



Goleen & District Community Council Private LOTTO Draw
Numbers: 1, 11, 28; No Jackpot Winner. €40: A. Jepson; €20 Each: Tom Barry,
 Nora O'Donovan, Justin; **Seller's Prize: Brian O'Regan**
 Hampers: 1st Mike O'Regan; 2nd Cathy Cullinane; 3rd John Cullinane.
This Week's Venue: Fastnet Bar LOTTO JACKPOT: €2350
If You're not in, You can't win! Buy your tickets for a chance! All monies made from the LOTTO go back into the Community through Community Projects throughout the village and surrounding areas.

Mass Times: Saturday: Lowertown: 8pm; Sundays: Ballydehob: 9.30am; Schull: 10.30am; Goleen: 12.00 noon. Church of Ireland Services: Sunday- Schull 10am. Altar Church, Toormore: 11.30am. Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: 11.30am.

Goleen & District Community Social Centre - Centre re-opens on Monday 5th January 2015. Meals need to be booked by 11am the previous Saturday Contact: Maureen O'Callaghan 086-3300262.

Charity Walk/ Run taking place on Wednesday New Year's Eve 31st December 2014, from Barleycove Beach Hotel to Crookhaven Village. All walkers start walking at 2pm and all runners start running at 2.15pm from the Hotel. At the car park boardwalk, baby-prams and children start at 2pm (it's half way). This Charity event is a fundraiser for CYSTIC FIBROSIS. There is no event entry fee, but we do have donation boxes and we ask for your very KIND support. SO PLEASE, come along, enjoy the family walk/run and help support this very worthy cause. For all enquiries phone Claire 028-35168 or 086-339-9276 or Tom 086-356-7771. *Claire Barrett*

Crookhaven New Year's Day Annual Swim is taking place in the village at 2.00pm. This year it is in aid of BANTRY HOSPITAL. Please do come along and enjoy our day.

Happy New Year to all our Readers



Happy New Year
from Mizen Head Signal Station
We are open every day from Dec 27-Jan 4
11- 4, so come to blow away the cobwebs.
Enjoy a cup of coffee in Mizen Café!



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Sat Jan 3rd & Little Christmas Sun Jan 4
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FLOOD INSURANCE WORKS IN EUROPE - WHY NOT IN IRELAND?

It may be difficult to think of flooding when the weather is so nice at the present time, but sadly flooding is never far away. The people, who have been affected by flooding over the past number of years, know only too well the damage it causes to your home and property. CFRAMS has identified 300 communities (AFAs) threatened by flooding. CFRAMS is crucial to the medium and long-term reduction/management of flood risk in Ireland. The OPW has spent €325m since 1995 to date on flood relief and €225m will be spent over the next 5 years. The OPW has mapped 7000kms of river courses in Ireland. This mapping has a suite of 13 overlay maps for each community at risk which outline how many homes/businesses could be at risk, what depth and the extent flooding can occur over a range of varied flood events. The mapping also includes areas that have been affected by coastal flooding. The reason for this mapping is three fold 1. To comply with EU directives. 2. To help plan for and alleviate flooding in communities. 3. To highlight areas which should not be built on or developed. BECAUSE INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE ACCESS TO THESE MAPS THE FORUM IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOAD INSURANCE POLICIES OR WORSE REFUSE INSURANCE TO COMMUNITIES, WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN THESE AREAS. On 16/10/14 a meeting was held in Dublin Castle where the OPW outlined their work to date. The forum has outlined its long standing belief that the government must intervene and stop insurance companies 'cherry picking' when it comes to insurance cover. The forum wishes to put the following argument to government. Adverse selection (cherry picking) is illegal in many countries in Europe. All households/businesses in France and many other countries in Europe must legally hold insurance and flood cover is automatically included. This has led to a very broad insurance base where ALL communities have flood cover. The crude methodology used by insurance companies here has led to many businesses and householders losing their insurance and therefore the property becomes worthless. What will the future hold for these communities? These property owners are still paying full rates and property tax, which is a wholly inequitable situation and unsustainable going forward. Without flood insurance these communities will not be able to invest in their properties or attract inward investment to these areas. Without insurance these communities will become the slums of tomorrow. What will become of elderly people who have spent a lifetime paying off their mortgage? Will they become more dependent on the state? Will they become the new poor? With their single biggest asset becoming worthless because they can't get flood cover and therefore banks will not grant mortgages to perspective new buyers. What will become of the SMEs and their employees in the cities, towns and villages which can't get flood cover? Loss of jobs and no inward investment, even closure and loss of rates. The OPW has made communities like Fermoy, Clonmel etc. much safer and has invested millions of tax payer monies in building magnificent engineering solutions to prevent flooding in these areas, yet insurance companies are still refusing flood cover. This is a reckless and anti-community stance by insurance companies. The Minister for Finance has the power to refuse these insurance companies a licence to trade in this country and we would ask that he uses his powers to put an end to this intolerable situation where insurance companies won't comply. There are many other clever solutions that have been introduced in areas where people haven't been able to get reasonable insurance e.g. Health Insurance for the elderly through community rating and the National Insurance scheme should someone be hit by an uninsured driver.

