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## CHARITY BOOK FAIR

The 118th Cork, Watergrasshill Scout Group are holding a fundraising book fair on 2nd April (12-2pm in the Watergrasshill Community Centre) in order to raise funds to send a scout troop to the International Jamboree.

Books will be a bargain €1 and tea/coffee, cake and chat will all be in plentiful supply as well as a great variety of pre loved books (inc. lots of children's books). Maybe pick up a few new reads for the holidays!

Hope to see you at what promises to be a great event.

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**Watergrasshill Community Hall-  
Sunday April 2nd 2023 12-2pm**

Scouts will host a Book Fair to help towards fundraising targets. PLEASE SUPPORT.

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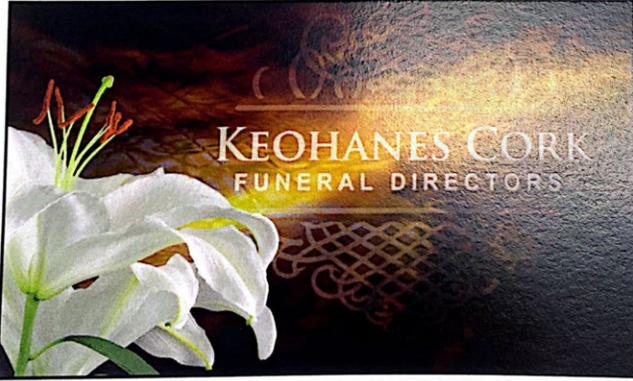


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# Citizens Information: Know Your Rights: European Health Insurance Card



When travelling abroad we should be prepared for all eventualities. It is very important, if you are holidaying in another EU country, that you bring your European Health Insurance Card in case you or your family need to access medical care.

## What is the European Health Insurance Card?

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to access public healthcare in another EU/EEA state for free or at a reduced rate. You can use it when you are travelling abroad or when you are staying temporarily in another EU State. It is recommended that you always carry your EHIC when you are abroad. An EHIC does not replace travel insurance.

## How long does the card last?

It last for up to four years. At the end of that period you will need to renew your card. You can renew it on-line

## Can I get a European Health Insurance Card?

You can only apply for an European Health Insurance Card if you live in Ireland or if you live in another European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) member state, or Switzerland. If you live in Ireland but you are linked to another EU/EEA State's Social Security System, contact the health authorities in that country for more information. If you live in Northern Ireland but are employed in Ireland, you can get an Irish-issued EHIC.

## Does the card cover the whole family?

Each family member needs their own card. You can apply for the whole family on one application form.

## Where can I use it?

You can use your European Health Insurance Card in any European Union or European Economic Area (EEA) country

and in Switzerland. Currently, the EEA comprises the 27 member states of the European Union together with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein. As Andorra and Monaco are not part of the EU or EEA, your EHIC is not accepted there. Likewise if you are travelling outside the EU/EEA. In both cases you should get private health insurance instead.

## Does it apply in the UK?

If you are an Irish citizen, you have access to healthcare under the Common Travel Area while visiting the UK. However, other EU citizens should continue to use the EHIC, which is still accepted in the UK.

## What does the EHIC cover?

It covers free or reduced cost public healthcare in any of the EU and EEA countries, a temporary stay of up to 3 months, pre-existing medical conditions, routine maternity care- as long as you're not going there to give birth. If you're a student studying abroad, you'll be covered for up to an academic year.

It does not cover private healthcare, the cost to fly you back to Ireland, ongoing or permanent healthcare or medical expenses if your reason for going abroad is to have treatment.

## Will I have to pay anything for healthcare with my EHIC?

In some EU member states you may have to make some payment towards the cost of the services you receive, just as people in that state do. This is called a 'patient co-payment' or 'patient share'. You will not receive a re-fund for this or for private healthcare.

## How can I get a refund from the HSE if I paid for healthcare while abroad?

You may be able to get a refund if you had to pay because you did not have your EHIC card with

you or the healthcare providers charged you by mistake.

Apply for a refund by email. Send your receipts to E126.Refunds@hse.ie. The HSE will send an E126 form to the health authorities in the other state to find out if you used a public health service and how much of a refund is due. When the HSE receive the completed E126 form from the other state, the HSE can see if a refund is due to you or not.

## What if I don't have my EHIC before I travel?

If you don't have your European Health Insurance Card for any reason, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate. This Certificate gives you the same entitlement as the Card, but for a shorter period. You can apply online for this Certificate, in-person or by post to your Local Health Office. You can only receive a Temporary Replacement Certificate for yourself.

## How much does a European Health Insurance Card cost?

There is no fee for the European Health Insurance Card or for a Temporary Replacement Certificate. Renewing a European Health Insurance Card is also free.

## How do I apply?

You complete an application form and send the completed form to your Local Health Office. You can download the form or pick one up from your local Citizens Information Centre. If you have a medical card or drug payment scheme card you can apply on-line.

If you already had an EHIC but it has expired, you can renew it online if you have your old EHIC number and your PPS number, provided that your address has not changed.

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# GLANMIRE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

**U16**  
Well done to our U16A squad who had a good victory over Midleton in their first East Cork league game of the year. They now move onto their next game against Fermoy. Ellie and Laura were unlucky to lose out to Limerick in their first Munster outing but came back strong against Kerry in their second game. Their next game is against Tipperary on 19th March. Best of luck!

