard work and dedication over the past year. The tremendous fundraising efforts and awareness campaign improves the lives of so many children and adults with Down syndrome, and it's what makes Tour de Munster so special year after year."

Tour de Munster really is an amazing experience and so many friendships have been formed between the organisation, the families, cyclists and volunteers. We really can't express our thanks and gratitude enough."

Special thanks were also given to this year's media partners - The Irish Examiner, Clare FM, Tipp FM, WLR FM, Red FM, SPIN South West and Pure Radio.

For more information on Tour de Munster and DSI log onto www.tourdemunster.com and www.downsyndrome.ie.

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Citizens Information - Here for you Always: Consumer Rights



It's that time of year again when Christmas is fast approaching and shoppers are out in force. Most purchases of goods and services go smoothly, but what happens when things go wrong.

Rest assured that when you buy a product or a service you have a number of rights under Irish and European Union (EU) legislation. These laws aim to give you strong rights when you buy in a shop or online, make sure you get enough information to make a buying decision based on facts and make sure there are redress options available to you if things go wrong. By law, sellers or suppliers (known as 'traders') must treat you fairly, for example, by making sure products and services are safe and of a high standard.

Consumer Contracts

When you buy goods and services, you are making a contract with the seller. As parties to the agreement, both you and the seller have certain legal rights and obligations. Contracts can be made verbally, in writing, or by your conduct. There are certain parts of a contract that businesses are free to set. However, these terms must not go against your consumer rights.

Consumer Rights

Irish and EU consumer laws only apply to transactions between a consumer and a trader. It does not apply when:

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Sale of goods and supply of

Services Act 1980

When you buy products, they must be 'in conformity with the contract'. This means they must be:

- Of merchantable quality – this means of reasonable and acceptable standard, taking into account other factors such as durability and price
- Fit for the purpose you bought it for – they should work and do what they are reasonably expected to do
- As described – they should match any description given in an advert or other information provided by the seller at the time of sale

If the products you receive are not of satisfactory quality, fit for purpose or do not match the description you were given, you have a right to certain remedies. A remedy could be a repair, replacement or a refund. Contracts for the supply of services are currently subject to much less statutory regulation than contracts for the sale of products. When you make an agreement with a supplier of services, for example, a carpenter, a plumber or a dentist, the agreement may be written or oral or a bit of both. In general, the terms of the agreement are what you agree with the supplier or trader.

Online shopping rights

When you buy online from an online trader in Ireland, or elsewhere in the EU, you have strong rights under the EU Consumer Rights Directive (CRD). These include:

- The right to clear and accurate information
- The right to change your mind and cancel (some purchases are not included)
- The express right to refund for

delayed or non-delivery

- Right to redress in case of faulty goods.

What is my 'right to redress' if things go wrong?

If you have a problem with something you have bought (for example, it is faulty or does not meet the description given), it is always the seller who must put things right. As a general rule, the seller must offer a repair or replacement. Alternatively, they can give you a refund.

If you are not satisfied with the quality of the products or services you should:

- Return the item to the seller (not the manufacturer)
- Act as soon as you can – a delay can indicate that you have accepted faulty products
- Don't attempt to repair the item yourself or give it to anyone else to repair it
- Make sure you have proof of purchase, for example a receipt or credit card statement
- For services, keep all evidence of damage caused by poor work, for example take photos.

The success of your consumer complaint can depend on a combination of factors - consumer legislation, the trader's willingness to resolve the issue, and the circumstances of the case itself. If you have a question in relation to your consumer rights, please contact South Munster Citizens Information Service where a highly trained member of staff will be happy to provide you accurate and up-to-date information in an understandable and usable way so that you can make an informed decision.

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

CHRISTMASTIME



Blián eile a d'imigh ar nós na gaoithe agus tá an Nollaig buailte linn arís. It is a joyous period for many and people are so considerate, kind and helpful but of course such outpouring should not be confined to just the festive period. Christmas is a magic season 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. Children eagerly look forward to Santa's visit and, unlike today, in past times he normally brought just one present which could have been any of the following; Ludo, Snakes & Ladders, a Mouth Organ, a Tin Whistle, a Skipping Rope, a Pencil Case, a Dart Board, a Paint Book and Crayons, a Doll's House, a Doll's Tea Set, a Story Book, a Cowboy Outfit, a Train Set and the very popular; a Surprise. These are a far cry from today's gadget gifts from E-Readers to Cameras and Wireless Headphones, or indeed a Nintendo Switch Oled, a VTech pre-school My Laptop, a Fitbit Fitness Tracker or a Junior Chef Wooden Mud Kitchen. Down through the years an advance visit to Santa was of course a must, also perhaps nowadays, and the popular Santa venues were Kilgrews on Merchants Quay which also had a slide, and the Munster Arcade on Patrick Street where a film was shown and there was the added attraction of travelling by lift from the ground floor to Santa's Cave which was located on the upper floor. Christmastime for teenagers and young adults, and perhaps the young at heart, is a time when party-time fever takes control but surely everybody's wish is that such celebrations will be carried out in a responsible fashion this year. It is reminiscing times for the "golden oldies" as those bittersweet memories of bygone days come flooding back. There was only one Christmas; the rest are anniversaries and very often are occasions when a person may endure the heartbreak of

homesickness even when at home. It is also that time of year when the sense of loss through death or otherwise, particularly if within the past year, is intensified to a greater degree 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 but there is always that grief which lives in us forever. Memories are wonderful, they will last for eternity and we never know what tomorrow will bring. There are numerous 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 symbolising the blood he shed. Ivy is another and its Christian meaning is that it has to cling to something in order to support itself as it grows and this acts as a reminder that one must cling to God for support in life. There is also the Christmas candle which in former times, and to an extent nowadays, was positioned on the interior sill of a front window of the home and was first lit, usually by the youngest child, on Christmas Eve. Who remembers the rhyme; "candle, candle burning bright, on my windowsill tonight, lead some weary traveller here, that he may share our Christmas cheer". The candle was not extinguished before midnight and if there was a "Mary" in the home; she was the person to do 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 served as a beacon for the lonely and homeless wayfarers as well. It also indicated a safe place for priests to celebrate mass because such was prohibited during penal times. The candle remained in place until January 6th. as did the home decorations and in fact it was considered bad luck if they were removed prior to that. In bygone times there was a hive of activity in Glounthaune Church on the days leading up to Christmas Day. The "Bean an Ti" of many homes in close proximity to the

church brushed, dusted, washed and polished the interior and then beautified the altars with an impressive floral arrangement. Yes, there was much activity during Christmas week and even the farmers were involved as they visited the priests' residences with gifts of fowl and vegetables. There are not as many farmers in the parish today as back then and alas there are no priests' residences. The crib was erected in less than twenty minutes as it only entailed carrying the figures from storage at "The Loft" as it was known, the room above the sacristy, and placing them on the one-stepped marble floor at the right-hand side altar. Two nuns from Carrigtwohill Convent made an annual visit to the crib on foot because they were attracted by its simplicity. Another custom around here and beyond was to give the "Breadman", the "Milkman" and the "Postman" a "Christmas Box" and whilst the former two services are now surplus to requirements we still have the "Postman" so let's hope that he or she is not forgotten. Incidentally the term "Christmas Box" is derived from a custom of the past whereby the gentry gave presents to their servants at Christmas in small boxes which became known as "Christmas Boxes". Also, "St. Stephen's Day", which commemorates the first Christian martyr, is called "Boxing Day" in some countries and the reason here is that in bygone days donation boxes were left in churches and when opened on December 26th. the contents therein were divided among the poor. There was of course no vigil mass in past times and the first on Christmas Day was at eight am and the second mass was at eleven thirty am. The Canon celebrated the first and in the sacristy prior to mass he gave each altar boy a present of one shilling. A timber rail extended from pillar to pillar in Glounthaune church back then and this prevented aisle to nave access. Also the aisle on the right was designated a "Women's Aisle" with the one on the left a "Men's Aisle" whilst the pews on the nave were reserved for mixed used occupancy! The 1917 Code of Canon Law, which was abrogated on November 27th. 1983, stipulated that it was obligatory for women to cover their heads in church and in this respect there were curious contrasting styles evident at Christmas Day masses. Modest new headscarves were on display at the aisle on the right whereas stylish new hats and, if

you don't mind black mantilla veils were exhibited, by the women that is, at the prestigious nave. The men on the left aisle placed their new handkerchiefs on the kneelers for comfort and this begs the question; why did men always carry a handkerchief back then? The "Christmas Offering" collection for the priests of the parish was taken up and the outcome was made known at mass the following Sunday when the names of those who contributed, as well as the amounts, were announced from the altar. Meantime the speculation was intense; would the late District Justice D.B. O'Sullivan of Carrigrennan retain the gold with his expected contribution of two pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, or would he be overtaken by one of the rich farmers who were snapping at his heels on the previous encounter. And what about the ignominy experienced by those who would end up in the relegation battle? The Christmas Day feast was timed for two pm and with the smell of cooking engulfing the kitchen the turkey was "coming along fine" and the new oilcloth was on the table. The day was spent at home and the children played contentiously. Many "hunted the wren" on St. Stephen's Day and the money collected was spent on an outing to a cinema in Cork at a later date. New Year's Eve was a non-event as January 1st. was not a public holiday and as a result the festive period was much shorter than at present. With the absence of today's lengthy time-span, saturated advertising, sale signs, demands, pressure, excessive spending and rush; was Christmas more relaxing in the aforementioned times? Was Christmas then, as it should be, more in keeping with the humble, symbolic and simple spirit of the season? Bob Hope said; "when we recall Christmas past we usually find that the simplest things, not the great occasions, give off the greatest glow of happiness". It is customary to exchange presents at Christmastime and twentieth century novelist Oren Arnold had this suggestion; forgiveness to your enemy, tolerance to an opponent, your heart to a friend, service to a customer, charity to all, good example to every child and respect to yourself.

