



## Thank You



The welcoming Committee for the World Championships would like to thank all those who turned up and took part in the walk. It was a great success and a great atmosphere was enjoyed by all who took part.

Thanks to all those who sponsored the event.

Special thanks to Dan Joe and Denis Finnegan for the use of the field.

A huge debt of gratitude to the Inniscarra Lake Tourism Development Company Ltd for putting this wonderful amenity on our doorstep and for the huge amount of work they put into this over the last three years. Thanks also to Matt Martin for the signs and to the Welcoming Committee who organised the walk.

Thanks to all the volunteers for joining us today and yesterday in getting the place ready. Over €1,200 was raised and this goes towards making the village more

## Coachford welcomes visitors from all over the world.

The World Feeder Fishing Championships will take place on the River Lee at Nadrid Coachford on July 19th and 20th. The new Greenway will be the main venue for most of the teams and spectators are invited to view the fisherman in action. 25 countries are taking part in the competition and hotels, B&Bs and private accommodation are booked out all around the area. The welcoming committee for the championships has been busy decorating the village with bunting and the flags of the participating countries. O'Donovan Engineering have put in a huge amount of time and effort in erecting 25 flags and flagpoles on Rooves Bridge representing the participating countries. The shops are stocked up and the Public Houses in the village have music lined up for the weekend of the competition. O'Riordan's Bar and O'Callaghan's Bar will be serving breakfast each morning throughout the competition. O' Riordan's will host a BBQ on Wednesday with live music throughout the week. Breathnachs Bar also have live music and O'Callaghan's Bar are offering a full carvery lunch each day during the competition. Dripsey is also involved in the championships with some of the teams competing near Griffins Garden Centre. The Dripsey Community Association have decorated the village and the bridge with some beautiful hanging baskets, planters and boats with the help and support of Griffins Garden Centre.



The Chairperson of the Community Council and Welcoming Committee, Deirdre O'Donovan said, "we are delighted that the World Championships are coming to the village, It's a huge boost for the area and is giving everyone a sense of pride in our village, the river and the Lee valley. We are asking everyone to make the visitors from the 25 countries feel very welcome and offer them a Cead Míle Fáilte. We hope the championships are a great success for the organisers and that we see many more events like this on the river. These international competitions are very welcome to the economy of the village and we are looking forward to many more similar events in the coming years. I would like to pay special tribute to Tommy Lawton of the NCCFI for helping to bring this world event to Coachford and to the Inniscarra Lake Tourism Development Committee for developing the venue. Excitement around Coachford, Dripsey and all along the river is great to see and already the influx of the participating countries is having a positive impact on the community."



The Coachford Tidy Towns are busy making sure the approach roads to the village are Litter Free and have collected bags and bags of bottles, cans and disposable coffee cups which have surfaced following the recent hedge trimming. The group have also been cleaning the local Mullinhassig Waterfall area to ensure it is tidy if any of the visiting tourists decide to explore the local beauty spot. Flowers have been planted and new featured planters are almost completed. Walls have been power washed and repainted and the village is looking fabulous. Cork County Council have been making sure that potholes are filled and have embarked on a major clean up of the Rooves Bridge area. The ESB who are one of the major sponsors of the event have been ensuring the venue is in perfect order, the water is good and that the river is full of fish!

On Thursday July 17th, the official opening of the World Championship takes place in Coachford. The 25 teams, Ireland, Italy, South Africa, Hungary, Austria, England, Netherlands, Germany, Russia, Belarus, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden, France, Belgium, Spain, Czech Republic, Serbia, Portugal, Denmark, Romania, Moldova, Lithuania, Ukraine and Kazakhstan will gather at the square in the evening and there will be a parade of nations through the village to the GAA complex where the official opening will take place. Unfortunately due to the capacity of the GAA Hall and the number of teams and their support crews entry to the Official opening has to be limited. However everyone is welcome to come along to the 'Parade of Nations' and enjoy the party atmosphere. There will be live music from the Ballyneary Pipe Band, Face Painting, Balloon Modeler, Sweets and fun to be enjoyed. Children are asked to come along in their favourite jersey to add some color to the event. The Championships will start at 7.00am on Saturday morning and will finish each day at around 4pm. The Closing Ceremony and awarding of medals takes place again in Coachford on Sunday July 20th in the GAA complex.



welcoming for the world championships The walk is open to everyone so go and enjoy it.



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## O'Callaghan's Bar & Guest House

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*"Easy to find, hard to leave"*

A visit to us is a must during  
the Fishing Championship!



