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## September meeting

On September 12th, Andrew Walker, our Secretary and owner of Beacon Business Coaching interviewed Michael Magner, owner of Vienna Woods.

It was a fantastic opportunity for **members to gain insights into a successful business story**; and get **advice on leadership and resilience**. Michael stressed the **importance of having a network of business people around you** to **support you on your journey**.





## Member spotlight



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## **Glanmire MACRA**

Glanmire Macra held it's first monthly meeting of the 2024/25 season on the 10th of September.

Where we welcomed several new members, and planned a bowling event for next month. As the regional rounds of competitions restart, this will give us a chance to get in some practice prior to the bowling round. This will not be the first regional rounds though, this was kicked off with Question Time, and while Glanmire wasn't successful in getting through to the national final, all who attended had a great time. We are now looking forward to the other regional rounds of 7 a side GAA, debating and Know your Ag quiz which will be coming up soon. Hopefully we will be bringing you good news on these next month.

Our members have been out and about to several events this month. Getting a chance to test their knowledge while supporting a great cause at Waterfall Macras table quiz on the 6th of September which was raising funds to support Breast Cancer Research. This was followed the following day with several members making their way up to the Springfort hall for the Avondhu ball, they all had a brilliant night with great food and entertainment. The following weekend then brought the Cork County Macra high tide event, which saw us going on an exhilarating 4 hour boat trip around Cork harbour, with stops in Cross Haven and Cobh.

At the time of writing, Glanmire Macra's 70th anniversary Ball is just around the corner on the 28th of September. We look forward to bringing you know how it went in next months issue.

Don't forget our social sports night is in Little Island Sports Complex every Wednesday from 7.30-9pm. We play a mix of basketball, volleyball, soccer and a range of other sports. New members are always welcome, entry is  $\notin$ 5 but your first night is free.



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### **GLANMIRE HERITAGE SOCIETY**

A very enjoyable Musical Evening was held at Riverstown House on Wednesday 21st August 2024. After a gap of five years Glanmire Heritage Society were delighted to return to this historic house as part of National Heritage Week celebrations.We are most grateful to the Dooley family for allowing the use of this historic venue.

The evening commenced with M.C. Kieran Kelleher introducing Eleanor Brennan of Glanmire Heritage Society who dave a talk on the history of Riverstown House dating from 1602. The present house was rebuilt in the mid 1700's by the Jemmett Browne family, whose son Edward Jemmett Browne was elevated to Church of Ireland bishop of Cork in1745. The famous Franchini brothers' stucco work can still be seen in the dining room, thanks to the restoration work carried out on the house when it was purchased in 1958 by John Dooley.

The capacity audience of over 100 were entertained by local artistes who ranged in age from teens to senior citizens.

Ciara and Niamh Leddy sang and played piano. Laura O'Driscoll played the cello. Julie Dennehy O'Callaghan and Julieanne sang country & western numbers with Dion singing and playing guitar. Hilda Leader Galvin and her daughter Lea played viola and violin.

Then followed poetry reading by John Egan. A music session on keyboard, accordion and guitar with song was performed by Jack Cashman, Breda and Mossie Buckley and Peter Lombard, with much audience participation. Tenors, Michael Ronan, Frank Houlihan and our M.C. Kieran Kelleher all sang. The Marron family. Eimear, Colm, Siomha, Naoise, Art and Siun, (recently returned from the Fleadh Ceoil in Wexford), brought the evening to a close with traditional Irish music played on fiddle, banjo, accordion, uileann pipes and tin whistle.

Glanmire Heritage Society wishes to thank all who contributed their time and talents to this special evening's entertainment, and also acknowledges the help of Cork City Council Heritage Department.

Frances Hedigan

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PRO Glanmire Heritage Society.