**Minor**  
Our minor squad were also out in East Cork League and they played out a draw against Bride Rovers. Well done to Ava and Caoimhe involved with

on Saturday 22nd April at Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium. A good night of fun is ahead, so why not round up friends and family and come out to support our club! Contact the clubs social media pages or club officials for ticket information.

**U14**  
Well done to the U14 girls who played a challenge against Donoughmore before their league commences in the coming weeks.

**Cork City**  
Congratulations to Caoimhe Richmond who has joined the Cork City U19 panel for the coming season. Caoimhe is also part of the Cork Minor Ladies Football squad.

Night at the Dogs Fundraiser 2023



Ellie and Laura with the Cork U16B panel



Caoimhe Richmond (Middle)

the Cork Minors who beat Tipperary and Waterford in their recent Munster Championship games. We wish them the best of luck in their next game!

**Senior**  
Well done to Ellen and Abbie who were involved with the Cork Seniors in their recent wins over Donegal and Kerry.

**Night at the Dogs**  
Our first big fundraiser of the year will take place

**LGFA HEC CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Well done to Gaby Cashman, Aisling McAllen and Abbie O'Mahony who were involved with their colleges at the HEC Championships. Gaby captained her UCC side along with Aisling in a semi final against MTU where Abbie was captain. UCC came out the winners and advanced to the Lynch Cup Final where they met a strong ATU Donegal side.



U14 Panel

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# Gardening with Charlie Wilkins



Charlie Wilkins

## MAGNOLIA MAGIC

Spring flowers vary not only in their value, form, and colour, but also in their consistency. Their individual and unique unfurling from bare shoots fascinates me. Some, like the magnolia, are monuments of solidity and even at this early stage, many are looking quite superb with fattened, silky, furry buds, which look as if they might at any moment slip from the naked branches to be lost underfoot. Many fine specimens are to be found all around Glanmire. I have often said that three of the best gardens I have ever seen are all within this area!

That said, have you ever considered investing in a magnolia for your garden? Perhaps not, but let me describe the plant for those who may this spring, invest in something so utterly lovely? Take magnolia Liliflora as one example. I should begin with its blooms of very dark purple-red, arriving in great showings in early summer, continuing intermittently into autumn. Bushy and deciduous, yet far more compact than its parents, this shrub or small tree will eventually grow to twelve feet, a little more under ideal conditions.

Another choice magnolia sold as 'Susan', (flowering earlier than 'Liliflora') will be found exceptionally tidy in stature, flowering from a young age,

and taking kindly to moist but not waterlogged soil. Its charm lies in its long, thin, goblet-shaped blooms which appear in April from slender, deep reddish-purple buds. The six inch wide flowers are composed of petals that twist slightly as they grow and are a rich purple red on the outside, paler within. Saw these and more (even a yellow-flowered form) at Hillside, Glounthaune in recent days.



We live within fifteen minutes of Fota arboretum so why not visit to see where dozens of Magnolias can be found in all colours, shapes and sizes?

Be advised that most magnolias bloom for a short few weeks (with intermittent flowers up to autumn on some varieties) and you have to live with the tree for the remaining weeks of the year. However, they won't mind pleasant competition beneath their branches or around their root spread. Good 'under-story' companions could include the stunningly perfumed rhododendron 'Praecox', similarly endowed azaleas such as the virgin-white and stunning 'Persil', (which I highly recommend), Kalmia latifolia (the Calico bush) and varieties of Osmanthus with a jasmine

fragrance and plentiful, dark, evergreen leaves. Most bulbs can safely be planted near to and beneath any magnolia and these will add a further colourful dimension over months rather than weeks. Good types include trilliums, erythroniums, all muscari, wood anemones, native bluebells and of course, snowdrops.

Be aware also that most magnolias resent movement after settling into their first position. Choose wisely then, sitting the plant (in its container) in the space deemed most suitable then viewing it from the house, the driveway, and a number of different areas around the garden. When totally happy, remove the magnolia from the pot, and plant in the prepared area. Finish by watering well and applying more should the weather turn dry and warm. In all parts of Glanmire and Riverstown, shapely specimens will positively thrive, but do pay attention to their moisture needs. This kind of husbandry will see your chosen plant off on a long, long life of youthful vigour and fruitfulness. Garden centres will do a brisk trade in these once blooming commences, but why wait until then, and why take stock clearance remains when you could have first choice? Source a magnolia early this month.



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## SPRING DELIGHT

I could not manage my spring garden without Anemone blanda growing in every sunny spot. These are cheerful little flowers, three inches tall and they grow without fuss in many situations; border, shrubbery, or rock garden. Under deciduous trees facing the sun, they'll delight from early February. The multi-petalled blooms, about an inch across, come in a variety of colours, but the blue form is magnificent and in isolation appears sensational. In sandy soil they will spread like ground elder and for this reason I add builders sand amid their modest leaves once blooming ceases. I get a better return from these than any other spring bulb so do remember to invest in a dozen or two come early autumn. Some outlets sell potted bulbs this month

so keep an eye out. The only other thing to note is that these anemones open their ray of petals in full sun so they are not bulbs for a shaded place.

## A SEED WORTH SOURCING

April sees seed sowing reach its climax and one gem of a container plant gem I would not garden without for summer non-stop flowering is Bidens ferulifolia, a good tempered ferny annual with small yellow flowers held well above the plant from late May to the end of October. It requires no dead-heading or attention of any kind, and it survives well in dry, exposed even high ground conditions. Perhaps this is why the plant is used with such enthusiasm as subjects for window boxes and hanging baskets! Whichever, most Irish towns are awash with it during summer and none are the worst for that.

