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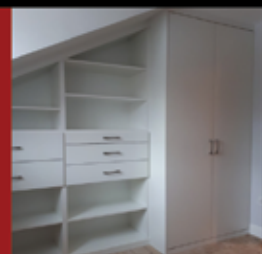
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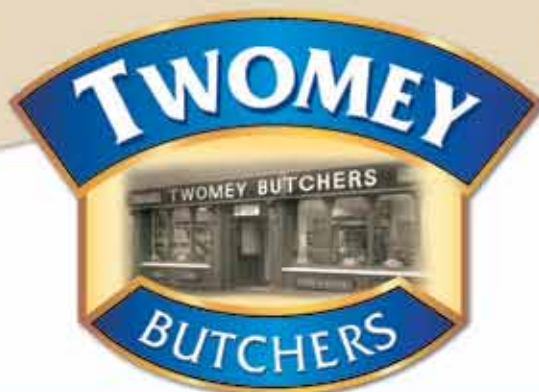
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## We have a bumper edition

We have a bumper edition this week and I have to say I am grateful for our contributors old and new who take time out of their busy lives to submit wonderful articles.

## Christmas Lights

A massive round of applause to all at the Lee Valley Enterprise board, the volunteers, stall holders and circus performers who braved the elements for the turning on of the lights in Macroom last week! It's always magical to see Macroom lit up at night! Have you been to the new playground?

Macroooms renovated playscape is open! Be sure to give it a visit, take a snap & send to us.

## We have a new email

This is a big one, we have a new email address. I can't guarantee I will be able to access emails sent to the old address so it's important to add this to your contacts.

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*Sarah Kate  
Murphy*  
EDITOR



# Macroom Christmas Lights Switch - on 2021

**A large crowd of children and adults assembled in the Square on 26 November 2021 for the Christmas Lights Switch-on.**

Thankfully the weather was mostly dry but quite cold. ? Casey acted as DJ for the night and his up-tempo music raised spirits. Many stalls were present and did a 'roaring' trade.

Local dignitaries present were Macroom Municipal Mayor Michael Creed and Councillors Martin Coughlan, Ted Lucey and Michael Linehan. Pat O'Connell and Josephine Lovell-Cronin represent the Lee Valley Enterprise Boards. Mayor Creed had the honour of switching on the lights.

With an impressive array of street artists from Cork Factory Company provided colourful and spectacular entertainment. They performed a novel act of a dance with a Christmas tree, a balancing act with a bottle and a spell-binding acrobatic trick. For me the juggling act with burning torches while perch on a monocycle was the most impressive. The reaction on the children's face told how enraptured they were, and they enjoyed the spectacle.

Macroom Municipal Council and Lee Valley Enterprise Board organized the event; both deserve gratitude and commendation for coming up trumps yet again. Well Done and Thanks.



Street artist at Macroom Christmas Lights Switch-on (C Kelleher)



Street artist at Macroom Christmas Lights Switch-on (C Kelleher)



Grace Mehigan and Lily Murphy at Macroom Christmas Lights Switch-on (C Kelleher).



Street artist at Macroom Christmas Lights Switch-on (C Kelleher)



Dignitaries plus One at Macroom Christmas Lights Switch-on (C Kelleher). Left > right, Seán O'Connor, Pat O'Connell, Martin Coughlan, Mayor Michael Creed, Ted Lucey and Michael Linehan.

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# MACROOM TIDY TOWNS

**Tidy Towns are delighted with the new support from people outside our committee and who are taking responsibility for their own local areas.**

David Corcoran has carried out work on the shrub bed in Gurteenroe, cleaning, weeding and pruning

shrubs and will look after this into the future.

Thanks to McEgan College Transition Year horticulture group have planted the flower beds by cannon guns and they look great. The students have been learning about sustainability purchased plants grown and produced within a 20-mile radius of Macroom to cut down on travel miles.... Violas grown in Ballyvourney, pollinator friendly and will self-seed. They chose wallflowers, also grown in Ballyvourney. They chose tulip which unlike their hybrid cousins are perennial and will increase in years to come. These bulbs are again sustainably sourced, grown and harvested near Bandon.

The've added a little bling, so a few hybrid tulips have been intermingled to pack the wow factor! Again, grown in Bandon.

The students used fish, blood and bone meal to help increase the soil fertility as it is organic general plant food. They are making leaf mould which can be added to the beds next year as we all need to find alternatives to using peat.

The school purchased these plants and to date have received sponsorship from the Antique Shop and Betsy's.



Tidy Towns and McEgan Transition year students, planting flowerbeds in Macroom

## Paddy O'Keeffe

Photos were taken in Macroom before Paddy O'Keeffe came on the scene, particularly those taken by Lafayette, presumably a pen name and by French, for the Lawrence collection. O'Keeffe was the first local expert and professional photographer.

Accompanying this article are some more of his photo – a clergyman with friends, a woman, a mother with four children on the occasion of a First Communion, a football team – probably a Macroom U-14 team and a Blueshirt gathering. As ever, if the people photographed could be identified – to be named is to exist – the historic value of the photos would be wonderfully enhanced.

Thanks to John O'Brien, the photos still survive. You may have notice that some images are unclear, with parts looking 'dirty'. I will explain why this is so. The images are on clear glass plates, with the emulsion on one side. Having been stored for 70-100 years in less than ideal conditions, the plates have become soiled and infected, often with fungi. After consulting with several experts in the area of glass-plate images, only the non-emulsified side can be cleaned. At most, one can brush lightly the emulsified side, with the emphasis on lightly. Applying any water or detergent to the emulsified side destroys the emulsion and the image. So the images are very delicate and precious. Further, they should be stored in special (non-acid) wrappers and stored upright. Exposure to light harms them.

If you recognize anybody pictured, please contact Dr Con Kelleher at 086/2480350.

Thanks and Slán, Con Kelleher.

A Blueshirt meeting or gathering (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



A mother with four children on the occasion of a First Communion day (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



A clergyman and three men. The cleric may be Cannon Barrett? (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



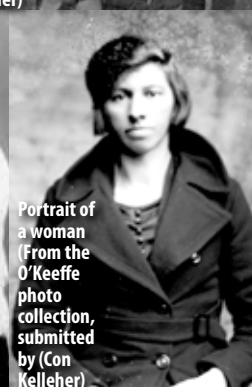
Three Ladies, any suggestions who they may be? (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



A football team – probably a Macroom U-14 team (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



Portrait of a woman (From the O'Keeffe photo collection, submitted by Con Kelleher)



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# Work to Begin on Theatre and Library in Macroom

**The refurbishment of the Briery Gap Theatre and Macroom Library in County Cork is set to begin this month with Cork County Council planning to deliver a new theatre and library in the heart of the town centre.**

Internal works will commence during December; however, the main works will begin in early January so as not to hinder the Christmas retail period in Macroom. The project which is being undertaken by Cumnor Construction is expected to take 18 months and is due to be completed by June 2023.

The building suffered extensive damage when a fire broke out in May 2016. The Briery Gap Theatre has remained closed since then and Macroom Library has relocated to nearby Railway View.

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr, Gillian Coughlan says it is a really positive development, "Cork County Council together with its team of consultants have designed a wonderful space that will become a focal point in the vibrant town centre of Macroom. Before the fire in 2016, the theatre and library operated as separate entities within the one building. The refurbished facility will be reconfigured to create a flexible civic amenity and hub for the arts. It will certainly provide a boost to local businesses. I'm looking forward to seeing theatre-goers and book lovers of all ages returning in the summer of 2023."

The Briery Gap Theatre dates back to the 1950s and was renovated in 2003. The refurbishment works will see a new steel, concrete and timber framed structure inserted into the existing masonry shell. The main auditorium of the theatre will have its capacity increased to 217 people. It will occupy the central space of the building. There will also be increased backstage support facilities and a bar/

foyer will be located at the upper front of house. The building will be fully accessible with the library located at the ground floor and rear ground floor levels.

Chief Executive of Cork County Council Tim Lucey added,

"We're committed to ensuring that our towns are vibrant places to live and work. The refurbishment of the Briery Gap Theatre and Macroom Library will stimulate the town centre and will have a positive impact on the streetscape. This building will be a most welcome addition and supports the aspirations and objectives of the County Development Plan for Macroom Town. It is located within an Architectural Conservation Area and much thought has been put into the heritage context. The new design is sympathetic to its environment and uses natural clay brick, lime render and timber fenestration throughout. The

concrete lintels will also look similar to the local soft limestone available nearby."

The Macroom Theatre and Library refurbishment will deliver a high quality, landmark building to the South Square, Macroom. The project has been designed and is led by Cork County Council's Architects Department together with their team of consultants: Consulting Engineers Horganlynch and EDC, ASM Group, CK Fire and Theatre Plan.



## Dan Joe's Treasure Chest, a valuable legacy for Macroom and its hinterland by John Lyons

One man that has left a hugely valuable resource, following decades of work is Dan Joe Kelleher, Carriganimma with his Local Television Programmes. These were broadcast on Local Television as LTV1 and required a special aerial, and went out twice a week, on Sunday evenings and Wed nights, from the 1980's for over 35 years, up until he reached his 80th year.

'I would like thank all who have supported me with the LTV Programmes, and I would like to thank God for the good inspiration that he has given us all' These are the words of a man who had given a lifetime to working on this massive collection of over 2,000 VHS videos.

Most people nowadays do not have a VHS video player to view these videos. Some of these have been converted to CD, but now CDs are becoming obsolete. So, Dan Joe has taken the major step of putting these up on a dedicated YouTube Channel, keeping up with social media changes.

This idea has proved to be a master stroke.

Programmes are now easy to see in one's own home at any time they chose, and can even be seen on a phone or other digital device. This helps in some way to combat social isolation, and those who remain at home can enjoy a wonderful evening's entertainment in their own homes, either alone or in the company of friends, while reminiscing. Likewise, residents of nursing homes etc can sit back and relax and be entertained with something that they can relate to, and see many a

familiar face, some who have gone to their eternal reward.

### Small Beginnings;

Back in the 1960's and 70's there was the odd scoraíocht in Dan Buckleys's house in Moanaflugh. Neilly Coakley would sing a few songs and John McSweeney from Carriganimma played the guitar and sang a few songs also. These first couple of recordings were all 'audio' and in 1983 Dan Joe had ideas of going on air, so in 1984 he set up Local TV as a registered company and began recording. Analogue recording equipment was used and later on digital came on stream. The equipment changed and had to be upgraded every 10 years to that signal quality could be kept good and ensure that there was no interference with other systems in broadcasting transmissions.

Dan Joe knows his collection intimately and is passionate about all the material collected, and wants it to be used for the benefit of people in the locality. These certainly show how life has changed over the past 40 years.

All of this is his own original material. These videos show life as it was, little or no editing, no bells and whistles. There are now 200 videos to choose from, some lasting for a couple of hours. These include events such as local concerts, Pantomimes, GAA matches, Masses, confirmations, communions, sports days, music sessions in houses etc etc.

There are now close on 150,000 views of these programmes on YouTube in less than a year. This

is phenomenal and shows what great interest there is in this collection. They are being viewed locally, nationally and internationally, giving great pleasure to so many, seeing all of the old events as they happened.

This work has been personally funded by Dan Joe throughout the years, with some local fundraisers and more recently, a contribution from SSE Renewables Community Fund, who recognised the benefits of this archive to the community.

Dan Joe has been featured on an RTE Radio programme in the past, and also featured in Lee Valley some years ago in a comprehensive article by Barry O'Brien.

'I would like to thank all those who helped me in any way and who have co-operated in the making of these programmes, and may everybody's inspiration continue into the future for the benefit of Ireland and the local areas, God Bless'.

Tá cnuasacht saibhir de bheo-shaol daoine na dúthaigh bronnata ag Dan Joe ar an nglúin seo agus ar ghlúinte atá le teacht ar fúid an domain uile. Is iontach an t-oidhreacht é sin agus táimid go léir fíor-bhuíoch dó. Guímid sonas is sláinte is dea-shaol ar an bhfeir fíor - uasal seo.

To view these video recordings, then Google; 'LTV Services Ltd on YouTube'. Open up any of the videos, and click on the blue circle with the 'L'. Then click 'Videos' and this shows the full collection that are there for viewing.



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# MCEGAN COLLEGE:



McEgan - Mr. Pat O'Connell, Jack Curtin, Ruby Friend, Seanie Kelleher from room 22 and Terry Kelleher accepting a fundraising cheque for Sullane Haven



Ms. Lynam, Principal, Isabel Roberts TY winner with Pats Cake and Ms. Angland coordinator of the fundraiser

## College Awareness Week

All Subject departments participated in the event. Many students got to investigate college courses related to the different subjects they are studying at school. Much focus was again this year put on the growing opportunities in Apprenticeships especially now that so many new ones have been introduced such as Accounting Technician, Auctioneering and Insurance Practitioner among many more. Leona Beale from Cork Training centre visited the school and gave a presentation on Apprenticeships to some senior cycle students. Those students who feel they would like to enter the workforce immediately on completion of the Leaving Cert were encouraged to look at this area as combining such work with study will increase not only one's qualification status but earning potential into the future.

Christine Nolan, Mature Student Officer of MTU Cork kicked off the week by giving a virtual presentation to our QQI students in Macroom Business Park. She gave a very informative talk on the wide range of opportunities available and encouraged all QQI and mature students to attend the virtual open evening in January held specifically for adult learners. Christine was followed by her MTU colleague Caroline Kearney who came and spoke to 5th & 6th year students about their broad range of courses available. All teachers throughout the week shared their own college experiences with their classes, something which is always a highlight for the students. The week ended on a high, when past students of McEgan returned with great vigour on the afternoon of Thursday the 25th November and spoke to current students on their areas of current study, college accommodation, The HEAR programme, SUSI grants among much more. Students who returned were studying Applied Psychology UCC, Interior Architecture MTU,

Business MTU, Accounting MTU, Midwifery UCC and Architecture Joint Programme between UCC & MTU. It is hoped that students got as much from this as the teachers did who felt great admiration as to the mature, individuals who returned to us. Transition Year Horticultural initiative in conjunction with Tidy Towns

Our students have been learning about sustainability and decided to purchase plants grown and produced within a 20-mile radius of Macroom to cut down on travel miles. They chose violas grown in Ballyvourney as they are pollinator friendly and will self-seed. They also chose wallflowers as they are also grown in Ballyvourney. These will be off set with species tulip which unlike their hybrid cousins are perennial and will increase in years to come. These bulbs are again sustainably sourced and are grown and harvested near Bandon. Of course, we do like a little bling, so a few hybrid tulips have been intermingled to pack the wow factor! Again, these were grown in Bandon. The students used fish, blood and bone to help increase the soil fertility as it is organic general plant food.

Ms. Bourke (teacher)

## Think Languages

McEgan College transition year students with their French teacher, Ms. Blavin, held a hugely successful Think Languages morning on Monday, 22nd November. Students from various nationalities, e.g. French, Spanish, Italian, German and Syrian showcased their country's food and taught 1st and 2nd year students a few words in their native tongue!

Think Languages is the flagship TY event run by Languages Connect and the PPLI (Post Primary Languages Ireland), and is a national celebration of languages. Over 150 schools take part every year. Creating awareness of the diversity of cultures in our schools and the importance of

language learning, is part of Ireland's Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017-2026 and Implementation Plan 2017-2022.

## Cancer Care Unit Fundraiser

Transition Year students along with Ms. Angland & Mr. O'Driscoll have worked very hard on fundraising for the Cancer Care Unit in CUH over the last month. The total collected is €3,350 which has exceeded all expectations, all of which will go to the Breast Unit in CUH. We are very grateful to all the local businesses who so kindly gave us many fantastic spot prizes for our Mega Raffle which enabled us to raise this phenomenal amount. The Transition Year students did tremendous work organising the superb spot prizes and selling raffle tickets. We are very grateful to the many businesses and people who donated generous amounts towards this very worthy cause. Finally, a huge thanks to, our cleaner Pat Relihan who baked a wonderful work of art cake as one of our main raffle prizes.

Sheena Sheehan wins prestigious UCC Plus 1916 Bursary Fund

Congratulations to former student Sheena Sheehan who successfully was awarded the 1916 Bursary award. The purpose of the Fund is to encourage participation and success by students who are most economically disadvantaged and who are from communities significantly underrepresented in higher education.

Each student who is awarded the 1916 Bursary Fund will receive a bursary to the amount of €5,000 per annum for the normal duration of a full-time undergraduate programme. A bursary will be awarded for the normal duration of a part-time undergraduate course up to a maximum period of six years.