## **COSY CREATIONS**

## AUTUMN CRAFTS FOR OCTOBER

As the air turns crisp and leaves begin to fall, October is the ultimate season of warm colors and cozy moments. It's the perfect time to indulge in autumnal crafts that bring the beauty of this spooky season indoors. Whether you're decorating your coven for Halloween, crafting handmade gifts, or simply enjoying a nice quiet afternoon, these DIY projects will help you embrace the autumn spirit. Here are some fab crafts for us adults to enjoy during October.

### **Leaf Pressing Art**

Celebrate the vibrant hues of autumn leaves with a leaf pressing project. Gather up some leaves in various shapes and colors during your autumn walks. Place the leaves between 3–12 sheets of folded newspaper to absorb moisture and press them with a heavy book for a few days. Once pressed, arrange them in a frame, or glue them onto cardstock to create beautiful seasonal wall art. This simple craft adds a natural touch to your October decor.

### **Pumpkin Painting**

While pumpkin carving is of course a classic October activity, pumpkin painting offers a mess-free alternative with endless creative possibilities. Use acrylic paints to decorate pumpkins in bold patterns, fall foliage designs, or even whimsical Halloween scenes. This craft is perfect for displaying indoors and lasts longer than carved pumpkins.

### **Autumn-Themed Embroidery**

Channel the cosy vibes of autumn by stitching up some autumn-themed embroidery. Use warm-coloured threads to create patterns featuring pumpkins, leaves, acoms, or woodland animals. Display your finished pieces in embroidery hoops for an easy wall decoration, or sew them onto cushions and fabric totes for a seasonal update. Embroidery is a relaxing way to spend October afternoons, and the results make for charming, handmade decor

### **DIY Bath Soaks**

As the cooler October evenings set in, treat yourself to a little self-care with some homemade bath soaks. Mix Epsom salts with dried lavender, chamomile, or rosemary, and add a few drops of essential oils like cinnamon or vanilla for a relaxing, autumn-scented bath. Package the soaks in glass jars tied with ribbon, making them a lovely handmade gift for friends or family as well.

### **Autumn Scented Potpourri**

Bring the comforting scents of autumn into your home by making your own potpourri. Gather ingredients like dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks, star anise, cloves, and dried flowers. Mix them together and add a few drops of essential oils such as clove or cinnamon for an extra boost. Place the potpourri in decorative bowls around your home to add both fragrance and a touch of rustic charm. This one is great for the arachnophobes' as the apparently hate the scent of citrus and clove.

### **Cosy Hot Chocolate**

When the rain is pouring down outside, I simply love to sit down and read a good book and sip on some yummy hot chocolate. This recipe is perfect for one person, and can easily be doubled up for more guests.

- 240ml of milk
- 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon of sugar (adjust to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon of vanilla extract (optional)
- Whipped cream or marshmallows (optional, for topping)
- 1. Heat the milk: Pour the milk into a small pot and heat over medium heat until it's hot but not boiling, about 2-3 minutes.
- 2. Mix the cocoa and sugar: In your mug, mix together the cocoa powder and sugar. If you like a richer hot chocolate, you can add a pinch of salt or a touch of cinnamon at this point (some of our local Glanmire Brazen fans might even like to try a ¼ teaspoon chili powder for that little extra kick)
- 3. Add a splash of milk: Pour a small amount of the warm milk into the cocoa mixture and stir until it forms a smooth paste. This helps dissolve the cocoa.
- Combine and heat: Slowly pour the rest of the hot milk into the mug, stirring continuously until everything is fully mixed.
- 5. Add vanilla (optional): Stir in the vanilla extract for extra flavor.
- Top and enjoy: Add whipped cream, marshmallows, or a sprinkle of chocolate shavings on top for an extra indulgent treat.

October's cool, cosy vibes make it the ideal time to embrace these creative projects that bring the essence of autumn into your home. So grab your supplies, settle in with a big mug of hot chocolate, and dive into the world of fall crafting. You'll not only create something beautiful but also experience the warmth and comfort that comes with making something by hand during this special season.