## DOGS OF APRIL

The arrival of Erythroniums, (Dogs Tooth Violets) are in my opinion, the very essence of quality spring gardening. Woodland plants essentially, they love loamy, leaf-enriched soil or similar whenever possible. If you can grow primroses well, then you'll certainly succeed with these and one of the best to begin with is the pink E. revolutum which delights in self seeding when happily sited! This variety is ideal for creating a naturalistic effect in any-sized 'wild' meadow setting. Planted with the creamy white form E. Californicum and the pale yellow E. pagoda, the collection will look stunning. These are plants to thrill throughout spring so if you come across potted specimens in garden centres, invest. How glad I am now, that, in a moment of wanton extravagance, I bought and planted so many. They give a shaded part of the back garden a strong theme where otherwise there would be so.



### Is Fearr an Stair



Bhí lá iontach ag daltaí Staire na Sú. Bhíodar ag obair ar a scileanna taighde agus níos déanaí bhuaileadar le John Borgonovo ó Scoil na Staire i gColáiste na hOllscoile, Chorcaí.

### Lá Idirnáisiúnta na Leabhar



Bhí an 1ú bhliain gléasta suas chun céiliúradh a dhéanamh ar 'Lá Idirnáisiúnta na Leabhar.' Chonaiceamar roinnt carachtair iontacha. An féidir leat iad a aithint?

### Turas Idirbhliana



Bhain daltaí na hIdirbhliana lán taitnemah as a thuras go dtí Cill Fhionáin. Ní raibh aon deireadh le na imeachtaí a bhí ar fáil ann, ach ag deiradh an lae, bhí an comhlúadar an taithí is fiúntaí!

### Seachtain na Gaeilge



Cuireadh tús spleodrach le Seachtain na Gaeilge le painéal d'aoichainteoirí mór le rá. Mar is eol do chách, tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.

### Comórtas $\pi$



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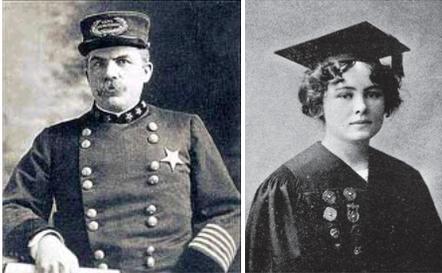
#### Peigín Leitir Móir

*O gairim gairim í,  
Agus gairim í, mo stór;  
Míle grá le m'anam í  
'Sí Peigín Leitir Móir!*



## Chief O' Neill (Cuid 2)

D'fhág Francis O' Neill Trá Liobáin sa bhliain 1865 ag aois a seacht mbliana déag. Tar éis dó a bheith ag obair mar mhairnéalach agus i mórán postanna eile, shroich sé Chicago. Bhí postanna éagsúla aige in Chicago go dtí gur éirigh leis post a fháil sna póilíní. Bhí air glacadh leis an nós a bhí coitianta in Chicago, is é sin, chaithfeá aithne a chur ar dhuine éigin tábhachtach chun post a fháil sna póilíní agus chun ardú céime a bhaint amach. Chuir na póilíní deiseanna ar fáil do Francis aithne a chur ar dhaoine tábhachtacha agus, dar ndóigh, ar ceoltóirí Eireannacha, a bhí flúirseach in Chicago tar éis mhór-eisimirce na mblianta i ndiaidh an Ghorta Mhóir.



Francis O'Neill Póilíní Chicago

Selena O'Neill

Bhí suim ag O' Neill i gceol na hÉireann óna óige i dTrá Liobáin. Sheinn sé féin an veidhlín ach bhí níos mó suime aige bheith ag éisteacht le ceoltóirí eile agus chothaigh sé an ghné seo le linn a réime sna póilíní. Ach nuair a d'éirigh sé as na póilíní in 1905, bhí dóthain ama aige chun a raibh foghlamtha aige faoi cheol na hÉireann a chur amach i bhfoirm leabhar. D'fhoilsigh sé sraith leabhar ar Cheol na hÉireann. Dá dheasca, bhain sé cáil amach in Éirinn. Chaomhnaigh sé foinn cheoil a bheadh cailte murach é. D'fhorbair sé modh chun ceol na hÉireann a mhéas gur tugadh "fráma" air. Tá dealbh chuimhneacháin ina onóir curtha in airde ag Trá Liobáin.

Chuir O' Neill pobal ceoltóirí le chéile in Chicago. Ceoltóirí Gaeil-Mheiriceánacha díograiseacha ba ea iad agus bhí gaol aige leo a bhí casta go leor. Rinne sé gearán, go minic, ina chuid litreacha maidir le gar éigin a bhí déanta aige dóibh agus maidir leis an "easpa measa" a léirigh siad dó. Bhí air cairdeas a chothú, chomh maith, lasmuigh den phobal Eireannach. D'oibrigh sé le linn do réabhóidí cumarsáide a bheith tagtha chun cinn. Tagann a chuid suime i gcatalóga ceoil agus i gcur síos ar cheol na hÉireann ón modh oibre a bhí á chleachtadh sna póilíní lena linn.