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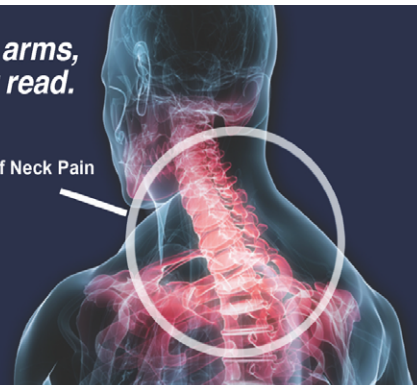
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Holly is a wind, salt, and rabbit proof shrub, and there are many splendid varieties from which to choose. In decades past gardeners would have been aware of this and the plant's other hidden connotations. Today, the hollies' virtues seem to be somewhat disregarded, and the young and already balding have little interest in tradition, religion, or folklore. But holly and ivy still hold special interest and meaning for Christians, especially on the approach to Christmas.

As evergreens, they represent the unchanging, and the immortality contained within the promise of Christmas. They are the outside world brought indoors; they are Nature-God's hand work- carried into our midst and made relevant to everyone.

Sad to relate, holly varieties rarely receive the merit they deserve as a garden plant. There are over

700 varieties available, varying in size, shape, and colour but only a handful are rated as worthy of a spot in the garden.



A very attractive winter scene using variegated holly and a small water feature. Do not be tempted to rape a good holly bush for the sake of decorating. Let your specimen alone and buy what's required!

This is rather a pity for a suitable holly can be found for even the smallest garden, providing year-round colour and interest. You'll have to put up with prickly leaves of course, but it's not every day that you'll be working around these or cutting pieces to bring indoors!

The best forms for a small garden include those with richly

variegated foliage and names which would have you believe that sex discrimination between plants never existed! "Golden King" for example is a wonderful variety which has glossy leaves of dark green, heavily marked with bright yellow, but it's a female which needs the company of a male to produce masses of vivid scarlet berries during winter. Then there's a male form called "Silver Queen" which has a delicate tracery of silver around its leaf margins, making it one of the best foliage plants you could possibly encounter. Both together would make a splendid sight when lit up by the sharp winter sun, whilst the area about their bases could be further enhanced with either the autumn flowering cyclamen called 'neapolitanum' or pure white snowdrops in late winter. Variegated forms, it should be noted, require full sun to maintain their exceptional colouring.

THE DECEMBER GARDEN

A SORRY SIGHT

Plants that flowered up to last month have now died gracefully. Early frosts have put an end to their exciting floriferous life. Anemone japonica (normally avoided due to their invasiveness) have been reduced to the furry yellow buttons that were their centres and the black-eyed Susan's (Rudbeckia) are similarly reduced but to black furry buttons. Agapanthus flowers which have long faded have now shed their seed pods and stand stiff, like ghosts of themselves. Their strap leaves, collapsed in a heap, are as yellow as wet straw. Hostas lie as in slush. Dahlias, which were so vivid up to very recently are now blackened and lifeless. These were wonderful during the past few months and any slushy ones (hosta and agapanthus) should now be cleared of their underwear. Otherwise, the remnants would act as slug and snail hotels for all of winter!

But for all the dying and destruction, a winter garden is something special and every effort should be made to lighten and brighten the scene. Anyone can invest in a few dozen

annuals during May to give a great blast of colour up to October, but it takes thought and imagination to make an inviting winter prospect, where a visit is worthwhile whatever the weather.

There are I promise you, a surprising number of shrubs and plants that choose to flower in winter and as many of these are also scented

their contribution can be regarded as doubly valuable. Visit your local garden outlet and see their range soon.

SAFEGUARD HOUSEPLANTS

Several houseplants object to tap water. In many homes it contains lime. Indoor azaleas, poinsettias, and heathers must have rainwater or water following the defrosting of a fridge. Many people now own dehumidifiers to reduce condensation in the home and the water they collect is perfect for the plants mentioned. It's almost pure water but it is not of drinking quality. Rainwater as ever will be perfect.

PLANTS HELP FIND CANCER CURE

Long live the union of plants and chemists! Over the past few decades,

it has been discovered that Taxol is invaluable for the treatment of cancer and throughout Europe yew leaf trimmings are collected to make a drug called Taxotere. All plants, weeds and wild growth included, have the potency to heal humans so let's all be concerned about the disappearance of plant species from the wild. Otherwise, we may eventually mourn their loss and ultimately ours!

CLOSING THE YEAR

Once the tulips go in during mid-December, and the geraniums and Jamaica Primroses (Argyranthemums) are stashed away, the glasshouse door won't creak again until the Christmas festivities have concluded! I may, out of monotony or boredom, pop in to see that nothing is going short of water, but apart from that my routine pattern won't change. All that is left therefore is to wish all readers a Happy and Holy Christmas. It was a pleasure writing for so many keen readers during 2021 and I hope you will persevere with me for another season. Seasons greetings to one and all.



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Intermediate

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Intermediate

That booked our spot in a second consecutive Intermediate County Final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for the second year in a row and we were beaten by a good Valley Rovers team on the day. Thank you to all who came to support the girls and especially our young supporter's bus. The very best of luck to Intermediate player Kate Hannon who is heading off to Ghana as a medical volunteer.



Supporters Bus

Minor

The Minors were back out in East Cork with a very entertaining game against Youghal, well done on a good win. They then had a great win against Fermoy in the East Cork semi played on Pairc Ui Chaoimh 4G pitch. They can now look forward to the Minor A County QF against Eire Og.

U16

Our fabulous U16 squad qualified for another U16A County Final where they met Mourneabbey. The effort of the girls couldn't be faulted on the day but unfortunately Mourneabbey were the stronger side on the day.



U16 A1



U16 A

Congratulations to the girls on getting to this point in the season and they now turn their focus to the East Cork League and Championship. Congratulations also to the girls involved with the Sarsfields U16 panel who won the U16 Premier County Final.

The girls had a good win in the East Cork A Championship semi against Bride Rovers and now move onto another final.

U14

Well done to club member Ioannis O' Connell who was recently ratified as a Cork U14 selector for this coming year.



U14B

Hard luck to our U14A girls who had two tough games against current County A Champions, Erins Own, in the East Cork League Final and the East Cork Championship semi. Well done to the girls on a wonderful year. Our U14B team are also due out in East Cork Championship.



U14B

U13

Well done to Clíodhna Tierney, Ali Nolan, Eve Kelleher and Elise Tierney who were part of the U13 East Cork Development panel that played in a recent divisional blitz.

U12

The U12A recently competed in the U12A County League



G4M&O



U12A

Final and after a tough game with some excellent football our girls were unlucky to miss out by a single point. Well done to the girls on a great display of football and no doubt the future is bright for Glanmire.

U11

Our U11 group took time recently to make a visit to West Cork Secret and they had a fantastic day.



U11 West Cork Secret

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The G4MO group had another great game, this time hosting St. Anne's from Waterford. Well done to all involved.

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San Nioclás

Tá an Nollaig buailte linn arís agus tá an fhógraíocht faoi lán seoil. Dealraíonn sé go dtosaíonn an fhógraíocht níos luaithe gach bliain. Sula raibh Oíche Shamhna thart i mbliana, bhí earraí na Nollag sna siopaí. Is cinnte go bhfuil níos mó den tráchtáil ná den reiligiún ag baint leis an Nollaig na laethanta seo. Ceann de na nósanna a bhaineann leis an Nollaig is ea Santa Claus nó Daidí na Nollag faoi mar a thugtar air sa Ghaeltacht. Tá na tréithe céanna ag baint leis pé ainm a thugaimid air. Deirtear gur eascair Santa Claus ó San Nioclás ó Myra san Áise Bheag.