## **Autumn Capsule**

## Lynda Di Blasi Image Consultant



How do I create a capsule wardrobe that reflects me?

I have gained experience over many years working with clients, creating capsule wardrobes which suit their evolving needs. We should enjoy getting dressed as it sets our mood, our ambitions for the day ahead. This month take a few minutes the night before and arrange your outfit for the next day, its a game changer believe me !

I have chosen pieces this month, which should lay the foundation steps for you and your wardrobe staples.

If you find it difficult to create outfits that you feel good wearing reach out and we can solve this.

### NAVY TROUSERS

Well-fitting, good quality trousers are a great base to start from. Some of you, may shy away from wide leg but if you have wider hips or shoulders, wide leg trousers are very flattering and balance out your proportions. Pair a cream blouse, a camel coat, tan handbag, and neck scarf will make for a very sophisticated outfit. Favourite gold earrings will finish off your look.

LIGHT WEIGHT PUFFA JACKET

A lightweight Puffa jacket is the perfect transitional piece for cooler temperatures. I like a short Puffa this time of year for that extra bit of warmth in my everyday outfits. It is light and functional. Take a look at the quality tag before you purchase. Feather or down stuffing will guarantee comfort and warmth. Some Puffa jackets roll up and fit into a bag which so convenient for travelling.

### **CLASSIC BLAZER**

If there is one piece that will instantly upgrade an outfit it's the classic blazer! Traditionally worn as an office staple, the versatile blazer works with nearly every outfit now. Layered over jeans and a fine knit. I have multiple versions in a variety of colour for wearing throughout the year. Adding a t-shirt and mom jeans is great on trend weekend look.

You may consider swapping your casual jumper or cardigan for the blazer and I guarantee you will feel elevated and more finely put together in your daily outfit. Ruch up the sleeves, and showing your wrists will elongate your



arms. Adding some bracelets or a glamorous watch to finish off this contemporary look.

Contact me on: **086-2599539** if you would like to discuss any of the following style, make up, color analysis and personal one to one shopping.

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## **Brian Dillon**

### Introduction and early life

Brian Dillon, Fenian and patriot, was born in the parish of Glanmire in 1830 and buried in the same area in 1872. The next time you pass by Rathcooney gravevard have a look for the large Celtic cross in the old part of the cemetery. According to records, Brian Dillon was born to Edward and Margaret née Dill in a house between Ballyvolane Cross and Rathcooney. He had six siblings, but evidently, he was the favourite. This situation was probably due to a serious accident suffered when he was a young boy, which resulted in a curvature of his spine and general debility (meaning he grew to 4 feet 10 inches). Still a young boy, Brian Dillon and his family moved to Barrackton Cross, now, of course, Dillon's Cross, where his father opened a tavern.



Figure 1: Brian Dillon's grave, Rathcooney.

### **Rebellious tendencies**

Dillon was fifteen when the Cork Examiner published an article on 10 September 1845 noting that blight had come to Irish shores, destroying the potato crop in Waterford. The situation continued until 1851. The famine of 1845 defined the century with death, emigration and bankruptcy. An estimated two million people left Ireland or starved as potato blight ravaged the country. 'Those who survived the disaster, appalled at apparent British indifference to the plight, were converted en masse to the separatist cause. God, so the story goes, may have sent the potato blight but the English caused the famine.' Also, around this time the Young Irelanders (a political and cultural movement) developed and grew culminating in a rebellion in 1848 which was easily dealt with by British forces. In the early 1850s, Dillon became a clerk at W. R. Coppinger Solicitors at 58 South Mall. His extracurricular activities included membership of the Irish Republic Brotherhood (IRB), a secret revolutionary organisation established in 1858, and dedicated to removing British rule in Ireland and the establishment of an Irish Republic. The Irish American wing of the IRB was known as the Fenian Brotherhood.