Full Carvery lunches & a la Carte Menu by our  
Bistro Chefs being served all day 12-10pm

Breakfast 6.00am - 12.00pm

(During World Feeder Championships week)

- Beer Garden • Smoking Area • Private Parking
- Drying & Bait Room • All groups catered for

Contact Eileen or Patrick at  
info@fishing-ireland.com

*Best of luck to all taking part!*



## A New Service for the Coachford area

April Bergin  
is a trained Counsellor/ Psycho-  
therapist with a  
BSc Counselling & Psychotherapy  
and a BA in Psychology.

April is offering counselling in a  
number of areas

"If you are experiencing issues  
with stress, anxiety, depression, or  
bereavement, and would like to  
talk to someone, contact me at **087  
968 4940** to set up an appoint-  
ment. I offer a free initial 30 min-  
ute consultation".

For more information see April's  
website on [www.aprilbergin.com](http://www.aprilbergin.com)



## Recycling Success

Coachford Tidy Towns would like to thank every-  
one who brought their old and unused electrical  
items to the WEEE Recycling day in Coachford  
last Saturday. There were hundreds of items  
brought to the event and another articulated lorry had to be brought in to cope with the  
number of fridges, computers, televisions batteries etc  
that were brought by the public for recycling.

Grainne Donovan of the Tidy Towns Committee said "we were delighted with the response from the public and every time these items are recycled though these recycle days means less of them end up in land fill or in ditches. It is vital for the environment that batteries and other items are disposed of properly". The organisers would like to thank Fr. Peadar Murphy, Fr. Mallon and Ann Creagh for their help and support of the event..



## Cork County Litter Challenge

The Tidy Towns bounced back from a low second round score of 74 to finish the competition with a very respectable 94 which left the village in 21st place overall and 3rd among the bigger villages. The first round score of 98 points was superb and if this was maintained Coachford would have qualified for the semi Finals. The Tidy Towns are still very committed to further improving the standing of Coachford in the challenge in 2015. Below is the scoring card for the third round from Cork County Council. Each village begins with 100 points in each round and points are deducted for each piece of litter found. Congratulations to Carrigadrohid who finished each round with full marks. This is a tremendous achievement and is well deserved as the community commitment to cleanliness is remarkable.

## Coachford Report Form Round 3

COMMENT 1	Take away Chipper: 3 cigarette ends (-0.3)
COMMENT 2	Outside the co-op a small bit of paper (-0.5) and 3 cigarette ends (-0.3)
COMMENT 3	Car park by the funeral home 4 cigarette ends (-0.4) and 1 drink bottle.
COMMENT 4	1 cigarette on the road up to the pharmacy (-0.1). 2 small papers (-1) by the church and 1 cigarette end (-0.1)
COMMENT 5	On the main street: small bits of paper (-1) and 5 cigarette ends (-0.5)

**MARKS: 94.8**

**ACR Heritage (the Heritage Committee of Aghabullogue Coachford Rylane Community Council)** presents 'Building the Lee Hydroelectric Scheme (An Audio and Visual Exhibition)'. To coincide with the 4th World Feeder Fishing Championships, which take place nearby on the River Lee next July, this Exhibition will be open at Coachford Community House from Mon. 14 July - Sun. 20 July, 2pm - 8pm daily. Exhibits include articles and photos on the works and construction of the dams, video footage, and audio recordings of interviews with those employed on the hydroelectric scheme. Admission is free and do visit this unique Exhibition, to learn about, or to remind yourself of this significant event in the recent history of the Lee Valley.







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## Festival Fever on its Way

The 2014 Coachford Autumn Festival looks like being the best one yet with over 20 events and side shows planned for the three day event from August 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The organisers, Broomhill Vintage Club have added Junior Agrilympics, Sheep Racing, 'The Voice of the Festival', Egg Throwing and Childrens Sports to this years programme. A funfair with Bumpers and other rides will be at the venue for the three days and other novel and fun side shows are also being lined up to entertain the large number

of patrons who turn up to the fastest growing festival in the county each year. "We are really excited about this year's festival. Last year was a superb event for us but instead of sitting on our laurels we decided to continue to add to and change the programme. The 5 Mile Road Run was tremendous for us in 2013 and was well organised and we are expecting an even bigger entry this year on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Sheep racing is a new event and promises to be loads of fun. Our Funfair this year is bigger and better and we picked them for the quality of the rides and the fact that they don't charge an arm and a leg for children to have a bit of fun. The High Nelly run and

the large Vintage show are great crowd pullers and offer a great opportunity to see these vehicles and bicycles at their best.