Sheena is currently studying Applied Psychology in UCC





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All Ireland athletics Emily Cronin, Fern Mulland, Cara O'Brien and Saoirse Twomey

## BT YOUNG SCIENTIST

We are giving an outline of 2 BTYSE projects in each edition of the Lee Valley over the next few months. Here are the details of two more of our projects:

Gemma Munro and Sarah Cuddihy are investigating the effect of the UN Women UK Survey on Adolescents Views on Sexual Harassment. They have surveyed over 100 teenage girls so far and are currently analysing their results. They were inspired to do this project after seeing all the information about Sarah Everard and this survey done by UN Women UK on various social media platforms, mainly Instagram and TikTok, and on the news. The girls are working incredibly hard on their project so far in preparation for the virtual exhibition which will take place in January. Nora Twomey and Amy Sheehan are investigating if Schools Rules are Outdated? The idea came to them at the start of the school year when reading through their school journals and reading the Code of Behaviour, and they believe current school rules should change to reflect the modern era we live in today. They have surveyed over 100 students - some international students also - and are currently in the process of analysing their results and are working very diligently on their projects book and presentation.

## ALL STAR VISIT

On Friday the 3rd of December we were absolutely delighted to welcome back our Past Pupil, football All Star winner, Erika O Shea. Erika called in to see us and to show us her All Star Award. While she was here we asked her to have a chat with our First-Year girls. The girls were so attentive and so interested in everything that Erika had to say. Erika gave a lovely, inspiring presentation to the girls, she spoke so honestly and so articulately. She talked to the girls about the benefits of being involved in school teams, how much she enjoyed playing sport while she was a student here and she also reminded them of the importance of hard work and resilience. It was great to see you Erika, you are a fantastic Role Model for our young students. Thanks Erika.

## FOOTBALL

Our 1st year footballers were in Skibbreen on Monday of last week for a First Year Football Blitz. They played Skibbreen first and beat them 3-4 to 1-8. They also won their second match

against Bandon 6-19 to 0-1. The girls had their last match against Clonakilty. It was a close game but they unfortunately lost the 3rd match of the day. All girls played very well and did St Mary's proud! Thank you to Mr Quill and Mr Galvin for accompanying the girls on the day.

by Caoimhe Dineen and Liadh McMahon (TY)

## BASKETBALL

On Monday the 22nd of November our U16 and U19 basketballers were back in action again but this time, against Ballincollig Community School. Great news with two wins secured by both teams! U16 Score 24-14 and U19 Score 36-22. Fantastic stuff girls, very well done!

Our U16 Basketball Team were playing against Scoil Phobail Beara in Castletownbere on Monday the 29th of November, and recorded a great win of 44-12 on the day! The girls went on to play the quarter final against Scoil Mhuire Kanturk on Friday the 3rd of December, they won their game against Kanturk and they are now into the Semi Final which will be played in St Aidan's soon. Congratulations girls and very well done!

## POETRY ALOUD COMPETITION

Well done to 1A1 English students Meabh Songhurst, Eadaoin Grainger and Aisling Lehane who will represent St. Mary's in the first round of the 'Poetry Aloud' competition organised by the National Library of Ireland (NLI) and Poetry Ireland, in partnership with UCC. 'Poetry Aloud' is an annual poetry speaking competition for post-primary school students across the island of Ireland. The late Seamus Heaney was a significant supporter of the competition. He praised the extraordinary way in which the competition seeks to celebrate the joy of speaking and listening to poetry as well as the fact that there is a strong North-South dimension to the competition. Best of luck to the girls! Thanks to Ms Murnane for helping the girls to prepare for this competition.

## GAEILGE 24

Our TY students showed their love and support for the Irish language by organising a special day to celebrate Gaeilge 24 recently. On the day they enjoyed a delicious breakfast followed by many exciting activities including a scavenger

hunt, a music quiz, some yoga, dodgeball and dance! All while speaking Irish for the entire day. Míle buíochas le Ms Queally, roinn na Gaeilge agus na cailíní ón gceathrú bliain a d'eagraigh na himeachtaí go léir dá gcomhscoláirí.

## FIRST YEAR BONDING DAY

On Friday the 19th of November, Ms Butler organised a Bonding Trip for our 1st year students and their Buddies to Bowling Buddies in Tralee. On the day the girls had the entire place to themselves and they took part in a variety of activities including bowling and sky walking, as well as many arcade games. A really enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to Ms Butler for organising such a memorable day for the girls and thanks to Ms Foley and to Ms Hickey for accompanying Ms Butler and the girls on the trip.

## DRAMA IN ENGLISH CLASS

Ma de la Cour's 2a2 English class created alternative endings for the Steinbeck classic, 'Of Mice and Men' in their English class recently. The girls transformed the story using a script format and they performed their remakes. Props were encouraged! Well done girls your creativity was really evident in your performances and it looked like you really enjoyed the experience.

## GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Well done to Green School Committee members Amy Mc Cullagh and Keirsha O Hare who volunteered their time during lunchtime last week to pick up rubbish on Duggan's Lane. Well done girls we are so proud to see you set such a fantastic example, well done.

## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our students, Saoirse Twomey, Fern Mullane, Emily Cronin and Cara O'Brien who participated in the All Ireland Athletics Competition in Kilkenny on Sunday the 5th of December. The girls represented their club West Muskerry AC. The girls who competed as a team qualified for this All Ireland by placing third in the Munsters. Well done girls.



## 5 THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WORKING FROM HOME



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### 1. KEEP MOVING

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### 2. RAISE IT UP

If you are working from a laptop, raise it to make it eye level. Use books to lift it up and use an external keyboard and mouse.

### 3. SIT UP!

Invest in a good office chair.

If you are sitting at a dining table, which is usually higher than an office desk, you will need an adjustable chair to raise the height. Use a footrest (a box or books will do the same thing to rest your feet.) If you're unable to invest in a good chair straight away, try this;

Put a firm cushion or tightly folded towel under your buttocks to raise your hips and increase the curve of your spine, making sitting more comfortable.

### 4. STAY HYDRATED

Keep a water bottle near you and sip away throughout the day.

### 5. TAKE BREAKS

Don't skip lunch. Get out for a walk or schedule an online work out. Maintain your sleep routine and learn to switch off. (It helps not to have your office set-up in your bedroom.)



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## ARTICLES FROM OUR TY JOURNALISM CLUB

# Leap of Faith

Photographed by Sinéad Horgan. Written by Clodagh O Keeffe and Una Madden

The Transition Year students at St Mary's Secondary School took a trip to 'Zip It' in Farran Wood. The girls arrived at 9:30 on a drizzly morning but that didn't taint any moods! The girls were kitted up in harnesses and were given a run through on how to use all the equipment. The staff were very helpful and informative and the equipment was easy to use so they got the knack in no time. There were five circuits to complete, each getting more challenging and higher off the ground each time. Each girl had the freedom to pick and choose which course they'd like to take and it was just fun from there. Each girl could complete each circuit at their own pace and there was something

for everyone. The students were given the opportunity to walk across shaky bridges, glide through ziplines, climb through obstacles and swing from platform to platform. You really don't need to be an expert to complete them.

The girls were shown a demonstration and taught safety protocols before they began their exciting adventure. The professional that showed them this ensured that each girl would be out of harm's way and safe to enjoy their brand new experience. Not only was it a very fun experience for them, they also got the opportunity to bond with their friends and form new relationships with their other classmates. They were able to

laugh together and encourage one another as they glided and climbed through the air. All of the courses were one hundred percent safe and weren't too hard to complete. Some of them did require a bit of problem solving and stealth but it was nothing that these girls couldn't handle!

As the day cleared up and the fourth year's time on the courses ended, the girls sat outside and had their lunch and relaxed. Each girl then got on the bus to head back to Macroom feeling great after a fantastic adrenaline packed day. They all really enjoyed their time there!



## DE LA SALLE College Macroom

### Great news for De La Salle College.

School management has been informed about the Department of Education's decision to build a new state of the art college on the magnificent Sandy Hill site overlooking the river Sullane.

This development is the result of a long and difficult struggle over many years. De La Salle is indebted to many people who made this possible. In particular, we would like to thank Monsignor O' Donnell, Canon Donal Roberts and the Cloyne Diocese for donating this wonderful site to the college. We acknowledge the terrific support from former Minister Michael Creed in acquiring peripheral properties essential for this development. We thank Andrias Moynihan for his support and Gerard McCarthy architect for all his great work. This is fantastic news for De La Salle, Macroom and all the surrounding area.

### U16 Match Report

Recently, the De La Salle U16 team led by Shane Ryan and Cian Kiely travelled to Ballincollig to play Coláiste Choilm in the quarter-final of the U16 A county football championship.

This was De La Salle's first competitive outing this season but they showed no signs of rust starting the game at a ferocious pace with De La Salle's intentions clear to be seen. A Tom Browne led effort saw De La Salle lead Coláiste Choilm 0.04 to 0.00 at the first water break.

Coláiste Choilm attempted to grow into the game in the second quarter holding a little more of the ball but De La Salle were efficient in defence and attack transitioning quickly and working the space well. Despite Coláiste Choilm's best efforts all they could manage was two frees. The half-time score was De La Salle 0.07 Coláiste Choilm 0.02. Despite De La Salle's dominance they weren't happy and tore apart Coláiste Choilm in the third quarter. Two fast goals created beautifully and both finished by a razor-sharp Cian Kelleher. Tenacious and resilient defending all across the two black lines for De La Salle and brilliant footballing ability displayed by Owen McCarthy and Ryan Sabas in midfield left the half time score 2.10 to 0.05. The last quarter however told a different story Coláiste Choilm with a new sense of vigour rallied and started to dominate over a tiring De La Salle. De La Salle conceded multiple goal chances but an outstanding Cian Desmond kept Coláiste Choilm



Second Year students at De La Salle College who completed projects on their local history with teacher Mr. Colm Walsh

out. They did finally break through when they scored a penalty. This however was too little too late and De La Salle won out on the final score of 2.11 to 1.08. This result puts De La Salle's men into the county semi-final set to be played in early December.

### Report by Liam McSweeney 4th year

In De La Salle we are hugely fortunate to have support from Derry Casey of Philmac. Philmac produce all types of water fittings and connections and are distributed solely by South Coast Sales.

We would like to express our gratitude to Derry who recently visited the school to present a set of jerseys to the U14s. We are very grateful for the continued sponsorship which now means we have a set of jerseys for our U14's as well as a home and away set for the U16's and Seniors. This support means a lot to the school and volunteers who train the teams but most importantly the players, who love to turn out on the pitch wearing a new set of jerseys.



U14 Football team at De La Salle College in their new jerseys donated by Derry Casey of Philmac.





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# Gurteenroe House

## a Macroom 'Big' House



Gurteenroe House in 2021 (C. Kelleher).



The Healy Family and Paul Woods. (C. Kelleher).

by Dr. Con Kelleher

Although situated only 60 metres from the very busy N22, many people will be unaware of Gurteenroe House as opposed to Macroom Courthouse or the former Catholic Parochial House. It could be described as one of Macroom's hidden architectural gems, and hiding in full sight. This is a brief description of the House and its history.

Paddy Healy bought Gurteenroe House in the 1950s. The House was built in the 1770-1780 period, and had extensions and modifications over time. It is a magnificent building in a beautiful setting. Its story gives an insight into the history of Macroom from the eighteenth century to the present day.

Ireland 1691-1800 was a 'cold' place for Catholics. Though nominally an independent kingdom, it was a vassal state ruled by London. King Billy's (William of Orange) victory over King James at the Battle of the Boyne (1690) ushered in the dominance of the Anglican Protestant Ascendancy in Ireland. The Protestants were vindictive in victory and yet were fearful of the Catholic Irish majority who still hoped for salvation and deliverance from the Wild Geese and Catholic powers in Europe. To consolidate its position, the Anglican Protestant Ascendancy abrogated all political power and, by mid-century, Protestants – about 20% of the population – owned 95% of the land in Ireland. Not all Protestants were equal; Presbyterians could not vote or hold public office. Further, most contemporary European rulers made their particular religion the official state religion of their fiefdoms, regardless of the wishes of the population.

The Penal Laws (1795-1829) denied Catholics the right to own land, to vote, to hold office or to own a horse worth more than £5. The laws principally affected the old Irish land-owners and the mercantile class escaped relatively lightly, after about 1720, Catholic clergy could go about their but quietly and discretely. Another feature of The Laws was, on death, a Catholic land-owner was forced to divide his/her property among his sons. While the laws were not always and everywhere vigorously applied, they did concentrate power and money on a small minority of the population. In 1740-41 there was a severe winter and a poor harvest followed which caused a famine which is estimated to have killed about 400,000 thousand

people or 13.3% (of an estimated population of 3 million). Most Irish people lived in wretched poverty, mostly in dreadful hovels or 'botháns' through much of the period. Solace was provided by religion and a resort to secret societies such as The Whiteboys, The Rightboys etc. Their violence increased the fear and hatred of the Ascendancy who reacted by imposing severer strictures and conditions. When the Vatican recognized the Hanoverian Dynasty in 1766 and when Great Britain needed men to fill its armies, the penal laws were relaxed. Some Enlightened Irish Anglicans asserted independent measures for the Irish (or Grattan's) Parliament; this parliament was from and for the Ascendancy class only and this demand was largely driven by Irish Anglicans' realisation that the Irish Protestant and mainland British interests often conflicted. The exclusion of Catholics and Presbyterians in turn spawned radicalism and led to the United Irishmen's rebellion in the late 1790s. The rebellion was severely crushed and was marked by sectarian atrocities on all sides. The political result was The Act of Union 1801 which abolished the Irish Parliament, and London ruled directly thereafter. This is a very brief and simplified summary of Ireland 1691-1800 but outlines the important events, attitudes and conditions prevailing during the period. The life and slaying of Art Ó Laoghaire (1746-1773), Raleigh, and the monument to the United Irishmen activists, between the Castle Gates and McEgan College, are testaments that the British 18th century writ was alive, active and strong in and around Macroom.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, one of the ways the Ascendancy expressed its wealth and position in Irish society was to build fine houses on extensive estates, and often on beautiful sites. At the time, land largely was wealth. Macroom Castle and Demesne, Mountmassey House, Killinardish House and Warren's Court and their estates are local examples. Lesser gentry built not quite so fine houses, and Codrum House, Firville House and Sandy Hill House are good Macroom examples. Gurteenroe House (originally called Gurteenroe Cottage) falls within this category. Collectively these structures were known as 'Big Houses'. Writers Maria Edgeworth and Elizabeth Bowen came from Anglo-Ascendancy backgrounds and provide realistic accounts of life from that milieu.

Historian Terence Dooley has documented life in and around 'Big Houses'.

The term 'The Big House' itself arose from the fact that their enormity was in marked contrast to the tiny hovels that many native Irish called homes. 'Big' connotes not only size but importance. Bowen wrote 'Is it height – in this country of otherwise low buildings – that got these Anglo-Irish houses their big names? Or have they been called 'big' with a slight inflection – that of hostility, irony? One may call a man big with just that inflection because he seems to think the hell of himself'. Many of these houses were destroyed during the War of Independence and the Civil War. After Independence many were deserted or sold or came into native hands. In the late twentieth century places such as Dromoland Castle and Mount Juliet have become luxury resorts and golf courses, and still serve the moneyed.

Paul Woods, grandson of Paddy and Eileen Healy (née Ring, from Dripsey), has provided the following account of ownership of Gurteenroe House since its construction. According to the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage it was built between 1780 and 1820 on Hedges' estate.

'The original structure was 'a double-pile five-bay two-storey house over a raised basement with a hipped roof'. A derelict pond to the west once fed into the Masseytown Mill Race. Griffith's Valuation (1847-1864) recorded the owner as James Welply, draper and landowner. Welply minted farthings due to a shortage from 1831-1847 and records suggest that he lived there before 1834. In the mid 1870s Charles Roycroft took ownership, and he was a justice of the Peace, landowner and a director of the Cork and Macroom Direct Railway Company. Further his nephew, Dr Richard Alphonsus Sheehan was the Catholic bishop of Waterford and Lismore. Roycroft lived in Gurteenroe House until about 1900. On his death, Henry Baldwin Minhear and Ellie Josephine Minhear bought the house and they altered it by adding a second story over the kitchen, and used galvanised sheeting for its roof. Previous to the purchase, the Minhears had lived at Carrigaphooca House and Raleigh House.

There was a graveyard attached to the adjacent Macroom Workhouse (1843-1922) and was called St Jude's, and is part of the current Gurteenroe House lands. The graveyard may have predated the famine. Due to the very high death rate during



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## MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

### MACROOM CHRISTMAS PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

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### MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

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Monday 3rd January	office closed
Tuesday 4th January	office open

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*On behalf of the Members and staff of the Macroom Municipal District, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year*

Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Macroom Municipal District





the Great Irish Famine (1845-1852), the workhouse cemetery – it is uncertain if it is St Jude's – was quickly filled and necessitated the opening of Carrigastra Famine Graveyard which received thousands of bodies in the famine years.

Interestingly some elevated positions on the Gurteenroe Estate had views of Castle Street; and the IRA, during the War of Independence and the Civil War, used them as vantage points to monitor troop movement around the Castle. Remnants of a look-out structure are still visible. Mrs Minhear reported damage to a motor car, destruction and damage of trees and damage to the demesne wall during the War of Independence and the Civil War period.

