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02 Area Introduction



Cork

The largest county in Ireland, Cork is situated in the South West of the country. A county rich in natural beauty, where the fertile farmlands and river valleys contrast with the sandstone hills of the west. The county derives its name from the Irish for a "marshy place", where in 650 St Finbarr founded a church on the banks of the River Lee. Cork is steeped in history and has experienced significant historical developments over the years.

history

Cork City is located at the mouth of the River Lee and at the head of Cork Harbour. Tradition tells us that St Finbarr, who went there to kill the last dragon in the country, founded the city. Cork actively engaged in the Irish struggle for independence and is often referred to as the 'Rebel County'. The infamous Black & Tans burned the city centre in 1920 in an act of retaliation. The city has benefited from its location at the harbour that provided the country with a primary point of contact to continental Europe. This geographic position has contributed significantly to the immense growth of the city.

the arts

It is not surprising that Cork has been called a "City of Festivals". It is steeped in the Arts with a myriad of festivals each year catering for the diverse tastes of the country. The Cork Folk Festival, otherwise known as "The Friendly Festival" takes place each year over the first weekend in September.

This year the county will host the 45th Cork International Film Festival with contestants from all over the world. The county is also renowned for its International Choral Festival as it presents an exceptional array of amateur national and international choirs. The Guinness Jazz Festival takes place annually on the last weekend of October. The festival over the years has attracted a rich display of musicians.

sports

Cork is a passionate sports county, and takes pride in its success in 1990 when it triumphed in securing an All-Ireland Championship in both Hurling and Gaelic Football. If you are visiting Cork during 'The Championship' season make sure not to miss the enthusiasm and excitement of a game.

visitor attractions

Without a doubt there are a multitude of attractions in Cork, including: Blarney Castle Estate where the world-renowned Blarney Stone can be found. Each year the stone is kissed by numerous visitors, as tradition tells us that by doing so, you will receive the gift of eloquence.

There are several other great attractions to visit in Cork including: Charles Fort Kinsale – a star-shaped fort, The Old City Gaol – an exhibition of what life was like for prisoners in the 19th century, Cork Heritage Park – the story of the social and economic development of Cork City, Doneraile Wildlife Park – 160 hectares of parklands, Jameson Heritage Centre – where you can uncover the history and magical taste of Irish whiskey, Fota Wildlife Park – accommodating over 70 different animal species, Garnish Island – an exotic garden comprising subtropical flora and neo-Classical follies, and many more.



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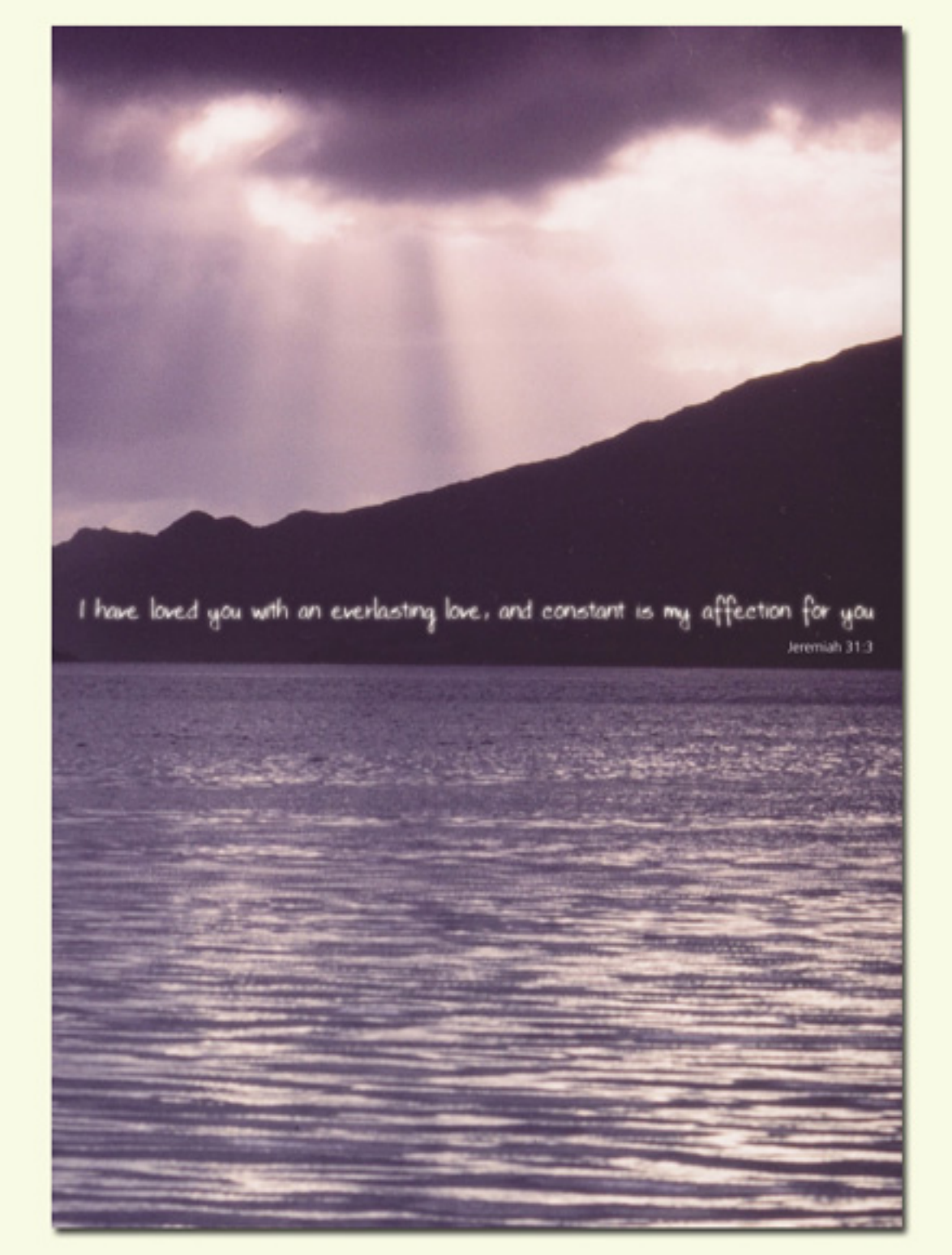
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Well done to Dave O'Neil. He went on a trip to Russia and flew the Irish flag proudly, as he did very well in the tournaments there. Best of luck to Pierro Cusso, Tom Hanlan and Adrian Walsh, who are about to make their way to London for the European Championships. They won free entry into the event courtesy of Merrion Casino Club's May Giveaway tournament.

