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They're Coming The 4th World Feeder Fishing Championships, 19th and 20th July 2014.

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Lotto Jackpot on the rise



The Coachford AFC Lotto is on the rise and now stands at a very tidy sum of €2,200. Tickets can be purchased for the next draw in the shops and pubs in the village and are only €2 each. The funds raised from the lotto go to the grounds development at Coachford AFC. Next week's draw will take place in Hogan's bar on Monday night.

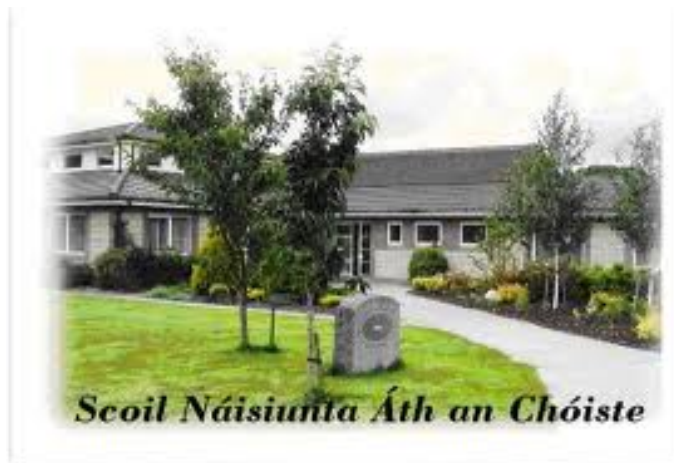
Aghabullogue Camogie Club

The Aghabullogue Camogie club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Saturday February 1st at 7.00pm. The club had a very successful year in 2013 with many of their underage teams winning titles. The committee are looking for parents of the underage teams to get involved in the club in 2014 and are anxious to see as many of them as possible attend the AGM. The meeting is open to everyone and all are welcome.

Roll Call for Award Winning National School

Coachford National School is holding its annual open day on Wednesday January 29th. This is a great opportunity for parents of young children in the mid Cork area to see this fantastic facility in action. Coachford National School is one of the success stories of recent years and continues to be one of the best primary schools in Cork. The school has a long tradition of educational excellence and it provides a broad and balanced curriculum. A Whole School Evaluation conducted in 2013 by Inspectors from the Department of Education and Science commended the high standard of teaching and learning at the school.

Coachford NS is the largest of three schools in the parish of Aghabullogue. There are seven teachers at the school and it also has two special needs assistants, a secretary and a caretaker. There are also two visiting teachers who take Speech and Drama and Gymnastics lessons during the school day.



The School opens each day at 9.00am and is adjacent to Coachford Community College. The primary school enjoys a very good relationship with the second level school interacting with the community college throughout the year. Starting time for both schools is 9.00am which means that parents have one 'drop off' time. The addition of After School clubs in Coachford NS enables parents to have one collection time if they wish.

Coachford National School has won numerous awards over the last few years including an award at the recent Young Scientist of the Year exhibition in Dublin. The School has been awarded three Green flags for work on environment education and in 2013 were awarded an Active School flag for developing a programme to combat childhood obesity and promote physical fitness among the pupils. The school, which was built in 1995 has six large classrooms, all of them equipped with interactive whiteboards. The children of Coachford NS have been involved with the Discover Primary Science since 2007 and have achieved the Science and Maths Excellence Award on five occasions. It's not all work at the school however, the pupils also excel on the playing fields and on stage. The school has won Sciath na Scoil trophies in football and hurling and will perform two choral pieces in Feis Maitiú this term.

In 2013 the school started a new after-school clubs initiative. These clubs which include Homework club, Art club and Folk Music club have proved very popular with pupils and parents. The clubs currently run after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The school is a vibrant place full of happy children and enthusiastic teachers and well worth a visit on **Wednesday January 29th from 9.30am to 11.00am**. For more information contact the school on 021 7334 542 or e-mail coachfordns@eircom.net



Coachford Scientists are recognised

Congratulations and well done to the Coachford National School 6th class who were awarded 3rd place in the National Primary Schools Science Fair as part of the Young Scientists Exhibition in Dublin recently. The project on Allergies was very well received by the judges and the young students were commended for their hard work and attention to detail.