It is great to see an organisation like Muintir na Tire support the call by The Irish National Flood Relief Forum for Government action on this issue. **Happy New Year to all our Readers! MC GDCC**

Mizen AFC - West Cork League Premier Division, Sunday 21st December
Dunmanway Town 0 Mizen AFC 0

On the face of it a nil all draw does not sound that exciting but in fairness to both teams the standard of football played in this game was impressive, particularly when you take into account the terrible playing conditions. The first half saw both teams trying to break forward in an effort to gain the upper hand, Mizen had an early penalty claim, denied by the referee, after a solo break by Daniel O'Driscoll also Patrick Scully had a snap shot that went narrowly wide on the half hour mark. A fine save by the Mizen goalkeeper, Diarmaid O'Callaghan, from a Dunmanway free kick, kept the game goalless at half-time. The early stages of the second half were dominated by Mizen AFC who had a couple of swift counter attacks that required a good response from the Dunmanway defence but as the game progressed both teams looked for the winning goal. So, honours even, a point apiece and a well played game between two evenly matched teams.

MIZEN AFC : Diarmaid O'Callaghan, Patrick Scully, Daniel O'Callaghan (capt), David Roycroft, David O'Leary, Gavin McEntegart, Daniel O'Driscoll, John Cullinane, Liam O'Connell, Gerald O'Callaghan, Michael Hellen, Shane O'Leary, Ryan O'Callaghan, Peter Sheehan. On behalf of the players and committee of Mizen AFC I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. *Rob Greenaway "Gaffer"*.

Reminder: Local Property Tax - Options for paying your 2015 LPT


You can choose to pay in full, in a single payment or spread your payments over 2015.

The due date for paying your 2015 LPT depends on the payment method you select:


- **7 January 2015:** Latest date for paying in full by cash, cheque, postal order, credit card or debit card.
- **January 2015:** Phased payments by deduction at source and regular cash payments through a payment service provider to start in January.
- **15 January 2015:** Monthly direct debit payments start and continue on 15th each month thereafter.
- **21 March 2015:** Single Debit Authority payment deducted.

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Events Calendar - inclusion free. All items to be in by Tues evening. Email newsletter@goleen.info

Dec 31 Charity Run/Walk in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Barleycove Hotel to Crookhaven starts at 2pm

Jan 01 New Year's Day Swim in Crookhaven at 2pm

Jan 03 GDCC LOTTO Draw - Fastnet Bar Jackpot €2350

Jan 05 Goleen Community Social Centre & Charity Shop Re- open

Weekly Events, Amenities and Attractions in the Locality

- **Goleen & District Community Social Centre** - Every Mon 11am-4pm Lunch 1pm (except Bank Holiday Mon will be the following day-Tues). Book Meals by 11am the previous Sat. Contact: Maureen O'Callaghan 086-330-0262
- **Goleen Community Centre** - Contact 086-272-5506 to rent the Centre.
- **Goleen Community Playgroup** - Open Mon-Fri for preschool. Free ECCE places available. **Call 028-35927 or 083-149-0260**
- **Goleen Afterschool Club** Mon & Tues: Cooking; Weds: Irish Dancing; Thurs; Art & Crafts. **Call 028 -35927 or 083-149-0260**
- **Fit Kids for Goleen** Mondays 3.15 - 4.30pm in the Community Centre
- **Mizen Rovers U10 Training** Mondays at Goleen Community Centre 6-7pm.
- **Boxercise Fitness** Mondays 8-9pm Schull Village Hall. All ages. Gaisce participants welcome. 086-240-4709
- **Schull Junior Running Group** Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm at tennis courts. Age 7 upwards. Contact 086-240-4709
- **Céili Classes** Tuesdays in Goleen Parish Hall at 9.15pm. Including Waltzes, Quicksteps, Foxtrots. All welcome.
- **Morning Outdoor Fitness** Wednesdays after school drop off 09.30 - 10.30. at Schull tennis courts. 086-240-4709
- **Schull Parent & Toddler Group** Wednesdays 10am -12noon in Parish Hall. All welcome. €3 per Family.
- **Salsa Dancing** Wednesdays 8.30pm in Newman's, Schull. Everyone Welcome.
- **Acapellabella Community Choir** Thursdays 8pm upstairs at Rosie's, Ballydehob phone Caz 083-142-5599
- **Foróige** every Friday evening 8.30 to 10.30 in the Community Centre
- **AIB Mobile Community Bank: Every Mon, Thurs & Fri - Ballydehob** - 9.30am to 10.30am. **Schull** - 10.45am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm. **ATM** in Schull outside Brosnan's Eurospar.
- **Schull Office - Skibbereen Credit Union:** Open Tues & Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5pm. Sat 9.30am - 1pm. 028-28666
- **Schull Library** - Open Tues, Thurs & Fri 2.30 - 5.30pm. Weds 9.30am - 1pm & 2 - 5.30pm. Sat 9.30am - 1.30pm. 028-28290
- **Bus Time Tables: Goleen - Cork:** Mon - Sat 07.50 & 17.30 Sun 16.15; **Schull - Cork:** Mon - Sat 12.40; **Cork - Schull:** Mon - Sat 09.30; **Cork - Goleen:** Mon - Sat 13.00 Change at Skibbereen 16.05 & 16.30 Change at Skibbereen 18.20; Sun 11.30.
- **Mizen Head Signal Station** Open Sat & Sun 11am - 4pm www.mizenhead.ie 028-35115/35225. Christmas Opening Hours Dec 27- Jan 4 11am - 4pm
- **Mizen Information & e-Centre**, Main Street, Goleen. Winter Hours Nov - Mid March Christmas opening hours Dec 27- Jan 4 11am - 4pm 028-35000

Important Contacts

- **Goleen First Responder/ Defibrillator Group Number 083-146-6605**
- **Coast Guard /Emergency Services 112 or 999 Garda Emergency Number 027-20860**
- **Mizen Medical Practice - all enquiries & appointments call 028-28311 or for Out of Hours Service call SouthDoc 1850-335-999**

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