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ACR Church Gate Collection



The Aghabullogue Coachford Rylane Community Council will hold their annual Church Gate Collection On Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd outside the three churches in the parish. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Changing of the Guard

Coachford Garda, Florrie



McCarthy has decided to retire after serving as local Garda in Coachford for over 28 years. We would like to wish him the very best for the future. Flor's replacement is **Garda Paul Cullen** who comes to Coachford Station from Bandon. We hope that he won't be too busy and that he'll find Coachford a welcoming and law abiding community.

Local Foróige Raise Thousands for the Homeless



Coachford Foróige would like to confirm the total sponsorship raised from the 'Sleep Out' on 24th Feb is an amazing **€3,055** for the Cork Simon Community. The Foróige members presented Kerry McMahon from Cork Simon with the cheque on Wednesday night at their weekly meeting. The chairman, Brian Dineen said "While the money is of huge importance we also gained a great insight into what homeless people have to go through. We only had to endure it for one night and could go home to our warm and dry beds afterwards, homeless people don't have that luxury." In accepting the cheque, 'Cork Simon' representative Kerry McMahon said "We are very thankful for this money and it is great to see young people becoming aware of the difficulties that homeless people face in our modern world. This money will be used in our outreach programme and our mental health work with the homeless people in Cork City." The Foróige Members who braved the elements for this very good cause are extremely proud of their achievement which gave them a new understanding of what homeless people endure. Foróige's ethos is to Empower Youth and Enrich Communities and Coachford Foróige hope to undertake more projects like this one in the coming year. The group would like to thank everyone for their continuing support.



Coachford National School Parents Association are holding a Table Quiz On **Friday April 7th** in O'Callaghan's Bar Coachford.

Tables of four are only **€20** (that is great value, well done Coachford PA) and the questions are not going to be that hard.

It's a great cause, a great night out and a great way for a gang of four to get together.

St. Patricks Music: O'Riordans Bar are laying on a feast of music for the St. Patricks Day Weekend. The Hillbillies will rock the venue on St. Patrick's night with their unique blend of traditional ballads and modern music and Saturday night the wonderful 'Jive Kings' return to the Coachford venue to offer their fantastic blend of jive, jazz and rock. All gigs are free of charge and kick off each night at 10pm.



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Update on Sewage System

Irish Water have responded to queries from the ACR Community Council and Andreas Moynihan TD to outline the current situation around the upgrading of the Coachford village's Sewage Scheme

"Coachford Sewerage Scheme is listed on Irish Waters 2017 – 2021 Capital Investment Plan.

The scope of works is now known for the scheme and the detailed design stage has commenced for the project. Site investigation works are planned over the next few months at the existing septic tank site and the collection network in the village. The information gathered from these works will inform the detailed design for the scheme and allow for the procurement phase to commence this year. Discussions are ongoing with all landowners affected by the proposed works. Irish Water are targeting 2018 to commence the construction stage. "

The sub Committee of the Community Council are hopeful that Irish Water will progress the plans as quickly as possible and keep to the above schedule..

Rylane Fun Run

The Rylane Community Park Association will host a Four Mile Fun Run and Community Walk on Sunday March 19th at 2pm. Registration takes place in Rylane National School from 12.30pm. Entry is only €10 for adults and €5 for over 12s.

Twinkled Toed Teachers and Students

The Coachford College Great Dance Off which took place last weekend was tremendous. The five or six transition Year students that organised it should be very proud of themselves as they put on a terrific show. The teachers joined in to make it a whole School event. Well done to Miss Hourihan who did an excellent job as MC. The three judges were great fun and provided all the contestants with uplifting comments but keeping some of their harshest and fun comments for the male teachers. The stars of the night were the dancers and they provided some great entertainment. It was plain to see that all of the competitors had put a huge effort in preparing their routines for the Marymount Hospice fundraiser and they were terrific. The dancers jived, waltzed and Salsaed their way across the floor of the colleges PE hall as they wowed the audience with their glittering array of steps, lifts, flips and slides. The dancers and their coaches put huge thought into the choice of dance and the choice of costume, many of which had to be seen to be believed!