The Christmas lights have been packed away until next year and the committee would like to thank all those involved in the putting up and taking down of the tree and the lights. The committee would like to thank, Willie Barrett, Con Murphy, John O' Sullivan and Eugene Hayes for the transport and installation of the beautiful tree. We would like to thank our friends in the Dripsey Community Association for sourcing and felling of the tree and Tim McCarthy of lower Dripsey for his very kind donation of the tree. Last Saturday, December 7th the lights in the village were installed and so many people helped out in this day long task. We would like to thank Barry O' Riordan, Ted Long, Tom Tarrant, Adrian Martin, Ger Carey, Dan O'Connell, John Joe and Darren Dennehy for their talents, time and support in putting all the lights on the tree and all over the village. We would like to thank the business people who allowed us to put up the lights at their premises, and run them from their power supply. Thanks to Fr. Peadar Murphy, Fr. Mallon, Ann Creagh and Michael O'Riordan for the support and help with the Christmas tree at the church. Special thanks to Eileen Martin and Patrick O'Callaghan of O'Callaghan's Bar who were hugely supportive of everything we did and got behind the installation of the tree, the market and the whole idea of Christmas lights. We could not have done it without them. We would like to thank the people who allowed lights to go on their homes, especially Shelia and Gerard Sheehan and to the Cooney family who are helping to light up the Millennium Park. Thanks to Pauline Cooney, Trish McCullagh, Wally McNamara, Michelle Cooney, O'Donovan Engineering, Judy Greene, the management of the Community House, Aoife Donovan and the Children's Choir for the Christmas market. Finally, thanks to the Broomhill Vintage club for donating €500 to the purchase of new lights and to everyone who donated money in the collection boxes around the village and those who supported our table quiz. Thanks to everyone who helped and apologies if we have forgotten anyone.

St. Olan's Brownies

On Monday 16th December St Olan's Brownies gathered in Griffins Garden Centre. There was a busy night ahead for both Leaders and Brownies. Following a visit to Santa 18 Brownies and 7 Leaders were Enrolled. The Brownies had no problem remembering their Promise but the Leaders were a bit more nervous and needed a few hints! Hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all before Margaret Griffin and the Brownies decorated tory tops.

St. Olan's brownies can be contacted at: stolansbrownies@gmail.com



Aghinagh Comhaltas

Proceeds from the sale of the 2014 Calendars featuring paintings by local artists and sponsored by Aghinagh Comhaltas will be presented to Marymount Hospice by Aghinagh Comhaltas next Friday night, January 31st in Breathnachs Bar Coachford. A session will follow the presentation and everyone is invited. The Comhaltas played to a

very appreciative audience in Blarney Nursing Home before Christmas and the residents really enjoyed the singing and playing of the local group.

Heritage

The Heritage Committee had a very busy 2013. Activities included:

- A cleanup (assisted by locals) at Kilcolman Graveyard during the Spring of 2013.
- A talk at Aughariddera Bridge (Rockgrove) by Doug Lucey in June 2013, this being the site of the 'Battle of Mullinhassig' n 1580.
- Surveying Magourney and Christchurch Graveyards in Coachford during July 2013, with professionals from Eachtra Archaeological Projects. The results were posted to the Historic Graves Website, forming an invaluable genealogical resource for those wishing to research local roots. It is hoped to survey our other historic graveyards, Kilcolman and Aghabullogue, during 2014. The results can be viewed at:
<http://historicgraves.com/graveyard/magourney/co-mory>
<http://historicgraves.com/graveyard/christchurch/co-ccc>
- A talk by Anthony Greene at both Magourney & Christchurch Graveyards in August 2013 to coincide with Heritage Week. A prior cleanup also took place at Christchurch Graveyard.

ACR Heritage also now has a website, which continues to be updated, and contains details such as News & Events, Maps & Places, Historic Graves and Local History. The address is www.acrheritage.info



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Community Council

The Community Council will hold its annual inter village Table Quiz on Saturday February 22nd in Aghabullogue, Coachford and Rylane.