By the 9 September 1860, Dillon, representing Cork city, was one of the twenty-five officers of the IRB. At this time, these officers produced a paper confirming their commitment to the leaders of the IRB and Fenian movement, James Stephens and John O'Mahony. They also noted their 'unalterable determination to stand by them while they represent us, against all their enemies, whether open or disguised - their enemies being ours, also!' Dillon's dedication to the cause was acknowledged by James Stephens two years later when he noted he was one of the IRB's 'staunchest and effective' leaders.



Figure 2: Plaque at Dillon's Cross, Cork.

By the summer of 1865, intelligence reports revealed the extent of rebellion activity in Ireland and this scenario became a real concern for the British September of this year authorities. had been identified as a suitable time for the rebels to attack, however, on 15 September, the British struck first, initially raiding the offices of the Fenian newspaper, Irish People, and arresting Thomas Clarke Luby, John O'Leary and O'Donovan Rossa. Brian Dillon being identified as a key member, was detained, and on 14 December 1865, he was found quilty of 'being a member of [the] Fenian Brotherhood' and sentenced to ten years penal servitude.

## Fiona Forde www.irishfamilydetective.ie

Dillon was incarcerated in Pentonville Prison, London and the dreadful conditions and hard labour that he was forced to endure caused a rapid deterioration in his health. The citizens of his native Cork were outraged and continued a campaign for his release. Ultimately it was in February 1871 that he emerged from prison and was met by huge crowds on the streets of Cork. According to the Dublin Weekly News, tar barrels were lit en route to his homeplace at Dillon's Cross.



Figure 4: Brian Dillon prison photograph (courtesy of NYPL).

However, Dillon's reprieve was short-lived: his health never recovered, and he died 18 months later, on Saturday 17 August 1872, at his home in Dillon's Cross. According to the British publication, Evening Herald, Dillon's funeral procession comprised of 20,000 people who marched to Rathcooney to the strains of the 'Dead March'. From Dunmanway and a former member of the Fenian Brotherhood in America, Colonel Rickard Burke delivered the funeral oration noting the 'singular purity and steadfast patriotism of his life.' Brian Dillon's legacy continues: his name is inscribed in the National Monument on the Grand Parade and in locations throughout Cork city including Dillon's Cross, Brian Dillon Park and Brian Dillon Crescent and of course Brian Dillons GAA club carries his name. The inscription on Dillon's gravestone in Rathcooney possibly describes his actions best: 'his life was devoted and sacrificed to his country's cause'.



## **Gardening - October**

## **Chris Troy**

As we all know gardening can be a great activity, not only for physical exercise but for mental health as well and sometimes it is nice to meet with like minded people. That is where community gardens come into their own.

The general idea of a community garden is to have a piece of ground that is used to grow crops by the community and shared out amongst the community.

Every community garden is different and peoples ability to garden can vary greatly. Some people like to grow fruit and veg while others may prefer flowers and herbs.

One of the biggest mistakes I have seen over the years is that people take on too big a plot all at once, and it can turn into a chore and not a pleasure. Be honest with the time members will have to give to the garden, and plan accordingly. We call it a time budget. There will also have to be some financial commitments as time goes on so be prepared for that as well.

There is a community garden in Glanmire behind the Glanmire community College. It was established over 15 years ago.

It came about over a cup of tea and conversation between Claire Desmond and myself. But like every idea there follows a lot of work, some disappointment, chance meetings and a good dose of enthusiasm.

Claire was able to find a secure location for the garden behind Glanmire Community College. There had been a school garden there before, but due to some vandalism, and the polythene tunnels plastic been cut it was left to go a bit wild.

The next step was to encourage people to join us. We held 2 open meetings in the school but unfortunately only 1 person turned up. Hence the disappointment.

Not to be discouraged Claire made contact with the local

organisations and we held a meet and greet. From there we met some of the tidy towns committee. Namely Finbar, Kathleen and Brede. Chance meetings.