San Nioclás

Easpag de bhunadh na Gréige ó chathair Myra san Áise Bheag ba ea Nioclás. Deirtear gur mhair sé idir na blianta 270 AD. agus 343 AD. le linn d'Impireacht na Róimhe a bheith ann. Impireacht phágánach a bhí fós ann ag an am seo. Bhí an cháil ar Nioclás gur tharla mórán míorúiltí toisc go ndearna sé idirghabháil le Dia ar son daoine. Tá sé ina phátrún ar mhairnéalaigh, ceannaithe, boghdóirí, gadaithe a dhéanann aithrí dá bpeacaí, striapaigh, leanaí, grúdaí agus mórán eile nach iad. Leath a cháil i measc na ndaoine cráifeacha. Bhí sé seo coitianta i gcás naomh sa tréimhse luath-Chríostaíochta. Bhíodh sé de nós ag Nioclás bronnantais a thabhairt go rúnda chun teacht i gcabhair ar dhaoine. Tá Santa Claus an lae inniu bunaithe ar an tréith seo.

Níl puinn ar eolas againn faoin Nioclás stairiúil. Scríobhadh na chéad chuntais ar a shaol na céadta bliain i ndiaidh a bháis agus tá mórán finscéalta fite fuaite san fhíorscéal. deirtear gur saolaíodh é i Patara, Lycia, calafort Gréagach san Áise Bheag. Críostaithe rachmasacha ba ea a thuismitheoirí. Ceann de na scéalta faoina shaol atá dearbhaithe is ea gur shábháil sé triúr cailíní ó shaol mar striapaigh. Bhí an nós ann an uair sin go mbíodh ar athair spré nó suim airgid a chur ar fáil nuair a bhí iníon chun pósadh. Muna raibh an t-airgead ag an athair, ní raibh mórán roghanna saoil ag na cailíní. Trí oíche as a chéile chuir sé málaí de bhoinn óir trí fhuinneog an athar. Bhí an t-athair in ann spré a

íoc dá n-iníonacha agus shábháil sé seo iad ó shaol mímhórálta.

Ina óige, deirtear gur imigh Nioclás ar oilithreacht go dtí an Éigipt agus go dtí an Talamh Naofa. Tar éis dó fillleadh, rinneadh Easpag Myra de. Bhí Impireacht na Róimhe fós i réim agus bhí ciapadh á dhéanamh ar Chríostaithe. Cuireadh Nioclás i bpríosún le linn ghéarleanúint an Impire Diocletian. Nuair a tháinig Constantine i réim, scaoileadh saor é. D'iompaigh Constantine féin in Chríostaí agus chuir sé seo deireadh leis an gciapadh ar Chríostaithe.

Níos lú ná dhá chéad bliain i ndiaidh a bháis, tógadh Eaglais San Nioclás i Myra ar ordú ó Theodosius 11 sa láthair chéanna ina raibh sé ina easpag. Cuireadh a chuid taisí i sarcafagas, cineál tuama os cionn talún, san eaglais sin. Cuireadh Myra faoi smacht na dTurcach in 1087 agus thosaigh an ciapadh ar an Eaglais Chríostaí arís. Ansin, thóg grúpa ceannaithe ó chathair Iodálach, Bari, príomh-chnámha an naoimh ón sarcafagas agus thógadar go Bari iad. Tá siad ar fáil anois i mBaisleac San Nioclás in Bari. Ina dhiaidh sin, thóg mairnéalaigh ón Veinéis na cnámha, a bhí fágtha sa sarcafagas, agus tógadh iad go dtí an Veinéis le linn na Chéad Chrosáide. Chomh maith leis sin, thug an chléir ag Bari samplaí de na taisí d'áiteanna eile chun an cultas a bhain le San Nioclás a mhéadú. Tógadh taisí go dtí an Fhrainc, go dtí an Bheilg. Le linn an 4ú Crosáid, scaipeadh taisí ar fud na hEorpa.

Tá an fhianaise is luaithe do chultas San Nioclás in Éirinn le fáil i mBaile Átha Cliath. In 1038, bhunaigh Sigtrygg Olafsson, Rí Bhaile Átha Cliath, le tacaíocht ón Easpag Dúnán, Ardeaglais Chríost. Bhí séipéal ann tiomnaithe do San Nioclás. Sna meánaoiseanna, bhí an cultas le fáil i measc na nGael agus na Normannach. Tiomnaíodh tobair bheannaithe agus eaglaisí meánaoise don naomh. Tá Eaglais San Nioclás i gCathair na Gaillimhe tiomnaithe dó.



Baisleac San Nioclás in Bari san Iodáil

Tháinig na Cistéirsigh go hÉireann le teacht na Normannach. Thógadar Mainistir Sheireapúin i gCill Chainnigh. Bunaíodh baile meánaoiseach, Seireapún, thart ar 1200 AD. Níl an baile ann inniu ach tá iniúchadh seandálaíochta déanta ar a bhfuil fágtha de. Thóg na Cistéirsigh eaglais ann a thiomnaigh siad do San Nioclás. Tá traidisiún ann, chomh maith, gur cuireadh cuid de chnámha an naoimh ag Mainistir Sheireapúin. Tá leac uaigne ann ón 14ú Céad agus is é an traidisiún áitiúil a

Micheál Ó Súilleabháin



'Tuama' San Nioclás ag Seireapún, Cill Chainnigh

bhaineann leis ná gurb é seo áit adhlactha San Nioclás. Deirtear gur thug lucht na gCrosáidí taisí an naoimh go hÉirinn. De réir an traidisiúin seo, d'imigh grúpa ridirí, Gaeil agus Normannaigh go dtí an Talamh Naofa chun páirt a ghlacadh sna Crosáidí. Ar an mbealach abhaile, ghabhadar taisí an naoimh agus thugadar go Cill Chainnigh iad agus cuireadh iad ag Seireapún.

Tá scéal San Nioclás suimiúil. Tá gnéithe éagsúla ann, cuid de fíor, cuid de ina fhinscéal agus mórán traidisiún ag baint leis. Ach tá an scéal beo tar éis achair fhada. Mhair San Nioclás agus bhí sé fial. Bhí creideamh láidir i nDia aige. Má léimid na scríoptúir, ní tharlaíonn míorúiltí gan creideamh a bheith ag duine. Tá creideamh láidir ag mórán daoine i San Nioclás. Inniu tá tionscal bunaithe ar a ainm. Baineann Coca Cola úsáid as an ainm. Is ar mhaithe leo féin atá na tionscail i gcontrácht le San Nioclás a tháinig i gcabhair ar dhaoine. Go raibh spiorad San Nioclás i réim an Nollaig seo.

Gluais:

faoi lán seoil=in full swing
tráchtáil=commerce
eascair=sprang from
de bhunadh na Gréige=of Greek descent
idirghabháil=intervention
daoine cráifeacha=pious people
gadaithe a dhéanann aithrí=repentant thieves
ar oilithreacht=on pilgrimage
leath a cháil= his fame spread
dearbhaithe=confirmed
rachmasach=wealthy
taisí=relics
tiomnaithe do=dedicated to
ridirí=knights
cultas=cult
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favourite!

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# SMALL CHOICES - BIG IMPACT

**John O'Sullivan**  
Life & Business Coach

As we all meander our way through life, very few of us have a clear roadmap to show us the way forward. Fewer still have the wherewithal to have the headlights on and the GPS as back up! The truth is that for most of us, we find ourselves navigating through life and dealing with things as they come up. A bit like stumbling around your bedroom half asleep at 4 AM trying to find the bathroom – hoping not to stub your toe on the way!

In his famous speech at Stanford University, the late Steve Jobs pointed out that in life, the way forward isn't always very clear. But when we look back on our lives we can easily "join the dots" that led us to where we are today. All those little, seemingly insignificant decisions, the choices we make over the years, all led us to where we find ourselves now. In fact, some of the most profound outcomes in our lives often manifested from one very small and simple choice, made many years ago when you had absolutely no idea that the path would lead you here. Kind of scary, right?

So, small choices can result in major outcomes. These can be positive or negative. Sometimes we know the right choices to make and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we go with our "gut feeling" and sometimes we ignore it. (More on the gut feeling stuff next month!).

So what's the big deal about all of this and

why is it worthy of an article? Well, the truth is that through my work as a coach, I often meet people who have effectively arrived at this point in life without ever really planning to be in the position they are. In fact, many people simply sleepwalk into situations by following a certain path through life, trusting they are doing the right thing. Sometimes this works out for them. Other times, it leads to enormous frustration and resentment, down the line.

The point here is that by following the path of least resistance in life, we often make a tricky situation much worse. By avoiding difficult choices today, we can end up creating a trap for ourselves that's far trickier to escape from in the future. This is true for careers, relationships, finances, health and so much more.