Chuir sé aithne ar Edward Cronin a saolaíodh ag Gabhal Luimnigh in 1850. Thraenáil Edward mar fhíodóir in Éirinn ach ní raibh aon obair ar fáil dó ag baile. Chuaigh sé ar imirce go Meiriceá sna 1870-í. Faoi dheireadh chuir sé faoi in Chicago agus fuair sé post ann mar líomhadóir in Oibreacha Deering, a rinne trealamh feirmeoireachta. Bhraith O' Neill go mór air le haghaidh foinn cheoil agus mar scríobhaí ceoil. Bhí an-chur amach ag Cronin ar cheol traidisiúnta na hÉireann agus fuair O' Neill an-chabhair uaidh dá bhailiúcháin cheoil. Fairior, cuireadh deireadh leis an gcomhoibriú nuair a bhí stailc ag Oibreacha Deering. Chuir O' Neill póilíní go dtí an t-ionad oibre chun sáraitheoirí stailce nó "scabs" a thóg postanna na n-oibrithe, a chosaint. Ní raibh á dhéanamh ag O' Neill ach an dlí a chur i bhfeidhm ach ní raibh Edward Cronin ró-thógtha le gníomhartha na bpóilíní, dar ndóigh. Seo sampla den choimhlint leasa

a bhí idir an ngaol a bhí ag O' Neill leis an bpobal Eireannach agus a bheith mar bhall ge na póilíní.

Eireannach eile a raibh caidreamh ag O' Neill leis ba ea Barney Delaney. Píobaire den scoth ba ea é. Chuala O' Neill é ag seinnt go luath i ndiaidh do Delaney teacht go Chicago. Chuaigh a chuid ceoil i bhfeidhm go mór air. Le cabhair ó sheanóir sa Chomhairle Cathrach, fuair O' Neill post dó sna póilíní. Ina dhiaidh sin, phós Delaney deirfiúr chéile O' Neill, Julia. Déanann ríl darbh ainm "Julia Delaney" comórath uirthi. Cé go raibh sé de nós ag O' Neill ceol Delaney a mholadh, rinne sé gearán faoi, go minic, ina chuid litreacha. Chuir sé easpa buíochais ina leith. De dheasca na gceangal gnó a bhí ag O' Neill, ghlac Delaney lena chomhairle maidir le cúrsaí gnó. Rinne Delaney infheistíocht i réadmhaoin chónaithe agus dá dheasca, bhí sé go maith as ina sheanaois.

Daoine eile ar chuir O' Neill aithne orthu ba ea Kate Doyle agus a fear chéile, John. Bhíodh ceoltóirí Eireannacha ina dteach cónaithe, go minic. Is cosúil go raibh baint ag Kate le ceapachán O' Neill mar 'Chief' ar phóilíní Chicago. D'oibrigh sí mar mháistreáir i dteach Carter Harrison, a bhí ina Mhéara ar Chicago. Cheap mac Carter Harrison O' Neill mar 'Chief' ar na póilíní ar mholadh Kate Doyle.



Edward Cronin

Chuir O' Neill aithne ar Dhúglas de hÍde, an té a bhunaigh Conradh na Gaeilge, chomh maith. Chuir de hÍde náisiúnachas cultúrtha seachas náisiúnachas polaitiúil chun cinn. Mhol de hÍde go gcuirfí Gaeilge i bhfeidhm mar theanga náisiúnta na hÉireann, go n-imreofaí cluichí Gaelacha seachas cluichí íasachta, go gcuirfí ceol na hÉireann chun cinn. Ní raibh puinn suime ag de hÍde sa pholaitíocht. Déarfadh duine, mar sin, nach mbeadh aon bhá ag na Gaeil-Mheiriceánacha, a bhí ar son saoirse na hÉireann, go príomha, i dtuairimí de hÍde. Ach nuair a thug de hÍde cuairt ar Mheiriceá in 1906 chun airgead a bhailiú, d'eagraigh O' Neill cóisir phríobháideach dó in Chicago a thug seans dó ceoltóirí agus rincoirí Gaelacha a fheiceáil ag tabhairt taispeántais. Bhí pobal Eireannach Chicago deighille maidir leis an gcineál poblachta a bhí ag teastáil agus maidir leis an mbealach ina mbainfí amach é. Sheachain de hÍde na hargóintí eatarthu leis an mbéim a chuir sé ar chultúr agus thaitin sé seo go mór le O' Neill.

Ceoltóir eile a chuaigh i bhfeidhm ar O' Neill ba ea James O' Neill. Saolaíodh James i gContae an Dúin in 1862 agus bhí sé ag obair ag iompar guail, nuair a chuir O' Neill aithne air. D'aithin O' Neill a acmhainn cheoil agus fuair sé post dó sna póilíní. Le cabhair O' Neill, fuair sé ardú céime go Sáirsint. Rinne O' Neill cur síos ar theach cónaithe James

## Micheál Ó Súilleabháin

O' Neill mar áit a raibh an-tóir ag ceoltóirí air. Ach, mar a tharla cheana, bhí easaontas eatarthu faoi dheireadh.

