



# News from The Bog of the Foxy Woman

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## Time for candle Light- ning

Many students will begin their Junior and Leaving Certificate State Examinations in Coachford College on Tuesday. The students have been winding down last week and taking part in end of year soccer competitions, 'Selfie' days, Non uniform days and revision classes before they start days of tough exams. The Leaving Cert students will also be bidding farewell to the College after spending 5 or 6 years there. We wish them all the best of luck in their exams and for their future.



## Greenway closed

The walkway will be closed to the public from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 until further notice while essential repair and maintenance works are carried out to facilitate the upcoming World Fishing Championships. The committee regret any inconvenience this may cause to the many users of the amenity. *More on page 5*



## Six weeks to Festival

The countdown is on for this year's Coachford Family Festival. The four day event looks like it's going to be the best one ever. The hard working committee have some fantastic events lined up for the 2017 Festival. Nicola Doherty, Festival PRO said "we are so excited about what's planned for this year. The 'Lip Sync battle' sponsored By Cooney's Quik Pick' on Saturday July 15th is going to be a great night's entertainment and there are some great acts after confirming that they will be taking to the stage and we are promised some very novel acts..

Our 'MJ Kelleher Oils' 5 mile Road Race is on Thursday July 13th this year and because the Festival is on in July the race can now start at the later time of 8pm. There are loads of cash prizes for the winners and other goodies for those taking part. Sunday should see a huge collection of

Ford Vehicles to help celebrate their 100th Anniversary. There will of course be wife carrying, fun fair, children's sports, tractor building, the 'O'Donovan Engineering' huge climbing wall and loads of other stuff that we are finalizing in the next few days. The main beneficiaries from this years festival will be Marymount Hospice, CUH Children's Unit, Macroom Hospital and local charities. We are asking that all the community do their best to be part of this years festival. Get involved. Enjoy it and support it "

The Festival Committee have been working very hard this year to bring new events to the weekend and have decided to start and end the Road Race in the Village this year to give supporters an opportunity to cheer on their favourite runner. The pet dog show is going to be the biggest ever one and all breeds & Sizes are welcome to take part on Saturday 15th. 'Wife Carrying' is back this year and again you can carry anyone's wife but be careful and helmets are required! John Flynn and Michael Horan of JFMH Leisure are coming on board to run the Children's sports and if it is anything like the wonderful Summer Camps that they organise each year then it's going to be brilliant.. Chairman, Jeremiah O'Sullivan said "we have a great line up this year and we are looking forward to our 7th Festival. We have extended the event to include Festival Bingo on Tuesday 11th July in O' Riordan's Bar, We are working on an Open Air Disco for smaller Children and we have our brilliant Ladies and Men Tractor Building teams lined up for a



terrific display on the Sunday. I would like to thank all of our very generous sponsors who have come on board so far. There is no way that we could organise this family and community festival without you. We give thousands to charity each year and it would be impossible to do this without our sponsors"





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## County Mayor honours Community Businesswoman

Congratulations to Margaret Griffin of Griffin's Garden Centre who was honoured at the County Mayor's Community Awards. The annual awards are presented to people or groups who have made a positive impact on their community. Margaret was honoured for her ongoing commitment to Dripsey, her huge effort in promoting the area, believing in and employing locals, providing a venue for local events, continuing to support many charities all around the Lee Valley and beyond and of course running one of the best Garden Centres in the country.

Margaret offers advice to many community groups who are looking to plant up their areas and has recently hosted an information session for Tidy Towns groups in advance of them entering the National Competition. She has also hosted Charity coffee mornings, evening concerts and exhibitions at the Dripsey venue to help raise funds for a wide variety of charities.



## Foróige

### Drizzled with Success

Huge congratulations to Coachford Foróige member, Lizzie Harrison whose Lemon Drizzle Cake was chosen at the West Cork District Competition in Bandon to go forward to the Region Finals of the Aldi/Foroige Baking Competition.

### Foróige learn in Dublin

Coachford Foróige members enjoyed a wonderful trip to the National Citizenship Awards in the City West Convention Centre last recently. The group were displaying their project based around the Sleep Out they held in February in aid of Cork Simon. While the gang failed to pick up any of the major awards they learned a lot by looking at the other submissions from the 200 Foróige clubs from all over the country. The club also got to take part in the many activities laid on for all the teenagers on the day by the organisers. The top prize went to the Ballaghderreen Club in Co. Roscommon who did a project on welcoming the Syrian refugees into their town. Coachford Foróige has finished for the summer but is due to return again in September.



