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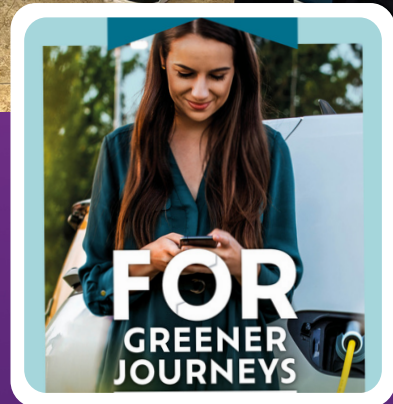
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November meeting

Louise Mehigan from **Osmax Media** hosted a fantastic Christmas Marketing Masterclass for members which took place in the Community Room in SuperValu.

Louise gave members great insights and tips for growing their brand and social media presence.

Catherine Mahon Buckley from **CADA Performing Arts** kindly donated 2 sets of tickets to their Little Red Riding Hood Panto which runs from November 30th to January 12th at the Everyman Theatre. **Sweet Sensations** also gifted a bag of sweets to the lucky winners from **Brazen Chilli** and **MAC Hair Design**.

We also had a member spotlight from **Lisa Sheehan** **Addiction Counselling & Life Coaching**; Lisa supports individuals from all walks of life in unlocking their potential and achieving personal growth. She also delivers drug awareness talks in schools and businesses and works with teenagers facing anxiety and over-thinking.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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With the new year approaching, and Christmas on the way, Glanmire Area Community Association would like to thank our residents, sub-committees, community groups and partners and the wider community who have dedicated their time to helping our community grow and flourish this year. As always, a lot of incredible work was done by individuals and groups which continues to make a real difference to our wonderful community. As we look ahead to 2025, our programme of events will focus on celebrating and fostering this community spirit.

2024 In Review

Community Development

We have had a busy year at Glanmire Area Community Association. A lot of hard work went into the public launch of the publication of Cork City Council's Glanmire Health Check, funded by the TVRS scheme. Our association worked closely with Cork City Council and Glanmire Chamber on this project. The publication's research highlighted the need for more community spaces and amenities as well as our community's opportunities for growth. We hosted a series of public meetings to provide a forum for residents and collect feedback on issues affecting the community. We progressed a number of grants-based projects to assist with community enhancement, and as we look ahead to 2025, we aim to continue to progress enhancement of amenities and community spaces. To provide updates on ongoing developments, we will be holding regular public holding meetings over 2025. See below for details.

New Directors

Our community association is delighted to announce the addition of several new Directors to the board this year. Our new team come from diverse backgrounds, from the arts, sports in the community and business. Together, they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team.

Community Groups

We would like to congratulate all our community groups for their achievements and hard work this year. Our groups and sub-committees have enjoyed much successes and contributed greatly across many areas,- sports, heritage, culture,

community games, tidy towns, and youth projects. We look forward to organising a schedule of meetings with our community groups in the new year. See below for details.

Summer visitors

Heralding the sound of summer, our friendly visitors, the swifts flew home from Africa to their summer nest at the Riverstown Community Centre in May, and stayed with us until August. We have consulted Noel Linehan of Swift Conservation Ireland to install swift boxes at the Community Centre to welcome even more of these beautiful birds back next summer.

Christmas Lights

GACA together with Glanmire Chamber are hosting a fun-filled festive community event to facilitate the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Crestfield Centre on Sunday 1st December from 4pm until 6pm. There will be a market, refreshments, carol singers and lots of entertainment for all the family. Thanks to Karen, Cynthia, Ger, Rachel and Alan for all of their hard work in putting this event together. The Glanmire Christmas Toy Appeal will also run at this event.

2025 A Look Ahead

As the new year approaches, our association is looking ahead to a year of events with a theme of **recognising community spirit and fostering connection**. As a nod to the incredible amount of hard work and dedication of so many individuals and groups in Glanmire and surrounding areas, our association's programme for the coming year, is centred around celebrating the this hard work with a series of events and projects centred around this theme. Here we look ahead at some of our programme of events for the Spring and Summer for 2025.

Community Spirit Competition

In keeping with our celebrating community spirit theme for the year ahead, we aim to celebrate Glanmire's rich heritage and culture -past, present and future with an exciting competition for 2025! Stay tuned for more details!

Community Meetings Series

Community Groups

The association will be holding a schedule of meetings with **community groups** over the Spring and early

Summer -to share thoughts and ideas, discuss upcoming projects and events and hold talks on key issues affecting the community.

Public Meetings

In addition, we will host a number of **public meetings** with invited delegates from local council and public representatives to enable residents to come together and discuss community development and any issues of importance to them. If you have suggestions for these meetings, please do get in touch, we welcome your ideas and contribution to this meeting series.

Website and Social Media Launch-Competitions

We are excited to announce that we will **launch a new website** (which will go live in 2025). Our new-look website is designed to be accessible, user-friendly and a supportive resource for community residents. There will be special news section containing updates from all groups and voices in the community. To mark our new Website- we will be planning a series of competitions. Stay tuned for more details. When our new website launches, competition details will be available on the website for you to participate.

