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7,000 reasons to do the Coachford AFC Lotto.

Coachford AFC are willing to give €7,000 to the person who matches the three numbers drawn in the lotto next Monday night.



Tickets for the lotto can be purchased all over the village and are excellent value at just €2 each. The lotto is run by the club to fund the day to day running and the development of the two pitches and the other club facilities at the glebe. The numbers drawn this week were 11, 21, 32. The Lucky dip winners were Eileen Milner(€40), Lisa Murphy, Nan O Sullivan, The Crowley Girls, and Pods, (€20) each Next week's draw will be held in Hogan's Bar.

New Life for the Village

Congratulations to Noel and Vikki Looney on the birth of their son, Harry and to Derry Donovan and Aislinn Sexton on the birth of their daughter Hannah Irene. Enjoy the sleepless nights and early feeds!



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Imelda O'Shea and Martin Coughlan who got married recently. The couple enjoyed a beautiful day surrounded



by their family, friends and neighbours. The wedding party enjoyed a wonderful day and night at the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

Coachford — Coming to a screen near you!

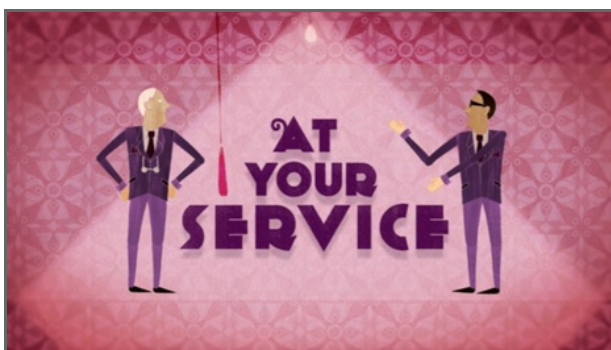
RTE hosts More Dancers from Coachford

A group of dancers from Coachford will take part in the TG4's Television series 'An Jig Gig'. The girls, Laura Corkery, Julie Tarrant, Caoimhe O'Connell, Aoife Twomey, Oonagh Tarrant, Maeve Ring, Sarah Byrne and Julie Crowley. auditioned for the show in April with hundreds of others and were picked to go through to the television shows. The winners



of the series will be crowned *TG4's Best Traditional Irish Dance Act*. This Irish dance competition sees dancers of different ages, styles and organisations battling it out head to head on the same stage. All forms of Irish dancing are eligible for the series, from step dancing to brush dancing, from Sean-nós dancing to set dancers. This is the ultimate free-for-all Irish dance competition and a celebration of all the Irish dancing traditions. The Coachford group who are from the O'Sullivan School of Dancing will travel to the RTE studios in Dublin next week to take part in the show which will be aired in Autumn. This is the second group of dancers from the village to compete in a TG4 show. Earlier in 2013 another group of Irish dancers qualified for the finals of Scór Encore.

Coachford 'At Your Service'



business on Main Street Coachford The village was a buzz with excitement on Monday when the television crew and the celebrities spent most of the day filming in and around the premises. Mary and Colm Cronin's supermarket and bar business is located on the ground floor of the once famous Burke's Hotel. The hotel was a very welcome stop over by many visitors on their way from Kilarney to Cork and Mallow to Bandon as they crossed the county by horseback and coach in years gone by.

The series is expected to be aired later this year or early in 2014.

The new edition of the RTE TV series "At Your Service" will feature a visit by the Brennan Brothers of the Park Hotel, Kenmare to Coachford and to Breathnachs Bar in particular. The series' hosts, Francis and John Brennan visited Coachford last Monday to film with the owner of Breathnach's Bar and Gala Supermarket, Mary Cronin. The programme will look at developing and growing the





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The Coachford Classic

Coachford Cycling Club is hosting their first race on Sunday May 26th... All are welcome!



The race consists of 15km circuit laps. Coachford-Carrigadrohid-Killanardish-Larch Hill cross-Rooves Bridge-Coachford. Parking and changing facilities will be provided at Coachford GAA complex. Registration begins at 10.00am. For further information contact any member of the cycling club. **Motorists please be considerate to cyclists and be aware of them during the race.**

On your Bike!

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary O'



Connell, Lyons Terrace who won the Chopper Bicycle in the recent GALA super-market promotion. Rumour has it that she is now in training for the 'Coachford Classic' cycle race next weekend. Pictured above is Mary with her grandson Robbie O'Donovan.

GAA President to visit Aghabullogue

President of the GAA, Mr. Liam O'Neil will pay a visit to the children of Aghabullogue National School at 1pm on Tuesday May 28th. He will also pay a visit to the 1890 memorial as part of his trip to the area.