Chuir Francis O' Neill aithne ar Selena O' Neill, chomh maith. Saolaíodh í in Chicago agus bhí céim sa cheol aici ó Choláiste Ceoil Chicago. Bhí sí an-chumasach mar fhidiléir agus mar sheinnteoír pianó. Dar le Francis O' Neill, ba í siúd 'an ceoltóir seo againne ba fhearr ó thaobh saineolais agus eolaíochta de'. Rinne Selena ocht dtaifead de cheol na hÉireann do chomhlacht Victor in 1928. Ina dhiaidh sin, d'oibrigh sí do Chomhlacht Pullman i rith an Dara Cogadh Domhanda. Píobaire den scoth ba ea Patsy Touhey, a bhain slí bheatha amach i Vaudeville mar ar sheinn sé na píobá. D'inis sé scéalta grinn, chomh maith. Saolaíodh é sa Ghallimh in 1865. Bhí sé trí bliana d'aois nuair a tháinig a mhuintir go Meiriceá. Thosaigh sé ag seinnt ceoil go profisiúnta nuair a bhí sé sna déaga. Thaitin a chuid ceoil go mór le O' Neill.

Rinne O' Neill éacht nuair a bhailigh sé ceol na hÉireann lena linn. Bhí ceoltóirí fós ann a bhí in ann cuimhneamh ar fhoinn cheoil a d'fhoghlaim siad óna muintir agus óna gcomharsana. Gan é bheadh an ceol imithe go dtí an uaign leo. Chaomhnaigh sé cuid thábhachtach d'oidhreacht na hÉireann. Fuair Francis O' Neill bás in 1936 agus tá sé curtha i Reilig Mount Olivet in Chicago.

Tá an cuntas seo bunaithe ar bheathaisnéis nua ar Francis O' Neill, 'The Beat Cop' a d'fhoilsigh Michael O' Malley in 2022.



Tuama Francis O' Neill, Chicago

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coimhlint leasa=conflict of interest  
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saineolas=expertise  
acmhainn cheoil=musical ability  
réadmhaoin chónaithe= property wealth



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## St. Patrick's Day in Upper Glanmire

Our local parade kicked off just after 3pm to the beautiful music of the Barrack Street Band, followed on by a stunning vintage fire-engine driven by Brian O'Halloran of O'Halloran Motors. A variety of vintage and classic cars trailed behind decorated with our national flags and plenty of bunting. Local companies supplied Van's, Tractors, Trucks and Lorries decorated in Green, White and Gold some were throwing treats from their vehicles which was a huge hit with the kids.

Our local clubs White's Cross GAA and Glanmire Basketball walked in the parade to a huge applause from bystanders. A word of thanks for all the participants for their time and effort. A huge thank you to our sponsors and volunteers without ye the parade could not happen every year. White's Cross GAA had a tea and cake stand which was a great hit on the day. Families lined the route to cheer on family members participating in the parade. It was lovely to see the community come together and every shade of green was present on the day.

Thank you to our local dignitaries Cllr Joe Kavanagh, Cllr Sheila O'Callaghan and Cllr Padraig O'Sullivan who support our local parade each year.



Our resident photographer Dave Maher captured the atmosphere of the day and pictures can be seen on our local Facebook page. Local's finished off the day by drowning the shamrock in The Boothouse Bar. A great day was had by all.



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# Cork International Choral Festival



**Cork City will sing with gala events, choral competitions, free public performances workshops, a fun Big Sing event open to all, and the return of the Cobh Fringe!**

**300 Cork school children will perform at the Opening Gala in Cork City Hall**

The city of Cork will be hitting a high note this coming May bank holiday weekend. With just one month to go, the Cork International Choral Festival will make a welcome return to the streets and stages of the city and county for five days of singing from April 26th to April 30th, 2023. Musical or not, everyone is invited to get involved and participate in the various workshops, events and performances on offer.

Cork International Choral Festival is the oldest festival in Cork and one of Europe's most prestigious choral events. Organisers and volunteers are getting ready to welcome back thousands of singers from choirs all over Ireland, Europe and beyond, and tens of thousands of visitors, for the internationally renowned festival, which is now in its 68th year.

This year's festival is expected to welcome the largest international attendance since pre-pandemic times with upwards of 5000 performers from Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia and the UK, and gala events are already

selling quickly.

Choirs will participate in gala performances, national and international trophy competitions, fringe concerts, workshops, and free public performances in more than 90 venues throughout Cork city and county. The fun event, which is always a favourite for the people of Cork, also spills onto the streets, cafes, restaurants and bars of the city, which gives a fantastic atmosphere for the long weekend. This year the Cobh Fringe will also return, with a new performance on Spike Island.

A highlight of Cork International Choral Festival is always the stunning venues that the performances take place in, including Cork City Hall, St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Emmet Place, Triskel Christchurch, MTU Cork College of Music, North Cathedral, The Goldie Chapel at Nano Nagle Place and the Freemason's Hall on Tuckey Street to name just a few! One event not to miss is annual Big Sing, which returns on Saturday April 29th to Cork City Hall, one of the most attractive and acoustically superb venues in Ireland. During this fun participative public event, singers of all ages and levels of experience are invited along to be part of the largest choir of the festival, ensuring that everybody is given the opportunity to exercise their vocal chords! The best bit? You don't even need to be able to sing. It's simply about lending your voice

and experiencing the sheer joy and sense of community that lies at the heart of choral singing. No preparation is necessary either as music and lyrics will be handed out on the day.

Other exciting events during the festival itself will include the hotly contested annual Aloys Fleischmann International Trophy competition, which offers audiences the opportunity to hear some of the world's top amateur choir's competing for one of Europe's most prestigious choral prizes.