In addition, we will launch our new Social Media pages in 2025. More details to follow so stay tuned.

GACA Pitches- Summer Launch Event

GACA Pitches will be officially launched in the summer of 2025 with a special family-themed celebration event. We will be seeking volunteers to help us with this event so stay tuned for further details on how you can get involved. Event details will be published in February.

If you have questions or need our assistance, or want to volunteer to help out, please don't hesitate to contact us- If you'd like to get in touch with the Community Association drop us an email, we would love to hear from you. gacacork@gmail.com

We would like to take the opportunity to wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Glanmire Macra



Ladies Basketball Team (Left to right: Zara Long, Elaine Slyne, April Lynch, Aoife O'Connell and Shannen O'Connell)

It has been a busy month for Glanmire Macra. Since our last update we attended the Macra National Conference which is the main event of the Macra year, over the October Bank holiday weekend in Naas.

Our weekend kicked off with Kevin Smiddy, Nicole Hyland, Zara Long and Frank Stafford representing Glanmire in the "Know your Ag" quiz on Friday. Their knowledge of cattle, sheep, tillage and machinery was tested. But unfortunately we didn't make the top three. This was then followed by a County colours themed party, with plenty of jerseys present from across the country. Saturday started with farm tours at a Dairy farm, beef, sheep and tillage farm and the national stud.

This gave everyone a chance to see how these farms operated and discuss problems faced by young farmers. This was followed by the conference focused

on Generational Renewal. With Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue, IFA president Francie Gorman and even Taoiseach Simon Harris in attendance. Saturday night then brought a Country and Western themed party, a brilliant night was had by all who attended.

Sunday morning brought the stock judging competition, with Kevin Smiddy competing in senior beef stock judging and Nicole Hyland in the sheep stock judging. The weekend then closed out with a black tie ball. A great weekend was had by all who attended, and we are already looking forward to next year's Rally, which will be held in Rosscarbery.

But it wasn't just the National Conference keeping us busy this month. Glanmire Macra also competed in the regional round of basketball. While the ladies team performed brilliantly,



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unfortunately they missed out on proceeding to the national finals. But the men's team will be going through to the national finals on the 1st of December, and we wish them the best of luck in this.

We also held a new members night on the 16th of November in the Mardyke Complex. This was well attended and a great night was had by everyone. But don't worry if you missed out, just reach out to us on any of our social medias or by email glanmiremacra@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. Glanmire also competed in the national round of bowling on the 17th of November, the team of John Lonergan, Elaine Slyne, Ciaran Curran, Caroline O'Leary, Kevin Smiddy, Nicole Hyland performed great, but missed out on the top spots.

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. Everyone is welcome, entry is €5 but your first night is free.

WINTER STYLING

Lynda Di Blasi

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November is here, bringing cooler days and the perfect excuse to experiment with cozy, layered looks that are both chic and practical. Let's dive into some styling tips that will help you look polished and feel comfortable all month long. Layering is the key to staying warm and stylish as temperatures fluctuate.

Begin with a **lightweight, fitted base layer**—a soft turtleneck can provide warmth around the neck area or long-sleeve top in a neutral shade works well. This time of year I invest in a few neutral coloured base layers in cream, navy and black. They can be worn for both leisure or workwear.



LONG CARDIGANS (one that falls just above the knee) creates a beautiful silhouette that elongates the body.

It's great for layering over a fitted knitted dress, a co-ord knitted dress and matching long cardigan is a piece you may already have in your wardrobe. A c-ord is such a wardrobe addition as it makes for dressing with ease and makes a complete outfit in one. A long knitted cardigan is a great alternative to a coat on a mild day worn with straight leg jeans and trainers for a stylish look when running errands.

Styling: For a balanced look, pair a long cardigan with slim pants, trainers when on the move. A long cardigan worn over a fitted knitted dress offers coverage if sleeveless offering a polished elegant look. Also if tall a long cardigan over trousers creates a sleek silhouette, especially when finished with a low heel or ankle boot.

November is a great time to experiment with accessories, such as **scarves** and **statement jewellery** for the seasonal festivities ahead.

If you're feeling adventurous, try layering two different length necklaces or adding a brooch to your scarf or blazer lapel for a personalised touch.

I encourage you to look inside your jewellery boxes, which we can often overlook for accessorising our daily outfits and only use for occasion wear.

A beautiful **brooch** maybe antique or an heirloom that was gifted you can be such a conversation piece at a social lunch or dinner occasion.

Here is a great styling tip! adding interest, attracting the eye to the shoulder area takes attention away from an area you may be conscious of eg tummy or bust line.



Step out with confidence this November!

If you would like to like to elevate your style, recognise your colour palette, learn tips on creating outfits.