The house subsequently belonged to the Leamington family for a period before it was bought by Connie O'Leary, New Street. Originally, O'Leary came from Clondrohid, played with the great Clondrohid team that lost the 1903 All-Ireland football final in controversial circumstances, and he set up a hugely successful business in New Street. His son, Thomas, became a vet who practiced in Macroom. In turn, Thomas's son Harry and grandson Tom carried/carry on the veterinary tradition in the town. Tom's daughter, Síomha, is also a vet – the fourth generation of vets in the family. Joan Cronin, Harry's sister, lives in the Middle Square.

Paddy Healy bought Gurteenroe House in 1953. The ESB hydroelectric dams at Carrigadrohid and Inniscarra caused widespread flooding of the



Gearagh and surrounding areas. The flooding covered much of Healy's land in Coolcower. One of the last to hold out, Paddy's case was settled by arbitration. He was Macroom Creamery Manager for many years and farmed the estate land. He was also one of the main organisers of Macroom Agricultural Show and was a prime mover in the establishment of Macroom Sales Yard which later became Macroom Mart.

Siobhan is the eldest in the Healy family, and she

is followed by Sean, Maurice, Pat, Evelyn, Michael, Liam, Catherine (Katie), Leo and Raymond. Sean lives in Ballincollig and Siobhan in Tipperary, Michael in Kilmichael, Evelyn in Cork, Raymond in Killarney and Catherine (Katie), mother of Paul Woods, in Ballincollig. Leo, Pat and Maurice live in Macroom. Pat and Maurice, and Raymond run very successful tractor and agricultural and tyre businesses on the grounds. Maurice is a well-known and avuncular character around Macroom. Gurteenroe House and grounds are both beautiful and interesting. Its story provides a micro-view of the history of Ireland from the 18th century. In its time, the House witnessed the Penal Laws, Grattan's Parliament, the United Irishmen's rebellion (1798), The Union of Great Britain and Ireland (1801), O'Connell's campaigns and Emancipation (1829), The Great Irish Famine, the subsequent years of emigration and the rise of Parnellism and Land Agitation. The Irish-Ireland movement followed, leading eventually to the establishment of The Irish Free State and subsequently the Republic. All these events affected the fate of Gurteenroe House and its history is a vivid example of these national events playing out locally.

I thank Paul Woods for his excellent research and information, and for his tolerance. The Healys were extra-ordinarily helpful, and I thank them for that, and for allowing photographs to be taken.

Sources: John Gibney's A Short History of Ireland 1500-2000 (2017) and Ian McBride's Eighteenth Century Ireland (2009) are excellent sources.



Ms. Blavin organiser of the Language day with Nader Alloush



College Awareness Week



Pupils from the Junior Room in Muinefliuch N.S. posting their letters to Santa



Pupils from the Senior Room in Muinefliuch N.S. making wreaths with a 'heritage in schools' specialist





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## Macroom and District Lions Club Make Plans for Christmas

**It's the season of giving and Macroom and District Lions Club is planning two weekends of Christmas Food Appeals for those in need.**

### Food Appeals for those in need.

Volunteers from the local Lions Club will be collecting food for those in need this Christmas. The Christmas food appeal is one of the longest running and most successful projects for the Lions Clubs of Ireland. This year, the Lions Club will hold its Christmas Food Appeal over two weekends and within two stores in Macroom. Here are the details you'll need if you'd like to support this work: Food Appeal at O'Leary's SuperValu: 17th, 18th & 19th December

In previous years, the Club has been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of local people, with trolley loads of food being collected and

handed over to local groups and charities working with people, for whom Christmas can be challenging.

Members of the Macroom and District Lions Club says they are thrilled to be able to do the Christmas Food Appeal this year as it is such an important project and one that makes a huge difference to the local people and families who benefit from it. As always, we the Club is extremely grateful to the supermarkets that facilitate the collections, the volunteers who give their time to make it happen, and of course those who make very kind and generous donations throughout the weekend.

The Club is also busy planning for the return of 'Meet the Clubs Day' which first took place in 2019 and was a great success. The Club plans to hold the event in early 2022, depending on the situation with Covid-19. Local clubs and organisations will

be contacted by members of the Macroom and District Lions Club shortly with details.



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**Exhibition:** For the month of December, Macroom Library are delighted to be exhibiting "Memorable Moments: Rich and Picturesque Scenes of the Lee Valley" by John Brett.

John Brett – Photographer/Artist have captivated the wonderful beauty of the Lee Valley.

John has a passion for photography and Art for many years. He had designed his own postcards and was successful in selling them over time. The cards received great acclaim & were available in

Irish, Italian, French & English.

In this exhibition, John have selected photographs especially for this exhibition. This is one of many exhibitions where he will continue to display his art.

Please call into Macroom library to see John Brett's amazing exhibition.

This December to celebrate **Family Time** at your Library – We have an exciting three-day event with author Roisín Meaney taking place on December 14th, 15th & 16th. Roisín will be joining us to read a selection of bedtime stories suitable for 6 years and under, from 7pm – 8 pm on each of the three dates. All children attending these online sessions must be accompanied by an adult. Email: [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) with your details & preferred date to book your spot. Places are limited.

We also have a great **new competition** for all your readers. All you have to do is borrow library books from the library whatever books you like. Then just take a picture of you & your family enjoying your library books at home – you can also send us a picture of the books you are reading if you prefer.

Email your picture with your details & subject line "Family Time Photo" to [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) before December 31st.

All pictures will be entered into our raffle & have a chance at winning some great prizes. Up for grabs are a family membership to Fota Wildlife Park, as well as family passes to the West Cork Model Railway Village & the Titanic Experience Cobh.

### Colouring Competition:

Macroom Library has a Christmas Colouring Competition so if you are interested, please call to the library for the Colouring sheet. There are two

age categories; 4 – 7 years and 8 – 12 years. Happy Colouring and Good Luck. The closing date for the competition is Saturday 18th December.

We have different **Arts & Crafts/Storytime workshops** on our Facebook page. Our page on Facebook is 'Cork County Library & Arts Service'. Our Online Weekly Quizzes for Children and Adults continues every week. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family.

There is a lot more to libraries than just books – Cork County Library are also operating a **Sound Initiative Scheme**. The scheme allows anyone to borrow an instrument free of charge and try it out before making a potentially expensive purchase. The collection has over 140 instruments from banjos to violins. An instrument can be ordered by placing a request at the library or by email: [asoundinitiative@corkcoco.ie](mailto:asoundinitiative@corkcoco.ie)

Instruments maybe borrowed for up to 3 weeks & maybe renewed if no-one else has placed a request for it. Donations of musical instruments are greatly appreciated.

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Every week we constantly get new books delivered to the library so please come and visit & see our wonderful collection of books. We also have our vast collection of Christmas books in the library now.

We look forward to seeing you all.

*"Reading is not just an escape. It is access to a better way of life."*  
Karin Slaughter



Rachel Murphy, one of the winners



Patrick Murphy - winner of the Halloween Colouring Competition at Macroom Library



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## Irish Girl Guides

**On Saturday 9th October, Our President, Maureen Murphy, was delighted to make a presentation to one extraordinary Leader, Deirdre Henley, Guide Leader Ardilaun Guides Macroom and Senior Branch Leader Macroom, who has completed 50 years as a volunteer Leader.**

This presentation was made at the National Guide Award ceremony which took place in the beautiful setting of Fota House and Gardens, Fota, Co. Cork. Deirdre has given dedicated volunteer service to many Units around Ireland: Sandymount in Dublin; Tralee; Douglas, Cork City; Mallow; Ballincollig and Macroom, Co. Cork, having started Guides in Macroom over 40 years ago. Deirdre has a keen interest in camping and international travel having led many adventures to International Camps and World Centres: Pax Lodge London, Our Chalet in Switzerland and most recently Senior Branch

100th anniversary trip to Sangam India. As a Camp Advisor, Deirdre delighted in sharing her experiences and encouraging many Leaders over the years in the outdoor adventures which she so loves. This year Deirdre is completing her 6th year as Regional Commissioner, South West Region and as a member of the Board of Irish Girl Guides, and is looking forward to continuing to work with many more young women and Leaders in the years ahead. Hugh CONGRATULATIONS to Deirdre from all here at Irish Girl Guides. You are such an amazing role model for girls and young women across Ireland and we are very lucky to have you as a volunteer.

**Image right: President of the Girl Guides, Maureen Murphy, making a presentation to one extraordinary Leader, Deirdre Henley, Guide Leader Ardilaun Guides Macroom and Senior Branch Leader who has completed 50 years as a volunteer Leader.**



## The Macroom and District Environmental Group Think Globally, Act locally

### Making Christmas

Getting out boxes and re-using decorations which hold special memories is a real pleasure for me at this time of year. It also means that I am not tempted to go out and buy more 'stuff' I don't need. For me, one of my favourite memories is of paper-chains I had kept from when I was a student over 40 years ago, and re-used in many houses since then. Sadly, in the end there were nearly as many repairs as original chains, and they were recycled a couple of years ago.

I still always buy what I can from Charity shops, like the little red baubles and tinsel which I add to the green swag that I put over our stairs at this time of year.

Fortunately, I have had the good fortune to be able to speak to a much more sophisticated Christmas 'Maker', Joan Hewetson, for this article.

Joan's father, Edward Hewetson, used to live in what is now Browne's Haberdashery

### Shop in South Square, Macroom.

Joan seems to me to bring that traditional style into her Christmas, but why don't you judge for yourself? Joan's Christmas would start with the making of Advent calenders.

One type would be made from two pieces of cardboard matched for size. This would be most appropriate for younger children. The top piece of card would be decorated and she would half cut out little doors numbered 1-25, and stick little pictures or something similar behind each door.

In the past, with older children, she has used recycled wool to knit an advent calendar which included little pockets for each date in which a little present could be put. The date would be sewn on to each pocket.

At the amateur end of the scale, I have made more snowflakes out of paper than I care to remember. These are made by drawing around a cup or bowl to create a circle that can then be folded into 4 before taking out notches along the sides to create a snowflake...maybe many, for windows. Other memories include making lanterns out of A4 paper folded and cut through to within an inch of the fold, with cuts 2 cms apart and edges joined before a simple handle is added; snowmen made from toilet rolls with a rolled newspaper ball on top, covered in left-over cotton wool, and decorated with facial features, buttons, a scarf and occasionally a bottle-top themed hat!

But best to leave these to the Primary schools and learn more from Joan.

On the rare occasions when Joan does shop at Christmas, she always buys Irish products. She makes angels for the tree by winding coloured felt-roving round and round.

It is also possible to buy Irish glass and ceramic baubles or even make your own from bottles. You can even make your own door wreath using plastic bottles which have been chosen by colour, cut thinly and curled.

More traditional looking wreaths can be made a using a wire coat hanger which has been forced into a circular shape. Greenery such as cones, conifer leaves, rosemary, ivy and holly can be collected with children. It is good to explain that we need to leave the berries behind for the birds, and the whole event can become a wonderful family outing of discovery. You can brighten your wreath with recycled baubles or homemade felt balls. A favourite more traditional look would involve cones, wired-together bundles of a few cinnamon sticks, and dried oranges sliced into discs. You end up with something beautifully smelling and natural too. An orange could also be traditionally covered with cloves and hung with crossing red ribbons, both traditional and aromatic. Room decorations could include paper-chains as I mentioned earlier.

More excitingly, Joan makes her own felt balls of a single colour in differing sizes and threads string through them, to go across a mantelpiece, down the side of a door, or around a lampshade.

My Father-In-Law used to make cribs for his grandchildren, and as well as the usual occupants on the straw/hay, we used to find inappropriate animals sneaked in. A truce was obtained when creatures such as giraffes and kangaroos were allowed to wait outside.

The giving of presents is an integral part of our Christmas, but they don't need to give huge presents, wrapped in one-use paper.

Joan has a couple of ideas for you here too.

Over the year, she will save her own fabric pieces or buy some pretty fabric from charity shops. She will cut these into squares or rectangles. The edges will then be frayed, which saves her having to sew them. These pieces of fabric can then be tied around presents in place of wrapping paper.

Joan also makes fabric bags to put her presents in. This is a really good idea to my mind because it encourages the recipient to re-use the bag.

Gift-tags could be made from last year's Christmas cards, if you have not already used them for shopping lists etc. I loved learning from Joan and

I am grateful to her for sharing her wonderful ideas with us. My hope is that these suggestions will enhance our Christmas here in the Lee Valley.

Remember you can contact the Environmental Group by emailing [macroomenv@gmail.com](mailto:macroomenv@gmail.com)

Or find Macroom District Environmental Group on Facebook. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute an environmental article to this publication, please contact me at [chrisleevalley@gmail.com](mailto:chrisleevalley@gmail.com)





This is going to be a completely different Christmas for everyone, especially those seeking our assistance. We know that our Annual Church Door collections have been hugely impacted this year due to COVID-19.



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## Coachford 200 – Proud Past, Bright Future

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organisations and businesses. One particular way is to donate, to help get events up and running. There are two easy ways to donate: online at our GoFundMe page (go to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and enter 'Coachford' as the search term) ... or there is also a donation box located at Coachford Post Office. All donations will be accepted, are appreciated, and will greatly assist this worthy cause. Help celebrate this proud occasion and the wonderful past, present and future of our thriving and growing mid Cork village.



Gerard Lyons, lifetime member of Carrigadrohid Tidy Towns switching on the Christmas lights in Carrigadrohid. © Peter Scanlan



Chrissie O'Donoghue lifetime member and former Chairperson of Carrigadrohid Tidy Towns being presented with a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of her winning the Carer of the Year award by Mary Lucey, Chairperson, also included is her daughter Deirdre Curtis. © Peter Scanlan



Students at Dromleigh have been extremely busy in recent weeks as part of our scientific and environmental awareness studies.



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## LEABHARLANN BHAILE BHÚIRNE

There was some great excitement during the week when Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne got word that we had not one, but two winners in the recent Calendar Competition. It was great to welcome Holly Ní Chárthaigh aged 7 and Sam Mac Cárthaigh aged 6 to the library to present them with their prizes of book tokens and framed copies of their winning drawings. The Library Calendar will be available soon and is full of excellent drawings by young people like Holly and Sam from all over County Cork. Make sure to ask for your free Cork County Library Calendar 2022 when they are available.

Bhí sceitimíní móra ar dhaoine i rith na seachtaine nuair a fuair Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne focal nach raibh ceann againn, ach beirt bhuaiteoir sa Chomórtas Féilire le déanaí. Bhí sé iontach fáilte a chur roimh Holly Ní Chárthaigh 7 mbliana d'aois agus Sam Mac Cárthaigh 6 bliana d'aois chun na leabharlaine chun a nduaiseanna ar chomharthaí leabhar agus cóipeanna frámaíthe dá líníochtaí buaiteacha a chur i láthair dóibh. Beidh Féilire Leabharlaine 2022 ar fáil go luath agus é lán de líníochtaí den scoth ag daoine óga mar Holly agus Sam as gach cearn den chontae. Déan cinnte d'fhéilire saor in aisce a iarraidh nuair a bheidh siad ar fáil.

### Christmas Bedtime Stories

How about some Christmas Bedtime Stories? Get in the Christmas mood with this three-day online event. Pull out the Christmas PJ's and join bestselling author Roisín Meaney for some festive bedtime stories. Roisín will be reading a selection of stories suitable for children up to six years of age. Christmas story-time will take place over Zoom from 7pm to 8pm on 14th, 15th & 16th December. Places are limited so don't delay in booking your spot, register today by emailing your details and preferred date to [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie). This is a free event and children taking part must be accompanied by an adult. Sounds like great Christmas fun, don't miss it!

To celebrate Family Time at your Library



Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne looking well this December following a makeover with new signage and recent repainting.

this December there is another great Family Competition. It's so easy to take part too. Just drop into Ballyvourney Library, borrow some books for family reading. When you get home take a photo of your family reading the books, or just a photo of the book covers if you are shy, and send the photo to [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) with 'Family Time Photo' in the subject line. The closing date is December 31st 2021. Throughout December we will feature some of the photos on our social media platforms and early in the new year all entries will be entered in a raffle to win prizes including an annual Conservation Pass to Fota Wildlife Park or vouchers for West Cork Model Railway Village and Titanic Experience Cobh. So, brush up on your best smiles, borrow your favourite books from Ballyvourney Library and submit those photos without delay.

As part of Cork County Council's 'A Real Cork Christmas' campaign, Cork towns and villages have been busy putting up festive lights and decorations. The campaigns theme is 'Let There Be Light' and following this theme unique light installations are appearing in the windows of many of the Council's libraries. Transition year students from eight secondary schools have been busy working with local artists to create very special



Holly Ní Chárthaigh & Sam Mac Cárthaigh, two of the winners of the annual Cork County Council Library & Arts Calendar Competition collect their prizes in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne.

displays using various media including paint, paper, fibre, LED displays and fairy lights. These installations must be seen to be appreciated and luckily you won't have to travel too far to see one of these displays. Transition year students from Coláiste Ghobnatan Bhaile Bhúirne, together with their art teacher Nollaig Ní Loingsigh and with the help and guidance of artist Ciara Rodgers have created a stunning display in the windows of Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne. Please drop by to see this lovely display and if you have time call into the library where you can leave a comment for the young artists involved, as the old saying goes Mól an Óige agus Tiocfaidh Siad.