The R619—A neglected Road

The Community Council has written to the Area Engineer and local County Councillors to outline their concerns over the condition of the Coachford to Peake road. This road is one of the main arteries between the north and South of the county.



Considerable work has been done on this route around Donoughmore, Bweeing and Dromahane during the last ten years but the section that needs most work, the Peake to Coachford road continues to be ignored. The community Council is seeking to find out what the Cork County Council's plans are for improving the surface and realigning of this road and why has this road been continually neglected? The Community council are concerned that this road continues to be a safety issue for pedestrians and other road users. Articulated lorries, Heavy Goods Vehicles, School Buses, Agricultural machinery and many other vehicles used this road on a daily basis. This road is totally unsuitable in its current condition for these vehicles. It is expected that with the new Bandon Road and Sarsfield Road flyovers in the city being opened in July that a lot more vehicles will use the Coachford to Farran road to access the new faster link road. A lot of this increased traffic will be coming from the Northern side of Mid Cork and will be forced to use the Donoughmore to Coachford route. The most dangerous part of this route is the section between Peake and Coachford.

The Cork County Council plan to resurface the road running through the village this year and start work on the repairing of the footpath from Dairygold to O'Callaghan's Bar but there are no plans to begin the long overdue work on the R619.

Summer Sporting Camps in Coachford



The summer is here and so are the GAA and Soccer camps. Coachford is hosting the Cúl Camps in the GAA grounds from July 8th to 12th. The cost of the GAA camp is €55 (plus online booking fee) per child. The Soccer Camp takes place in the Coachford AFC grounds from August 12th to 16th and the cost is €65. Both camps offer discounts for 2nd and 3rd children from the same family. Prices also include

free kits. The soccer camp participants will also receive a backpack and a football. Kelloggs are sponsors of the GAA Cúl camps and have special promotional packs where you can get €5 discount. These promotional packs are in all the grocery shops in the village. Early online bookers for the FAI soccer camp also get a free adult and child's ticket to a senior international game at the Aviva Stadium. All we need now is good weather! For further information and to book a place for your child log on to <http://www.summersoccerschools.ie/> and <http://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>





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Post office offers many services

Coachford Post Office is not just a place for buying stamps. The new management have invested in technology so their customers can avail of a superb Scanning, Photocopying and printing facility using hard copies or from your USB key. The Post office also carries a huge range of cards at very reasonable prices. You can pay most of your bills at the post office, save and invest, order your passport and do so much more. Why not drop in and Liz and her team will offer you an excellent confidential and professional service.



Make yourself even more beautiful

Stylz Beauty Rooms are running a fabulous waxing special offer for the Month of May. Enjoy a Half leg, any bikini line of your choice, and underarm for the amazing price of only 20 euro. Let's get ready for the summer!!!!!!

Influx of visitors for May

The month of May is a great month on the river for angling.



A huge number of anglers from the UK have been coming here to enjoy the excellent fishing on the river and to take part in the various fishing cups sponsored by O'Callaghans Bar, Hogans Bar and Kathleen's Shop. This influx of visitors is a great boost for the shops, B&Bs, Hotels and Pubs in the area. In the last couple of years the area has seen more people providing other services for the fishermen such as live bait and boats. The superb Lee Valley Harbour in Carrigrohid is a wonderful addition to the area and shows how development along the river can provide jobs and growth for Coachford and Mid Cork

Cork Villages litter Challenge

The Cork County Council Litter challenge for 2013 has begun and the Coachford Tidy Towns committee are appealing to everyone to make an extra effort to keep the village tidy and to avoid littering. The committee are hoping to improve the score that the village attained in 2012 and have asked the businesses to continue the excellent work they are doing outside their premises. Coachford is a very large village with many business and other factors which lead to an increase on the amount of litter deposited in the area on an hourly basis not to mention a daily and weekly one. Not many villages have the same amount of shops, public houses, fast food restaurants and schools and while all these business's are very welcome they can certainly add to the level that people litter our village. The people who are working very hard to maintain the cleanliness and appearance of our village need help during this judging period and are asking people to give just one hour of their time every fortnight during the summer months. If you would like to volunteer you can contact the Tidy Towns group by email tidycoachford@gmail.com