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Introduction

After almost thirty months of fighting, the violence of the Irish War of Independence ended when a ceasefire was proclaimed on 11 July 1921. This event triggered negotiations to determine an agreement which was acceptable to the British Government and the Sinn Féin leadership. Following lengthy negotiations in London, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed by representatives of Britain and Ireland on 6 December 1921. Subsequently, it was ratified by Dáil Éireann in January 1922, albeit by a slim margin. Nonetheless, numerous deputies expressed reservations regarding the treaty's provisions, particularly the requirement to swear allegiance to a British monarch, which many found unacceptable. Furthermore, the Irish Free State, established by the treaty, comprised only 26 counties. President of the Dáil, Éamon de Valera was insistent that 'we must not, cannot, forget our solemn pledges to those great sections of the population in the Six Counties who do want us, and who are crying out daily to be included in the Irish Free State.' During the Treaty debates, Margaret Pearse, mother of Patrick and Willie, who were executed after the Easter Rising, said she would not accept the terms of the agreement declaring: 'I would be haunted by the ghosts of my sons.'

Although the Treaty was narrowly ratified, tension permeated throughout the country and when anti-Treaty militants occupied the Four Courts, Dublin on 14 April 1922, a civil war was imminent. Fighting finally broke out when Provisional Government troops bombarded the Four Courts on 28 June 1922. The conflict lasted until May 1923 but in reality the outcome was determined within the first six weeks. The Irish people, weary from conflict with the British Empire, were, according to writer and anti-Treaty soldier Seán Ó Faoláin, 'at best sullen and uncooperative, at worst hard against us.' An estimated 1,500 individuals lost their lives during the conflict, with many casualties resulting from gunshot wounds; however, explosives, primarily improvised devices, also played a significant role. The use of trap mines in particular infuriated National Army members, who saw it as a despicable way to kill defenceless soldiers.

Tragedies in Glanmire

In November 1922, a particular incident occurred in White's Cross, Upper Glanmire. On the night of 23 November, there had been an attempt to disarm a trap mine at the crossroads; but the

National Army soldiers decided to wait until the following day when daylight would be available. Sergeant Major Thomas McCann and Private John Walsh expressed the wish to accompany the party, as they had 'experience of lifting mines.' On the morning of 24 November, the party set out by Crossley tender to White's Cross and attempted to dislodge the mine by aiming three bombs at the device and nine rounds of machine gunfire. When it did not detonate, 'McCann shouted: "It's a dud" and walked towards it.' As he began unearthing the mine with a shovel, it exploded and he received dreadful injuries; the body being almost unrecognisable. The military inquiry held after the incident concluded that the two men were wilfully murdered 'by some persons, members of the small minority in armed rebellion against the Government established by the Irish people'. McCann, a veteran of World War 1, was buried in Glasnevin; John (Jacko) Walsh, eldest son of Cissey and William, from Blarney Street, Cork, was seriously injured and died five days later 29 November 1922. Walsh, a former member of the British Army serving in the Royal Engineers, was buried in St Finbarr's Cemetery on 2 December 1922.

Not only did soldiers perish in battle, but civilians and their families also endured the devastating repercussions and consequences of war. Less than two weeks before the tragic incident in White's Cross, another Glanmire family were mourning the loss of a loved one. During the Irish Civil War, almost 350 civilians lost their lives, including little Eileen O'Driscoll. According to a military inquiry, Eileen, 'aged three years and three months', from Brookhill, Riverstown died on 13 November 1922, an innocent victim of the conflict. Eileen's two stepbrothers had picked up ammunition in Ballylucra graveyard earlier that morning. They arrived home and for some reason put one of the bullets into the fire. Mrs O'Driscoll recalled that she was seated away from the fireplace, cradling a baby in her arms, when a loud explosion took place, engulfing the house in smoke. Little Eileen ran to her mother, falling at her feet bleeding and whispering that she was hurt. Mrs O'Driscoll wrapped her in a blanket, procured a pony and trap and brought her daughter to the Mercy Hospital before 9 am. According to the medical personnel, little Eileen died on Monday evening at about 8 pm. The President of the Inquiry noted that the individuals in possession of ammunition seemed indifferent to the fact that their actions tragically led to the loss of innocent young lives.

TOYING WITH LIVE BULLETS.

Child Dangerously Wounded.

CASE AT CORK MERCY HOSPITAL

A little girl named Eileen O'Driscoll, Riverstown, lies at the Mercy Hospital in a very precarious condition, having been accidentally shot in the abdomen. So far as can be gleaned, some children, while passing through a graveyard in the vicinity, came across a number of live bullets. They brought the bullets to the house in which the wounded child resides, and one of them was placed in the fire. The bullet exploded, hit the child in the abdomen, passing through the body. The child was brought to the hospital last night by its parents, and little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Figure 1: Evening Echo report about Eileen O'Driscoll, 13 November 1911.

Ceasefire and aftermath

Less than six months after the tragic deaths in Glanmire, the Irish Civil War ended abruptly as Free State forces steadily overcame the Anti-Treaty IRA. The IRA leadership, knowing it could not win, ordered its forces to stand down on 30 April 1923. Ireland was finally at peace, but life was bleak; roads, bridges, factories and civic buildings were damaged or destroyed and the rebuilding projects certainly stymied the new Free State's beginning. More importantly, even though the Civil War lasted only ten months, it resulted in the loss of many key figures from the independence movement, including Michael Collins, Harry Boland and Liam Lynch. The violence also took a heavy toll on innocent lives, leaving families shattered, including that of young Eileen O'Driscoll from Brookhill, Riverstown. Suaimhneas síoraí dá hanam.