Please note that on Wednesday 22nd December Ballyvourney library will not open until 11.30 am, sorry about any inconvenience this may cause. The library will close for Christmas at 5.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December and will reopen on Tuesday January 4th 2022.

*"The smells of Christmas  
are the smells of childhood"*  
Richard Paul Evans, *The Christmas Box*

## UIBH LAOIRE

### "We are the Champions"

"It's the icing on the Christmas cake" I heard someone say with tear filled eyes in Páirc Uí Caoimh last Sunday as the cup was presented to Uibh Laoire Captain, Brian Cronin following his team's win over Mitchelstown in the Intermediate A Football Championship final. Coming out of Mid Cork it seemed too much to hope for, that they might go any further. But this team brushed aside all opposition, nearly always with huge score differences. Last Sunday's game I will leave to the experts to analyse. But briefly, Uibh Laoire took charge from an early stage and were 5 points up at the water break. Mitchelstown made an attempt to catch up and we thought we were going to have a game. At the start of the second half the opposition looked threatening but failed repeatedly to score while Iveleary defended firmly, kept up a constant rhythm of attacks, rewarded by point after point. The final score of 20 points to 7 somewhat reflected the play. Who starred for Uibh Laoire? Everyone starred. They were fit and

fast, played sensibly and bravely, supported each other at all times – a united outfit. It was a long campaign leading up to the final and we have to salute all the panel, all mentors, supporters young and old who stuck with it in such difficult times. Bonfires lined the roads to Inchigeela at Toonsbridge, Rossmore and the roadside entering Inchigeela village and celebrations that followed will continue for a long time. So, enjoy the icing on the Christmas cake! "Up Uibh Laoire Every Time! Christmas Decorations

The tidy towns group have made great progress in decorating the streets and roads leading into Inchigeela. Most of the items are created from wooden pallets in keeping with the advice of the tidy town governing body and all paint work is environmentally friendly. They are providing more lights this Christmas to decorate the trees, so, give them a "thumbs up" whenever you can as the work is all voluntary.

Bridge work

There is some tasty work done on the bridge

on the Ballingeary road, over the little river that separates the townlands of Graigue and Tír na Spideóige. I have heard the bridge called Timmy Connell's bridge. I wonder if anyone knows has the river or the bridge got an old name?

World Champion Cook Book

The fantastic news came last week that the Lucey family of Gougane Barra Hotel had won first in the world, in the category of Hotel Cook Book. Last year, Katy Lucey had donated 15 of her recipes on the internet as a fundraiser for ISPC, the children's support organisation. The project was a lockdown project of Katy and Neil with Jane and Ali, their daughters. The response was tremendous and the effort generated thousands for the charity. They were surprised and delighted when they heard that their recipes had won the prestigious Gourmand World Hotel Book of the year. The family received their award in Paris last week. Congratulations and best wishes to you muintir Luasa



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## Elizabeth Cronin *By Kathy O'Sullivan*



Elizabeth Cronin, 1951



Jean Ritchie and Elizabeth Cronin, 1952 (Source: Ritchie Pickow Archive, NUI Galway Archives)



Making decorations for the wren-bush (Source: Ritchie Pickow Archive, NUI Galway Archives)

Elizabeth (Bess) Cronin, 'The Queen of Irish Song', as Séamus Ennis (piper, singer, broadcaster and Irish music collector) called her, was born on 30th May 1879 in Baile Bhuirne (Ballyvourney). The eldest daughter of Maighréad Ní Thuama and Seán 'Máistir' Ó hIarlaithe, who was a village headmaster in a school of Barr d'Inse, Elizabeth had four sisters, one brother, and two half-brothers, from her father's first marriage. The entire family spoke Irish as their first language.

She spent her teenage years on a nearby farm owned by her aunt (her mother's sister) and uncle, Tomás Ó hIarlaithe (Tomás Bheirte). She learnt many of her songs and stories as a young teenager from farm workers, as well as others from her mother, cousins and friends. Elizabeth sang songs both in English and in her local dialect of the Irish language, making her first public appearance in 1899 in a Feis in Macroom, at the age of 20, singing two Sean-nós (a style of unaccompanied traditional Irish vocal music, with very long, highly ornamented melodic phrases) songs in Irish. An account in Fáinne an Lae (a bilingual newspaper published as part of the Gaelic revival between 1898 and 1900) remarked that her songs and recitation 'were much admired for their beauty and the naïve simplicity with which they were rendered'. Ireland's first modern Feis took place in Macroom, in 1899 under the auspices of the Gaelic League, a cultural nationalist movement. The Feis was traditionally conceived of as a rural event, with competitions in Irish traditional music, dance, song and poetry, with Irish as the main language. Sometimes sports competitions also took place. Historically, the Feis was an ancient assembly of Irish nobility, poets, politicians, judges, doctors and chiefs, which focused on politics and law-making, though it also included festivities. Ireland's 800-year colonization meant that this event vanished, until reinvented by the Gaelic League at the end of the 19th century.

After she married her husband Seán Ó Cróinín, she moved to Carraig an Adhmaid, Baile Mhic Íre (Ballymakeera) to the Cronin family farm which was known as 'The Old Plantation'. Elizabeth and her husband had five sons and one daughter. Elizabeth continued to sing, and her reputation grew. Asked in later years by an interviewer where and when she sang in her youth, Bess replied: "I sang here, there and everywhere: at weddings and parties and at home, and milking the cows in the stall, and washing the clothes, and sweeping the house, and stripping the cabbage for the cattle, and sticking [the seed potatoes] abroad in the field, and doing everything." Hers was a life filled

with song. Her repertoire extended to hundreds of songs, both in Irish and in English.

She created some records during her life which are still available today. The tune and the lyrics of her version of Siúil a Rún were the foundation of subsequent recordings by Clannad, Mary Black and Celtic Women:

*"I'll sell my rock, I'll sell my reel  
I'll sell my only spinning wheel  
To buy my love a sword of steel  
Is go dté tú mo mhúirín slán."  
(And may you go safely, my darling)*

It has been suggested that Siúil a Rún refers to the "Wild Geese" (Irish soldiers who served in continental European armies in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries), though this is not clear. Robert Louis Stevenson refers to the song twice in his novel *The Master of Ballantrae* (1889), and in *Ulysses*, James Joyce had Stephen Dedalus sing the song to Leopold Bloom.

Elizabeth also influenced Irish singers such as Christy Moore and Séamus Ennis (who called her the Queen of Muskerry song, in addition to the Queen of Irish song). Though she never had a recording contract, her reputation grew, and music collectors began to visit, to record her singing. Proinsias Ó Ceallaigh of the Irish Folklore Commission collected some songs from Elizabeth in 1935, Séamus Ennis in the mid-1940s, and again, with Brian George, for the BBC in the early 1950s. Indeed, Brian George remarked: "I must say that, in all my experience of folksong collecting, I have never found greater satisfaction, nor such wide variety." She was often featured on BBC radio programmes. Ewan MacColl (folk songwriter, singer, collector & father of Kirsty MacColl) introduced her to listeners on a BBC radio program as follows: "*The next singer, on the other hand, conjures up with her style of singing the image of a restless moorland stream, always in motion, running, gliding, falling in short cascades, swirling, eddying and moving to the sea.... She uses mordents, often two or more joined together, passing notes flowered like ornaments, sighing notes and sudden stops and all of them combine in a joyful vision of endless motion.*"

Thanks to Elizabeth, it is said, some almost-extinct songs and tunes were preserved, for example, Lord Gregory, and also The Green Linnet, among others:

*"The crowned heads of Europe  
they were in great splendour,  
And swore they would have you submit.  
But the goddess of freedom*

*soon made them surrender  
And lowered their standards to your wit."*

The Green Linnet is a Napoleonic ballad, with Napoleon represented, figuratively, as a Green Linnet. There are many songs about Napoleon in Irish tradition, mainly because French assistance in the 1798 rebellion won the gratitude of many Irish people fighting for independence. Using a bird as the name of a leader features throughout Irish history, with, for example, Daniel O'Connell, being known as the 'Kerry Eagle', and Charles Stewart Parnell known as the 'Blackbird of Avondale'.

Elizabeth, being warm-hearted, hospitable and generous about sharing her knowledge, was visited by many other collectors of music and folklore, including Jean Ritchie, George Pickow, Diane Hamilton and also Alan Lomax, who included some of her songs in the Irish volume of his 18-volume *Columbia World Library of Folk and Primitive Music* (New York, 1955). Elizabeth's singing united people, to create something of social and cultural significance.

Song wasn't the only thing Elizabeth was passionate about. She was also a noted storyteller and had a vast range of knowledge about life and tradition in Muskerry. Her wonderfully idiomatic Irish reflected the many centuries of poetry and literary composition - and the substantial number of rare and unique words she knew meant she was one of those consulted by Professor Brian Ó Cuív, a Celtic scholar who specialised in Irish history and philology, when writing his books, *The Irish of West Muskerry*, Co. Cork: A Phonetic Study (1944) and the collection of rare words *Cnósach focal ó Bhaile Bhuirne* (1947). It is interesting that the Irish language was to Elizabeth an entirely oral language, as she did not write the lyrics to any of her songs, in stark contrast to the songs she sang in English, which were painstakingly transcribed in her many copybooks.

Elizabeth strove to ensure that tradition would be passed down through the generations. As Séamus Ennis said: "Her repertoire is representative of the whole folk song and folklore tradition of her lifetime and many generations before: one of the greatest repositories we have found." In one photo, she is seen partaking in an old Irish tradition, making decorations for the wren-bush. Wren Day (Lá an Dreoilín - Dreoilín means 'trickster'), is a celebration held on 26th December, St. Stephen's Day. The tradition consists of "hunting" a wren (nowadays a fake wren) and putting it on top of a decorated pole. Then the crowds of wrenboys celebrate the wren by dressing up in masks,





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straw suits, and colourful clothing, playing music and parading through towns and villages. The money collected from the townspeople is usually donated to a school or charity. Similar traditions exist on the Shetland Islands and the Isle of Man. Celtic mythology considered the wren a symbol of the past year. One myth to explain the festival is as follows: God wished to know who was the king of all birds so he set a challenge. The bird who flew the farthest would win. One by one the birds dropped out, until only the great eagle was left. The eagle grew tired and began to drop lower in the sky. At this point, the deceitful wren emerged from beneath the eagle's wing, to fly higher and further than all the others. This is shown in the

song that begins:

"The wren, the wren, the King of All Birds, St. Stephen's Day was caught in the furze."

Continuing to record songs and tell stories, endeavouring to keep tradition alive, Elizabeth eventually fell ill to toxæmia and anaemia, and she died on 22nd May 1956 at the age of 76.

Many accounts of Elizabeth's life seem at a loss to explain her extraordinary achievements. For example, the use of words such as 'only' or 'just' an 'ordinary' 'housewife', as Elizabeth Cronin has been described by so many, is quite judgmental, as indeed, we have seen over the past almost two years, where language has often been used to judge, to confuse, to control, to sway

public opinion. To try and attribute negative characteristics to people is known as othering, as it sees some people as being less worthy of dignity and respect. Elizabeth is certainly deserving of respect, as she set a high standard. Her life was anything but ordinary. In many ways, she seemed to understand what takes many a lifetime to learn: the human need to tell stories, to tell each other about who we are, why we are, where we come from, and what might be possible. Perhaps, like Elizabeth, we should all act as if what we do makes a difference. In her case, it most certainly did. 'Ordinary' people are capable of achieving extraordinary things. That is usually how change is brought about.

## 100 year old letters between Michael Collins and Kitty Kiernan turned into fascinating podcast

A new podcast featuring the letters passed between Michael Collins and Kitty Kiernan has been created by the Michael Collins House Museum, Clonakilty to mark the centenary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. My Dearest Kitty is an eleven-episode series funded by Cork County Council's Commemorations Committee.

One hundred years ago, as Michael Collins assisted in leading the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiation in London, he was also negotiating a new and long-distance personal relationship with Kitty Kiernan. This podcast tells the story of their evolving relationship as well as the developing story of the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations through their 300 letters and telegrams.

Episode one is now available on the Michael Collins House website and YouTube channel. Episodes will be released daily until December



6th, the centenary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan said, "My Dearest Kitty is a fascinating podcast looking at Ireland's most tragic love story. Michael Collins and Kitty Kiernan wrote more than 300 letters to each other and their words have been brought to life in this beautifully produced series. The correspondence is affectionate, loving, and romantic, yet it also reveals elements of the

couple's power dynamic as they seek to establish their relationship. It is wonderful to hear about the personal and political lives of Michael Collins in this way, as we begin to understand the weight of issues occupying his mind in the momentous weeks of the Anglo-Irish negotiations. Cork County Council is proud to support the creation of this podcast series through the Commemorations Committee, as we mark the events that define our history and inform who we are as a nation today."

My Dearest Kitty is based on a script by Michael Collins House Museum, Clonakilty. The podcast and accompanying videos have been professionally produced by Mirador Media and its team of voice-over actors. Episodes will be uploaded daily to <https://www.michaelcollinshouse.ie> and the Michael Collins House Museum YouTube channel until Monday, December 6th.



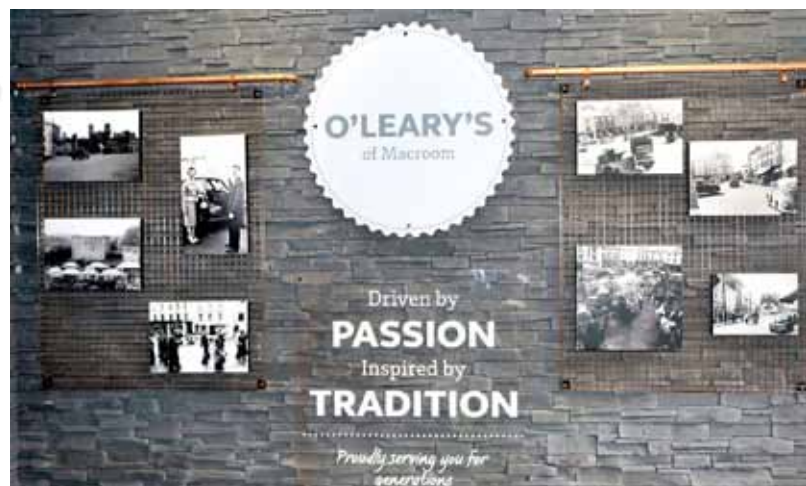
Nurses and maintenance man in Macroom Hospital. (O'Keeffe photos, submitted by Con Kelleher)



Mrs Mary O'Brien practising with cast members before a Macroom 1959-1964 pantomime. John O'Reardon, New St, producer and script-writer is on the extreme right. (John O'Brien supplied).



New display of old Macroom photos at entrance to Super Valu, Macroom. (C. Kelleher).





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# Macroom and Photography FF

At Christmas-time 2020 two Macrooom-centred photography books were published – Dennis Dinneen's *Small Town Portraits* and Seán and Máire Mac Suibhne's *Muskerry Through the Mac Suibhne Lens* 1983 – 1989. Both are wonderful publications and join Seán Mac Suibhne-compiled *Muskerry Through the Lens* of Dennis Dinneen (2011) book on photos based around Macrooom. Ballingearry and Ballincollig have well-established and active camera clubs. Most people have mobile phones and frequently use their camera functions – almost everyone takes photographs nowadays.

This article looks at the history of photography and some distinguished Macrooom photographers. The word 'photography' has roots in classical Greek and is composed of two parts  $\varphi\omega\varsigma$  (phos) – light, and  $\gamma\rho\alpha\phi\eta$  (graphe) – drawing; so photography is 'drawing with light'. The principles of photography were known for millennia – Mozi (China) wrote of the 'dark room' in the 4th century BC. The problem was to capture and preserve the images. (In this context the term 'photography' is an anachronism as the word 'photographie' was first used publicly in the 19th century, in a German newspaper (Vossische Zeitung, 25 February 1839). The term may have been used privately before that. The steps involved are the creation of an image when light passes through a small opening (camera obscura) and that some chemicals react when exposed to light; and the capture and preservation of the 'photos' (Johnson, Rice and Williams, *A History of Photography*, Taschen, Cologne, 2019). Daguerre and Fox Talbot developed reliable processes in 1839, at approximately the same time, to capture images. Niépce is credited with taking the first photographs, negatives, in 1816, when he used paper coated with silver chloride; however the coating turned dark when fully exposed to light. He also took the oldest surviving camera image, and it dates from 1826/1827. Daguerre was a pupil/apprentice of his and inherited Niépce's notes on his death in 1833. Daguerre then developed a method of using mercury fumes, whereby he brought developing times down to a few minutes. His process was replaced by the 'collodion' technique in the late 1850s. Fox Talbot discovered that hyposulfite (sodium thiosulphate) dissolved silver salts and 'fixed' photos. Thereafter other developments such as the creation of camera film by Eastman in 1912 and the Leica camera (1925) led to the wider adoption and increased use of photography. The Leica was a small portable camera and eliminated the need for heavy equipment, lighting, tripods etc. to take decent photos. Before that, real-time photos, such as those taken of battles, had to be staged. The rationale for the Leica's invention was to use up left-over movie film. 'Natural' photos became much easier to take. (<http://www.ndsu.edu/pubweb/~rrollins/242/photojournalism/historyofphotography.html>).