There are also times when we find ourselves comfortable, and we get complacent. Don't get me wrong, I'm all about celebrating success and enjoying the little wins in life, but complacency comes when we rest on our laurels and get far too comfortable. Complacency comes when we get all smug and think our past success guarantees future wins!

In his book, "Who Moved My Cheese", Spenser Johnson outlines the tale of two teams (of mice and tiny humans) who set out each day into a maze to find cheese. As the story unfolds, we see how one team became very complacent as

they had discovered a wealth of cheese at "Cheese Station C". They lost their edge, became comfortable, and assumed their stockpile of cheese would last forever. However, and I suppose unsurprisingly as a reader, one day the cheese was gone. The story goes on to detail the strategy of the various participants and their response to the sudden cheese drought. It's a good read, so I won't spoil the story for you!

A key lesson from this fable is that complacency is dangerous. So too is choosing the path of least resistance, when we know it's leading us further away from where we want to end up. Sometimes it's uncomfortable to make tough choices, or to deal with something when we know it's wrong. But if we don't we might be leaving ourselves down even more. If something feels wrong, it's probably a sign you need to deal with it.

When I was in 5th year, my history teacher challenged me one day. He said, "O'Sullivan, you can either drop down to Ordinary Level, or you can stay here and work your arse off". I choose the easy path. Maybe I made choice because I was afraid and I didn't understand what it meant to dig deep. Maybe it was because I wanted to impress those around me. Maybe it was both, but regardless, I dropped from Higher Level to Ordinary Level on a whim. It felt easy to me as I had always loved history. However,

on the morning of the leaving cert results I opened my envelope, saw my grades, and felt gutted as I instantly knew I'd made the wrong choice back in 5th year. I scored an A1 in the Ordinary Level paper and knew that with a little extra work I'd have done really well at Higher Level. I still regret making that easy choice now.

Sometimes we choose the easy path in order to avoid fear, or controversy. Sometimes we opt to avoid confrontation. Sometimes we are asleep at the wheel in life and sleepwalk for years, before waking up in a nightmare! The key message in this article is a simple one: don't let fear stop you from making the right decision. This could be in your personal life, career, relationship, or in school. In the words of Spencer Johnson, "What would you do if you weren't afraid?"

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 Luke Cotter is organising this fundraising appeal on behalf of Elizabeth Cotter.



Luke Cotter is a 6th year student in Glanmire Community College and u17 footballer with Glanmire GAA club. Luke recently shaved his head to raise money on behalf of his aunt Elizabeth Cotter, who was diagnosed with cancer in recent weeks. The raised money is being put towards the associated medical expenses. Luke set up a GoFundMe page and all donations will be greatly appreciated by the family.

Luke sends a big thank you to everyone that already contributed.

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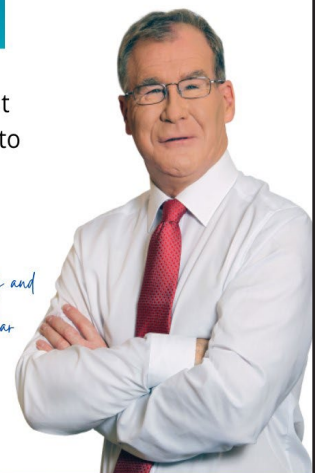
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## Glanmire Swimmers in the Community Games

Each year Glanmire has a large group of competitors partaking in the Cork Heats of Community Games swimming gala, hoping to win gold in Cork and to graduate to the National finals. Due to COVID 19 restrictions this year the Cork gala, which was held in Leisureworld in Bishopstown on 6th November last, was a much smaller event than previous years with only one swimmer per region permitted to swim in each event and some of the swims for the younger age groups being put on hold for this year.

Yet despite these challenges Glanmire had two swimmers achieve silver in

the Cork heats - Chloe Hurley from Brooklodge East, swimming in the u14 50m freestyle and Clodagh Martin from Lackenroe, competing in the u12 50m breaststroke; both athletes swimming great races and were unlucky not to take home gold on the day. Glanmire has 4 swimmers going forward to University of Limerick on Sat 27th Nov representing Cork in the National Finals.

Representing Cork (& GLanmire) will be: Elin Manson from Sallybrook who will compete in the u14 50m Breaststroke, Orna Higgins also from Sallybrook competing in the u12



Glanmire Swim team:

Shauna Murphy, Orna Higgins, Clodagh Martin, Elin Manson, Antonina Sech and Chloe Hurley

50m backstroke with Shauna Murphy from Brooklodge in the u14 50m butterfly and Antonina Sech from Castlejane in the u14 50m Back stroke. Best of luck to all of our Swimmers, we hope you enjoy the

event and we know that you will do your County and Glanmire proud!

We look forward to next year when we can have even more Glanmire swimmers competing in the event.





# Glanmire

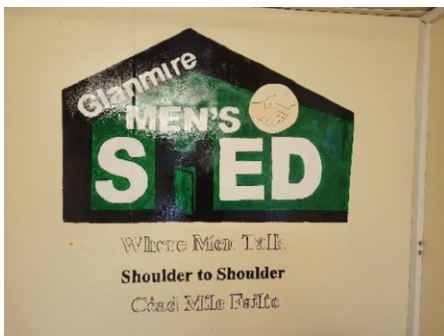
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It is that time of year again. Christmas is approaching fast and hopefully it will be a pleasant and joyous time for everyone in the Community. The last few weeks brought a new sense of hope with confirmation that the removal of many of the restrictions that have been in place for some time. However, amid the renewed optimism we must look at the daily raising numbers of Covid 19 and the numbers in hospitals, so the onus is on us all to play our part for our own safety, the safety of our loved ones. Unfortunately, the situation is changing daily, and undouble the pressure on front line workers is enormous.



## Glanmire Men's Shed

Glanmire Men's shed has re-opened following a lengthy closure due to Covid. The Men's shed was making steady progress in its development prior to lockdown in March 2020. Everything was very much at a standstill since except for lot of hard work by a few stalwarts and founding members. These men did some exceptional work during lockdown in preparing the Shed for eventual re-opening. These members have been



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the driving force behind the shed since its inception.

The Shed acquired two Containers and had the placed in position One is converted into sitting meeting room/ computer room/kitchen and dining room etc.

The second Container is in the process of being developed into a workshop. During lockdown this workshop was internally insulated a new roof was fitted, plus external cladding. Electrical connections have been completed.

The Shed have also a bought and erected a poly tunnel. This will be a huge benefit to our members who are eager to flex their green fingers. We also have Computers which are in the process of being installed. Clearly a lot has been done but more has to be done to bring it up to the standard we require.

**Of Course, this would not be possible without the exceptional generosity of the Scouts Movement who invited on to their centre when The Shed was looking for a more permanent home We would also like to acknowledge the support of Cork City Council, HSE, Cllr Ger Keohane, Cllr John Maher, Cllr Joe Kavanagh and SUPERVALU and local Businesses.**

The Men's Shed Is the located at the rear of the Scout Hall and ALDI

The Shed is currently open. Monday. 10.30 to 12.30

Wednesday 2.00 to 4.30 Friday 10.30 to 12.30

Glanmire Men's Shed is available to all men over 18 years of age. The wellbeing of our members is of the utmost importance and their ideas are always welcome and will be acted upon.

Some men just come for a cup of coffee and chat and share their interests or to discuss an issue or a problem that may be concerning them. Sharing contacts and advice can be important.

Glanmire Men's Shed come from a variety of backgrounds professions and skills and have over a thousand years' experience between them. Once men get to know one another and get chatting it amazing what issues can be addressed, Glanmire men's shed has made great progress since inception and where it goes from here is a matter for the members.

Other members like to become involved in the Workshop, Gardening, Jig Saws, giving grinds to students, computers, linking with the Council, HSE, Research, visiting other men's Sheds, and places of interest etc. The Shed had planned to visit areas of interest in Dublin, Limerick and Belfast prior to Covid The Shed also invite speakers, i.e. Health and wellbeing, Social welfare, Local History, Gardai etc or any speaker that members suggest.

It is possible to form subgroups of special interest as all members may not share the same vision of what a men's shed should be. The possibilities are endless once we settle down over the next few months.

Call in for a cuppa we would be delighted to see you, and even better still if you had any ideas, we would love to hear them More details from Martin 087 2697076 or Tim 087 9573995 Follow Glanmire Men's Shed on Facebook

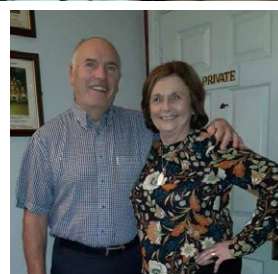
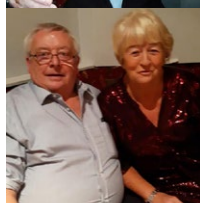
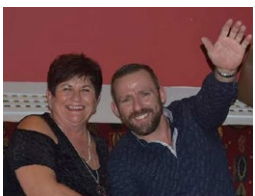




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## Christmas Masses in Glanmire

At the time of going to print, public worship can take place without capacity limits but with all protective measures still in place. As a result, Glanmire Parish manages Mass attendances at its churches. It is expected there will need to be a booking system for Christmas Masses. This will be similar to last Christmas, but with a higher capacity allowed at each Mass.