The first judging period is from May 13th to 22nd



Coachford Autumn Festival

A 4 mile run, a Major Gathering, a Bonny Baby, Glamorous Granny and a yummy Mummy competition, Funfair, Bachelor of the Festival, Tim O' Riordan (Natural Gas) in Concert, Dog Show, High Nelly Run, Photography competition, Children's sports, Vintage show and Agrilympics are just some of the events confirmed for the fourth Coachford Autumn Festival to be held on August 16th, 17th and 18th. The organisers are working on making sure that there will be something at the festival that will suit all ages and all

interests. There is huge interest already in the Bachelor competition and many of the ladies in the area are looking forward to seeing these fine available men dressed up in their tuxedos. Some Festival Events will be sponsored and if anyone would like to sponsor a specific event you can contact the Festival Secretary on 086 8030086. All owners of Fordson Majors are invited to attend the festival for a MAJOR Gathering. These iconic tractors were produced in the USA, Cork and Dagenham.



Coachford online

A new website for Coachford is now up and running. Please log on to www.coachfordnews.wordpress.com to view the latest news and information. We hope that the website will be used to advertise upcoming events in and around the village and provide useful information to residents and visitors and to our family and friends overseas.



Dates For your Diary

May 25th - First Holy Communion

June 1st –3rd—**SNOTTFFEST** Weekend, Craic Music and much more in O'Riordans Bar

June 7th—Aghinagh Comhaltas monthly music session in Breathnachs Bar

June 15th—Farmers Market

June 22nd— GIY Composting Workshop

June 26th—GIY Foraging Workshop

August 17th & 18th—Coachford Autumn Festival.

Under 15s play off for title.

Killanardrish/Coachford AFC under 15s enjoyed a superb win over neighbours Lakewood last weekend on a score line of 5-1 to end the season on the top of the table on equal points with Carrigwohill. This result ensured that both teams must now play off for the title of Division 4 champions. Team manager Seamus Murphy said "We are thrilled to be in this position after 16 very tough encounters. The lads played brilliantly all year." The final is expected to be played within the next ten days.



Footballers Advance

Aghabullogue Footballers defeated Mayfield in the Intermediate Football Championship first round in a great game of football in early May. Aghabullogue were the better team on the day and their blend of youth and experience proved too much for the city side. Great performances were the order all over the team with Pa Finnegan, John Corkery and Evan O Sullivan standing out. The lads now have a break of over six weeks before their next championship game. Meanwhile the club's hurlers are busily preparing for their championship 1st round game when they play Barryroe in Brinny on June 1st at 6.00pm.

'Champions'

The Killanardrish/Coachford under 13s captured their second league title in two years by securing a 1-1 draw against Avondale. The boys only needed a single point from their two remaining games. The first of these saw them face a very strong side in the Blackrock based team who themselves were playing for promotion. After a very tense and close first 30 minutes both teams had failed to break the deadlock. In the second half Avondale exerted a tremendous amount of pressure on the superb Coachford defense and eventually opened their account with a goal from a beautiful shot from the edge of the box. Coachford responded immediately and came close to equalizing on three occasions before finally finding the back of the net with a superb



strike from Luke Casey ten minutes from time. Both sides tried in vain to find a winner in the remaining minutes and when the final whistle blew the Coachford side had secured the point needed to be crowned league winners. Celebrations began with parents and friends spilling onto the pitch to celebrate with the players and coaches. The team manager, Paddy Martin said "This was a great title to win. Following on from their success in last years under 12 competition, the lads were promoted up two divisions but they have proved that they are well capable of competing at this level. A lot of the boys also play with the under 12 team and certainly coming towards the end of the season fatigue was their biggest challenge. We are looking forward to playing under 14 football in Division one next season but we need more players from the area to come and try for a place on this magnificent team". Killanardrish/Coachford players come from Coachford, Carrigadrohid, Aghabullogue, Aghinagh, Rylane and Dripsey. The winning squad were, Tadgh O'Brien Bradley, Conor Dineen, Alan O'Sullivan, Marc Dineen, Jack O Connor, John McMahon, Cathal Crowley, Josh Martin, Adam Murphy, Shan Lucey, Luke Casey, Liam Twohig, Jack Oldham, Arron Doherty, Jack Murphy and Johnny Byrne.



County Cup for Coachford College

Well done to the Coachford College under 14½ hurlers who captured the county title on Friday by defeating Kinsale College on a score line of 2-20 to 2-07

Féile Girls unlucky at final

The Aghabullogue under 14 Féile Camogie team lost by one point in the Cork County Final on Thursday night. The girls battled hard and were ahead at half time but their opponents, Ballygarvan equalized in the closing moments and secured the winning point with the last puck of the game. The girls had a great campaign and should be very proud of their achievements.