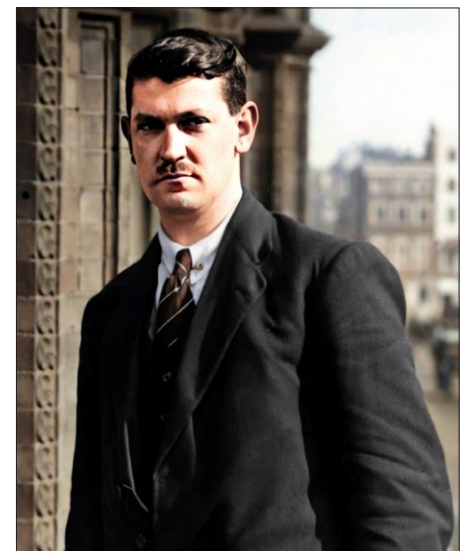


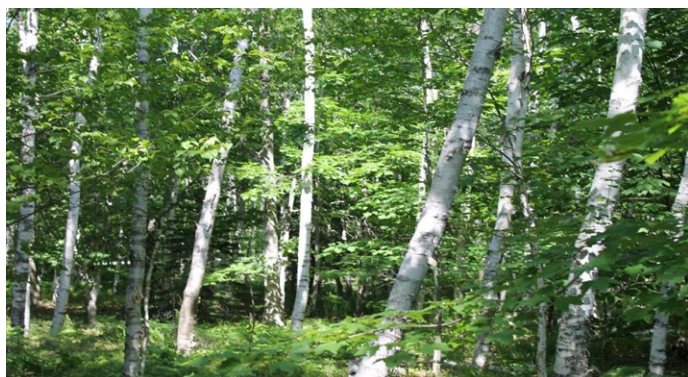
Figure 2: Michael Collins, killed at Béal na Bláth, 22 August 1922.

This is the quietest time for me in the garden. Hopefully all the mulching is done, and all the leaves have been gathered and piled up to make leaf mould. That doesn't mean that I ignore the garden altogether, far from it.

December is the month that I spend a lot of time just walking around the garden, seeing how I can add some more structure, as in plant a tree or two if space allows. The structure of a tree can add a different dimension to the garden in winter, as well as some colour and interest.

There are so many trees to choose from but, make sure the one you choose will fit into your garden and not dominate it. Things to take into consideration when choosing a tree are, evergreen or deciduous, stem and branch colour, rough or smooth bark, and general shape of the tree as it grows.

Some of my favourites are the Silver Birches and the Siberian Birch which has a distinctive white bark, as well as the Mountain Ash. These trees are ideal for a medium sized garden, and will attract wildlife and birds. These trees should survive for up to forty years plus.



To give a splash of colour in the winter garden, before your bulbs come up, you could plant heathers, cyclam (weather permitting) and hellebores (Christmas Rose). You could also plant some evergreen variegated shrubs for good leaf colour. These are all available in the garden centres.

In the fruit garden clean up all the fallen fruit from the ground, and all the leaves as well. Dispose of all rotten fruit into the brown bin, and not into your compost bin as this may help to carry over any diseases that may be present.

If possible, take off any Lichen or Moss from Apple trees and fruit bushes before it becomes a problem. I like to do this by hand with a glove, or you can use soapy water and a soft brush. Just make sure you rinse off after you are finished. The Moss and Lichen could harbour pests and diseases.



It is still too soon to prune the fruit garden, but you can use this opportunity to see where you will need to prune later in the winter.

In the vegetable garden clean up all old and rotten veg, and this can be composted in your own compost bin. Never leave bare soil for the winter, either mulch it up, or cover with cardboard, or at a pinch plastic sheeting.

Mound up all over wintering Brassica's and stake to prevent "wind rock". Keep an eye open for slugs and slug eggs, and dispose of anyway you see fit. Try to encourage birds into the garden with some feeders, and hopefully they will get rid of some of the pests for you as well as singing for their supper.

In the herbaceous borders this is a good time to cut down any old stems of plants. This is also a good time to decide what plants you may want to divide later in the season. You can use these extra plants to make a new border or maybe to give away to neighbours and friends (Christmas presents).

As Christmas is getting closer maybe we could all do a little bit to help the environment. Gather your own greenery from the garden, or buy a living Christmas tree, or buy locally sourced Holly. Some people use bare branches to hang their fairy lights.

Perhaps if we know somebody who is finding it hard to cope with their garden we could help them to maintain it. Whatever we do (maintenance wise) will last all winter, and who knows it may help someone through the winter season.