The **Village Design Statements** for each village in the parish are now complete and will be presented to the community during the coming weeks. The Village Design Statements give a blueprint for the future development of our villages.

Coachford Tidy Towns.

The Tidy Town committee are busy preparing their plan for the village for 2014. The group plan on enhancing the entrances to the village from all sides and to improve the look of the old Public Toilets site.



Coachford Players in rehearsals

The Coachford Players are currently in rehearsals for a full length comedy for March. The Play, 'Panic Stations' by Derek Benfield will be performed by the group in late March.

Community House

The exterior of the Community House was repainted in 2013, adding to the recently enhanced appearance of Coachford Village. Rooms on the ground floor continue to be available for rental, at a reasonable cost, and please contact a member of the Community House Management Committee (or the Community Council can provide contact details if needed).



Foróige starts in Coachford

Over 40 young people have started their own Foróige club in Coachford. The group meet every Wednesday night in the GAA complex from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. At the groups first meeting they decided on the rules of their club and what they wanted to get involved in over the coming months. The teenagers are supported by eight leaders at present with more being trained over the next few weeks. Foróige is the leading and most successful youth organisation in Ireland.



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14 countries, 84 competitors, 2 days, 1 river bank, and hundreds of participants and followers. The World Championships are coming to Coachford.

Already accommodation along the Lee Valley is being booked with many local guest houses and hotels fully booked for the event.

Competitions along the river in April and May have taken on added importance with many of the countries sending over team members to check out the venue in advance of the world championships and many more English and Irish fishermen coming just to fish the new world championship course.

Training days for the teams will begin on Monday July 14th and will continue all week. The opening ceremony of the Championships is scheduled for Coachford Village on Friday, July 18th. The GAA hall will be the Headquarters for the world Championships and the home of the International Organising Committee for the duration of the event. The confirmed teams for the competition are ; Italy, South Africa, Hungary, Austria, England, The Netherlands, Germany, Russia, Belarus, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden, Denmark and Ireland.

Make no mistake this will be the biggest event ever to take place on the river since they flooded it.

The building of the walkway to facilitate the championships is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks and should take three to four months to complete. We hope everything goes well for the organising committee and that Coachford will be able to welcome our international visitors into the area and into the village.. The River Lee has always been underdeveloped as a tourist facility. These world championships and this development may well be our opportunity to change that and to plan for the future. Who knows, Coarse Fishing may do for Coachford what a rock at the top of a castle did for Blarney.



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Soccer

This weekend the under 12s travel to Middleton to

take on the town side in the Local Cup at 10.30am on Sunday. Also on Sunday the Under 16s and under 14s are also playing in the Local Cup competition. The under 16s entertain Evergreen at 10.30am in Carrigadrohid and the under 14s play Mayfield United at the same venue at 12.15pm. In junior soccer The Coachford second team play Richmond away in the County Cup on Saturday at 2.00pm. The premier team travel to Murphy's Farm to play Kilreen in the league also on Saturday at the same time. The premier team are top of the table at the moment but are only two points clear of the chasing pack and have played three more games than the two teams immediately below them. The B team are third in their league and look to be having a much better season at this early stage than they have enjoyed in previous seasons..

Under 21 football

Aghabullogue Under 21 footballers are due to play Blarney in the first game of this championship on Saturday, February 8th at 3.00pm. The lads have been training hard and we wish them the very best of luck .

Intermediate Football

The Intermediate footballers start their league campaign on Sunday February 9th when they entertain Rockchapel in Coachford.

Underage Medal Presentation

Cork Footballers, Rena Buckley and John Corkery were guest of honours at the Aghabullogue Camogie club and GAA medal presentations last Saturday evening. Both players spoke to the young camogie winners and footballers and stressed to them the importance of training and listening to their coaches. The under 13 footballers were the only side to bring honours to the GAA club in 2013 winning the East Region League title. The underage camogie players had a

very successful year winning titles in under 12, 13, 14 and 15 age groups. A very large crowd made up of the players families and friends were in attendance and were treated to an excellent meal prepared by the camogie club members.