Please note this information may change in line with updated government and Diocesan advice.

The following Masses will take place in Glanmire Parish over Christmas. All ceremonies from St Joseph's are streamed on MCNMedia.tv.

|                         | St Joseph's                          | St Michael's                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>    | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm<br>7:30pm<br>9:00pm | 7:30pm<br> |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>    | 9:00am<br>10:30am<br>12:00 noon      | 9:30am<br>11:00am                                                                               |
| <b>St Stephen's Day</b> | 10:30am<br>12:00 noon                | 9:30am                                                                                          |

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## Christmas wishes

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





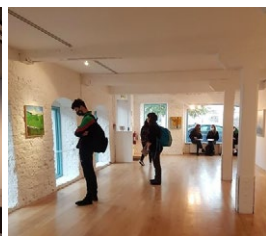


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Bhí liútar éatar i measc daltaí an dara bliain nuair a thugadar cuairt, fara a múinteoirí ranga, ar ionad eachtraíochta Ballyhass. Bhaineadar go léir súp as an lá de réir cosúlachta.

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Chuir an rang garraíodóireachta bolgáin crocus in aice leis an dtullán plaisteach a thóg siad ar shuíomh na scoile i mbliana. Is tionscadal cuimhneacháin náisiúnta é seo. Bíonn níos mó ná 50,000 duine óg ar fud na hEorpa gach bliain anois i dtionscadal cuimhneacháin don Uileloscadh a thosaigh deich mbliana ó shin in Éirinn le dornán de bholgáin bláthanna a phlandáil. Cuireann an Tionscadal Crocus ábhar an



Uileloscaidh in aithne do leanaí scoile trí iad a spreagadh chun na bolgáin a phlandáil gach fómhar. Is gnách go mbíonn na bláthanna buí, a mheabhraíonn Réaltai David gur chuir na Naitisithe iallach ar Ghiúdaigh iad a chaitheamh, faoi bhláth roimh an tseachtain deiridh d'Eanáir nuair a bhíonn Lá Chuimhneacháin idirnáisiúnta an riamh.

Uileloscadh ar siúl. Bhunaigh Iontaobhas Oideachais an Uileloscadh Éireann é i 2005, agus le tacaíocht ó mhaoiniú an AE, tá an tionscadal ag leathnú gach bliain agus tá naoi mballstát páirteach anois. Ag seoladh an bhábhta is déanaí den tionscadal le déanaí i mBaile Átha Cliath, dúirt Paschal Donohoe, an tAire Gnóthaí Eorpacha: "Tá sé rithábachtach eolas ar ár stair agus tuiscint ar na rudaí a d'eascair as imeachtaí

uafásacha den sórt sin má táimid chun a chinntiú nach ndéanann na glúnta a leanann iad géilleadh do na contúirtí a bhaineann le héadulaingt agus seineafóibe. Is chuige seo a rinneamar, daltaí na hidirbhliana Choláiste an Phiarsaigh, an tionscadal a chur i gcrích sa scoil anseo i mbliana don chéad uair

## Bronnadh Stairiúil

An mhí seo caite d'imir buachaillí Fé 15 cluiche caide in Iarthar Chorcaí. Bhí Coláiste an Phiarsaigh le Pobal Scoil Bhéara agus fuair an scoil seo againne an ceann ab'fhearr orthu, 9-13 le 8-10. Ócáid stairiúil a bhí ann áfach ar chúis eile freisin. Ba é seo an chéad uair a d'imir foireann ón scoil in Eadargóil. Os rud é gur cailleadh iarmhúinteoir de chuid na scoile i 2002, a tháinig ón gceantar sin, bhronn an scoil geansaí scoile CLG ar an gclub i gcuimhne ar an múinteoir céanna, mar a raibh An Máistir Ó Súilleabháin, Bhí aithne mhaith air ina cheantar dúchais mar John 'Lock' O'Sullivan. Suaimhneas síoraí go raibh aige.



## Seomraí Nua

Tá mórán oibre déanta cheanna féin ag oibrithe tógála chun an suíomh do na seomraí nua réamhdhéanta a ullmhú. Táimid ag súil go mór leis na háiseanna breise atá ar na bioráin le tamall, mar a bhfuil saotharlann agus cúpla seomra ranga







## Knockraha History Society

### IRA Bomb Blows the Hand Off an 8 Year Old Child in Knockraha National School in 1921

As the year of 1921 dawned the War of Independence between the British forces and the IRA was entering a most serious phase. From the British side more soldiers were coming to Ireland to support the civilian authorities. The old police force, the Royal Irish Constabulary, most of whom were Irishmen, were disgusted with the British tactics and were retiring from the force. So in order to supplement this the British recruited a new force, many of whom were people back from the First World War and hardened by their experiences. They were called the auxiliaries and their lesser ranks became known as the Black and Tans. Their mission was to defeat the IRA at any cost and they were given a practically free hand. Their tactics were to terrorise the population to withdraw support for the IRA, of their conduct no questions were to be asked. So they murdered, plundered, burned towns and Cork City and left destruction in their wake. They became a hated force in the population in the fact that they turned most people against the British forces which was of course not their intention. On the other side the original aim of the IRA was to get rid of the RIC who were the eyes and ears of the British government. So RIC barracks were attacked, burned and weapons captured and the personnel gone. Indeed the first RIC barracks attacked in Ireland was in Carrigtwohill. But by early 1921 many of the RIC barracks were burned or had been destroyed and what was left were bigger barracks in towns which were better protected with steel shuttering, more weapons and better soldier back-up which made it very hard to successfully attack these barracks. The next tactic used by the IRA was to employ Flying Columns. They were members who were well-known to the British authorities and couldn't live in their own houses so they were known as being 'on the run'. They were formed into columns known as Flying Columns and their aim was to ambush British soldiers and police at every opportunity that arose. They were working on a full-time capacity and were paid to carry out these ambushes in isolated areas and after the fight to move onto another area. Many of these encounters were part of Irish History such as the Kilmichael ambush. When they were in an area, these Flying Column members were housed by local supporters and fed. So for such attacks rifles and revolvers were important but what was also important was to have a supply of hand grenades which would start an ambush by being thrown into enemy lorries, destabilising these vehicles and creating many casualties. But the problem was that the IRA had only a very limited supply of those grenades and the IRA were finding it very

difficult to come by a supply of these grenades. It was in that situation that Sean Hegarty, OC of the Cork No. 1 Brigade, consulted members with experience of metal work to see if they could manufacture their own grenades—they decided they could. So they drew up a list of the equipment that was needed including a furnace which was made by a dockyard in Cobh taken over by IRA members for the night while they were making it. But their big problem was where to locate this factory. Sean Hegarty decided that Knockraha was the ideal area as it was a very quiet area with a lot of bogs and glens. It was by far the biggest rural Company of the IRA in East Cork. So he approached the captain of the Knockraha Company Martin Corry and he gave him orders to make a dug-out in the ground for such a factory. So Martin picked out Butlerstown Glen and he got men to construct the dug-out. When completed the equipment was put in and work for making the grenades started. The men working there were paid so much a day. Ned Fitzgerald of Knockraha East, who was an engineering student in UCC, was sent down from Butlerstown to help in the making of the grenades and he decided he could make a better plant than the operation in Butlerstown so he asked for permission to do so and this was granted and another dug-out was situated in Knockraha East. It worked on similar lines to the Butlerstown one and when these two factories were in full production they would produce 100 grenades a day which were then sent around the country. These grenades were a great asset for the IRA. As well as that in Knockraha a vault in Kilquane Cemetery was used for holding prisoners while their fate was being decided by the Cork No. 1 Brigade. This became known as Sing-Sing prison and many were executed out of it. With all this work going on, Sean Hegarty ordered for there to be no activity of Republicans in Knockraha so it would be a quiet area and the British would not conceive what was happening in the place and they would keep away from the area leaving them undisturbed. At that time all of Munster was under Marshall Law so if anyone working in the grenade factory or looking after Sing-Sing were captured by the British they would probably have been executed. And that order was strictly obeyed. But then an unexpected incident happened in Knockraha in 1921 which, if it came to the notice of the British authorities, would have blown the Knockraha story. This would probably have led to the discovery of the bomb factory and Sing-Sing which would have huge consequences for the local population.