And on that note I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Chris Troy

Hazelwood Road and Shopping Centre

- Work will continue next week on Hazelwood Road, opposite the river, with the existing stop/go traffic management system remaining in place.
- We would like to thank all residents, shoppers and businesses in the area for their patience and cooperation.

New Line & Copper Valley Vue

- Work will continue next week on Hazelwood Road and the R639 with the existing Stop/Go traffic management system in place until approx. Friday 6th December.
- This is a three-way traffic management system with Stop/Go at the below locations marked in **YELLOW**.
- Please note that the Bean & Leaf entrance to Hazelwood Shopping Centre is one-way and entrance only while the main entrance is two-way and entrance/exit as normal. This is marked in **RED** below.

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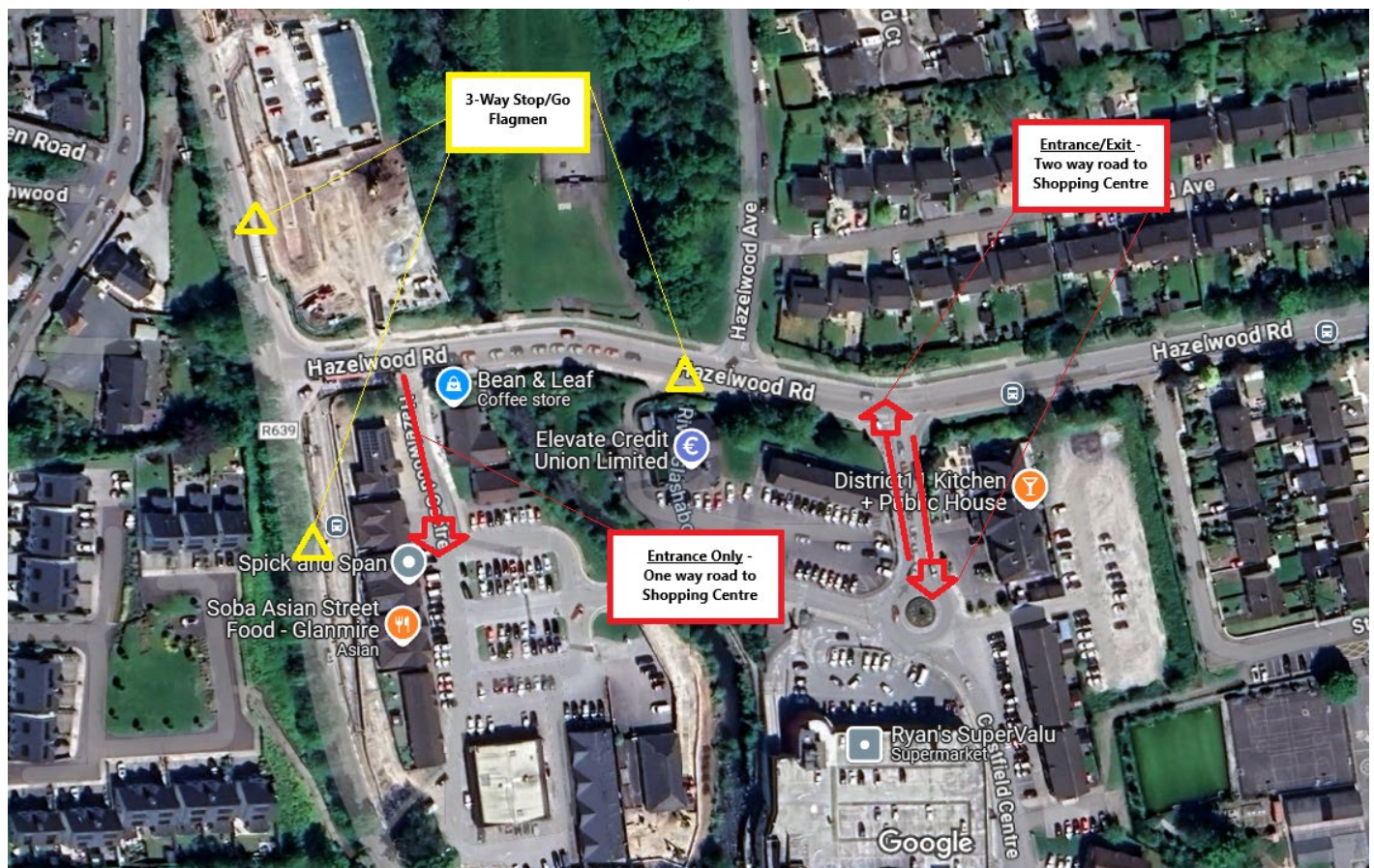
This information is subject to change, and I will update you again if there are any changes for the coming month.

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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St. Vincent De Paul Annual Car Draw



SVP South-West warn Christmas crisis looming as food and fuel costs continue to cripple Cork families.

Over **4,645** calls for help made to SVP in Cork last month

Severe strain on resources as social welfare Budget increases 'insufficient' to help those in need.

At the launch of their Annual Car Draw, St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) South-West has warned that exorbitant food and fuel costs are pushing struggling families and individuals to the brink of despair as calls for assistance have skyrocketed in recent weeks.