They introduced us to G.A.C.A. (Glanmire Area Community Association) and they helped us with advice on how to set it up and also most importantly insurance.

Not only did the tidy towns members help us out but they also joined us in the garden.

It did not take long to clean the garden and to replace the plastic in the tunnel. Enthusiasm

The next challenge was water. Thanks again to the college they allowed us to use an outside tap until we set up our own rain water catchment project.

We tapped into the down pipes from one of the out buildings adjacent to the garden.

We are now almost self-sufficient for water except for the driest of summers. (which was not this year)

Over the years there have been many people through the garden gates. Some old, some young. There have been whole families join us as well as single people. Not only local people but people from Europe and further afield.



Patsy's Birthday

Not everything in the garden is about work, as you can see sometimes there is cake, and more often than not tea and chat. Everybody who has joined us has brought different ideas and methods, as well as a wide variety of different skills. Every day is a school day. Every year there are great crops of Salads, Early Potatoes, Tomatoes, Rhubarb and Pumpkins, as well as whatever takes their fancy.



New Potatoes



Fresh Cherry Tomatoes

All the members of the community garden do a lot of work, between digging, weeding, harvesting, watering, cleaning the tunnel and generally maintaining the garden. We also have to say a big thank you to the Mens Shed in Glanmire for helping us out by making new raised beds. We would also like to say thank you to anyone and everyone who have helped us over the years and especially Glanmire Community College for the site.

The community garden is always open for new members.

Contact information: Facebook Glanmire Community Garden or Ann on: 0861948548.

Chris Troy

## **Glashaboy Flood Relief Scheme**

## SORENSEN

### Hazelwood Road and Shopping Centre

- Work will continue next week on Hazelwood Road opposite the river.
- A stop/go traffic management system will be in place so please allow for extra time on your journey.
- We would like to thank all residents, shoppers and businesses in the area for their patience and cooperation.

## New Line & Copper Valley Vue

- We would like to remind road users that the L-2964 New Line Road, Brooklodge East Road will be fully closed until October 2024.
- Work is continuing in preparation for the installation of the new bridge at Copper Valley Vue and culvert at Brooklodge.
- The temporary bridge will be in operation until October 2024.
- Sheet Pile removal will commence next week. We apologise for the disruption caused to residents.
- Please note that there will be a three-way traffic management system in place until October 2024 to divert traffic from the L-2964 New Line Road. This is outlined in BLUE in the below diagram.

If you have any questions on the work being carried out by Sorensen, contact me directly on **086 032 6171**.

### This information is subject to change, and I will update you again if there are any changes for the coming month.

On behalf of the entire Sorensen team, I would like to thank residents, businesses, pedestrians and motorists for their continued patience, support, and cooperation.

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## **Glanmire Library**

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Thursday 31 October from 3 p.m. onwards. All are welcome

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Summer is finished and it is go now in preparation for 24/25 season for all the players, coaches, managers and volunteers at Glanmire Ladies Basketball club. Over the past few weeks a number of our teams participated in pre season events. U15 travelled to Ennis for an tournament hosted by Clare Panthers.

Our premier team travelled to Tralee. And our U16s hosted pre season games at home in Upper Glanmire where we had teams join us from Kerry, Limerick and Dublin.



Last week we had a visit from one of our sponsors Sherry Fitzgerald who have once again sponsored new gear for our Club. A photoshoot was held with some of our players proudly wearing the new gear which will be looking fantastic on the court this season.



We are so thankful for this continued support.

The club will host a midterm camp for boys and girls on 31st October and 1st November . This will be a great opportunity for everyone to improve their skills and have some Halloween fun.

Everyone is looking forward to an exciting season ahead and sharing news of our games and events.





## SARSFIELDS CAMOGIE **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Great excitement when Olivia & Orlaith Molly. dropped in to our U6 & U7's internal blitz with the All Ireland Intermediate & Senior Cups! The three girls were busy signing autographs, standing in for photos and presenting medals.