Audiences will also enjoy Irish Youth Choir and Cork Children's Choir which will see 300 primary school children take to the stage for the Opening Gala Concert on Wednesday 26th. Acclaimed conductor Bernie Sherlock will conduct the first half leading the best young singers from across Ireland. Artistic Director Peter Stobart will conduct a choir of young local voices in the second half.

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St. Finbarre's Cathedral will reverberate beautifully to the sounds of Chamber Choir Ireland with guest conductor Sofi Jeannin who will give the premier performance of the winning composition of the 2023 Seán O Riada composition competition which is titled Draíocht na Farrage and by Mayo born composer Laura Heneghan.



This concert will bring together contemporary works by Irish and French composers and the concert will explore the theme of peace through texts ranging from sanskrit to scripture and some of the greatest poets and writers spanning the centuries.

With the prestigious feature event for Irish choirs – Ireland’s Choir of the Year – taking place during the festival, along with an eclectic array of international competitions and musical styles set to be performed over the five days, Cork is the certainly the place to be for the sweet sounds of music in the run up to and during the May bank holiday weekend. Festival Director Peter Stobart, said, “We’re delighted to have

a huge level of international participation again this year, which we haven’t seen since before the pandemic. It’s going to be an incredible week. Some people have been attending the festival their whole lives and we look forward to surprising at this year’s event with new and unique performances and venues. We’re also delighted to engage with young choirs across the county of Cork, and the performance with 300 school children at the Opening Gala will certainly be a highlight.”

Finally, the much-loved Fringe Choral Festival is back this year, taking place in scenic and historic Cobh, exciting venues will include the majestic St.

Colman’s Cathedral, the Sirius Art Centre, Spike Island and a Choral Trail which includes Cobh Band Stand, Cobh Heritage Centre, and the Commodore Hotel with a different choir performing every half hour on the 29th and 30th April from 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

The Cork International Choral Festival is supported by the Arts Council, Fáilte Ireland, Cork City Council and Cork County Council, with the Irish Examiner and Evening Echo as media partners.

For Festival Tickets and more information see [www.corkchoral.ie](http://www.corkchoral.ie)



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## Carrolls Irish Gifts Launches 'Fáilte' Initiative to Support Small Irish Businesses



CEO of Carrolls Irish Gifts, Peter Hyland commented on the launch:

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### Two-Thirds of the products carried by Carrolls Irish Gifts are sourced from Irish Suppliers.

Carrolls Irish Gifts is proud to announce the launch of 'Fáilte', an exciting new initiative that gives small Irish businesses the unique opportunity to become a part of the team and have their products stocked in Carrolls Irish Gifts stores nationwide and online.

Carrolls Irish Gifts is passionate about supporting and championing local Irish talent, with 75% of their products being sourced from Irish suppliers. Carrolls Irish Gifts has always worked in partnership with small Irish businesses selling nationwide and through online platforms including Europe and North America, and thanks to these long-term partnerships, these suppliers and Carrolls Irish Gifts have progressed and expanded significantly.

From Monday, April 3rd, Carrolls Irish Gifts are encouraging small Irish businesses to apply for their competition and meet with the Carrolls Irish Gifts buying team and share the journey of their business so far and why they want to partner with Carrolls. Applications will close on May 1st and successful businesses will go through an interview process before Carrolls Irish Gifts arrive at a final decision and select one winner.

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Heather Gilroy from Prints of Ireland, a current supplier to Carrolls Irish Gifts added:

*"Prints of Ireland was founded by Peter O'Neill and I in 2021 with the aim of creating fun, modern artwork of our beautiful country and to spread our love of the Irish language (Gaeilge). All of our products are imagined, designed and printed in Ireland. We are delighted to be stocked in Carroll's Flagship Store on Westmoreland Street. We began to supply our products to Carrolls in 2022 and it is wonderful to see them support more and more small Irish businesses."*

Entries are open for one month from April 3rd until May 1st and businesses can apply by completing and submitting an online application on the Carrolls Irish Gifts website.

For more information and to apply for Fáilte please visit <https://www.carrollsirishgifts.com/failte.html>



# ERIN'S OWN LADIES CLUB



### Erins Own U6's

U6 camogie returned to training for the 2023 season with a funsession in the hall in Caherlag. All in attendance has a great time & new friendships were made.

please contact secretary. erinsown.cork@camogie.ie for camogie and erinsown.cork@lgfa.ie for football. For all girls born in 2018 and later please contact Andrew (085-2168677) for camogie.

### Cork U16 Football

Well done to Megan, Niamh, Jenny, Orlaith and Eabha on winning their match v Tipperary A team on Saturday 18th March last and to Chloe Kent on also winning against Tipperary B on the same day.



### Holly Healy

Congratulations to Holly who played with the Cork Minors and had a good win over Dublin recently in the All Ireland.



### Massive thanks to all the new & returning coaches

The camogie coaching group are looking forward to welcoming all the girls back again (& any new starts) every Saturday morning at 9am

### New members

All new members are welcome to the club



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# Sarsfields Camogie Notes

Over a recent weekend in February we had the great honour of celebrating an incredible three years of club achievements! With over 500 medals to be presented we held two separate events - our U12, U13 & U14 county champions for 2022 were honoured on the Sunday afternoon and our older girls picked up their long awaited U15, U16 & Minor titles from 2020-2022 on the Friday evening in the club.

We were honoured to have Pat Ryan, fellow clubman & present Cork Hurling Senior manager, address the girls & present their medals. Club President, Marie Kearney also did the honours.