With the cost-of-living crisis deepening, the charity is reporting that more people than ever are seeking help in the run up to the festive and winter season, with over 4,645 calls for help from struggling families and individuals in Cork during the month of October.

This is expected to reach a peak of over 1,650 calls per week in December as the Society has revealed significant numbers of people in Cork are reaching out to them seeking assistance as they struggle to cope with sky-high costs for food and basic utilities, coupled with consistently high energy and fuel costs.

The charity has also said that recent increases announced in this years' Budget for social welfare recipients were just enough to "paper over the cracks" but are not sufficient in the long-term for people who are unemployed or lower-income earners.

Speaking at the launch of the Annual Car Draw, SVP South-West's Regional President, Mary Frances Behan, said the charity remains under enormous pressure across all of their core services with the numbers of people seeking assistance continuing to rise, particularly during the run up to Christmas.

The Annual SVP South-West Car Draw 2024 is a key fundraising event for the region, with tickets and free post return envelopes delivered to every household in Cork and Kerry and the added option of buying tickets online. Donations are also welcome through both channels." Tickets for the raffle cost €5 each, a bundle of five tickets costs €20 and these can be purchased online at the following link: www.svp.ie/cardraw24

Alternatively, freepost SVP envelopes can be returned in or dropped into the SVP Regional Office at Ozanam House, 2 Tuckey Street, Cork or Unit 2 Monavalley Business Park, Tralee, Co Kerry.

The final date for entries will be 12 noon on Friday 10th January 2025. First prize will be a brand-new Ford Focus. In addition to this there will be six other cash prizes.

The draw will take on Wednesday 15th January at Cork City Ford Centre, with the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Dan Boyle in attendance where the winners will be announced. Details of the winners will be published on www.svp.ie and in the Irish Examiner Saturday 18th January 2025.

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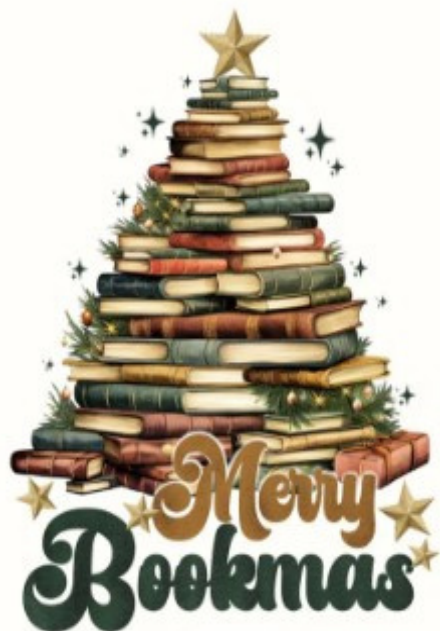
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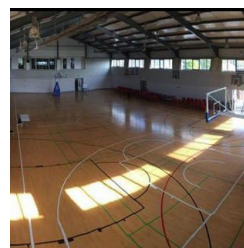
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As we approach the final weeks of the playing season, we have had plenty reasons to celebrate 2024. Congratulations to our two Junior panels who were victorious in both of their finals; our Seniors although runners up on the day to St Finbarrs, had a very good campaign and our U14 Premier team on reaching their final vs Inniscarra being another great achievement, serving up some great performances during the year. Our Minor Premiers are still in competition, and we wish them well in their upcoming semi-final.

Our U7s & U8s had a fantastic Street League Finals' Day and many thanks to Brien Scanlon and his fantastic mentors for organising a super event that will live long in the girls memories.

Congratulations to our six Cork All Ireland medallists who received their medals recently in Rochestown Park Hotel.

A huge thank you to all our Management teams, coaches, mentors, helpers etc who have put in so many hours selflessly during the year coaching & preparing teams – for sure the unsung heroes/heroines – much appreciated!

Merry Christmas to all our members!



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U14 P1 Runners Up



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Club Activity

The U9s & U10s finished off the season with a trip to Fota Island Adventure which was a fantastic day out. Thanks to the coaches for organising this. Thanks also to the girls who cheered on the Junior Football team at the end of their last training session ahead of the County Final. The U10 camogie team finished the season playing against Lisgoold at half time in the Intermediate Hurling County Final in Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

Camogie

The Minor camogie team beat Ballinora but lost out to Eire Og, they are through to a Plate Semi final v Cloughduv. Best of luck to all.

Football

Massive congratulations to our Junior team who defeated Nemo in the Junior B County Final v Nemo. They are now back to back County Champions and are moving up to Junior A next year!! Hard luck to our Minor team on losing out to Eire Og in the County Semi final. The team went on to play the East Cork Minor Final v Aghada the following week and came away with a good win, congrats to all involved.



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Playing Matters

It is with a great pleasure to report, in this the final notes of 2024, that, on the field of play, we won the Junior C football championship at the end of October. There is never a bad time to win a trophy but for this group of players, this was a particularly good time to bring one home. This was the fourth final of the year and having lost the previous three, it would have been a blow to morale to end up without anything to show for our efforts this year.