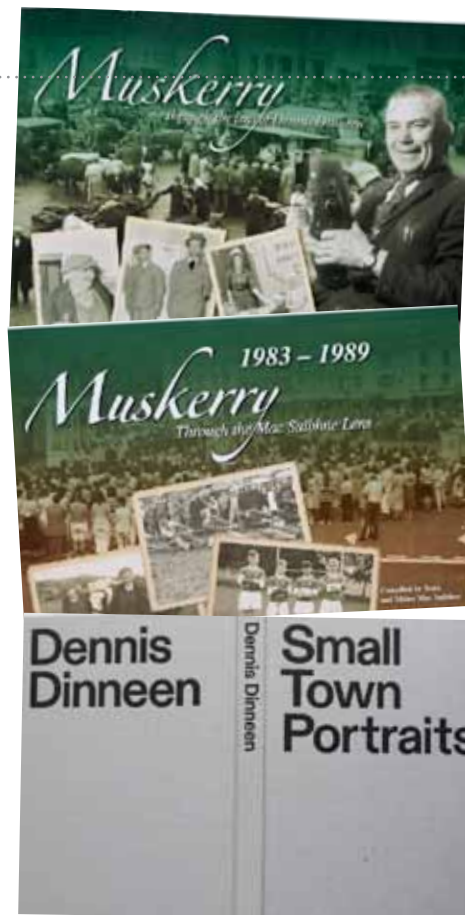
Following the introduction of photography, portraits of the aristocracy, the upper and middle classes became very popular. This was both money- and class-based. Taking photographs was expensive and the 'quality' and their pursuits

were viewed as the only worthwhile subjects. The Crimean War (1853-1856) was the first major event to be photographed, and Roger Fenton became the first great war-photographer, (New York Times Facebook page, downloaded 5 March 2021). The GAA A Peoples History features a photo on page 12 taken at Punchestown Races in 1859. Michael Cusack, co-founder of the GAA in 1884, is featured in a 1881 picture of the Phoenix Rugby team, Dublin, and he played in the first rugby match played in Jones's Road, now Croke Park, in the same book.

The first photograph to be used in illustration of a newspaper story was a depiction of barricades in Paris taken on 25 June 1848 during the June Days Uprising; the photo was used as an engraving in *L'Illustration* of 1–8 July 1848. ("Barricades in Rue Saint-Maur-Popincourt, 25th June 1848", PBS Learning Media, was retrieved 9 December 2017). The first picture printed in an American paper was in 1880. Pictures were used early in Irish newspapers and *The Irish Times* featured photos of those involved in the famous Maam Cross, Co. Galway, murder cases of 1882. (The case was also notorious as the accused spoke Irish only, he did not have a translator, and the case was conducted entirely in English. The accused was hanged and the question of a fair trial was legitimately raised). As time passed, more and more photos appeared in the newspapers. As prosperity increased and technology advanced more photos for private and public purposes were used. One of Michael Cusack's many gifts was publicity and polemics, and he and the GAA made good use of the press. After about 1910, GAA match reports were more often accompanied by photographs. World War 1 further stimulated the use of photos but, because of the limitations of the equipment, many photos were staged.

In addition to newspapers photos, pictures were taken privately or for commercial purposes. The National Library of Ireland houses the Lawrence Photography Collection and early images include: 'A Battering Ram has done its work' – an eviction, 'A Kerry Girl', 'Deanery', 'Fare Thee Well Lough Derg' (emigration), 'Evicted', 'HMS Himalay', 'Linden Convalescent Home', Dublin and 'Lunch Time' in Gearahamean, Killarney' (catalogue. nli.ie/Collection/vtIs00031341?url=standard – accessed 25 March 2021). The collection was the property of William Mervin Lawrence. At age twenty-four he had opened a photographic studio in Sackville Street, Dublin, opposite the GPO, in 1865. In the 1880s, when the dry plate process came in, Lawrence employed printers, colourists and 're-touchers', and Robert French began work around that time. French graduated from printer to artist to chief photographer, and most of his photographic work was probably done from 1890-1910 (<http://lawrencecollection.com/about/> accessed 25 March 2021). He was responsible for about 3/4s of the Lawrence Collection photos. Those photos date from 1841-1917. Unfortunately Lawrence's shop/studio was destroyed in the 1916 Easter Rising.

The Lawrence Collection has photos of Macrooom and probably contains some of the earliest images of the town and area. While some of the



photos are exceptionally good, unfortunately the precise dates when taken are not given. French photographed Macrooom Castle (several views), the Castle Entrance and Square, and Macrooom Bridge. There is also a picture of Macrooom Square dating from 1903 but its photographer is not known.

*Continued next week...*

**Images above:**  
**Muskerry Through the lens of Dennis Dinneen.**  
**Muskerry Through the lens of Seán Mac Suibhne.**  
**Small Town Portraits. Dennis Dinneen.**  
**Paddy O'Keeffe's house and studio, 3 Lower New Street, Macrooom. (C. Kelleher).**  
**Jimmy Crowley and Eve Telford. Eve is wearing a Macrooom Hooded Cloak, and she was photographed under the Hooded Cloak Mural, The Bridge, Macrooom. (C. Kelleher).**





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Some photos of the Exhibition currently on display in the Library during the month of December.  
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**NOTE FROM EDITOR**

*I'm including this heritage investment scheme as the remaining Macroom Castle, The Protestant Church and Mount Massey & Codrum House are all in private ownership. There are also grants for vernacular buildings which may not be listed as protected but are important to our cultural heritage, think vernacular shops, houses, cottages etc. It may be an opportunity for those who own these cultural artifacts to carry out essential maintenance and repairs on these structures so that they can stand the test of time further.*

## 2022 BUILT HERITAGE INVESTMENT SCHEME AND HISTORIC STRUCTURES FUND

Cork County Council in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are inviting applications for grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structure Fund 2022. The Conservation Office for Cork County Council will administer the scheme, which relates to buildings that are contained in the Record of Protected Structures and in Architectural Conservation Areas.

The deadline for submission of completed applications for both the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the Historic Structure Fund is 4pm on the 31st of January 2022.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022.

Project supports will range from a minimum of €2,500 to a maximum of €15,000 per application. This scheme will support small-scale conservation projects and support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.

1. For the BHIS Application Form 2022 (pdf) click on Cork County Council Website

2. For the BHIS Circular 2022 (pdf) click on Cork County Council Website

Historic Structure Fund 2022

The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund will be on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the broader benefit of communities and the public.

1. Stream 1 will offer grants from €15,000 up

to €50,000 and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.

2. Stream 1 Historic Shopfronts substream – To incentivise the conservation of historic shop fronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. Local Authorities are also invited to make an additional application for Irish-Language shopfronts.

3. Stream 2 will offer a small number of grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where a clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated, or, a clear residential benefit has been demonstrated (such projects must be advanced through the planning process as necessary).

Note that a grant of over €200,000 may be awarded in exceptional circumstances where a case is made by the applicant in relation to the significance of the project and the works proposed.

4. Vernacular Structures Stream - In the context of the forthcoming strategy for built vernacular, a pilot stream for vernacular structures is being introduced for 2022, with funding of €50,000. The purpose of the stream is to support conservation repairs and

small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.

The relevant application forms are as follows:

1. For the HSF Application Form 2022 (pdf) click on Cork County Council Website

2. For the HSF Circular 2022 (pdf) click on Cork County Council Website

### Submission of Applications:

Please note that multiple applications for the same structure under the Historic Structures Fund and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme will not be considered in 2022. Applications may be made as follows;

1. Hard copies are to be addressed to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme or Historic Structure Fund, Conservation Office, Floor 3, Planning Department, County Hall, Cork.

2. If you wish to submit your application by email please contact [mona.hallinan@corkcoco.ie](mailto:mona.hallinan@corkcoco.ie) and/or [pierangelo.cacciotti@corkcoco.ie](mailto:pierangelo.cacciotti@corkcoco.ie) for details of the same.

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## Funding Available for Heritage Conservation Projects in County Cork

Cork County Council is inviting the owners and custodians of historic and protected structures to apply for funding to safeguard, maintain and enhance their properties. The Council's Conservation Office is administering two grant schemes on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

A total fund of €8 million is available nationally under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the Historic Structures Fund 2022. That is an increase of €2 million from 2021.

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Gillian Coughlan said, "It is vital that we care for our built heritage and ensure that it is protected into the future. Our rich heritage is what sets us apart and what attracts so many visitors to Ireland every year. The two grant schemes will support local jobs in conservation and construction as well as keeping traditional skills alive. There is also the potential for some historic buildings in our town centres to be refurbished, brought back into use and even turned into homes."

Grants of between €2,500 and €15,000 are available under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022 for small-scale conservation projects. Large-scale projects to repair and conserve the historic built environment can apply to the Historic Structures Fund. Up to €50,000 is available for essential repairs and capital works. Projects where a clear residential or public benefit has been demonstrated can apply for funding of up to €200,000.

The Historic Structures Fund also recognises the importance of traditional shop fronts in towns and villages. Owners can now apply for funding to repair historic shutters, awnings, signs or panels. It includes the removal of unsightly and redundant later additions including cables, lights and signs.

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey says buildings that are not listed as protected may be eligible for funding, "A pilot stream for vernacular structures has been introduced for 2022. Grants of between €5,000 and €15,000 are available for structures with distinctive local and regional character. These structures were conceived and

built by ordinary people using materials found in the immediate locality and applied using vernacular crafts such as thatching, mud-walling and wattle-working, as well as traditional masonry and carpentry. These buildings contribute enormously to our sense of place and it is important that they are also protected into the future."

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## Launch of Heritage Keepers Initiative

The Heritage Council, in partnership with Burrenbeo Trust, has launched 'Heritage Keepers', a new pilot national Place-Based Learning and Stewardship initiative. Heritage Keepers is a free programme for schools or communities that will enable them to work together to explore the built, natural and cultural heritage of their local place and

then plan action or actions to enhance their place. It will be offered to a limited number of schools and communities nationwide in Spring 2022 through a series of five 2-hour workshops. Burrenbeo Trust is now inviting expressions of interest from primary schools, secondary schools and community groups who are interested in participating in

the programme. Deadline for submissions is 1st December 2021. Further details on the programme and the information evenings (November 23rd and 25th) is available at <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/news/news-features/discover-your-place-become-a-heritage-keeper>.



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## LAOCHRA ÓG

### Poc Fada 2021

Laochra Óg held their annual Shane Murphy Poc Fada on Sunday 28th November with a total of 57 teams taking part in three different categories with the overall competition winners Ben Lyons and Cormac Mac Carthy taking home the cup after a dramatic three team shootout. Shanes father Dan Murphy presented them with the memorial cup sponsored by Macrooom Credit Union.

This year due to Covid the Poc Fada was limited to club teams only but the huge turnout signified the club members enthusim and affection for the event

This is the seventh year it has taken place and plans are in place already for next year when hopefully entry can again be open to everyone to take part.

Fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves at this outdoor event with sliotars flying, sliotars lost, sliotars in the ditches and a tension filled shoot out for the ultimate winners. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event and to those who came out to support the teams on the day. Thanks also to Macrooom Credit Union and Board for their continuing support for the Poc Fada from the beginning.

### A.G.M

Our A.G.M. will take place on December 17th at 8 p.m. in Clondrohid Hall. Covid regulations will apply and any change to indoor meetings will be adhered to if required.

### Laochra Lotto

This week's Lotto took place on Saturday 4th December and the numbers drawin were as follows: 10,26,27,35. There was no jackpot



Club members who took part in Poc Fada 2021

winner. No match 3 winner. The winner of the €50 spot prize was Dan O'Sullivan c/o Derry Murphy, Christmas Hamper winner was Nora O'Connell Scrahanard, winner of the €25 Inver Voucher was Tommy O'Sullivan, Kenmare. Thanks to everyone who supported the draw. The next draw takes place on Saturday 11th December and the jackpot will be worth €6,000. Tickets can be purchased online at Laochraog.com or at local outlets.

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### Annual Christmas Draw

Our Annual Christmas Draw has come around again and there are some fantastic prizes to be won. The prizes include €500 cash, 500 liters of home heating oil, €250 One4All voucher sponsored by Duggan Steel, Two large bags of hardwood sponsored by club member, €100 voucher for Kitty O'Shea Restaurant Killarney sponsored by O'Flynn Medical Macrooom and



Dan Murphy presenting the Shane Murphy Memorial Cup to the winners Ben Lyons and Cormac MacCarthy.



Laochra Og Poc Fada Trophies 2021 sponsored by Macrooom Credit Union and Board

## MACROOM SOCCER

We must start this week by congratulating Maisie Murphy who was again in action for the CWSSL (Cork Women's and Schoolgirls Soccer League) representative side in Co. Meath last week. Maisie captained the Cork U13 Gaynor Cup team to a convincing win over the NECSL (North Eastern Counties Schoolboys/Girls League) and this victory places Cork in the Gaynor Cup Bowl Final this coming weekend. Cork will play the winners of Longford or Kildare. Well done Maisie

and continued success from all at Macrooom FC.

**The U14 boys**, sponsored by Barry O' Connor Transport, were at home to Mallow Utd and won 3-1. Olan Buckley set up Samuel Kelleher for the opener. Buckley then got on the scoresheet when he drilled a low shot to the bottom corner. The third goal arrived when Jack Kelleher's smart turn and strike hit the net. Mallow replied with a goal of their own on the stroke of half time. The second half saw no further goals as Macrooom

were happy to maintain their comfortable 2 goal advantage. Macrooom sit joint top of division 2 with a game less played than their rivals.

**The U15 girls** defeated Carrigaline 3-0 at Ballea Park under lights last week. A tremendous away performance from the girls saw Lisa O'Donovan emerge with a hat trick. The opener came midway through the first half a fine low strike to the bottom corner. Into the second period and Macrooom continued in the ascendancy,





O' Donovan with quick fire goals to make it a satisfying 3-0 win and a great outing from all the girls, their coaches and supporters.

**The U12 boys**, sponsored by Fitzgeralds were very busy lately. They welcomed Rathcormac to Murrayfield in the National Cup 3rd round and ran out 4-2 winners. Goals came from Matthew Kelleher (2), Micheal O' Connor and Cian Lee in what was an excellent game, where the visitors made a large contribution. Next up was a trip to league leaders Watergrasshill Utd at a freezing Skehanagh Park last weekend. Macroom were short a good few players for various reasons but dug in and came away with a brilliant 2-1 win. Tailing 1-0 at half time, Macroom were level when Matthew Kelleher scored a penalty, following a fine solo run by Daniel Harte. Macroom piled on the pressure and the winning goal came when an inswinging Dylan O' Shea corner found it's way over the line. Good performances from Ross O' Brien, Brian McCrory, Jamie McCarthy and Michael McElroy.

**The U12A boys** team, sponsors Clancy's Fresh Fish, hosted Corkbeg at Murrayfield and came away with a well deserved point following a 2-2 draw. The hosts were behind early on but Fionn Fitton's excellent through ball found Cathal Lyons to finish via the post. The visitors again retook the lead in the second half but a great move involving David Condon, Kynan McGarry and Simon McCarthy saw Lyons notch his second. Ben McCarthy, David O' Leary and Cayden Dunton Holden did well for Macroom.

**The U12B lads**, sponsored by Advance Pitstop, headed to Fermoy and gave another fine performance. Fermoy led 1-0 for the majority of this game and the visitors tried everything to secure an equaliser. It wasn't to be and the hosts added further goals late on. Another gutsy performance nonetheless with Will Wiseman, Daragh McSweeney, Cian Twomey, Ryan Lehane and David Kelleher all having fine games.

**The U15A schoolboys**, sponsored by Macroom Opticians, travelled away to Carrigaline Utd and won 1-0. A fine Macroom goal was scored by Tadgh Lyons and the whole squad battled valiantly until the end to keep the slender lead. Well done to all involved, especially Cormac O' Riordan and Oisín Cronin who made their competitive debuts for Macroom.

**The Delforno Tiles and Timber sponsored U13A boys** made the long trip to Fermoy and won 5-2. This was a brilliant result against the team sitting at the top of the table. Goalscorers on the day were Jayden Leahy (2), Ronan O'Sullivan, Brendan O' Leary and Diego Moros Suarez. All 13 boys made an important contribution to securing these 3 points.

**The U13 div 3 boys** also had a tremendous win in the league. This team, sponsored by Haven Pharmacy, are settling well into 11 a side football and the latest win was a comprehensive 7-1 result over Corinthian Boys at a cold Town Park. Michael Dunne and Dara Fehily were on target but Jacob Barry took the plaudits when he scored an incredible 5 goals for Macroom. This

team remain top of the table after 5 games.

**In adult football**, the Munster Senior League has now concluded for 2021. The season will recommence in early January 2022.