Total Prize Money this week € 10,015



Joe O'Neil is going to be working in an outreach orphanage for children in Moldova for 2 weeks. He is raising money through sponsorship. Nice one Joe, and the very best of luck with this great cause.



Yes Roy, we've all wanted to strangle Conor at one time or another!



Our very own Golden girls!

Tournament Results

Tuesday 24th JunePrizes € 3000

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| Alan McLean | € 1500 |
| Irene Tier | € 750 |
| Roy Brindley | € 400 |
| Noel Furlong | € 200 |
| Paul Daly | € 150 |

Wednesday 25th JunePrizes € 2940

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| Eddie McNaulty | € 1277 + € 150 voucher |
| Gerry Brown | € 647 + € 75 voucher |
| Peter Griffith | € 330 + € 40 voucher |
| Jude Ainsworth | € 195 |
| Michael Cassidy | € 106 |
| Dermot Nolan | € 30 |
| Karl Mannie | € 30 |
| Bernie McMahon | € 30 |
| Irene Tier | € 30 |

Friday 27th JunePrizes € 4075

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| Paddy Hicks | € 1800 + € 150 voucher |
| Bernie McMahon | € 945 + € 75 voucher |
| Vivien Hayden | € 455 + € 40 voucher |
| Marietto Macari | € 260 |
| Ronan Sweeney | € 150 |
| James Connally | € 50 |
| Mary Smyth | € 50 |
| Christy Smith | € 50 |
| Jenny Hogarty | € 50 |



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About Your Parks & Landscape Services

As well as looking after the main parks, the department also maintains and supports a broad range of other services related to landscape, conservation and environmental matters.

Events

Sometimes the parks are privileged to host unusual events. For example, the Tivoli Gardens Boys' Band from Copenhagen performed memorably at the People's Park Dun Laoghaire a few years ago. Cabinteely House was also used as a location setting for the BBC series "The Ambassador", and for several major motion pictures.

Cabinteely House and Park has also hosted the start of The Irish Veteran and Vintage Car Club's Autumn rally for the past few years. The incumbent Cathaoirleach officially opens the event.

Every summer the Parks and Landscape Services and the Community Department organise the now familiar Family Fun Days which are held in the main parks. For the first time, in 2000, an exhibition of falconry took place which attracted much interest. Face-painting, music, martial-arts exhibitions, puppet shows and minority interest sports such as tug-o-war also feature from time to time. The weather being kind, these are usually most enjoyable events.

Full-scale music concerts are also arranged with international acts appearing. These have happened in both Blackrock Park and Marlay Park, and have included live broadcasts on national radio.

Trees and Woodlands

Trees are amongst the most visible, most loved and revered elements of our environment. About 6,000 trees are planted each year throughout the county by the Parks and Landscape Services.

While our most obvious involvement is with roadside trees, and the management of park woodlands, we also work closely with the Roads, Planning and Housing Departments. New planning applications and housing schemes that may affect existing trees are examined and suitable recommendations are made for their preservation and/or future management.





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