Finals aside, the club hurlers also put in a huge effort in 2024 so it was great to see so many of that squad involved in this success. To the game itself, we got off to a good start and from there it is fair to say that we were the better team. It was by no means a stroll in the park as the Lough made it difficult throughout but we always maintained a buffer of at least three points between us. Ronan Healy at corner forward caused the Lough backs a torrid time at start of the game. He opened the scoring with a fine point and was then fouled for the next score. Edwin Buckley put over the first of his seven points of the game from the resulting free. His score just before the break was undoubtedly the score of the game; an effort from distance. At the other end of the field, Lough did threaten but our backs held firm and forced them to shoot from distance.

There were also some notable turnovers with Donncha Murnane and Luke Murphy getting the hand in at vital times. We lead at the short whistle by six points to two. By the mid way point in the second half we had extended that lead out to six points as Shane Cahill, Brendan Quain and Edwin Buckley all kicked points. The Lough did make an effort to get right into the game but our rearguard held firm and they relied mainly on frees. Our only remaining score was also a free from the boot of man-of-the-match Edwin Buckley. After the game, the chairman of the Seandun board presented the trophy to Richie Sherlock the captain of White's Cross. Richie, who was also captain of our last success in the Junior B football league of 2022, thanked manager Sean Coughlan and all the players for their efforts. He also



Captain Richie Sherlock with forward Shane Cahill after winning the City Division Junior C championship

paid tribute to Mick Murphy of IPEC for his continued generous support of the club.

Underage Round-up

Our under 14 girls played a camogie County Plate Final against St. Colums of Kealkil at the end of October. Unfortunately, they were unable to repeat the heroics of the County football final of a few weeks earlier when they had defeated Lisgoold. Defeat was their lot on this occasion as the West Cork girls ran out deserving 5-00 to 2-01 winners.

Our under 15 boys team were also in action recently. They have had mixed luck. They played Blarney in the Coiste league final under lights at Pairc ui Chaoimh 4G pitch. Here they were well beaten by a physically more imposing mid-Cork side. Despite the defeat, some improvement could be gleaned considering they had suffered a much heavier reversal at the hand of this opponent earlier in the year.

They were able to take this improvement into their East Cork championship game against Aghada where they came out on the right side of 2-05 to 1-07 scoreline to set up a clash with Charleville in the semi-final. Unfortunately, we were well beaten on the day and thus ending a long season for this group. However, our playing season will continue until the final month of the year. Our under 21 hurling team only opened their campaign on Sunday 17th of November. Thankfully, and despite being short some key players, the side managed to get a narrow win over

Midleton. This championship is played on a round-robin basis. Owing to Carraig Na Bhfear's involvement in the replayed East Cork Junior final, we were unable to get our opening games played. The group also contains Watergrasshill. The 'Hill are still involved, at the time of writing, in the Munster Club Intermediate hurling championship which delays our fixture fulfilment even further! Hopefully though by time we all sit down to eat our Christmas Turkey, we will have completed the competition; and a cup would be a nice present to have too!

Christmas Draw!

Our Christmas Draw tickets are now in circulation for our 2024 draw which will take place on 19th of December. 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 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.

With Christmas mentioned, we will sign off our club notes in 2024 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 2025!



White's Cross GAA News

Snowflakes and Stories: Writing Through the Christmas Season

Christmas – a time of joy, reflection, magic. A time to be kind, to connect, to feel a sense of peace and hope. It can also be a time of sorrow, remembering loved ones that have gone before us, a time of loneliness, when we feel loss more acutely amongst the tinsel, the twinkling lights and the merriment all around us. As writers – remember, anyone who writes is a writer – we can use this time of the year to spread a little magic Christmas dust, on ourselves and those around us. How? Read on.

Reflection

As we approach the end of the year, the first thing Christmas offers us is a time to reflect on how we've grown over 2024. From a writer's point of view, the dying year and the hope that Christmas brings, can provide us with a lovely opportunity to write about our own journey this year – what challenges we've faced, the lessons we learned, and the hopes we hold for the future. Writing that encourages self-reflection can provide a cathartic experience and give us new insights into who we are and where we're going. It can also shine a light on our plans and dreams for 2025 – allowing our thoughts flow into all the possibilities and adventures that 2025 may bring.

Tradition

Every family has unique traditions that stitch together the unique fabric of their Christmas celebrations. And these traditions can provide us with a wealth of material to write about. Whether it's the significance of the Christmas lights, memories of childhood Christmases, the loss of a loved one, baking cakes, buying the tree, or crazy family gatherings – Christmas creates deeply felt and rich memories that we can tap into as we write.

Your Magic Christmas Pen.

And if you really want to make someone's Christmas glitter and sparkle this year, you can! By writing a poem, a short prose piece or a letter as a special gift to someone in your life. It's lovely to get a voucher or a pampering present but who wouldn't be thrilled to receive a unique gift – something that someone has written just for you.

