



BLARNEY

Classics

Anyone who owns a classic car or tractor that deserves the spotlight is welcome to join the **Cork Summer Show** on June 20th and 21st with the Courbrack and Ballincollig Vintage Clubs. For further details visit www.corksummershow.com.

Book launch

Congratulations to Local author Claire Hartnett who has released her debut novel *Murder, Great for My Social Skills* which is described as a fast-paced, humorous teen mystery set in Firmount, Donoughmore. It was launched at the Strand Bar in Vicarstown. The book was inspired by her daughter who is described as a reluctant reader. Hartnett set out to write a story young people in rural Ireland could relate to. The novel follows 14-year-old Caroline, who gets caught up in a real murder case after a body is discovered at a car boot sale and teams up with friends and family, to solve the mystery while navigating teenage life. Hartnett also hopes it will encourage more young people to rediscover a love of reading. The novel is available on Amazon and locally in Firmount.

Macra

Whitechurch Macra will hold their monthly meeting on May 14th at 8.30pm at the Buckley's Bar, Whitechurch.

Celebrations

Ballinora is celebrating 40 years as an independent parish and as part of the celebrations, they also want to celebrate the special pets in our lives by inviting them all to the 10am mass on May 24th. Anyone who does not have a pet is welcome to bring a teddy. All pets must be on a leash or in a cage. The church will be extended out into the churchyard where you can sit with your pet. After mass there will be a special blessing for your pet or teddy.

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This year's walk will be the 10th one held in Blarney. So far €170,000 for Pieta House has been raised, and organisers would love to reach €200,000 to mark the tenth walk. Huge thanks to: Blarney GAA Club; Charles, Caroline and Paul at Blarney Castle estate; Blarney Gardai; Deirdre Healy; the stewards; the decorating team of Vanessa O'Sullivan, Emer O'Keeffe and the wonderful TY students at Scoil Mhuire gan Smal; and all at Blarney Castle Hotel, Muskerry Arms, Sika and Centra Blarney village and BFS for opening early for that all important post walk coffee and breakfast.

Gramophone circle

At a recent meeting of the Blarney Gramophone Circle at the Blarney Castle Hotel, a presentation was made to Brendan Murphy, Blarney Meals on Wheels, by Denis Cronin on behalf of the group. The Gramophone Circle was founded in 1978 by the late John O'Shea, Mangerton Terrace and in later times continued by the late Jerry O'Brien. It is a very vibrant group who meet every fortnight on a Tuesday at 8pm at the Blarney Castle Hotel. All types of music are catered for, and new members are especially welcome. The group is now on the annual summer break and will resume in October.

Football festival

The GAA department of SMGS is organising a 'Festival of Football' for secondary school boys and girls on May 15th at the Whitechurch GAA complex. Competing schools are encouraged to raise funds for Marymount Hospice and Ronald McDonald House with a target of €5,000 for the event. The event is kindly sponsored by O'Reilly Sportswear and Blarney Filling Station.

Reunion

Calling all Scoil Mhuire gan Smal students who sat their Junior Cert in 1974 and Leaving Cert in 1976. There is an invited to the 50th party in Blarney Castle Hotel on Saturday June 20th. More information and to book contact 085-1650138.