In May 1921 there were around 60 pupils going to the National School in Knockraha. It was a two teacher school with young teachers Michael Daly from Dunmanway and Nora Flemming from Castlemartyr having

taken over a year earlier from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barry. Jack Donovan from Blossomgrove was 8 years of age and with other members of his family was going to Knockraha School which was built in 1887. He was an uncle of Bertie Og and Tadhg Murphy of Sarsfields and Cork hurling and football fame. The school is situated in the middle of the village. This happened in the height of the War of Independence and with a very active Company in Knockraha who had a lot of guns and bombs under their control, practically every evening they would have been doing exercises. That drilling would take place in different parts of the Parish, including the school yard. Unfortunately after one of these exercises, whether it was through carelessness or forgetfulness, a live grenade was left in the corner of the school yard. And the next day at school during the early morning break Jack Donovan was playing and picked it up not knowing what it was. He thought it might be a bowl or something so he took it into the school with him and sat out the next classes with the grenade on him. Then during the lunch break he took the grenade out in the school yard and he saw that there was a pin on top of it. Once the pin in a grenade is removed it will blow up in about 5 seconds. He pulled out the pin. At this stage he was holding the grenade in the other hand and a few seconds after pulling the pin the grenade exploded and took his hand from the wrist down as well as temporarily blinding him. His sister Molly, was at school at the time, saw the explosion and saw his fingers going up in the area. Other children who were with him were John McGrath of Kilrussane, Pa Mulcahy of Ballyrea and John Geary of Blossomgrove. In the blast Pa Mulcahy got serious facial cuts which were very sore but ultimately curable. He had burns on his face. Jack was immediately brought into the school and when Mrs. Daly saw what happened she fainted as he was bleeding profusely and obviously he had to get medical attention and get to hospital quickly. Now what happened to Jack as a child would have had serious consequences to the Knockraha IRA as it was the incompetence of one of its members that left a bomb in the schoolyard. And if it came to the notice of the British that a bomb had taken a child's hand in Knockraha they would no doubt have put huge resources in to finding out where the bomb came from. And they were already suspicious that something was going on in Knockraha from papers found at the scene of the Battle of Clonmult. So no doubt if they made a complete search of the area they would have found the bomb factories and Sing-Sing and that would have had devastating consequences for Knockraha. But then on the other hand if the officers of the Brigade of the IRA heard of what happened surely Knockraha officers would have questions to answer as it would be very bad publicity for the Republican movement and I'm sure Michael

Collins would not have been too happy about it. So the incident had to be kept quiet. The local IRA approached the Donovan family pointing out their predicament and for the good of society they decided to keep it quiet in spite of the devastating result it had for their son's hand and his future. They then got a pony and trap to take Jack into hospital in Cork and they were afraid on the way in that they might meet a company of Black and Tans who, if they saw what happened to Jack, would have taken very strong action. Jack was lying inside in the bed in hospital at this stage his sight had still not returned (but it did come back after a few days). A priest came in to ask and question him about it. And Jack, even though he was a child, had been told not to say anything. The priest said 'I am a priest, you can talk to me about it'. But Jack replied 'I can't see you so I don't know if you're a priest or not so I can't say anything about it'. After a while Jack recovered and came out of hospital and came home to his family in Blossomgrove. At this stage the Republican Movement felt they had some responsibility for what had happened so they decided to pay for his fees for Christian Brothers College in Cork where he cycled to everyday. Martin Corry was the captain of the Knockraha IRA Company when the bomb exploded and many years after the War ended became a TD and a member of the governing party. He no doubt felt a certain responsibility for what happened to Jack. He raised a question in the Dail whether compensation could be got for the unfortunate injury. And he was told there were no funds available to cover it. So Jack continued to live in Knockraha and became a leading member of the local community. He was chairman of the Knockraha Muintir na Tire Council for many years and the great work that they did such as bringing the ESB, the bus service, telephones and looking after the roads. He was very involved in the construction of the Hall in Knockraha so he was a great community man and left a big impact on the Parish. He lived his life out in Knockraha and married Kathleen Bowen of Ballingohig. He died in 1990 and is buried in Kilquane. Incidentally he is the only person in Knockraha who got injured as a result of the War of Independence in spite of all the activity in the area.



Jack Donovan, 1913-1990





## AUTUMN WARDROBE INSPIRATION

### FESTIVE FASHION

With the festive season coming up, let's take the opportunity to sparkle and shine. This time of year can evoke a sense of panic when we receive that dinner or Christmas party invitation. No panic I have you covered. Firstly, I would advise you to look at what you already have in your wardrobe. I can advise you of essential wardrobe basics, outfit inspiration for an event coming up and decluttering your wardrobe. The festive celebrations are fast approaching and you deserve to look your best, which can be done with little expense.

#### 1: A RED COAT



Considering in Ireland our Autumn / Winter season can run for several months a red coat can be worn to several occasions this time of year and not just for Christmas, weddings, lunches race days, social events throughout the dark winter months your red coat will add such a complimentary pop of color to our Winter ensembles. Your coat is the first item people see so invest in a good quality, fitting coat. Contact me by the details below if you would like to know which style of coat suits your body shape best. If you are broad across the shoulder avoid lapels. Pockets or embellishments on the bust area will draw attention so avoid if you wish to conceal. Wrap styles with an adjustable belt are very flattering for all shapes.

#### 2: Metallics



Are you searching for a sequined dress for the party season, I would like you to consider metallic separates instead. You will get a lot more wear out ("of separates,") shop smart and consider cost per wear when you are buying any item for your wardrobe. Think how I can match this with what I already have. Metallics draw attention up so consider this when buying a metallic top. Opt for a flattering style and a pair with plain trousers. Keep jewellery to a minimum as the top will do the talking. A metallic skirt can be dressed down with a dark polo neck and high boots for a day look or worn with a black lace camisole, dark tights and heels for a glitzy night look.

#### 3: Jewellery/ Accessories



Accessories can make a smart fashion investment saving you buying a new outfit. A velvet or faux fur collar can be embraced for those who are looking to add a little bit of luxury to their wardrobes or to revive a coat that is sitting in your wardrobe. Sparkly earrings, layered chains, bracelets, brooches, pearl accessories ranging from bracelets to hair clips will not fail to add a touch of class. Colorful or beaded headbands can be purchased cheaply and can create a stylish hair style accessory, perfect for when you forgot to book that hair appointment. Design tights can look very well with a plain pencil skirt suit ensemble.

#### 4: Leather Trousers



A wide variety of faux leather trouser styles are available at the shops. From tight skinny faux leather pants to straight legs, don't be pulled into trends

make sure you find a pair that are a good fit, comfortable to sit in and buy the size you are. They are so versatile. Worn with a knitted jumper and dark trainers, or low-heeled ankle boots for a comfortable trendy day look. If you have suspicions your lunch date will continue on till the night, wear a fancy camisole top underneath which allows you to change and not be sitting there in a heavy knit form earlier. Styled with a peplum top or a lace blouse, underneath a blazer, heels or ankle boots will have you looking and feeling confident for any date.

#### 5: A VELVET TOP



Velvet makes a welcome festive trend year after year. A velvet top that suits your shape can take you from desk to drinks and works over skirts from mini to maxi and trousers of all leg lengths. To flatter a large bust I would advise a longer length wrap over style that ties at the side, a square neck, cowl neck or a v-neck peplum style also looks very well. Your velvet top can be worn with your leather pants this mix goes well together,

The most important advice I give is that you wear what you are comfortable in. Shop smart. If you are a bit deflated with your style, I offer 1-1 consultations in person or online from the comfort of your own home, that will result in you dressing for your shape and understanding your proportions. I also to declutter your wardrobe and create spaces so it works better and easier for you to create daily outfits. Reduce your impulse buying in the shops or online and then burying it into the back of your wardrobe or donated without even being worn.

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# White's Cross GAA News

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## Annual General Meeting

White's Cross held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd of November last in Upper Glanmire. Despite a slow start to the year due to the COVID restrictions, there were a lot of positives to look back on over 2021 for the club to be proud of. On the field the club fielded a second adult hurling team for the first time; a side that reached a championship semi-final and narrowly lost out on a league final berth. The club's second adult football team won a trophy for the first time since we have entered two sides by beating a strong St. Michael's team in a league final back in August. Our underage girls' teams continue to improve and this year five of our girls were part of victorious Rockbán under 13 winning side. At under 12 and below, the girls entered the East Cork

work and determination of the members and support that we have in the wider area. Thanks to the efforts of many, we have raised a huge amount of revenue in 2021. We are very grateful to all the individuals, families and businesses that supported us and gave what they could. These funds are being used to build (currently in construction) the flood-lit, all-weather facility that will be used by many for generations to come. This is a significant achievement.

A number of nominations were received to fill the various officer roles for 2022. The three most senior roles, that of chairperson, secretary and treasurer, remain unchanged with Mike O'Flynn, Ciara Cashman and Katie Flynn continuing in their respective roles. Few have worked harder in driving

over the years. However, we were subsequently informed that the City Division were not running it in 2021. This was disappointing but that was the end of the adult season.