It takes a little effort, but we can inspire, connect and spread joy with our words. In our busy world, we



don't always get the chance to tell someone how special they are, how their presence is a light, how much they are appreciated and loved. And when we take the time to do that, we inspire delight and happiness in the recipient. I wrote a short prose piece for my sister-in-law earlier this year for her birthday and she was touched that I took the time to let her know how wonderful she is. Christmas is, after all, a time to spread joy and happiness, so start writing and let your words become magic dust to lighten someone's heart.



Write a letter to your granny, grandchild, special other, friend, someone who needs a lift, someone you love. As writers, our pens are brushes, capable of painting warmth and emotion with our words – words that resonate in the heart of the reader. If you write a poem or a prose piece, you can frame

it. If it's a letter, you can hand write it, tuck it into a fancy envelope and wrap in a red ribbon. And, when you do, you are giving a unique and special gift that no money can buy.

Comfort

Christmas can be heartbreaking when someone very close to us has passed on. In the midst of the grief, it can often be a comfort to write them a letter, telling them how much we miss them, bringing them up to speed on where we are, how we are feeling – the letter can be a way of connecting spiritually with them at Christmastime and can give us a sense of peace.

I'm going to finish by recommending a beautiful children's Christmas book, just launched by an Irish woman, Lorraine Lawless, a single mother of three grown children. Lorraine's love for reading has been a lifelong passion, which she passed down to her children by encouraging them to explore the boundless world of literature at their local library. The book is dedicated to her two grandsons, Isaiah and Kayleb.

'The Little Snowflake' is a wonderful story about a spirited little snowflake who embarks on a journey and discovers the power of self-belief, perseverance and never giving up on your dreams. Hats off to Lorraine for writing and producing this beautiful book which is sure to inspire children to chase their dreams no matter how big or challenging they may seem. 'The Little Snowflake' is available to buy on lulu.com, Instagram @ljlawless64, Amazon and Ingramsark.

Happy writing! Embrace the magic of the season, and let your words shine brightly into the New Year!
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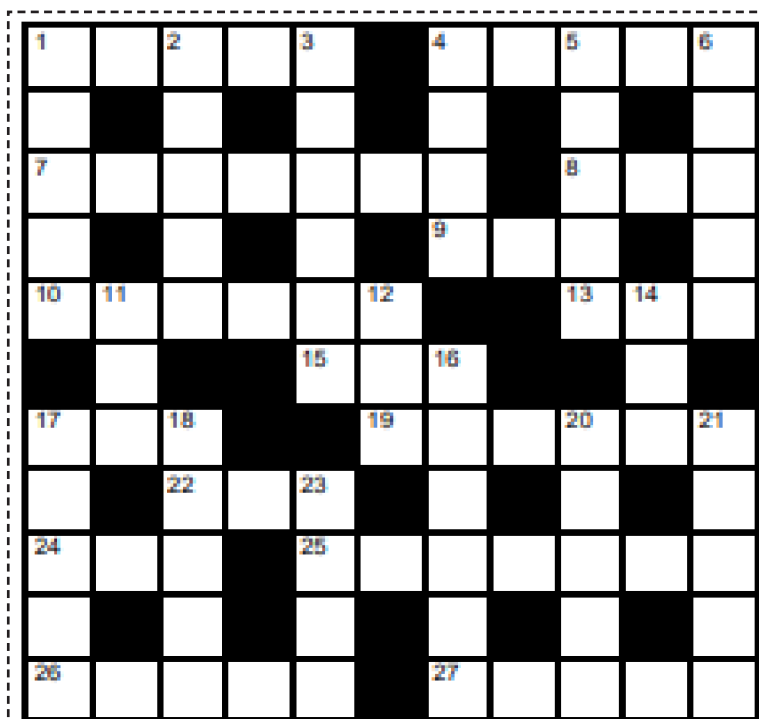
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Distinctive spirit of a culture (5)
4. Large string instrument played with a bow (5)
7. Popular species of coffee plant (7)
8. Talk at length, typically about trivial matters (3)
9. Hawaiian flower garland (3)
10. To place in a grave or tomb (6)
13. Sound made by a crow (3)
15. Second person pronoun (3)
17. Grain used for making bread and whiskey (3)
19. Chronic respiratory condition often triggered by allergens (6)
22. Curve or part of a circle's circumference (3)
24. Lively dance or tune, often of Irish origin (3)
25. Bus or a book containing reprints from multiple sources (7)
26. Robust and capable of enduring difficult conditions (5)
27. Herb often used in cooking (5)

Down

1. Remove writing or marks (5)
2. Organ that pumps blood (5)
3. Shake or sway the body (6)
4. Black or dark brown combustible mineral made from fossilized plants (4)
5. Reasoned and reasonable judgement (5)
6. U-shaped bend in a river (5)
11. Formal term for 'no' (3)
12. Large snake or a type of scarf (3)
14. Direct towards a target (3)
16. Early internet discussion system (6)
17. Indian king or prince (5)
18. Keen or enthusiastic (5)
20. Informal turn for husband (5)
21. Passageway between rows of seats (5)
23. Small burrowing mammal, also known as a rabbit (4)

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