Our U10s had a fantastic day at Charleville Blitz where they played brilliantly against teams from Cork & other Munster Counties.

Our Senior. Junior 1 & 2 teams are all actively involved in Championship and progressing well in their respective campaigns. Congratulations also to our U14P1s who have qualified for a County Semi Final.



U6s & U7s



Team 1



Team 3



Team 5





Team 4



Team 6



U14 P1s



U10s at Charleville Blitz





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Club Activity The U8, U10 & U12 took part

in the annual Passage West Football blitz playing teams

from all over the country over 2 days. Well done to Caoilin, Amy & Orlaith who played in the LGFA U15 PDP

Munster Blitz in Mallow and congratulations also to Caoilin on winning the U15 National Camogie Blitz with

Cork Camogie. Well done to our Club Registrar, Daragh Brady and the Cork Masters

on reaching the All Ireland Final, fantastic achievement

The U11s played Carrigaline & St Vincents. U9s & U10s

played a blitz taking on Bandon, Sliabh Rua & Glen Rovers. The U12s played games v Sars & Kildorrey. The

Junior camogie team played Youghal, Buttervant, Barryroe, Rockban & St Vincents in the championship coming out on top in 4 of the 5 games and are now through to the county

Our U11 footballers played a blitz in Caherlag v Midleton & Inch. The U9s played a blitz v Douglas & Nemo. Our

Junior footballers are through to a county semi final having beaten Watergrasshill, Ibane Gaels & Courcey Rovers in the

to get so far.

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### **Playing Matters**

The last month was a busy one in terms of championship action. Unfortunately our Junior A football were knocked out of their championship. They played Mayfield in the guarter final in Ballinlough on Sunday 15th . Playing the current champions was always going to be a tough task. However, we set about our business efficiently and played very well and we lead at half time on a scoreline of 0-06 to 0-04. It could have been more if a goal bound effort had not hit off the inside of the post and come back into play. In hindsight, we needed to be further ahead. In the second half our season ended in the space of three minutes between the 6th and 8th minute of that period. The Mayfield side bagged three quick goals. Though we kept battling, the game became stop-start and it never looked like we were getting into it. Luke Kelleher saw another goalbound effort hit the under-side of the bar come out on a day where our luck was very much out. Bryan O'Sullivan did get a late goal to narrow the gap. In the end though we lost by 5 points.

At the time of writing our Junior C football team were still involved in their championship. Their game was due to be played on the 22nd of September against Bishopstown. We will have a report on that game next month.

Also at the time of writing our Junior A hurling team were down to play Whitechurch in the quarter final of that particular championship. Following an agonising loss to Passage in the opening round, they met St. Finbarrs in he second-round (backdoor) game. We got off to the best possible start when Stephen Whooley finished to the net. However, on the next move this was cancelled out when, after several missed opportunities to clear the ball, we conceded a penalty which was duly dispatched by the St. Finbarrs full-forward. This was the story of the game that would follow. We were the better team but we found our doughty opponents hard to shake off. It was not until the second half that our superiority shone through and when Eddie Coughlan scored our second goal on our very last attack, it put the gloss on a 13-point victory; our largest ever winning margin in this competition.

### **Underage Roundup**

The under 13 football team won their Under 13 Rebel Og Coiste league when they beat Erins Own after a an exhilarating game on a scoreline 4-08 to 4-06. Though on top for long periods, they had to work hard against a very resilient Caherlag side who hosted the game on their home pitch. The result for this group was all the sweeter given they had lost a hurling shield final against Kinsale only a week previous whilst also they had been on the wrong end of the result against St. Catherines when the





White's Cross ladies Gaelic football teams at the recent blitz held in Passage West

#### sides met in the 2023 hurling league final. Congratulations to captain Cillian Manley, all his teammates and coaches and selectors on this win

coaches and selectors on this win. The under 16 hurlers qualified for their championship final following a massive win over Shamrocks. They had met earlier in the year where there was some controversy. On that evening the game ended in a draw but in truth the South East side were the better team. There was no disputing whom the better team was on this occasion as Colmcilles hit their opponents for eight goals. They would end up winning 16 points. This may be a little harsh on Shamrocks but it was a complete performance from Colmcilles. Perhaps the reason why such a performance came to fruition was the expert coaching the received from Rob Downey and Brendan Coleman in the lead up to the game. Thanks to those two gentlemen for giving up their time.