This year we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Massey 100 and Ford 1,000 series tractors and we hope that as many owners as possible of these beautiful machines turn up to show them off. We also have Bicycle Grass racing in association



with the Coachford Cycling Club, a Dog Show, open air music with Tim O'Riordan of Natural Gas and the great fun event that is the 'Agrilympics'. We are

again looking forward to witnessing the Bonny Babies, Glamorous Grannies and Yummy Mummies and added to this year's festival is a prize for the Best Dressed Lady and Gentleman. The Festival is great fun and raises a lot of money for charity and I hope that as many people from the local area turn up again this year as they did in 2013 and continue to support it." said Tadhg Murphy Chairman. This festival run by Broomhill Vintage Club has raised over €20,000 for Suicide Aware and local charities over the last four years.

### Book online to run 5 Miles

The organisers of the Festival 5 Mile Road Race have again this year made entering very easy. Ciara Murphy, organiser said "You can now book online at [www.eventmaster.ie](http://www.eventmaster.ie). Entry for the race is only €10 and all the proceeds go to Suicide Aware and local Charities.. The race follows the same route as last year and walkers are more than welcome to take part. We are also encouraging groups of four to get involved and run or walk as a team. You can be a group of friends, team mates or family or any other connection you can think of." The Coachford Five Mile Road Race begins at 7.30pm with the walkers heading off 30 minutes earlier. Registration is from 6pm at the GAA Hall.



## Programme:

**Friday** - 7.30pm— Coachford 5 Mile Road Race

**Saturday** - from 5.00pm - High Nelly Bicycle Race, Grass Racing, Junior Agrilympics (Under 12s), Tractor Build-ing, Dog Show, The Voice of the Festival,

**Sunday** - Vintage show, Sheep Racing, Model Toy Display, Agrilympics, Side Shows, Funfair, Childrens Sports, Bonny Babies, Glamorous Grannies and Yummy Mummies, Mini Digger Challenge, Guess the weight of the animal, Scrap Car Challenge, Balloon Modeler, Live music

**Funfair all Weekend**



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Stewards Meeting for those wishing to help out with the World Fishing Championships will take place in the GAA Hall next Tuesday at 9pm. Volunteer Stewards are required to help out with parking, crowd control etc.

## GAA

Well done to the Aghabullogue Under 14 footballers who have qualified for the County Final by defeating Bride Rovers in a 13 goal thriller. The final score was 7.06 to 6.06. They now play last years county finalists, Blarney in the final, date & venue tbc. There is no doubt that Blarney will be overwhelming favourites for the title in 2014 but Aghabullogue will give a good account of themselves and will certainly be well prepared and eager to win the final.

The Aghabullogue Minor Hurlers have reached the quarter final stage of the Premier 2 hurling Championship by beating a very fancied Clonakilty side in a thrilling game this week. Final Score 3.09 to 1.13

The Intermediate Footballers will meet last years County Junior Champions, Mitchelstown in the 4th round of the championship on Sunday July 27th at 4pm in Mallow.

The Intermediate Hurlers will face Ballygarvan in their 4th round game. The date, time and venue have yet to be fixed for this tie.

The Coachford Farmers Market



takes place next Saturday, July 19th in the GAA Hall. The Market will have extended hours due to the World Championships. Don't miss it.

## Wedding Bells



Aoife Donovan and her father Dermot

Congratulations to Aoife Donovan Clontead, Coachford and Joe Scanlon, Brosna, Co. Kerry who were married in St. Patrick's Church Coachford last week. Aoife and Joe celebrated their nuptials with daughter Eabha and family and a huge number of friends at Garryvoe Hotel. The wedding went long into the night and carried on again the following day in Breathnachs Coachford where Aghinagh Comhaltas provided the music and craic..

Congratulations also to Finbarr O'Flynn Carhue, Coachford who married Mairead Dwyer in Holycross Abbey, Thurles and enjoyed their reception in the New Park Hotel, Kilkenny



Mr & Mrs Finbarr O'Flynn



Mr & Mrs Joe Scanlon

Congratulations to Trisha O'Callaghan from Aghabullogue who married Stephen Murphy, Ballinagree in Aghabullogue Church and celebrated the nuptials at the Celtic Ross Hotel.



Mr & Mrs Stephen Murphy

Congratulations and best wishes also to Niall Buckley, Fergus and his bride Mairead Crowley, Newcestown who married last weekend. in Gougane Barra and had their reception in Aghadoe Heights in Killarney

## GAA Boys at Soccer World Cup

Two local lads working on different sides of the world decided to meet up in Brazil to attend some of the World Cup games. The two friends, John Hogan from Coachford who is working in Perth in Australia and Seanie Twomey from Aghabullogue who is working in Calgary in Canada attended a number of games, soaking up the atmosphere and blending in seamlessly with the Brazilians. The boys were spotted on TV at the USA versus Germany game proudly sporting their Aghabullogue GAA colours and wearing the Irish Tricolour.