**Macroom FC Schoolgirls club** made a memorable trip to Dublin last week to watch the World Cup Qualifier between Republic Of Ireland and Slovakia at Tallaght stadium. Another big attendance for a ROI women's international is proof of the increasing interest in ladies and girls soccer throughout Ireland. The game ended 1-1 and while a win was not secured, this did not dampen the enjoyment of the Macroom travelling contingent. They got to see top stars like Katie McCabe, Niamh Fahey and Cork's own Denise O' Sullivan up close. A subsequent big win over Georgia has Ireland nicely placed 2nd in their group with four further qualifiers to come in 2022.

\*\*\*At a scheduled stop on the way to the match in Tallaght, the Macroom FC group had the pleasure of meeting local Macroom girl Erica O' Shea, fresh from her receipt of a TG4 Ladies Gaelic Football All Star. An outstanding achievement from Erica in her debut season playing senior football for Cork and it is great to see a Macroom player of any code being recognised at National level. Macroom Ladies Gaelic Football team also recently captured the county junior title in what is another fine achievement. Well done to all involved from all at Macroom FC.



Macroom FC U6/7 boys 2020/21 with coaches



The U8 boys at their weekly training session pictured with coaches.



The U9 boys who played a non competitive game v Mallow Town.



The U15 schoolgirls who defeated Carrigaline 3-0 away from home.





## SPORTS MAD

## HURLING

## Co-Op Superstores Cork County Championships

**Senior Premier Hurling:**

Final: Midleton 0-24 Glen Rovers 1-18

Relegation: Carraigtohill

**Senior A Hurling:**

Final: Kanturk 3-17 Fr O'Neills 2-13

Relegation: Bandon relegated

**Premier Intermediate Hurling:**

Final: Courcy Rovers 1-19 Castlelyons 1-18

Relegation: Aghada relegated

**Intermediate A Hurling**

Final: Castlemartyr 1-19 Sarsfields 0-12

Relegation: Glen Rovers relegated

**Lower Intermediate Hurling**

Final: Lisgoold 2-19 Kilbrittain 0-14

Relegation: Grenagh relegated

**Junior A Hurling Championship**

MJK Oils Muskerry Champions: Ballinora (Inniscarra)

County Championship Quarter Final: Dromtariffe 1-19 Ballinora 0-8

County Final: Ballygiblin 2-18 Dromtariffe 0-18

**Junior B Hurling Championship Final:**

Oriental House Hotel Mid Cork Champions: Éire Óg (Inniscarra)

**County Junior B Hurling Championship**

QF: Freemount 1-14 Éire Óg 1-10

County Final: Belgooly (O'Don Rossa) v Randal

Óg (Freemount)

**Farho Heating Mid Cork Under 21 Hurling:**

A Championship:

Semi Finals: Aghabullogue v Éire Óg

Blarney 1-21 Inniscarra 1-12

Final: Éire Óg 1-16 Blarney 2-9

**Éire Óg 1-16 Blarney 2-9**

Éire Óg are Mid Cork Farho Heating U21 A Hurling Champions after this convincing victory over a highly rated Blarney side in the final played under lights at Cloughduv. This year in the absence of any county championships in the grade, the Muskerry Board organised the U21 grade with two competitions, A and B, and Éire Óg have emerged worthy divisional champions after victories over Ballincollig (after a replay), Aghabullogue and now Blarney.

Early points from Joe Cooper and Jack Sheehan got Éire Óg off to a fine start and when Blarney hit back with points the same Éire Óg duo matched them score for score. Jack Sheehan's goal just before the water break was a major boost for Éire Óg who led 1-4 to 0-2 at the break. Óisín Ó'Shea added a point for the winners on the restart and then Blarney suffered a huge reverse with a red card reducing them to 14 men after 18 minutes. Éire Óg piled on the agony with a string of points from David Kirwin, Cooper (from a sideline cut), and Brian Thompson and their half time lead of 1-10 to 0-4 and their numerical advantage had them in a very good position at this stage.

Blarney emerged for the second half in very determined form and hit over five pints in quick succession to make it 1-10 to 0-8, Jack Sheehan

lifted the pressure with an Éire Óg point but then Blarney struck for a Shane Barrett goal in the 36th minute, 1-11 to 1-8 the score now. Éire Óg regained control before the water break with points from David Kirwin, Jack Sheehan and Oisín O'Shea and they held a six-point lead, 1-14 to 1-8 starting the final quarter. Scores were relatively scarce now, the teams sharing four points between them with Cooper and Sheehan finishing as they had started with the Éire Óg scores. Pádraig Power had a second goal for Blarney from a free in injury time.

Victory went to the better team on the night.

Scorers: Éire Óg: Jack Sheehan: 1-5, Joe Cooper 0-5 (0-1 sideline), David Kirwin 0-3, Oisín O'Shea 0-2, Brian Thompson 0-1. Blarney: Pádraig Power 1-3 (f), Shane Barrett 1-2 (0-1f), Eoghan Kirby, Cian Dunlea, Will Crowley and Cian Barrett 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Eoin O'Shea: Seán O'Donovan, Matt Brady, Kevin Cooper: Brian Thompson, Conor McGoldrick, Darragh Coakley: David Kirwin (capt.), Rian O'Flynn: Dylan Foley, Joe Cooper, Joe Kelleher: Jack Sheehan, Jerome Kelleher, Oisín O'Shea. Subs: David Casey.

Blarney: Eoin O'Neill; Darragh Murphy, Stephen Mullane, Gavin Mullane: Cian Dunlea, Declan Hanlon, Dan Quill: Denis McSweeney, Shane Barrett: Jack O'Keeffe, Mark Cummins, Eoghan Kirby: Will Crowley, Pádraig Power, Cian Barrett. Sub: Cathal McCarthy

Referee: Mr Joe Larkin, Ballinora

**U21 B Hurling Championship:**

Final: Ballinora 3-18 Grenagh 1-6

## Bon Secours Cork County Football Championships

**Premier Senior Football**

Final: St Finbarrs 0-14 Clonakilty 0-13

Relegation: Ilken Rovers - Ilken relegated

**Senior A Football**

Final: Mallow 2-12 St Michaels 0-15

Relegation: Bantry Blues - relegated

**Premier Intermediate FC**

Final: Newmarket v Kanturk

Relegation: St Nicholas- relegated

**Intermediate 'A' FC**

Semi Finals:

Iveleary 3-14 Aghabullogue 1-5

Mitchelstown 2-11(17) Kilshannig 1-13 (16)

Final: Iveleary v Mitchelstown

Relegation: Kinsale relegated

**County Final****Iveleary 0-20 Mitchelstown 0-7**

Iveleary footballers will remember 2021. They started the year as a junior team and now finish the year as a Premier Intermediate side having won the delayed 2020 junior county championship and then progressing like a hot knife through butter in the 2021 Intermediate

A grade to deservedly win another title and gain further promotion, all in the space of less than six months. Iveleary defeated Midleton on June 19th in the 2020 JFC, then Kilmacabaea and Boherbue to take the Junior crown in early August. In the Intermediate A championship Iveleary have beaten St Finbarrs, Millstreet, Kinsale, Glanworth, Aghabullogue and now Mitchelstown in their meteoric rise to the top. Inspired by Chris Óg Jones (0-8) and Cathal Vaughan (0-5), Iveleary led 0-7 to 0-5 at the short whistle, and they put the issue well and truly beyond doubt with their spectacular second-half showing.

It was all Iveleary at the start. Chris Óg Jones pointed in the second minute. This was followed by a Cathal Vaughan free and then another from play, 0-3 to nil after ten minutes. Barry O'Leary then pointed and at the end of the first quarter Ian Jones put them five clear.

In the 16th minute, Mitchelstown had their first point so Iveleary led 0-5 to 0-1 at the first water break.

Another Chris Óg Jones point was followed by two points for the North Cork men, Joe Creedon saved Iveleary with a fine save at the expense of

a '45' which was pointed and the gap between the teams was only a single score. Brian Cronin finished the first half scoring with an Iveleary point and they led by 0-7 to 0-5 at the break.

On the restart points from a Joe Creedon '45', Barry O'Leary, Chris Óg Jones, Barry again and Chris Óg again helped Iveleary to a 0-12 to 0-6 lead and then Ciarán Galvin, Cathal Vaughan, Chris Óg and Cathal again raised the advantage to 0-16 to 0-6 by the seconds water break as Iveleary were on song and ripping the opposition asunder. Chris Óg Jones with two more and Cathal Vaughan finished the Iveleary scoring as the fans roared them home.

Scorers for Iveleary: C Óg Jones 0-8 (0-2 f), C Vaughan 0-5 (0-1f), B O'Leary 0-3, J Creedon (45), C Galvin, B Cronin and I Jones (0-1 each).

Iveleary: Joe Creedon; Daniel O'Riordan, Finbarr McSweeney, Barry Murphy; Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary, Ciarán Galvin; Darren Kelly, Ciarán O'Riordan; Brian Cronin (Capt), Cathal Vaughan, Barry O'Leary; Conor O'Leary, Chris Óg Jones, Ian Jones.

Subs: Liam Kearney 48, Donal Cotter 54, Seáníe Lehane 56, Shane Galvin 59, Mick Lucey 62.





## Junior A Football Championship

Ross Oil Mid Cork Champions: Aghinagh  
County Championship: Boherbue 4-14  
Aghinagh 0-7  
County Final: Boherbue 3-8 Ballinhassig 2-8

## Junior B Football Championship

Ballincollig Credit Union Mid Cork Junior B  
Champions: Dripsey  
County JBFC  
Quarter Final Dripsey walk over Kilbrin  
conceded  
Douglas 2-8 Mitchelstown 1-8  
Semi F Dripsey 1-17 Urhan 1-8  
Douglas Randal Óg  
County Final: Dripsey v Douglas or Randal Óg

## Rochestown Park Hotel Mid Cork Junior C Football Championship

Semi Finals:  
Aghinagh 2-5 N Aban 1-7  
Ballincollig v Éire Óg  
Final: Aghinagh v Éire Óg

## Éire Óg 0-10 Aghinagh 0-6

Éire Óg showed the depth of football talent in the Ovens club at present when their third team took the Rochestown Park Hotel Mid Cork Junior C championship title in an entertaining final played at Ovens. It was Éire Óg's first win in the grade since 2012 and Aghinagh, attempting to do a Mid Cork double having already won their first ever A title, made the winners battle to the finish.

Diarmuid Crowley opened the scoring with a point for Aghinagh in the 3rd minute but then Éire Óg hit back with five points in a row, Diarmuid Dillon, Keith Riordan, Dillon again, Phil O'Sullivan and Joe Lynch the scorers. Diarmuid Crowley had his second point for Aghinagh and Éire Óg led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the water break. Aghinagh restarted with a smashing point from Paudie Twomey after a great run out of defence and when Seán Horgan kicked over just before half time it was 0-5 to 0-4 at the interval.

A Cathal Crowley point in the 34th minute brought the sides level but Éire Óg went back in front through an Aidan O'Connor converted free and Keith Riordan made it 0-7 to 0-5 in the 45th minute.

Éire Óg had a strong bench which they availed

of and finished strongly. Diarmuid Crowley had a point for Aghinagh in the 54th minute but Aidan O'Connor replied from play two minutes later and then a Cian Kidney point opened up a three point gap, 0-9 to 0-6. In the closing minutes Aidan O'Connor pointed an Éire Óg free to assure his side of victory.

Scorers: Éire Óg; Aidan O'Connor 0-3 (0-2f), Diarmuid Dillon, Keith Riordan, 0-2 each, Joe Lynch, Phil O'Sullivan and Cian Kidney 0-1 each. Aghinagh: Diarmuid Crowley 0-3 (0-2f), Paudie O'Sullivan, Seán Horgan and Cathal Crowley 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher: Seán O'Flynn, Seán O'Donovan: David Sheehan, William McCarthy, Seán O'Connor: Brian O'Sullivan Darcy, Diarmuid Dillon: Keelan McCarthy, Keith Riordan, Joe Lynch: Aidan O'Connor, Phil O'Sullivan. Subs:

Aghinagh: Adam Kelly: Liam Cotter, Paudie O'Sullivan: David Kelleher, Euan Coughlan, Seán O'Riordan: Seán Horgan, Seamus O'Leary: Shane Corkery, James Ambrose, Trevor Burns: Diarmuid Crowley, Cathal Crowley. Subs: Richard Cotter, Kevin Cotter, Cathal O'Riordan, Chris Duggan.

Referee: Peter Cotter, Dripsey

## Quish Super Valu Ballincollig

### Mid Cork Junior A Football League Final

## Aghinagh 0-10 Canovee 0-8

Aghinagh added the Quish Super Valu Ballincollig Junior A football league title to their championship crown at the Dripsey GAA venue to complete the championship-league double and prove themselves the outstanding team in the Muskerry division this season. Canovee, who were bitterly disappointed at their championship semi final exit to Ballincollig, were fully intent on winning this one but Aghinagh playing with the self confidence only a winning campaign can bring were fully deserving of victory, the foundations of which were laid in the first half they largely dominated. Mark Healy opened the scoring for Canovee after 8 minutes but Liam Twohig quickly brought Aghinagh level and then a strong Dave Barry run out of defence yielded a lead point for the champions. Dara Cronin kicked Canovee level after 12 minutes but just before the water break on 17, Liam Twohig pointed a free to put

Aghinagh back in front and they stayed there to the finish. They had a very good second quarter and points from Aodh Twomey, a Liam Twohig free and Twohig again had them leading by four points but just before the half time whistle Mark Healy pointed a free for Canovee and so Aghinagh led by 0-6 to 0-3 at half time and fully deserved their lead.

Aghinagh went two points further in front on the restart with a point apiece from Twohig and Declan Ambrose in the first five minutes but Kieran Walsh got one back for Canovee and Mark Healy pointed another free before Aghinagh has their last score for twenty minutes, TJ Buckley popping over from close range. Canovee gradually began to increase the pressure on the winners and James Moynihan and Healy converted frees to leave make it 0-9 to 0-7 at the second water break. The game was now being played largely in the Aghinagh half but a combination of excellent defending by the Aghinagh rearguard and poor decision making by the Canovee attack limited the reward for the Canovee pressure to a single point, a fine score from Liam Kelleher in the 55th minute which left only a point between

the teams. Canovee did have their chances but there was only one further score, a point for Aghinagh from Declan Ambrose who collected a precisely placed Gearóid O'Sullivan free kick and shot over to settle the issue.

Scorers: Aghinagh: Liam Twohig 0-5 (0-3f), Declan Ambrose 0-2, Dave Barry, Aodh Twomey, TJ Buckley 0-1 each. Canovee: Mark Healy 0-4 (frees), Dara Cronin, Kieran Walsh, Js Moynihan (f) and Liam Kelleher 0-1 each.

Aghinagh: Paul O'Sullivan: Donagh O'Riordan, Dermot O'Callaghan, John Lynch: Donal Corkery, Dave Barry, Declan Ambrose: Michael O'Brien, Gearóid O'Sullivan: Aodh Twomey, Liam Twohig, Mathew McCarthy: Seán Kelleher, Micheál Horgan, TJ Buckley. Sub: Tadgh Sheehan 56.

Canovee: Cormac O'Driscoll: Kieran Walsh, Denis O'Sullivan, Blake Ring; Evan Dodd, Eoghan Lehane, Aidan Murphy: Michael Dunne, Eoin Moynihan; James Moynihan, Darragh Ring, Liam Kelleher: Dara Cronin, Mark Kealy, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Patrick Buckley 7, Shane O'Riordan 35, Paul Healy 48, Sean O'Connor 55.

Referee: Mr John Horgan, Gleann na Laoi



Darragh Neville saved a penalty against Gabriel Rangers, 21 November 2021 in Ballydehob.



Muskerry Board GAA end of year committee





## Mid Cork Board AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Muskerry Division GAA was held in Ovens, hosted by the Éire Óg club at their fine complex there.

Mr Pat Malone, Cathaoirleach Éire Óg welcomed the delegates to the Ovens complex to a gathering being held in abnormal times due to Covid and wished them well in the year ahead. Cathaoirleach of Roinn Mhuscraí Seán Ó Finneadhá addressed the delegates and gave a brief review of the year, remarking that they were lucky to get their games played in 2021 despite restrictions necessary due to Covid. The Cathaoirleach noted that the Board had three new officers elected to the executive last year and all had gelled well with the existing officers. Clubs had been very co-operative in regards to the playing of fixtures and the new league structure had been successful. Muskerry teams were back in action in the respective county senior championships, did reasonably well and could do better.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the referees, the clubs for making venues available and the division's sponsors who provide such vital support.

The Rúnaí of Bord Mhuscraí, Enda Linehan (Inniscarra) presented her first annual report to the club delegates present.

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí

Tá an Cruinniú Chinn Bliana buailte linn arís. Tionólfar Cruinniú na bliana seo ar an Aoine, an 3ú lá de Mhí na Nollag, 2021, ag tosnú díreach ar 8.00 i.n. Tá súil againn go mbeidh teachta i láthair ó gach cumann a bhí páirteach in ár gcluichí i rith na bliana.

The ninety sixth Annual Convention will be held on Friday 3rd December at 8pm. It is being

hosted this year by Cumann Éire Óg, and we hope each club will have representation and takes an active part in proceedings.