A number of people are taking part in the Keep Walking/Keep Well initiative which is being run by Sport Ireland and Healthy Ireland. The group has been gathering each week (for 6 weeks) and

value when compared to other draws of its kind. Club members currently have tickets. A book of 6 costs €10. There are 3 for €5 or 1 for €2.

The Christmas Draw of 2020 did not take place until March of 2021 due to the restrictions around gatherings and movement at the time last year. At the time of writing, we are still uncertain about



St Colmcilles under 15 football championship-winning side

Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie leagues where they had some notable victories. Our juvenile boys teams continue to do very well and the St. Colmcilles section continues to flourish. Several cups will again be proudly on display when the committee there convene to reflect on the 2021 year.

Not quite 'off' the field, but perhaps the most notable achievement for the White's Cross club in 2021 was the turning-of-the-sod on our new astro-pitch development and the much enjoyed Shoot-for-the-Stars day that took place in our club grounds on October 12th. These events, in themselves, were well-received community occasions. However, they were also symbols of the ambition of the club, the hard-

the aforementioned projects above so the club is delighted that they can continue in their positions for the coming year. The incoming committee has a lot of work to do in 2022 to push the club on. Given what we did in half a year in 2021, who know what can be achieved if we get a full year! Roll on 2022!

## Playing Activity!

There is very little to report here with most of our teams finishing their seasons in October. The under 12 girls football team played one game in the East Cork Development league in early November but they are now also finished. The Junior A football team had been training in anticipation of taking part in the McSwiney Cup, a cup competition that we have enjoyed a lot in White's Cross



Victorious St Colmcille's under 13 hurlers

walking around the walkway at the club grounds. Well done to Ger Hayes who has lead this initiative at the local level here.

## Christmas Draw!

Our Christmas Draw tickets are now in circulation for our 2022 draw. This draw represents our main fundraiser for the day-to-day running of the club and we are appreciative, as always, of the support of those that purchase tickets and our draw sponsors. We believe that with 60 prizes, and with 40% of those being cash prizes of €50 or more, our draw represents exceptional

the venue for 2021 draw though we are intending to have it completed before Christmas this year. However, regular updates will be posted on our Facebook and other social media feeds. A list of winners will be posted on social media and the club website once the draw is over. Best of luck to all entrants!

With Christmas mentioned, we will sign off our club notes in 2021 by wishing all of our members, families, supporters and those in the wider community a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!



White's Cross under 7 boys team who played in a blitz in Pairc Ui Chaoimh recently





## Sarsfields Camogie Notes

November brought the curtain down on a very compacted competitive year with our U14s taking the Premier league title (Oct 25th), our U16s being crowned Premier league (Oct 30th) & Cup champions (Nov 14th) and our Minors winning the prestigious Premier title (Nov 7th).

We wish to thank all our players, coaches, mentors, officers, parents & supporters for making it such a successful year. We acknowledge all our sponsors (Loftus Demolition, Ryans SuperValu, Sherry Fitzgerald Lettings & Vincy Barry Construction) for their generous assistance.

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable & safe festive break!



U16 Capt Hazel Murray



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Jane O'Brien With U14 Cup



Minor Capt Gaby



Elena with U13 Trophy



U12s FUN DAY



U16 Premier League &amp; Cup Champions 2021



MINOR PREMIERS



U13 Imokilly Blitz Winners



U14 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS 21



JUNIORS YEAR END BLITZ





## ERIN'S OWN LADIES CLUB

### 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, Chloe, Megan & Gemma

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!



U16 County Champions

Well done girls, we're proud of you all and best of luck!

We have captancy 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



U12 Camogie Team



Minor Camogie Team



Minor Football Team



Chloe Sigerson with Girls



U14 County Champions

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!



O'Neill, O'Regan & Drummeys Sisters



U11 Camogie Team

### 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!

### SPONSORSHIP

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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## Glanville GAA

These are the Glanville GAA notes for this month.

### Lotto Results Friday September 17th

Jackpot €19,800

Numbers drawn were

1-4-8-15

No winner.

Congratulations to our  
Lucky Dip Winners

Dermot O'Leary

Shane Forde

Phil Purcell

Brian Howley

This week's draw is on  
Friday 24th September and  
the Jackpot is an incredible  
19,900

Congratulations to  
everyone who took in the  
inaugural Glanville to Croke  
Park Challenge.

The winners of the 3 spot  
prizes were

(1) Michelle O'Brien  
- A yearly subscription to  
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(2) Gearóid Fitzgerald  
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(3) Peter Curtain  
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The Cork Masters football  
team recently played their  
first competitive match in  
Glanville.

To play Masters football,  
players have to be over 40  
years of age. They will be  
playing Kildare on the 2nd  
August in Glanville at 2pm.  
Admission is free and all  
are welcome.



U11s who played Glanmire on Saturday



U10s who took part in a blitz in Whitescross



U6s who played their first match recently



The Cork Masters football team





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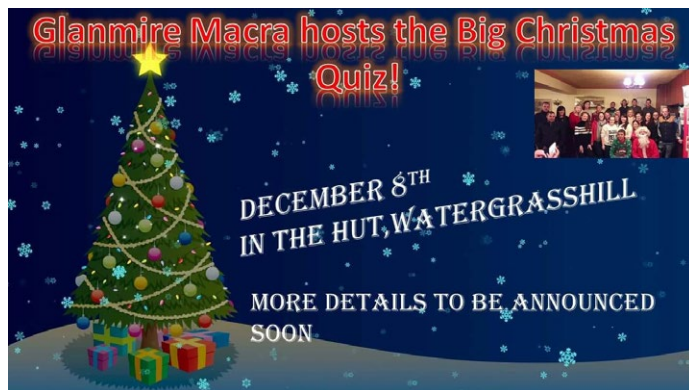
## Glanmire MACRA

November was a busy one as we held our weekly sports night every Tuesday. Held in Upper Glanmire at 9:15 pm every week and now into its fourth week since we started back this year, new members are always welcome. New members play for free on their first night also so it's a great way to get involved with our club. We play a variety of sports from basketball, to volleyball, to soccer. New members are always welcome and we'd be delighted to see a big turnout.



our members enjoyed our weekly sports night

Five of our members got out and active last weekend as they got out and active at the Thomas Kent 10K in Castlelyons. It's great to finally see our members getting out and about again. Well done to them. It was a huge achievement for everyone involved. Here's to many more runs.



Glanmire Macra hosts the big Christmas quiz on the 8th of December

This week also saw us announce the return of our annual Christmas Quiz. We are excited to announce that on the 8th of December, we will be holding a festive themed night at 8pm in the Hut Bar, Watergrasshill. It will also be in aid of charity with many prizes on the night. Make sure to keep the date free and more details to come.

This month also saw us start with our capers cast for 2021 as

9 of our members met in Upper Glanmire Hall to prepare for the much anticipated competition which is a twenty minute variety show. It's the highlight of the typical macra competition calendar and we are delighted to be directed by Tanya O' Sullivan again this year. We look forward to many new adventures with our team.

Seven of our members made the trip to Midleton to enjoy Imokilly Macra's pub quiz in O' Neill's Bar this month also. We really enjoyed the night and seeing many members who we haven't seen for a while. Well done to Imokilly on a great night.

Bank Holiday Monday was an enjoyable one for our members as we headed to Planet Bowling for both a competitive and social night of bowling. The night was to determine who would represent Glanmire in the regional round of bowling but we had great fun in the process as some of our members also played games in the arcade afterwards. They did the club proud as they came runners up in the regional round and we enjoyed a night out afterwards with Knockraha Macra. We also had a great night at question time in Belgooly as two Glanmire teams represented the club on the night. Our member John also did us proud at the regional round of welding. Well done to all our members who took part in competitions.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our social media pages for upcoming events as we prepare for the new macra year. We also set up a new tiktok page this week so make sure to give @glanmiremacra a follow. We have also set up a new snapchat account glanmire\_macra. New members are always welcome so make sure to send us a message.

Article by Aisling Walsh (Glanmire PRO)



our Capers cast started practice this month



our member Aisling and Knockraha members Avril, Elaine and Emily at the Seandun round of bowling



our members Caroline and Aisling with Knockraha members Emily and Katelyn at The Castle after the Seandun round of bowling



well done to our bowling team who were runners up in the Seandun round. thanks to Sheila Kelleher for the photo



our members had a great night at our social bowling night





well done to our question time teams who took part in the Seandun round team 1



well done to our question time teams who took part in the seandun round



our members had a great night at Imokilly Macra's quiz night



well done to Gillian, John, Sean and will on completing the Thomas Kent 10k



our member John took part in welding



a huge congrats to our member Mairead O'Callaghan on her engagement to Patrick

## A roaring success in aid of the Irish Cancer Society



East Cork Gun Club present cheque to the Irish Cancer Society

There was a lot to celebrate at the annual East Cork Gun Club fundraiser which took place at the Roaring Donkey Pub in Cobh last week. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for €3,245 to the Irish Cancer Society. The funds were raised at a Charity Shoot organised by the Club at the River Valley Clay Target Club in Watergrasshill. The Top gun at the shoot was Richie Barry, who was presented with the Darragh O'Connell Perpetual Cup. The Cup is named after a young East Cork Gun Club member who passed away from cancer in

2018.