Thank you to Clare Mullins, Molly Lynch & Lucy Allen for coming along on the Sunday to also present medals, and for being such super role models for the younger players.



Aoife McMahon



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Trophies



U13s 2022



U14s 2022



U12s 2022



# White's Cross GAA News

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## Junior Hurling and Football

Our adult teams have all played their opening few games in this year's City Division hurling and football leagues. Each team got off the best possible start. The junior 1 football side played away to Passage in their opening fixture. In recent years, we have struggled to get results against this opposition. However, on this occasion, White's Cross was the better side and deserved to win on 0-12 to 1-07 scoreline. The game was played in dry but windy conditions. The wind did not effect our lads too much as they scored 6 points in both halves of the game. The scores for Passage dried up in the second half when they played against the wind. However, the soft goal that they scored after two minutes meant that they were able to hold a lead until late on; when eventually White's Cross dominance was reflected on the scoreboard. They pushed ahead to secure the two-point victory and ensured that we notched our first victory over Passage in Junior A football since 2014. Though it was a surprise, of sorts, that we won away to Passage, we might have expected to follow up that win with a win away to Whitechurch. However, we went under by two-points on a score of 2-06 to 0-10. We were chasing the game from the start and though we managed to reduce the deficit to two points, having trailed by seven at half-time, we ran out of time and home-side hung on for a deserved win. Whitechurch are now being coached by Jason and Donal Kelly who both gave great

service and dedication to White's Cross over the years as players and, indeed, as selectors for a while. They have a young, talented side and we wish them well for the year ahead. We also have a younger side and though disappointing to lose this game, there are plenty of positives to take from the loss.

Our second football team are playing in Division 4 of the football league. They had a very impressive victory over Brian Dillons in their opening match. What was notable about this game, and following on from the paragraph above, was that there was not a single player over 30 years of age lining out on the day. It has been a while since we put out a team that was so young for an adult league tie. It's a very healthy sign that there are so many younger players coming through on our adult teams. They complement some of the older players that continue to give great service. The second Division 4 football league versus Ballinure was postponed.

The highlight over the last month probably came in the form of the hurling league victory over Whitechurch. This was definitely a surprise result given that when the sides met in the previous fixture 12 months earlier we lost on a scoreline of 2-27 to 0-12. Despite some positive performances, we lost all league games in 2022. We had been relegated to Division 2 and many were quietly content that this may have served us well for 2023. However, at the last minute we were promoted back to Division 1 when Nemo Rangers moved from Division 1 of the

City Division leagues to the county leagues. We were then pitted against one of the championship favourites in our opening game. Despite the challenges which were confounded with injuries to key players early in the game, our lads showed incredible desire to come out on top. The game was close all the way through but White's Cross players held their nerves to win on a scoreline of 2-14 to 1-15. In our second game we went down by four points against Glen Rovers. This game was played in awful weather conditions, however, the performance was very positive.

## Underage Action

St Colmcille's sides are back in action also. The minors have played two games in hurling and football. They went under to Ballinora in the opening football league game. This was a poor performance where we only managed to score once from play in the whole game. There was a big improvement in the second game versus St Nicks. However, despite looking comfortable throughout the game, a poor final ten minutes meant that they nearly let the game slip. However, they held on to win 4-09 to 2-11. In hurling they had an easy win over Lisgold in the opening round.

The under 14s won a local derby against Glenville in their opening encounter. This game was played in driving wind and rain in Carraig pitch. A first half goal against the wind by our lads was the decisive the score as it prevented Glenville building a big lead despite having most of the ball. In the

second half, Colmcille's used the elements effectively and pushed on to win on a scoreline of 1-07 to 0-06. Their opening hurling tie saw them play St Colman's (Russell Rovers/Cloyne) in conditions not at all suited to hurling. The final score of 0-6 points gives the clearest indication of how the inclement weather affected the game. The under 14 management will be content with the result and performance. It is this side's first year playing A grade hurling so it is a positive start. The under 16s played one football game against Whitechurch. They lost by a solitary point in a high-scoring game. The final score was 6-08 to 5-10.

## Rose Burke – RIP

The club was saddened when Rose Burke (Piercetown) passed away in mid-March. From Ballymartle originally, she never lost her passion for her home club. However, it's fair to say that she also fully supported White's Cross GAA. She was regular at our championship games, along with husband Sean, for many years. Her three children Ricky, Orla and Sean C have been involved with club for many years as players, coaches and club-officers. What's more, a third generation of Burkes, in the form of her beloved grandchildren Tiarna and Senan, are now involved with our younger sides. Rose was a beautiful person and she will be sadly missed, foremost by her family, but also by her large circle of friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace.