It is my privilege to present my first report on the activities of Roinn Mhuscraí for the present year. 2021 proved to be a strange year once again. With many new officers in place for this year it was not possible for us to meet until well into the season so we conducted our meetings virtually. Administrative duties continued, with many training courses, updating of website and social media pages with relevant information plus at all times trying to keep our clubs informed and up to date of events as they unfolded. With the easing of restrictions and to try and get plans in motion a virtual meeting was held for championship draws and this was well attended. As we proceeded to get the green light our leagues commenced on June 7th and the same format as the county board was taken, with a football and hurling weekends/week. With still some 2020 championship games to complete the decision was made to complete the U21 B&C Football grades and the Junior B Hurling final as these had the least number of games to be played and we ran these in conjunction with our league programme. Blarney won the Junior B Hurling, Naomh Abán won the U21B Football, Clondrohid won U21C Football. During this time, we also had divisional teams to compete in county championship finals. Iveleary went onto win the Junior A Football County championship, while Éire Óg pulled off a double by winning the Intermediate A Hurling County and Senior A Football County championships. Congratulation to all teams on your achievements.

In all the board ran 15 competitions and 240

games in both Hurling & Football for the 2021 season.

Championship Review:

Our Junior A Football competition still dominates interest in the division. This year Aghinagh and Ballincollig reached the final. Champions Aghinagh were unsuccessful in the county championship.

Junior B Football: Canovee & Dripsey contested the final. Dripsey came out on top and are now in the county final due to be played on the weekend 11/12th December.

Junior C Football: Éire Óg defeated Aghinagh in the final.

U21 Football: We had 3 grades – The A grade final involving Ballincollig & Éire Óg is still to be played. In B grade the final was between Aghabullogue & Ballinora with Ballinora winning. In the C grade we had Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh and Donoughmore and Béal Átha won this. All very competitive competitions.

In Junior A Hurling we had a repeat of last year's finalists Ballinora v Inniscarra, with Ballinora coming out on top. They were also unsuccessful in the county championship.

The Junior B Hurling the final was contested by the third teams of Éire Óg and Inniscarra and Éire Óg won after an entertaining game. It should be noted maybe that we should look at a C grade in hurling for our smaller clubs in the division for 2022.

In U21 Hurling we had 2 grades Prem/A & B grade – 5 teams in each grade – In the Prem/A grade final Éire Óg defeated Blarney and in B grade Ballinora overcame the Grenagh challenge.

## MUSKERRY TEAMS:

Muskerry Senior footballers had a very productive year, playing several good matches, with a huge effort put in by players and management alike. They played two terrific practice matches against St Finbarrs in Togher, and Macroom in Macroom also.

In Championship it was disappointing to receive a walkover from Imokilly before winning a comprehensive second round game against Carbery, only to then lose a tight semifinal to a stacked UCC team in September.

Thanks to manager Ger McCarthy (Beal Átha n Ghaorthaidh), Danny Buckley (Aghabullogue), Pat O'Leary (Kilmurry), Tim O Sullivan (Macroom), Gearóid O hEalaithe (Cill na Martra), Willie Buckley (Dripsey), John O Callaghan (Uibh Laoire) for huge effort. Board Vice Chair Ed Warren was Liaison Officer with the group.

July 8. St Finbarrs, won 3-10 to 1-12. (challenge game)

July 13. Imokilly W/O - championship

July 20. Carbery, won 0-16 to 0-6 - championship  
Sept 10. Macroom, won 5-13 to 0-12. (challenge game)

Sept 16. St Finbarrs, lost 4-15 to 1-20. (challenge game)

Sept 29. UCC, lost 2-13 to 2-11 in championship.

Muskerry Senior Hurlers had a mixed bag for 2021 with championship dates thrown at us in June which didn't allow a lot of time for formation of a panel & preparation for our first game v Duhallow on Wednesday 14th July. They had 1 challenge game v Ballincollig PIH heading up to championship plus a couple of training sessions under the excellent coach Johnny Dwyer. The response from the players who made themselves available cannot be faulted but unfortunately due to a number of factors outside our control - 2 of our prominent clubs contesting delayed 2020 Intermediate Hurling County championship final, dual players tied up

with heavy club schedules and players involved with intercounty level it was always going to be an uphill task to progress in this year's championship. We gained a very good victory over Duhallow in Banteer but unfortunately 7 days later we came out 2nd best against a very strong and well organised Seandún Team in Ballincollig. There is no doubt that there is plenty of good hurling talent in this Division but ultimately the task of putting it all together is an ongoing battle for those involved.

Sincere thanks to Manager Diarmuid Kirwan Éire Óg, Johnny Dwyer Ballincollig, Barry Holland Donoughmore, Ray Murphy Blarney, Denis Murphy Aghabullogue for their continued excellent assistance and enthusiasm towards Muskerry Senior hurling. Also, to the Cloughduv & Dripsey GAA clubs for making their facilities available for training & games etc.

Muskerry 3-22 Duhallow 0-09

Muskerry 0-16 Seandún 3-17

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## Championships:

### MJK Oils Ltd Junior A Hurling:

We had 10 team entries with some good matches on show. Our semifinals drew up interesting pairings where we had Ballinora v Donoughmore club first teams and the other pairing of Inniscarra v Cloughduv club second teams. In the final it was a repeat of last season with Ballinora & Inniscarra doing battle in Ovens. This year the win went the way of Ballinora club. Oriel House Hotel Junior B Hurling: - Nine teams entered this grade. We had a very entertaining preliminary round in this competition that went to extra time and subsequently penalty shootout of sudden death. Ballincollig coming out on top for this. Again, our clubs with 3rd teams progressed in this competition. Inniscarra v Éire Óg played an entertaining final in Ballincollig with Éire Óg coming out on top. With this trend seeming to be continuing with larger clubs' teams it may be worth looking at a C grade in hurling for the 2022 season.

### Farho Intelligent Heating Ltd U21 Hurling A&B:

5 teams entered the Prem/A grade and 5 teams entered B grade. In the final of the U21 Prem/a grade we had Blarney v Éire Óg fixed for Cloughduv with victory going to Éire Óg. The U21 B final involved Balinora and Grenagh.

### Ross Oil Junior A Football:

We had 12 entries for this competition and as Uibh Laoire had won the competition for the past 3 years it left the competition wide open for the 2021 season. There were some surprises along the way in the competition, Kilmurry & Inniscarra two fancied teams for this grade were knocked out early in the competition by Aghinagh & Grenagh respectively. In the semifinal the other fancied team Canovee were put of the competition by Ballincollig after extra time and penalties. The final was played 3 days after this semifinal on a Tuesday night in Macroom with a huge crowd in attendance involving Aghinagh and Ballincollig. Aghinagh made history winning the competitions for the first time.

### Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football:

12 teams entered this competition also and it was straight knockout. Dripsey & Canovee contested the final in Ballincollig in a very one-sided affair. Dripsey were winners in this grade. Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football: - Again 12 teams entered in straight knockout. This competition commenced late in the season

due to the Junior A&B grades having deadlines for completion due to county rounds. In the final stage, Aghinagh lost to Éire Óg in Dripsey on Sunday 28th November.

### Macroom Motors U21 A, B&C Football:

Again as there was no premier grades in the county, we ran our 3 x U21 football competitions. In U21 A Football 3 teams entered Ballincollig, Éire Óg & Inniscarra we ran a round robin with Ballincollig & Éire Óg reaching the final which is still to be played. In B grade we had 8 entries and Aghabullogue & Ballinora reached the final with Ballinora coming out on top by a goal. In the C grade we had 9 teams with Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh & Donoughmore reaching the final with Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh being the winners.

### REFEREES

I would like to thank all the Referees in the division for their wonderful service and commitment over the past year and most especially to me in learning this role. They have gone above and beyond for the past few months especially with the demand on them it should be noted that without our referees we would not be able to progress with our games. Some of our referees were honoured by being appointed to officiate at county finals – Dave Murnane in the Premier Senior Football Championship Final, John Ryan in the Premier Intermediate Football final, Peter O'Leary in the Junior A Football Final & Nathan Wall in the Senior A Hurling Final. Congrats on your appointments.

### VENUES

My special thanks must go to all our clubs who hosted our games during the year. Without your help our championships could not have been run as smoothly as they were, despite the huge number of games that were played in such a short period this year. You were always willing to accommodate the board but, on a few occasions, it surprised me to see that venues would be available to host for their own team game but not as a neutral venue for championship game. Also, my thanks to those people who volunteered to collect monies at the gate and who were stewarding for the smooth running of the games, this was not an easy job at times with our HSE/GAA guidelines on the Covid restrictions.

### MEDIA

My thanks to all our local media who do so much work to promote our games locally, especially Brendan Kenneally, Lee Valley Outlook, John

O'Shea Echo Live, and Michael Scanlon of C103 all of whom provide great coverage of our Divisional activities.

### COUNTY BOARD DELEGATES

My thanks to Paddy O'Mahony and John Crean for representing Muskerry Board at the County Board for the past twelve months despite the majority of meetings being virtual meetings.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all players from the Muskerry Division who represented Cork at any grade during the year especially the Senior Teams with Muskerry represented by players Mark Coleman (Blarney), Shane Barrett (Blarney), Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra) in hurling, Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Tadgh Corkery (Cill na Martra), Daniel Dineen (Cill na Martra), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) in football.

Also, congratulation to former divisional chairperson Pat Malone on being awarded a special award from the GAA in recognition for his many years involvement in Scór. He served as Officer with Éire Óg, Muskerry and the county Scór for many years.

### TRIBUTES

Regretfully a number of our members from various clubs within the division have passed to their eternal reward since our last AGM. Our sincere condolences to the families of all those concerned.

We remember in our prayers all the deceased members from various clubs who have passed during the year. At dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad. A Novena of masses will be offered for all deceased members of the association in Muskerry.

### CONCLUSION

I hope I have covered all the activities and events in the Division for 2021, but should any delegate feel that some items are missing, every opportunity will be afforded to him/her to raise the matter, and have a short discussion on it at this meeting.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for all their help, and the Board delegates, and the Cork County Board who have been helpful during the year. 2021 was a tough year for me trying to get games organised and to put a little structure in place for our league and championships. Hopefully in 2022 which is just around the corner, we can twig things again slightly. I would also like to wish all the clubs the very Best of Luck for the year ahead.

*Enda Ní Leanachain, Runai*

## Election of Officer at Convention/ Annual General Meeting

Uachtarán: - Pádraig Ó Mathúna, Iniscartha  
Leas-Uachtarán: - Aubert Ó Tuama, Baile an Chollaigh, Pronnsias MacCarthaigh, Baile an Chollaigh, Pádraig Ó Maoleóin, Éire Óg, Seán Ó Críon, Achadh Bolg, Liam Ó Buachalla, An Druipseach, Mícheál Ó Catháin, Cloch Dubh.  
Cathaoirleach: - Seán Ó Finneadha, An

Druipseach  
Leas-Chathaoirleach: - Eamonn Ó Murnáin, Cill Mhuire  
Runai: - Enda Ní Leanachain Iniscartha  
Cisteóir: - Stiofáin Ó Liatháin, Baile an Chollaigh  
Oifigeach Poiblíochta: - Áine Ní Riordan – Cloch Dubh

Oifigeach Forbatha: - Daithí Ó Laoi – Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh  
Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus Cultúr: - Eamonn Ó Murnáin to oversee this role  
Coiste Chontae: - Pádraig Ó Mathúna agus Seán Ó Críon.





Macroom Minors (U-18) who recently (on 21 November 2021) lost to Gabriel Rangers in Ballydehob. This is, I think, the last time a Macroom U-18 team will have played a game - the minor grade is now U-17. It marks the end of an era.



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New Mobile Library Trucks Hit the Road for Cork Readers. Pictured is the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan with the new mobile libraries. (Pic: Brian Loughheed)  
Picture shows Margaret presenting Pats wife and family with the cheque.



Science Week has also inspired all classes in Dromleigh school to conduct and evaluate a wide range of interesting experiments throughout November.2021



Junior pupils at Dromleigh are supporting their Green Schools committee by participating in the 'Picker Pals' litter reduction programme. Picture shows Margaret presenting Pats wife and family with the cheque.



Officers of the Cork Federation ICA photographed with Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Mayor Cork County and Cllr. Damian Boylan, deputising for Lord Mayor at the launch of their 2022 calendar at Castle Hotel Blarney. Included are Ena Howell, Federation President, Monica O'Shea, Mid Cork Vice Pres., Noreen O'Connell, PRO, Margaret Deane, Teachta do'n Grianan, Liz McSweeney, Contest Secretary, Catherine Ross, West Cork Vice Pres., Pauline O'Callaghan, Secretary and Betty Brosnan, Timire.  
Picture: Mike English



# Science Week at Cloughduv N.S.

Cloughduv National School went into science overdrive during Science Week 2021. We explored a broad range of workshops and experiments to encourage questioning and possibly identify the next budding scientist or engineer from our infants right through to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Here are a few examples of what we explored;



Junior infants focused on how heat can melt chocolate to make some cakes.



Senior Infants looked at materials. Which material is waterproof? – Cling film worked best!



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class created light using our circuits and battery resources. They created that spark!



3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> investigated whether or not heat changed the colour of a liquid



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> created their own voice recording device through collaborating with Cork Science Fest workshop



As a school, we also tuned into Teagasc for their webinar on the science behind milk & grass! Very interesting.

And finally, we ran a Science Week colouring competition which saw two winners from each class level receive some Science Week goodies!





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### AGHINAGH GAA:

The jackpot was €4,000.00. The numbers drawn were 5, 14 and 34. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Olan Cummins, Aghineda, Rusheen. €20 each to Jack & Nora O'Leary, Knock, Bealnamorrive; Denis O'Driscoll, Horsemount, Ballinagree; Kevin Sullivan, Carrigagulla, Ballinagree; Jeremiah Kelleher, Malahide, (Online Winner).

Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto Results 29th November, 2021

The jackpot was €4,150.00. The numbers drawn were 3, 13 and 34. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to John & Kathleen Kelleher, Inchalea. €20 each to Conor McCarthy, Castlevue (Online Winner); John Moynihan, Bealnamorrive; Marie Spillane, Moulahorna; Matthew & Valerie Neville, Droumree.

### COACHFORD AFC:

Coachford AFC Lotto Results 22/11/2021. Jackpot: €2,800. Numbers Drawn: 6 – 14 - 21. Winner: Tadhg Bradley. €40 Karolyne Dineen. €20 Pat Joe Buckley. Katie Roche (Online Ticket). David Dineen (Online Ticket). Declan Kiely (Yearly Ticket).

Coachford AFC Lotto Results 29/11/2021. Jackpot: €1,000. Numbers Drawn: 10 – 15 - 23. Winner: Lorraine O'Halloran Cotter (Online Ticket). €40 Nuala Enneguess Connor. €20 Steve & Helen. Sheila O'Riordan (Yearly Ticket). Olive O'Sullivan. Deirdre Browne.

### RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION) LOTTO RESULTS:

November 9th 2021 RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 1, 2 & 32 Jackpot - €6,700

No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Séamus & Siobhán (The Ploughman Bar, Ballinagree); Dan Murray (Donoughmore); Gerard Scannell (Rylane - yearly); Catriona O'Rourke (Rylane - Online). Seller's prize: John Crowley

Next week's Jackpot will be €6,800.

RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Christmas Raffle Winners

€500 Deirdre Twomey (Rylane);

€250 Jack, Micheál & Maggie O'Brien (Rylane);

€250 Oisín Collins (River Lee Hotel)

November 22nd 2021 Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 22, 23 & 39 Jackpot - €6,600

No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: John Olan O'Sullivan (Rylane); John Manning (Stuake); Daniel McSweeney (Rylane - yearly); Dan & Michelle Scannell (Rylane - Online). Seller's prize: John Crowley

Next week's Jackpot will be €6,700.

### CANOVEE

Lotto numbers drawn on 28th November 5,7,15,19 no winner of 8,400 Euro. Hamper Kathleen o Sullivan crossmahon 30 Euro Oisín O Connor c/o Noel Crowley. 30 Euro Nuala Crowley Canovee. 30 Euro online Mary Creedon. 30 Euro online Aoife Dasari

Lotto numbers drawn on December 5th 8,13, 20, 22, no winner of 8,550 Euro, Hamper connie o Keeffe Dooniskey 30 Euro Dermot Lyons Carrigadrohid. 30 Euro Christy o Sullivan Crossmahon. 30 Euro online Joan & Liz o Sullivan Ballincollig 30 Euro online Ann Marie Lyons canovee

Canovee under age AGM was held on November 25th Elected for 2022 we're Chairman Pat Dunlea vice chairman Colm Fehily, Secretary Andrea Lyons, Coaching officer Barry Condrón, Childrens officer Colm Mc Carthy

### MACROOM G.A.A LOTTO:

30 November 2021

No Winner - €70. Catherine Kelleher, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. Emma Martin, Rathalisk, Macroom. €20. Ber Kearney, Town Hall, Macroom. €20. Leah & Ella Goold, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. James O'Connell, Railway View, Macroom. €20. Connie O'Riordan, Sleaven West, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €16400.