The cheque was presented by the East Cork Gun Club Chairman, Darren Hilton, to Jeanette O'Connell, Darragh's mother, and Darragh's sister, Jana. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the Night Nurse Service of the Irish Cancer Society was Nicola McMahon. Darren Hilton spoke of Darragh's dedication to the East Cork Gun Club and the voluntary work he did, particularly in the construction of the pheasant pens. Jeanette O'Connell thanked all the club members who contributed most generously to the fundraiser.

## A ZEBRA CROSSING FOR SALLYBROOK

We need one so badly and have done so for a long time. Somewhere between St. Joseph's Church and the T-junction to Hazelwood.

Below the Church there already is a start of one, all it needs is bit of paint and 2 posts wth light and small solar panel.

AS THERE IS NOWHERE TO SAFELY CROSS THIS BUSY ROAD BETWEEN GRANDON'S AND RIVERSTOWN.

I HAVE BEEN ON TO CITY HALL A GOOD FEW TIMES, BUT SO FAR WITHOUT RESULT  
Any suggestions?





# Glanmire Library



Local History with Michael

Kids Corner - with Mary

Christmas for Kids at Glanmire Library



## Cork's Christmas Trams.

The Cork Electric Tramway Co had their plans well in place to have their trams up and running in Cork for Christmas 1898. The opening date of 22 December 1898 was scheduled to coincide with the Christmas festivities in the city. Eighteen trams were purchased for the opening and further units were to be acquired with the expansion of the routes. Such was the demand that the trams were filled to capacity and members of the public had to wait upon the next service. An early cartoon postcard of 1898 gives us an insight into the consternation expected with the arrival of the electric tramway to Cork City. It was forecast that these mobile horseless carriages would wreak havoc on the streets. Horses would run amuck, carriages overturn, women faint and pedestrians would be forced to run for their lives. Those boarding the trams would be crushed in the onslaught to get on ... On Monday 12 December 1898 the Evening Echo records 'Every now and again the distinctive clang of the tram bell is heard and it is a good thing that the public are accustomed to giving up the middle of the roadway in good time because it will make matters so much easier when the trams are in full running order'.

The prediction that horses would become upset was correct as the Echo chronicles: 'The other day one of the Constabulary horses violently threw its rider because a tram came along'. The routes were the Statue to Summerhill, the Statue to Gaol Cross on the Western Road (every twelve minutes), the Statue to Tivoli, and Blackpool to Victoria Road (every ten minutes). The longest distance was the Statue to Douglas (every twenty minutes). There were some teething problems and minor accidents were recorded. A Blackpool tram went out of control and crashed into the bottom of Murphy's Brewery chimney shaft, a tram was derailed at the end of Summerhill, and the Douglas tram was involved in a collision at Patrick Street. Some inebriated Cork citizens celebrating the Christmas festivities fell off the trams but, overall, there were no serious incidents.

The trams ran for a period of thirty-three years and were capable of carrying between forty-three and forty eight people seated. Because the routes were fixed and trams were cumbersome and slow-moving, new technology in the form of buses became popular. The Electricity Supply Board following the establishment of the Shannon hydroelectric scheme was in a position to take over the electricity generating facility and its customers. In 1931, the Cork Electric Tramways and Lighting Company Ltd. went into voluntary liquidation. The deadline for closure was 31 March and the routes were to be taken over by the Irish Omnibus Company. As the bus fleet was very inadequate the trams received a six-month reprieve. The end finally came on 30 September 1931, amidst the noise of foghorns and the brilliant colour of fireworks. The citizens of Cork bade a sad farewell to their old friends, the Cork electric trams. The memory of the old Cork trams is recorded to this day as Tramway Terrace in Douglas which recalls the route from the Statue to Douglas tramway.



Christmas Fun

Call into Glanmire Library and pick up a colouring page to be in with a chance to win fun prizes. Winning entry will be contacted in January.

We have a huge range of Christmas books and DVDs here at the library to be borrowed, so bring home a little bit of Christmas magic today.

Santa Claus



Santa Claus (or Santy as we say in Cork!) is a legendary figure who is said to bring gifts to children during the Christmas season. In the United States he is also known as Kriss Kringle. The character is known by several other names as well, including Father Christmas in Britain and Père Noël in France.

According to the stories about him, Santa Claus lives at the North Pole with his wife, Mrs. Claus. Throughout the year Santa and his elves make toys for Christmas. They also watch over children to see if they have been good or bad. On Christmas Eve Santa travels all over the world on a sleigh pulled by reindeer and delivers toys to each child's house.

Santa Claus is based on Saint Nicholas. Nicholas was a real person who lived in the ad 300s. People loved him because of his many acts of kindness. Because of the many stories about his kindness Saint Nicholas became associated with gift giving. In some European countries children received gifts on his feast day, which was in December. Other countries had similar traditions of children receiving presents around Christmas. Europeans brought these traditions with them when they settled the American colonies. The Dutch are said to have brought the story of Saint Nicholas. The name Santa Claus came from the Dutch word for Saint Nicholas, Sinterklaas.

The image of Santa that people know today developed in the 1800s. In 1822 Clement C. Moore wrote a poem called A Visit from Saint Nicholas. This poem is better known as 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. It describes a chubby, jolly, rosy-cheeked old man with a white beard. He flies through the air in his sleigh pulled by eight reindeer. He climbs down chimneys and leaves gifts for children. However, you must have been good all year long to receive a lovely gift, so you have to be on your best behaviour, or risk finding a bag of coal on Christmas morning!!!



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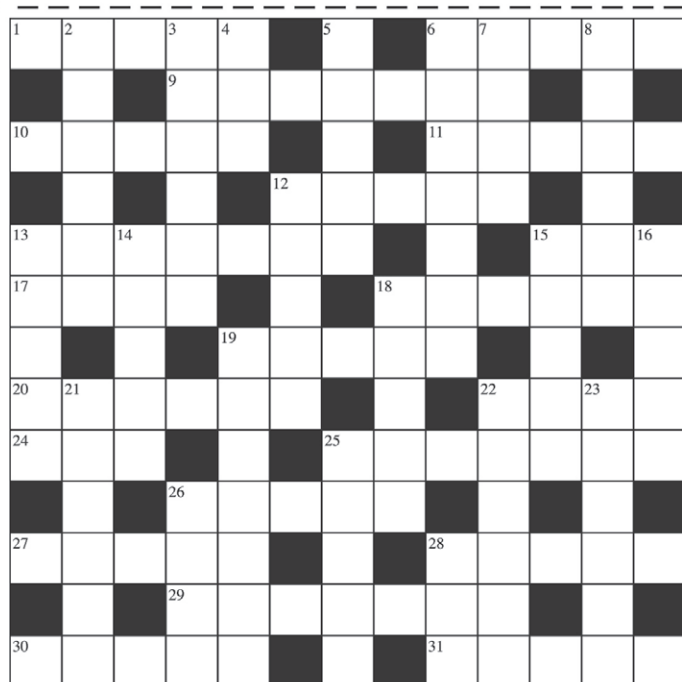
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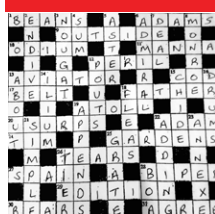
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10. Concerning (5)
11. Courteous, polite (5)
12. Seas, sins, wonders (5)
13. Puts money into (7)
15. Feline animal (3)
17. Act (4)
18. Oft in the ---- night (6)
19. Benedictines, Cistercians (5)
20. Crafty, cunning (6)
22. At liberty (4)
24. --- Vegas (3)
25. Enslave, ill-treat (7)
26. Love dearly (5)
27. Dwelling (5)
28. Shade of blue (5)
29. Put in order (7)
30. United, City, Rovers (5)
31. ---- Ekberg or Dobson, actresses (5)

**Down**

2. Chiedoie, Irish player (8)
3. Not accustomed (6)
4. Be seated (3)
5. French for 'after' (5)
6. Agree to receive (7)
7. Epidermis (4)
8. Beast (6)
12. Item for sitting on (5)
13. Exactly right (5)
14. Air duct (5)
15. The Banner County (5)
16. Goes on wheels (5)
18. Online messaging service (5)
19. Kills (7)
21. Wander (6)
22. Elsa film (6)
23. French for 'spirit' (6)
25. Church musical instrument (5)
26. Eve's partner in Eden (4)
28. Large kitchen stove (3)

**Crossword Winner: Iris McCarty, Glanmire, Cork City**

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