## Auction raises thousands for charity

The Christmas Charity Auction held last December in Macroom Mart has raised almost €21,000 for Crumlin Children's Hospital, Temple Children's Hospital and Marymount Hospice. Each Charity will receive €6,860 each. Jeremiah O'Sullivan, organiser of the event, said "We are absolutely delighted with the amount raised. It seemed to have really caught the imagination of the people in the area. I'd like to thank all those who helped out with donations and publicity. I'd also like to thank my colleagues in Macroom Mart. I'd especially like to thank those who came to the Auction and purchased items.



## Breathnachs Sold ?

Rumours abound around the sale of Breathnachs Bar and Shop in Coachford. Fresh rumours surfaced three weeks ago of a Tipperary businessman having purchased the building for opening it as a pub once more. This is the latest supposedly purchaser of the building which was closed down in September 2015. Everyone would welcome the reopening of this prominent premises in the village but in the absence of any real confirmation we'll have to wait and see.



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## Road Closure

After one year of a terrible road surface, hours of frustration for motorists, and countless representations to the Cork County Council and Council representatives the stretch of road between Knockanowen and the Graveyard in Coachford is going to get repaired. This road was in relatively good condition until contractors for Irish Water went about replacing some very old lead pipes in the area last year. Instead of returning the road to its previous condition they did a very shoddy job and left the road in the appalling condition which was almost un-driveable. This is no byroad. This is the main road from Coachford to Macroom, the R618, a main East to West artery in the county.

**The Council have announced that the road will close from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> to facilitate the repairs.** Diversions will be in place through Peake and Aghavrin and motorists are asked to drive with care as these roads are not as wide as the R618.

This should be an opportunity to resurface the road entirely but it remains unclear whether this will happen or will it just be another repair job. The Community Council said, "while the repairs are welcome, we are very angry that the council allowed the contractors to leave the road in this condition. It is also frustrating that it has taken so long to repair this Kilometre of road. Motorists have complained about having to drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid the mounds of tarmac left after the contractors. It is unknown what damage the poor surface has done to car suspensions, wheels and tyres. We hope that the council will continue to look at the other areas around the village that they have promised to address. We are sick of being treated as second class citizens in the county while investment in roads continues to be poured into villages and communities west of Macroom and around Blarney.



## 50/50 Raffle

The Coachford Community Association is launching its new fundraiser. The group that incorporates the Community Council members from Coachford are hosting a 50/50 raffle every month. Tickets are only €2 each or three for €5 and will be available throughout the village from next week. **The winner will get 50% of all the tickets sold** so the more that are sold the bigger the prize for the winner and the more funds that are raised for your community.

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## COACHFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



**WINNER TAKES 50% OF PROCEEDS OF MONTHLY RAFFLE!**

Raffle takes place on the last day of each month. There must be a winner every month!

Funds to Tidy Towns, Christmas Lights & Other Projects

Tickets €2.00 each or 3 for €5.00

Permit granted



## New Principal for Coachford College

Áine-Máire Ní Fhaoláin has been appointed as the Principal for Coachford College. Ms Ní Fhaoláin will take over from Mr. Pat O'Connor who has been largely responsible for making the college one of the finest centres for education in Cork. Ms Ní Fhaoláin was a teacher in Coachford College from 1993 to 2015 when she moved to take up the post of Principal in Gaelcholáiste Charrarig Uí Leighin. The new Principal has big shoes to fill and will be expected to continue the great work that Pat O'Connor carried out during his time at the College. One of the new Principal's immediate challenges is progressing the construction of the new school which, when completed, will accommodate 800 pupils. Ms Ní Fhaoláin is expected to take up her new post in September.



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## Corpus Christi Procession

The annual Parish Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday June 18th after 11.30am mass in Coachford. The procession is one of the village's most treasured traditions and is a wonderful event to take part in or to attend as an onlooker. The residents and business's along the route go to great efforts to decorate their houses and to make sure their premises look their best as the blessed Sacrament is carried through the village to the Grotto. The children from the parish who recently received their first Holy Communion dress up again and shower the route with flowers ahead of the procession. Everyone is welcome to attend and take part. *\*Please note that 10am*



## Housing Crisis

Housing Minister, Simon Coveney has made the lands just north of the railway available for developers. This 2.2 hectares is to be offered to private developers and housing associations in an effort to resolve the housing crisis. Meanwhile the two Ghost Estates in the village which are in the hands of a receiver in Dublin show no signs of being sold. The Community Council has written to the Minister outlining their concerns over the uncompleted estates. Children are now using one of the unfinished estates as a playground and this has serious implications for the children's safety.



## The Wall

Have you got what it takes to take on the biggest Mobile Climbing Wall in Ireland? This enormous wall sponsored by O'Donovan Engineering in conjunction with the Outdoor Discovery Adventure Company is coming to Coachford Festival on Sunday July 16th. Don't Miss it!



## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Coachford bride, Jacqueline O'Connell who married the love of her life, John Field from Farran in Portugal last month. The couple were joined by family and friends for an amazing few days in the Algarve. The bride was given away by her very proud father, Danny Boy O'Connell.