23 November 2021

No Winner - €70. Margaret Buckley, New Road, Macroom. €20. Mary Ellen Murphy, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Bina Healy, Farnanes, Co. Cork. €20. Anna Mae Martin, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. Colman Corrigan, Glen Park, Macroom. €20. Concubhair Murray, The Hermitage, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €16,200.

### KILMURRY G.A.A:

22/11/21 The Lotto wasn't won this week.

Next week it goes to €1,900 it will take place in the 29.11.21. The club lotto ticket can be bought at: Sheila's in Kilmurry village, Quik pick in Crookstown,

The Post Office in Crookstown, Mai Fitz's in Lissarda, Centra Aherla, Spar Lissarda, Cuddihy's Cloughduv, The Diamond Bar at Beal Na Bláth and the club force website <https://clubforce.com/clubs/kilmurry-gaa-cork/>

### MACROOM FC:

#### Lotto Result:

29/11/21, Jackpot: 5,200. Numbers drawn: 2, 21, 23. No Winner. 80 euro: Declan Ring c/o Darrin. 20 euro each: John Kenny c/o Murrays, Julia McSwiney c/o Swanky, Ronan Kingston c/o Paulie, John McDonagh c/o Swanky.

Thanks to all who continue to support our lotto. It is vital for the running of the club. Pick Just 3 numbers to be in with a chance of securing the Jackpot or consolation prizes.

### CROÍ NA LAOI ANNUAL BOOKLET

We in Croi na Laoi, Inchigeelagh Tidy Towns and Local Development Co Op Society are writing to you looking for support in our work for the village and environs. We produce a booklet each year for free distribution, which includes details of our year's work and also some articles and poetry from locals, and diaspora alike. This year we would like to include a directory of businesses in the area. If you would like to make a contribution to Croi na Laoi of €20 we will include your name, business and contact details in the booklet. This contribution would be of enormous support to us in our work.

If you do decide to make a contribution, please forward it to The Secretary, Croi na Laoi, Sonas Cois Laoi, Carraig Liath, Inchigeelagh before 28th November to have your business included.

### INCHIGEELA CALENDAR 2022

Inchigeela Calendar 2022 looking for photos taken in the area over the last year. Horizontal photos work best. All photos considered including photos of people. Please email [inchigeelacalendar@gmail.com](mailto:inchigeelacalendar@gmail.com)



George Lehane, Karen Lally, Louise Daly, Mary O Mahony, Michael John O Mahony and Michael Goulding at the Journal launch 'People and Places' at Independence Museum Kilmurry.



Frank Lee Co Owner of Crookstown Fishyard with Louise Daly and George Lehane at 'People and Places' book launch



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I was horrified to see a pair of winter boots belonging to a German Sentry soldier in a museum in Normandy once. Because of the cold he was given warmer boots than the other soldiers - fur lined. Only it wasn't fur - it was the hair from the Jew's. It sickened me. I also visited Dachau concentration camp many years ago and I can still remember the chill in that place. There was total silence, not even a bird singing as I recall, and a dead coldness even on that sunny day.

Time moves fast and life changes quickly. Sometimes people make rash decisions having far reaching consequences that were never imagined. In World War II when the Jewish people were being transported like animals to the death camps, the trains passed by a church. The people in church were instructed to sing louder, to drown out the cries from those on the trains. Evil triumphs when good men do nothing. We are barreling towards Christmas. Many are in a frenzy of food and present shopping. All to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is not a word of condemnation friend, but of warning because God is so merciful (Ezekiel 33:1-19). What are we celebrating? And how can we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, while having the corruption of abortion written in our Constitution? Voted in by well-meaning people, tricked into thinking they were helping women and girls. Have you ever really investigated what happens to the unborn child during an abortion? Or what happens to the baby after the procedure if they survive it? Just like those who realise the vile reality of what really happened in the Holocaust by personal artefacts, our eyes will one day face the truth about abortion. I think there is more concern for the welfare of stray cats, than the innocent babies being disposed of on a daily basis in our hospitals.

We will give an account to the King of all kings for what happened on our watch. "Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know" For God understands...and He sees....He will repay all people as their actions deserve" (Proverbs 24:12 NLT) That baby in the womb is not a cluster of bubbles - he or she is an actual human being, with fingers and toes - who feels pain. "He will startle and cleanse many nations. Kings will stand speechless in His Presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about" (Isaiah 52:15 NLT).

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In loving memory of

**PÁDRAIG  
(CON PATSY)  
CRONIN**

**Dromanallig, Ballingearry who died  
16th December 2020**

We thank you most sincerely  
for your kind expression of sympathy on  
Pádraig's death.



Pádraig's 1st Anniversary Mass will  
be held in St. Finbarr's and St. Ronan's  
Church, Ballingearry, on Saturday 18th  
December, at 7 p.m.

Fondly remembered by the Kelleher  
family, Goirtín na Coille.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**JOHN  
O'DONOGHUE**

**58 Barretts Place, Macroom**

**Late of Ballinagree**

**Who passed away 25th December**

As we lovingly remember John on his first  
anniversary, his wife Eileen and family,  
grandchildren, sister in law and extended  
families, would like to thank all those  
who phoned, sent Mass cards, messages  
of support and condolences on RIP.ie.  
We would like to thank local clergy and  
also Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors.

We would also like to thank the staff of  
the CUH and also the staff of the Dialiceas



Mass will be offered.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**SHEILA  
CROWLEY**

**Gurteenroe, Macroom, Co. Cork.**

**15 September 1927 – 10 December 2020**

We, Sheila's family, would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who  
sympathised with and supported us at the time of our sad loss and during the  
past year.

To our relatives, neighbours and friends who attended the funeral both in  
person and online and to all those who stood out along the streets of the town  
to provide much-appreciated support as Mam made her final journey, we offer  
our sincere gratitude.

We would also like to thank those who could not attend but who contacted  
or visited us, those who sent mass cards, enrolments, letters of support and  
remembrance and those who wrote messages of condolence.

To Mam's wonderful team of carers who looked after her at home - she loved  
you all and we are so grateful to you for looking after her with such respect,  
kindness and love.

We also wish to acknowledge with gratitude the support received from  
Macroom Community Hospital, Muskerry Family Practice, Marymount Hospice  
and our Daffodil Nurse.

Our thanks to the priests of the parish, especially Fr. John, and to Fitz-Geralds  
Funeral Directors who were so professional and accommodating.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this  
acknowledgement will be accepted by all, as a token of our sincere appreciation.  
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Sheila's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12th December at  
12:00 noon in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.*

## 17TH ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

**SEAN MULLANE**

**Late of Toonlane,  
Ballymakeera, Macroom  
Who died on December 12th 2004**

*A smile for all and a heart of Gold,  
One of the best this world could hold,  
Never selfish, Always Kind,  
A Beautiful Memory Left behind.*



Always missed and remembered  
by your Daughter Lisa.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TADG  
MANNING**

**Tírna Spideoge, Inchigeela,**

**Who passed away on 6th December  
2018.**

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.*



Always remembered by Noreen, Miriam,  
Brian & Tadhg

Suaimeas Sioraí

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Remembering with love

**KATIE  
HYDE**

**Kilnamartyra / San Francisco  
26/05/1930 – 08/02/2021**

As we lovingly remember Katie, we, her family, sincerely thank everyone who supported us on her sad passing. We deeply appreciate all those who lined the route on Katie's last journey to the church; those who accompanied us on that drive and those who attended the funeral mass and burial.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Joe O'Mahony; organist Gobnait; sacristan Jackie and everyone who contributed to make Katie's funeral mass special and memorable.

Heartfelt thanks to all who sent Mass cards, made phone calls, wrote online condolences, and sent floral tributes.

A very special word of gratitude goes to the doctors, nurses and entire staff of Hayes Convalescent Home, San Francisco, for the care and attention given to Katie while there; to Katie's devoted live-in carers – Carmen, Jocelyn and Tita; to her supportive, caring friends and to all who phoned and visited her regularly.

The family is especially indebted to funeral director Cyril Casey and his remarkable team for their courteous help and kindness, and their professional sensitive handling of the arrangements. Also, a sincere thank you to Michael, our gravedigger.

As a token of appreciation to everyone Mass has been offered for all your intentions.



*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love, to cherish and never forget.*

Katie's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Kilnamartyra Church on Sunday, 6th February 2022 at 11.30 am.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**OLAN BYRNE**

**Aglish Coachford Co. Cork who died  
on 14 December 2020**

The wife and family of the late Olan Byrne, wish to thank sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on his death, those who sent mass cards, online condolences and letters, those who called to our home and helped in any way in the last year. A special word of thanks to his home care team, they were wonderful. Thanks to the medical team in the OB Clinic Ballincollig, the medical and nursing staff of the Bon Secours Hospital, and our local Parish Priest Fr. Liam Hickey, who visited on first Fridays which Olan greatly appreciated. We trust that this token of appreciation includes everyone. The sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.



Olan's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12th December at 9:30 am in Farren Church.

## 8TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured Memories of

**EUGENE  
MC CARTHY**

**Lower Bellmount, Crookstown.  
Whose anniversary occurs on  
13th December**

*Too Dearly Loved  
To be forgotten.*



Fondly remembered by  
Your Family.

## 8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN HOARE**

**Cools, Kilnamartyra, Cork  
Who died on the  
14th December 2013**

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your resting place we visit,  
And put Flowers there with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed,  
By family and friends.  
Our Lady and Saint Gobnait pray for John,  
his wife Maura and their son Seamus.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



I ndil chuimhne ar

**RENA  
BUCKLEY**

**Glounaghlough, Rylane, Co. Cork.  
A fuair bás ar an 8ú Mí na Nollag  
2016**

In loving memory of a dear mother  
and grandmother  
RENA BUCKLEY  
who passed from this life to the next  
five years ago.

Remembering also her dear husband  
JERRY who passed from this life in 1976.



## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



Treasured & Loving Memories of

**JOAN  
MC CARTHY**

**Ard Mo Croi, Lomanagh, Coolea  
Who died 14th December 2019**

*May Heaven hold a place for you  
Where you can dig and plant  
Flowers of the humblest kind  
And those of a rare scent.*

*May the God of Love & Mercy,  
Care for Our Loved ones who are gone,  
And bless with Consolation  
Those left to carry on.*



Fondly remembered now and always  
By, Willie, Justin, Ivan, Leonie, Andrea,  
Sons & Daughters in law and All Joan's  
Grandchildren. Xxx

## 9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAMUS SCRIVEN**

**Dundarierke, Kilnamartyra  
who died 15th Dec 1912**

*Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile,  
if only we could have you back  
for just a little while.*

*Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do.*

*The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause us pain,  
but you're forever in our hearts  
till we meet again.*



Always remembered by Auntie Tessie  
& Denis, cousins: Jimmy, John, Noreen,  
Michael, Noel, Mary, Declan & extended  
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## 8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**OLLIE CALNAN**

Tareilton, Macroom  
Who died 10th Dec 2013

*A loved one never leaves you  
They're never far away.  
They watch you from a distance  
And guide you every day.  
They do become your angel  
And look down from above.  
A loved one never leaves you  
Because you always have their love.*



All our love forever  
Siobhan, Donard and Mark

## 15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JULIA CRONIN**

Late of 46 Main St, Macroom  
who's 15th Anniversary occurs on  
the 17th of December

*It Doesn't take a special Day  
to bring you to our mind.  
For days without a thought for you  
are very hard to find.*



Fondly Remembered By Ann, Con,  
Patricia & Christine and Grandchildren  
Claire, Aileen, Jerry, Neil and Declan.

Also remembered at this time Her Late  
Son Dan and Daughter Catherine.

## 17TH ANNIVERSARY



**SEAN MULLANE**

Treasured memories of a loving husband,  
father and grandad.

Late of Toonlane,  
Ballymakeera, Macroom  
Who died on December 12th 2004

*Just as you were,  
You will always be,  
Forever in our Hearts and memories.*



Always remembered by his loving wife  
Margaret and Family.

Anniversary Mass in Ballyvourney Church  
on Sunday 12th December 2021 at  
11:30am.

## 26TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PATRICK J. MURPHY**

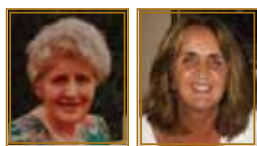
Liscarrigane, Clondrohid, Macroom  
who died on 19th December 1995

*Time and years slip quietly by  
But love and memories never die  
In our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and remembered every day.*



Always remembered by his loving  
relatives and friends.

## 2ND & 28TH ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**NORMA MCSWEENEY  
(NÉE HARTNETT)**

**&  
MAE HARTNETT**

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray)

*The pain in our hearts is here to stay,  
the tears in our eyes we wipe away,  
with aching hearts we whisper low,  
we miss you both, we love you so.*



Mary, Goalie, Martin, Mark, Julie and  
their families.

## 2ND & 28TH ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**NORMA MCSWEENEY  
(NÉE HARTNETT)**

**&  
MAE HARTNETT**

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray)

*The tears in our eyes may not glisten,  
we may not always look sad,  
but there's never a night or a morning  
we don't long for the mother  
and sister we had.*



Noel, Catherine and family.

## 13TH ANNIVERSARY



I-gcuimhne

**TREASA NÍ  
MHUÍNEACHÁIN**

Gortnascairte, Cuil-aodha

Cuimhní grámhar ar Treasa a fuair bás ar  
an 10ú de Mhí na Nollag 2008. Ar dheis  
lámh Dé agus fé choimirce Ghobnatan  
go raibh sí.

Ag breacadh an lae smaoinimid ort,  
Agus ag titim gach oíche guimíd ar do  
shon, Agus ar feadh ár saoil is cuma cen  
aít, Istig inár gcroíthe atá tú go brách.



(Mam, Dad, Mairead, Seamus, Aindreas,  
Nóra, Pádraig, Dónal, Máire, Gobnait, Lisa,  
Rose, Kate, Andy)

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering

**MARTIN  
MC MANUS**

Masseytown and late of Sligo and  
Ballina Co Mayo  
Who passed away 14th Dec 2016

*Time and years slip quietly by  
But love and memories never die.  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you're always there.*



Sadly missed by Helen & Family  
& The Mc Manus family.

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**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

CM

**ST. JUDE NOVENA**

O Holy St. Jude! Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke you, special patron in time of need; to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. IN return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St Jude pray for us and all that invoke you. Amen. State 3 Our Father's, 3 Hail Mary's and 3 Gloria's. This novena must be said for 9 consecutive days and publication must be promised.

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**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

ML

**9TH ANNIVERSARY**

Remembering with love our precious son and brother

**SHANE MURPHY**

**Clondrohid, Macroom  
Whose Anniversary occurs on  
December 10th.**

*Sad are the hearts that loved you  
Silent are the tears that fall  
Living life without you Shane is the  
hardest part of all.*



Loved and sadly missed always  
your loving family

Anniversary Mass Sunday 19th December,  
St Colemans Church, Macroom at 12  
O' Clock or online at churchservices.  
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**5TH ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

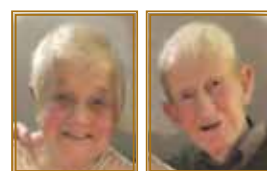
**ROBERT MORTON**

**Ballyvourney, who passed away on  
11th December 2016**

*Our love for you will never cease,  
You will always be our missing piece*



Loved and Remembered Everyday  
by Susan and Samantha

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**DIARMUID & CÁIT DINEEN**

**Cúil Aodha, Co. Cork  
Who died on 06th October 2018 &  
13th December 2018 respectively.**

*Go mbeannaí Dia dhuit, a Ghobnait Naofa,  
Go mbeannaí Muire dhuit agus  
beannaí féin duit,  
Is chugat-sa a thánag ag gearán  
mo scéil leat,  
Is a d'arraigh mo leigheas ar son Dé Ort.*



Always fondly remembered by Tadhg,  
Micheál, Gearoid, Máire, Jacinta,  
Grandchildren, family & friends

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**SHEILA O' CONNOR**

**Belmont Place, Crookstown.  
Who died on 14th Dec 2019**

*There is always a face before me  
A voice I would love to hear  
A smile I will always remember  
Of a sister I loved so dear.  
Deep in our hearts lies a picture  
More precious than silver and gold  
Its a picture of my sister  
Whose memory will never grow old.*



Always remembered by your brothers  
Martin, Noel and Finbarr.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**SHEILA O' CONNOR**

**Belmont Place, Crookstown.  
Who died on 14th Dec 2019**

*Though your smile is gone forever  
And your hand we cannot touch  
We have so many memories of you  
that we loved so much*

*Your memory is our keepsake,  
with which we'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts.*



Love and miss you  
From Danny, Tony, Barry, Denis, Lisa and  
their families. xxxx

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**MARY (MAME) MURPHY**

**Hillcrest, Ballymichael, Lissarda  
Co Cork.**

**Who died 14th December 1971**

*Time may pass and life goes on  
But in our heart's you are never gone*



Fondly remembered to day and always by  
Anne Dence Helen and Family

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