# Make & Bake



## Spring Make&Bake

### KNITTED Easter Chick

These cute little chicks can be used as egg warmers or to hide Chocolate eggs

#### You will need

- Double Knitting Wool
- 3.25mm knitting needles
- Small piece of orange felt
- Small piece of ribbon - optional
- Darning needle
- Sewing needle and thread

#### Method

- Cast on 26 stitches
- Knit 2 rows in garter (plain) stitch
- Increase 1 stitch at the beginning of each of the next 12 rows (38 sts)
- Cast off 9 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows (20 sts)
- Knit 8 rows
- Cut the wool, leaving a 40cm length. Thread the end of the wool
- through darning needle. Bring the needle through the stitches, removing
- them from the knitting needle at the same time.
- Pull the wool tightly to draw the stitches together and sew,
- leaving the bottom open.
- Using black or dark wool, sew an eye on either side of the head.
- Stuff the head with cotton wool (optional).
- Cut a small diamond shaped piece from the felt and sew it onto
- the chick as a beak.
- Finish by tying ribbon around the chick's neck and add few
- stitches to hold it in place (optional)



### RECIPE for Chocolate Easter Nests

#### Ingredients

- 225g milk or dark chocolate
- 2 tbspn golden syrup or honey
- 50g butter
- 75g cornflakes/rice crispies
- 1 bag mini chocolate eggs

#### Method

- Line a bun tin with paper cases.
- Melt 225g chocolate (broken into squares) with two tablespoons of golden syrup or honey and 50g of butter, stirring until smooth.
- Gently fold in 75g cornflakes/rice crispies and divide the mixture between the paper cases.
- Press mini chocolate eggs into centre of each nest.
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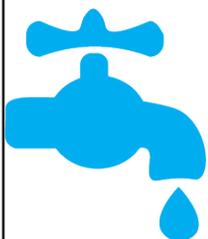
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# GLANMIRE MACRA

It was a busy month for Glanmire Macra as we once again reached the national finals of impromptu debating. Gillian, Mike and Declan did us proud once again by securing the national runner up title in County Clare. A huge achievement for our club once again. They beat stiff competition in the lead up to the final so we are delighted with another achievement for the club.

This month also saw us attend a rural event as our member Aisling organised a charity coffee morning for Seandun Macra in aid of Marymount and Milford Hospice. There was a great turnout on the day and many of our fellow Seandún members attended to raise €139. A great morning was had by all. We are looking forward to the next one already.

Glanmire are holding

a charity games night this month as we raise money for our member Siobhán Ryan who recently underwent life saving surgery in Australia for a brain tumor. With the help of a medical team, they are hopeful she will be able to return to Ireland later this year to continue her rehabilitation. It would be great to see a crowd attend and support Siobhán's recovery. Join us on the 31st of March in Sarsfield Hurling Club. Contact our page if you would like to donate to help Siobhán with her recovery and we can send a link.

Don't forget that our sports night continues in Little Island Sports Complex every Wednesday at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome and play for free on the first night.

Article by Aisling Walsh  
Glanmire Macra PRO



**Fundraising Games Night to raise funds for our member Siobhán's Recovery**

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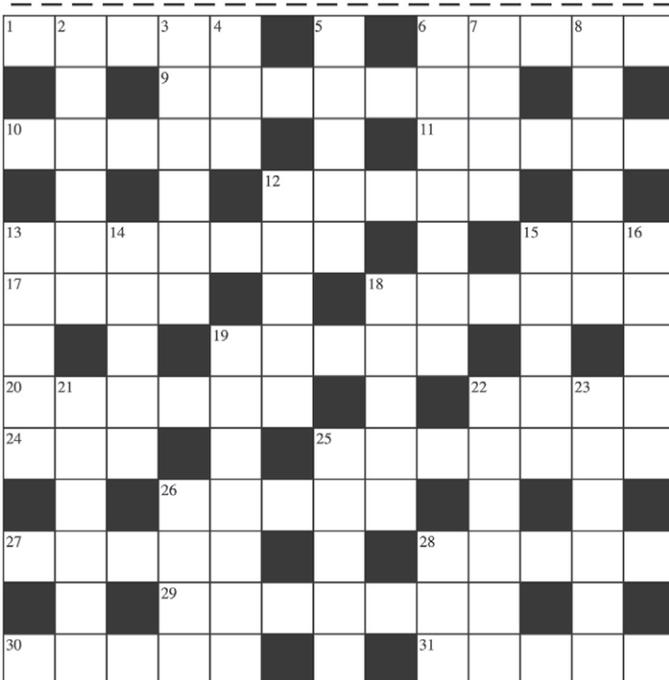
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18. Border (6)
19. Pale brown (5)
20. One less than a dozen (6)
22. Level (4)
24. Father (3)
25. Lesson pain (7)
26. Plane driver (5)
27. Primitive water plants (5)
28. Love very much (5)
29. Walter Scott novel (7)
30. To one side (5)
31. Procreate (5)

### Down

2. Driveway (6)
3. Place of worship (6)
4. Tint, colour (3)
5. Leered (5)
6. Squad, group (7)
7. Area in Isle of Man (4)
8. Swiss province (6)
12. Number of deadly sins (5)
13. Lose blood (5)
14. Called (5)
15. Holy book (5)
16. Precious stone (5)
18. White heron (5)
19. Accept as true (7)
21. Large spoons (6)
22. One who discovers (6)
23. Ill-disposed to (6)
25. Circular (5)
26. Remunerated (4)
28. Any other business (3)

### Crossword Winner: James Murray, Mayfield, Cork



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# Glanmire Library



At Glanmire Library, we run Lego Club for all ages every Saturday morning, from 11.30am - 12.30pm

This is a free play hour, so children can express and build what they wish, it also gives them the opportunity to meet other children and boost their social skills.

It is open to all ages, Lego is provided and it's a free to attend.  
Hoping to see you there!

Check out some gardening books from the library and get your garden ready for the Summer.



## Music Morning



Glanmire Library Tuesday 18th April is the place to be where music lovers can meet to share their appreciation of music. There is something for everyone. It takes place 11.00 to 12.00 and everyone is welcome to attend.