The music acts which were interspersed throughout the show were great and were another vehicle for displaying the huge amount of talent that is resident in Coachford College. Well done to the school, the students and teachers for raising what should be a very welcome amount of money for Marymount Hospice. A special congratulations to those males who donned dresses for the





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Hope For Ava

Local communities turned out in force to show their support for Vera Twomey as she battles to try and get Medicinal Cannabis made a legal medicine in Ireland so that she can then obtain it for her daughter Ava who suffers from Dravets Syndrome, an extremely rare drug resistant epilepsy. Ava has hundreds of seizures daily and frequently spends long periods in hospital. All of the many drugs have been tried and failed to treat her seizures but medicinal cannabis has been shown to be successful. Vera Twomey spent a week walking to Dublin to try and get the Minister For Health to work towards making medicinal cannabis legal. To show their support for Ava and her parents, Vera and Paul, hundreds of people gathered in Ballincollig, Macroom, **Coachford, Dripsey, Rylane** and Ava's home village of **Aghabullogue**. Children made posters and adults made speeches pleading for people to support Ava and asking the minister to address the situation urgently. Another protest is planned for March 29th in Dublin. If you are interested in travelling to show your support, Contact Louise in the local Community Playgroup.



The World is coming to the river— Again!

The World Youth Angling Championships are coming to Coachford and the Inniscarra Lake. This is going to be a bigger and better event than the World Feeder Championships back in 2014. The organisers, the NCCFI in association with **Inniscarra Lake Tourism Development Limited** need help to run this huge event. A public meeting is being held in the **GAA complex next Thursday night, March 24th at 8pm**. While many of us benefit from walking on the Greenway, one of the main reasons for installing it and maintaining it are for events like this. If you can help out in any way for this huge event in August then try and get to the meeting on Thursday.



National Coarse Fishing
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PUBLIC MEETING

Venue: Coachford GAA Complex.
Date: Thursday 23rd March 2017
Time: 20.00hrs



WYAC from 8th to 13th August 2017

It is a great honour for the NCCFI in association with Inniscarra Lake Tourism Development Limited to host the World Youth Angling Championships on Inniscarra Lake, Coachford, Co Cork in August.

This is the largest and most prestigious World Championships and is a vote of confidence in the fishing, the supportive local community and in this Federation.

All are welcome to attend this Public Meeting as we are seeking the support and help from the local community so we can host this event and run it to the very high standard set at the Feeder Championships in 2014.

This is yet another great opportunity to showcase to our visitors what we have on offer in this part of Cork, so all help received will be very much appreciated.

Official website for the event www.nccfi.ie/wyac

Der Casey, NCCFI Chairman



Irish Sport HQ, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, Ireland.



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County Camogie Champions



Coachford College Senior Camogie team defeated Charleville in the Cork County Senior Final recently. This was a great victory by the girls as Charleville has a strong tradition of winning this title but Coachford played a terrific game in dreadful conditions.

County Finalists

Well done Aghabullogue Camogie Club dancers in qualifying for the Scor na Páisti County Final in Set Dancing and Figure Dancing competitions which takes place on March 25th.



Coachford College competed in the inter-school's show jumping competition on 5th March, coming 7th overall and just missing out on prizes. Well done to all students involved and to Ms. Murphy who coordinated the school teams.



Coachford College in Semi Final

The Coachford College Senior Footballers will travel to Tulla in Co. Clare on Saturday to take on Co. Mayo side, Ballinrobe Community School in the All Ireland Semi Final of the Paddy Drummond Cup. The boys have been waiting and preparing for this game for six weeks having defeated Mitchelstown in the Munster Final on February 4th. We wish them the best of luck

Darts team hits the Bulls Eye

O'Callaghans Bar Coachford darts team is flying high at the moment after beating the Abbey Hotel team in their latest A League encounter however their neighbours O'Riordan's Bar suffered a humiliating 14-0 defeat to the Top of Coom bar in their two legged match recently. Star player for the O'Callaghan's team, Ger Carey was in fine form as he recounted how well his team is performing at the moment. " we have a great blend of youth and experience in our team and we are looking forward to the next few matches".

Aghabullogue GAA scooped the €5,800 Jackpot in the Coachford AFC Lotto recently. Pictured here are Mick Healy and Denis Ring from the GAA club collecting the cheque from Liam Casey and Peter O Riordan (centre). The Soccer Lotto now stands at €1,600