Goals from Sean Delaney, Alex Flynn and Ronan Healy ensured that our minor football qualified for their minor football league final. However, this four point semi-final victory over Midleton was as much about the saves made by Billy Ryan at the other end of the field.

Our under 8, 10 and 12 girls Gaelic Football team took part in a monster blitz held in Passage West. This was an amazing occasion as the team got to play against clubs from around the country and credit to Passage GAA for organising it. We played John Locke's from Callan (Kilkenny) and St Finians from Newcastle (Limerick) as we all as a number of Cork sides.

### **Tom Harte**

White's Cross GAA were deeply saddened by the passing of Tom Harté at the end of August. Tom was a lifelong member and supporter of our club. He started out as a player with the club and played predominantly through the 1970s. This coincided with a fallow period for us with limited success on the field. Though he was part of the panel that would get their hands on the hurling championship in 1982. By now though he had also started helping out with underage coaching, organising of street leagues and ferrying lads to matches. He would do this role for almost two decades - a period that preceded and proceded his own kids involvement of teams - a remarkable committment. He was a valued committee member and underage board delegate also for many, many years. Through his business that he built up, he has also been a generous sponsor over the years. He took great pride in following his daughter Elaine who started out with the underage teams in White's Cross) around the country and enjoyed the successes that they brought as the greatest Ladies Gaelic Football teams ever. On to the next generation and three of his grandchildren are involved in playing with our current underage teams while his son Brian is the underage treasurer and assistant treasurer (of overall club). More important than being a member of the club, Tom was a kind, decent neighbour, friend and member of the community. He got along with everyone and none had a bad word to say about him. He will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace!



**White's** Cross AA News





Mid Cork Coaching, Coowned by Grea Maaner Buckley, is a & Cormac renowned football academy dedicated to enhancing players' skills, confidence, and overall development through professional coaching and personalised training programmes. Mid Cork Coaching is now proud to partner with Riverstown FC to launch our Academy for boys and girls.

This collaboration marks an exciting new chapter for both Mid Cork Coaching and the players of Riverstown Football Club attending the academy. The weekly Saturday sessions held in GCC astros will provide young athletes with the opportunity to develop their technical abilities, build physical resilience. and nurture their love for football in a structured yet enjoyable environment. By focusing on both individual growth and team dynamics, this academy aims to create a solid foundation for the next generation of footballers in the club.

For Mid Cork Coaching, the partnership with Riverstown FC reinforces its mission of fostering community engagement while expanding access to elite-level training. All new players welcome.



## Glanmire and Sarsfields Healthy Clubs



### **Fundraising Family Fun Day**

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Glanmire Football Club and the Healthy Clubs team hosted a hugely successful community Family Fun Day. We were delighted to see so many families enjoying the variety of activities on the day. From alpacas to the teddy bears picnic, sack races to giant garden games, along with face-painting and balloon modelling, there was something for everyone. A big hit for sure was the big splash from the dunk tank when an intermediate player was dunked. Burgers, chips and candyfloss were popular, with the ice-cream van the clear favourite. A sponsored spinathon was held, which kicked off the fundraising efforts for Marymount. We couldn't be more proud of our great community, with a huge €4,135 raised for a charity which is so close to our hearts.