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## World Championships

Plans are well underway for the World Youth Angling Championships which will take place at the Coachford Greenway from August 8th to 13th. The Greenway is the main venue for the Championships and to facilitate the huge numbers ex-

pected works need to be carried out over the coming weeks. Improvements to the entrance and the road surface are to take place along with making more seating available along the route. These and other works are to take approximately two weeks and the Greenway will be closed during this period from June 12th.

Accommodation in the area is at a premium for the World Championships so if you have a spare room or a spare house even you might like to rent it out for the week. More details can be found on <http://www.ncffi.ie/wyac/>



### **Aghabullogue U16 Hurlers circa 1967.**

Back Row l/r: Denis Connell, Dominic Cashman, Gene Hogan, John Dwyer, John Sheehan, Dan "Dozie" O'Connell, Donal Lucey, John Healy, John Fitzgibbon, Gussie Kelleher.

Middle Row l/r: Sean Noonan, Batty O'Donovan, Mikey Shea, Tim McSweeney, Dinny Shea, Conser Murphy, ?, Joe O'Leary.

Front Row l/r: John Crowley, Liam Quinlan, Danny Boy O'Connell

### **Coachford 5 Mile Road Race and 4 mile fun walk**

The annual Road Race will take place on Thursday July 13th at 8pm. Registration is at the GAA Complex from 5.30pm with the race starting in the village. The route will take the runners west past the Grotto and up over Knockanowen, back into the village, down to Rooves Bridge, east along Nadrid to the Ambush Cross and west back into the village to cross the finish line outside the Coachford Hair & Beauty Salon. There is Chip Timing, loads of prizes and refreshments after the race.



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## CHAMPIONS!

### Soccer

Congratulations to Killanardrish/Coachford on winning the 'Dennehys Sports & Fitness' Division 4 Cork School-boys league title. The boys defeated Midleton AFC by 3 goals to 1 to claim the title and finish the league unbeaten. This was no easy game but was played on a perfect pitch at the Glebe. Midleton went a goal up against the run of play after



25 minutes but Coachford pulled one back with a great bit of work from goal scorer Cialan O Sullivan. After the break Coachford upped the pressure and a sweet free kick was scored from Ardghal O Buachalla . Midleton then took over for the next ten minutes and hit the woodwork twice in their bid for an equaliser. Coachford weathered the storm and in the dying minutes, Man of the Match, Mark Murphy scored from a header to put the result beyond doubt. Wild celebrations followed the final whistle and the cup was presented to Captain, Liam Grimes. This is a very strong Coachford team with players from Coachford, Rylane, Dripsey, and Donoughmore, They'll be playing in a higher division next year and we wish them the best of luck in that campaign. Well done to Brian Dineen, Sean Buckley, Mark Murphy, Liam Grimes, Colm O'Connell Donnacha Morrissey, Tom Griffin, Reece O'Sullivan, Ardghal O Buachalla, Emmet Ahern, Cialan O Sullivan, Darragh Herlihy, Brendan Harrington, Padraic O Sullivan, Jack Moynihan, Davin Kelleher, Darragh Moynihan, Tony Nolan.

### Sciath Na Scol

Coachford National School were crowned Sciath Na Scol Camogie Champions last week as they defeated Kilbritten in the final by 2.01 to 0.4 . The girls roared into a commanding lead with goals from Niamh Barry Murphy and Eimear O'Sullivan however the game was always in the balance and it took some great defending from the girls to emerge as victors . Well done to Edel Downey, Muireann Ni Bhuachalla, Rachel Bowen, Orna Cahill, Amy Dineen, Niamh Barry Murphy, Clara Daly, Sophie Martin, Eimear O'Sullivan, Gabie Kaczoch, Jennifer Lehane, Ailbhe Lucey,



Siobhan Barrow, Clodagh O'Shea, Elizabeth Long, Teigan Cook, Isobel Ronan, Eimear Corkery and Kaitlin O'Brien.

## Summer Camps

### GAA

Aghabullogue Cúl Camp takes place in Coachford from July 3rd to 7th. It will feature Football, Hurling and Camogie. It costs €60 and there are reductions for other children from the same family. Further information can be got from Caroline at 087-6866271 or the Cul camp website [www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie](http://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie)



### Soccer

The FAI Summer Soccer School is hosted by Killanardrish/ Coachford AFC and takes place from Mon July 24th to Friday July 28th at the Soccer complex in Coachford. The camp costs €65 with reductions for brothers and sisters. Each child taking part will get an exclusive kit, backpack, football and certificate plus five days of fun-filled coaching from FAI accredited coaches! Book early as places are limited. <http://www.summersoccerschools.ie/>