GAA 4 All





GOOL FOR ALL

On the 25th of August, Deirdre Cregan from our Healthy Clubs team re-commenced the GAA 4 All programme. Many of the children who had fun and lots of laughs at the sessions earlier this year returned, with new children joining in also. The GAA 4 All sessions run at 3.30 on Sundays in the Sarsfields Hurling Club astro pitch.

Couch 2 5K

Our Healthy Clubs team engaged with trainer, Anthony Mannix, from Cork Sports Partnership again this year to host another Couch 2 5K training programme. Training began on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. With five Wednesday evening sessions already completed, participants are well on their way to being ready to run 5K in the Rebel Run in October.



All of our Club Members and our Community are welcome to our events.



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## Writer's Corner with Eleanor O'Kelly-Lynch

### **Starting your Novel**

Where do you start if you want to write a novel? We'll assume the writer has an idea, a theme or storyline already forming in their head. So, what next? Do you create the entire plot in advance? Do you have to know the ending before you begin? Do you have all your characters sketched out beforehand?

I was always intrigued by this guestion of where to begin. Having written two books (and halfway through my third) I now know that, for me, the answer to the above would be no. no and no. Some writers would say yes to all three questions. The reality is that every writer is different and there is no right or wrong approach. There are pluses and minuses on both sides. If I knew everything that was going to happen to my characters in advance, I would find the book boring to write. I love the element of surprise. What is going to happen next? How is she going to react to that? How is this conflict going to be resolved?

Don't get me wrong: I do have an idea of what might or could happen, in advance. Many ideas. I understand there must be an overarching storyline and that characters must grow and change and resolve their issues. But the story will unfold as I write it and that can be both exciting and daunting.

Over the next few months, I will be asking different local authors how they approach a new novel and what tips they might have for new or aspiring authors. Recently, I came across the following interview\* with the late, great Jackie Collins, author, actress, playwright, and younger sister of Dame Joan Collins. Many of you will be familiar with her bestselling books: The World is Full of Married Men (banned in Australia and South Africa,) Hollywood Wives and Lucky. She wrote thirty-two novels, all of which appeared on The New York Times Bestseller List. Her books have sold over five hundred million copies and have been translated into forty languages. Eight of her novels have been adapted for the screen, either as films or television miniseries. A



hugely successful author like Jackie Collins is worth listening to in this interview with non-fiction workshop leader Cork Millner:

**Cork Millner:** Do you start with one character and go on from there? Do you start with the whole book in mind?

Jackie Collins: I start with one character. (Usually, I start with the title.) I know I'm going to do another book about Lucky, a heroine I like a lot. But I don't know what she'll do next. I'm going to sit down with Lucky and she'll just take off. And she'll do it as we write.

**CM:** So, your plot evolves as you move with your characters?

JC: I don't think I write too many characters. I love my characters. I love inventing new ones and putting them in situations where they mix and intermingle. I enjoy doing that.

**CM:** You said to me earlier that you write by hand.

JC: It's absolutely the best way to do it because you can do it anywhere. I used to write my books when I was taking my kids to school. You can get a lot more done when you can just scribble wherever you are. I'm a storyteller. I want to tell stories. And so, I do it my way.

**CM:** Do you have a writing schedule?

JC: Yes. I write for about seven hours, seven days a week, which is too long. It's because I always get myself in a corner and have to finish a book in time. I aim to do twenty pages of handwriting a day and I end up between ten and fifteen.

**CM:** You are amazingly successful. Why do you continue to write?

JC: I think why we all write is because we love to do it. The money and the success are wonderful, but I don't write for that. I love creating characters and I love telling stories.

**CM:** What are the elements of a bestseller?

JC: 1) Write about a subject you really know about. 2) Don't be hesitant about what you write. Don't worry about what people think. Just write what you want to write. 3) Write in your own particular style. 4) Write. Don't talk about it. Just write.



Happy Writing Eleanor

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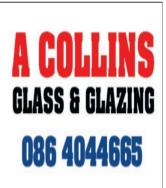
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